

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 7**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8** –The Baptism of the Lord

6:30 a.m. Deacon Howard Palms +  
12:05 p.m. Linda Collard +  
6:30 p.m. Constanza Raspa +

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9**

6:30 a.m. Vickie Novy +  
12:05 p.m. Joe Gobeia and Anthony Alvarez ++  
6:30 p.m. Margaret Palms

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10**

6:30 a.m. Antonia Jakubik +  
12:05 p.m. Joe & Annie Martinek ++  
6:30 p.m. James Patrick Langley +

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11**

6:30 a.m. James Langley +  
12:05 p.m. Joyce Hunter +  
6:30 p.m. Alvin Kubin + & Family

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12**

6:30 a.m. Frances Pleiner +  
12:05 p.m. Dillion Hornik +

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13**

3:30 p.m. **Confessions**  
5:00 p.m. Tony Liska +

**JANUARY 14, SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

7:00 a.m. Ronnie Vrla +  
11:00 a.m. Mildred Trojacek +  
1:00 p.m. Gonzalo Torres & Juana Vega ++  
5:00 p.m. For the Parish Community

**MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH**

Sun. Jan. 07, 9 am Julia & Jesus Guerrero++  
Sun. Jan. 14, 9 am Alberto Salvador+

Making a gift for the benefit of St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church after you are gone is a wonderful way to create a lasting legacy and ensure that the faith life you and your family have received will be there for generations to come.

For more information or to answer your questions about a possible gift, please phone or e-mail Dominic Tartaglia at the parish office or by email at [dtartaglia@stjohnccc.net](mailto:dtartaglia@stjohnccc.net).



**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Bragg's Appliance Service**

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

The Epiphany of the Lord Jesus Christ  
+ 2018

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“Rise up in splendor. . . your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. . . you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow.”

These glowing words of our first reading this weekend from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, describe how we feel in this Christmas Season. Our parish has experienced wave upon wave of the Christ Child's Grace. These weekends of compact Masses, one following the other, has enveloped us in His grace and has made us radiant, our hearts throbbing and overflowing with Christmas!

As I celebrated the Masses of the last two weekends, the glory of the Lord was apparent in our Parish. This singing of our beautiful choir with our people, the beauty of our church and His Presence were intense and powerful. I thank the Lord for all He has done for us!

His Star has called us and all around us, our families, friends, co-workers, strangers we meet, and everyone to His glory as Sons and Daughters of our Heavenly Father. He has given us an EPIPHANY, to share with our world. He has shown, manifested, Himself in the love of a small baby. A baby we can all pick-up and cuddle. Bringing Him into our lives. Letting Him be our life.

Merry Christmas, Blessed Epiphany!

Love & Prayers,  
Fr. John

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**

**Entrance:** Angels, from the Realms of Glory 369  
**Offertory:** As with Gladness Men of Old 384  
**Communion:** The First Nowell 388  
**Recessional:** We Three Kings 382

**COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 30 & 31**

Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Regular Collection	\$10,951.42
Second Collection: St. John Charity Account	\$3,718.55
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	\$5,101.32
Epiphany Regular Collection	\$656.00

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7**

**Sunday, January 7**

Second Collection: Capital Improvement

NO Religious Ed/ Elementary

9:00 am RCIA/ Cafeteria

6:30 pm Life Teen / Cafeteria

**Monday, January 8**

5:30-6:30 pm Confessions

**Tuesday, January 9**

6:30 am Food for the Soul / Church

8:30 am Golden Crusaders / Cafeteria

5:30-6:30 pm Confessions

7-8 pm Upper Room

**Wednesday, January 10**

6:30-8:30 pm Religious Ed/ Elementary

6:30-8:30 pm EDGE / Church

7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, January 11**

**Friday, January 12**

**Saturday, January 13**

3:30 - 4:30 pm Confessions

**Sunday, January 14**

Second Collection: For Central America

8:30-10:30 am Religious Ed/ Elementary

9:00 am RCIA/ Cafeteria

6:30 pm Life Teen / Cafeteria



**ALTAR CANDLES**

If you would like to reserve the 6 candles around the main altar in the sanctuary for your intentions or a loved one, living or deceased, for 1 week in 2018, stop by the religious counter after Mass to sign up. \$40 for 1 week.

**NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY**

**SHARING OUR BLESSINGS**

Free clothes & shoes in the gym - Sundays 8 am-12 noon.

**GOLDEN CRUSADER MEETING**

Tuesday, January 9th in the cafeteria beginning at 8:30 am. Bingo starts at 9:30 am followed with a fried chicken lunch. Members A-K : dessert L-Z: vegetable

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTER'S OF AMERICA  
JANUARY MEETING**

Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, KC Hall at 7:00 pm. Keeping with the spirit of the Christmas season we will have a Magi party, a Scripture reading followed by breakout group discussions. Please bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift or ornament to celebrate the season. Members are urged to attend this meeting and to bring a friend interested in becoming a member.

**KJZT SOCIETY 16 THANK YOU**

to all who baked, made donations or purchased the delicious baked goods at our bake sale to make it such a success. We'd also like to thank Fr. John for his support.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING**

Sunday, January 14th at 9 am  
in room 202-204 in the elementary

**Perpetual Adoration Chapel Open Hours**

**Sunday:** 2 am, 4 am  
**Monday:** 2 am, 3 am  
**Tuesday :** 2 am, 3 am, 9 am  
**Wednesday:** 1 am, 6 am  
**Thursday:** 2 pm  
**Friday:** 12 am, 9am, 8pm



**ST. JOHN CHURCH**

**Sanctuary Light : January 6 - January 12**  
In Memory: all deceased St. John Parishioners

**Altar Candles : January 6 - January 12**  
For: Healing for Tracy & Raymond Toupal  
By: Nancy Toupal Clark

**DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL**

**Altar Candles: January 5 - January 11**  
In Honor: St. John Parishioners  
By: St. John Altar Society

# CRHIP

*Christ Renews His Parish*

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light. Matthew 11:29-30

**Women's Retreat**  
**February 10-11, 2018**

**Men's Retreat**  
**February 24-25, 2018**

# CRHIP

*Cristo Renueva Su Parroquia*

**En Español por primera vez  
aquí en San Juan Nepomuceno**

**Retiro de Mujeres: 3 y 4 de Marzo**

**Retiro de Hombres: 10 y 11 de Marzo**

**¡Pongan mi yugo sobre ustedes y aprendan de mí, que soy sencillo y humilde de corazón! Así encontrarán descanso para su espíritu, porque mi yugo es fácil de llevar, y mi carga ligera. Mateo 11:29-30**

# The Epiphany of the Lord



Epiphany is the celebration of the manifestation (or materialization) of Christ, the son of God and his divinity to the world. **The feast celebrates three major events in the life of Christ. First, it celebrates the coming of the Magi** (or the Wise Men). Traditionally, most nativities picture three Wise Men (perhaps because the three gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh were given). However, the Bible never specifies the number of Magi.

During Advent, we prayed and waited in darkness for the coming of Christ. At Christmas, the Light of Christ shined, but only to those gathered around the manger: Joseph, Mary, and the shepherds. On Epiphany, the light shines forth to people of all nations. The revealing of Christ to the kings at Bethlehem is a symbol of His revelation to the entire non-Jewish world. **Epiphany presents to us the calling of not merely a chosen few, but all nations to Christianity.**

**Second, it celebrates the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, and third, the miracle at the wedding**

**feast at Cana.** In the United States, we celebrate the epiphany the second Sunday following Christmas. In other countries, the more traditional date of January 6 is observed. Pope Francis explains: *The destiny of every person is symbolized in this journey of the Magi of the East: our life is a journey, illuminated by the lights which brighten our way, to find the fullness of truth and love which we Christians recognize in Jesus, the Light of the World. Like the Magi, every person has two great 'books' which provide the signs to guide this pilgrimage: the book of creation and the book of sacred Scripture. What is important is that we be attentive, alert, and listen to God who speaks to us, who always speaks to us. As the Psalm says in referring to the Law of the Lord: 'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path' (Ps 119:105). Listening to the Gospel, reading it, meditating on it and making it our spiritual nourishment especially allows us to encounter the living Jesus, to experience him and his love.*

In addition to the Gospel, we can also reflect of the deep and rich traditions of nations around the world to help us more fully celebrate this great feast.

# The Baptism of the Lord



The feast of the Baptism of Our Lord falls on the Sunday following the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The feast brings to our mind the mystery of Christ's Person and mission. At the same time it is an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for the innumerable gifts which we have received since the day we were baptized. The Church exhorts the faithful to renew with deep faith those baptismal commitments which we assumed through our parents and godparents, particularly our loyalty to Christ and our determination to struggle against temptation (John Paul II). (In Conversation with God Vol. 6, Part 1, Fracis Fernandez, pg. 362)

***"If you endeavor to have true piety the Holy Spirit will descend upon you from above. You too will hear the voice of the Father saying, 'This is not my Son, but now that he has been baptized, he has been made mine.'" St. Cyril of Jerusalem***

# RCIA

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



- Become Catholic
- Receive missed Sacraments
- Just learn more about the Faith and God

Contact Seth Wright at the Parish Office for more details. 972-875-2834

## New group starting!

# January 7

Sundays, 9-10:30 AM in the Cafeteria

### What's in your *Catholic* Toolbox?



There are tools that can make it easier to understand and live your Catholic Faith. Just like using the right tool makes any other job easier, using the tools of the Faith can make living it easier.

- ◆ Learn *what the Catechism is*
- ◆ Learn about the *4 parts of the Catechism*
- ◆ Learn how to *find answers to your questions about the Catholic Faith*

### *Catholic* Toolbox Talk: *How to Use the* Catechism of the Catholic Church

**Wednesday, January 17**  
**7:00-8:00 PM**

**Room 101 in the compound**

- ◆ Learn how to *find places in the Bible* that support Catholic teachings
- ◆ Learn how the Catechism of the Catholic Church can help you *go deeper in your Faith*

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jo Ann Dolezalik—12/24/17	Patricia Riley—10/15/17	Pete Tysdal - 1/7/18	Chastity Lopez—1/7/18
Georgie Ann Nekuza-1/21/18	Rose Cooke—11/26/17	Pricila Elizondo - 11/12/17	Jeffrey Limon—1/14/18
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska	Robert Parma—12/24/17	Rafael Casanova - 11/12/17	Lupe Ramirez—1/14/18
Sr. Redempta Bradley	Richard Mraz—11/19/17	Raymond Dlabaj - 11/12/17	Robert Trevino—1/14/18
Rachel Zmolik—2/11/18	Jo Ann Manak—1/14/18	Dorothy Sonka - 11/12/17	Paula Brownlee—1/14/18
Catherine Roberts—1/7/18	Caroline Spellman—1/7/18	Helen Barak - 11/19/17	Tommy Nguyen—1/14/18
David Trojacek—12/24/17	Mary Trojacek—11/5/17	Maille McDonald - 11/26/17	Anayely Martinez—1/14/18
Margie Dvorak—1/21/18	Joan Trojacek—11/5/17	Doug Cooke— 11/26/17	Larry Ureanovsky - 1/14/18
Marguerite Patterson-1/14/18	Tracy Toupal—1/7/18	Katherine Michno—11/26/17	Edward Parma - 1/21/18
Sherri Longoria—1/14/18	Pauline Novy—12/31/17	Hector Padilla—11/26/17	Angelita Garza—1/21/18
Jennifer Wright—1/7/18	Beth Johnson—10/8/17	Vincent Ong, Jr.—1/7/18	Jeanie Liska — 2/4/18
Epi Garfias—12/31/17	Lillie Toth Cline -1/7/18	Trevor Daniel—1/7/18	Mary Gertrude Langley - 2/4/18
Paul Tolliver—12/31/17	Randy Willis—1/21/18	Danielle Brown—1/7/18	Saul Fira - 2/4/18
Melissa Patterson—1/14/18	Greg Wilborn—1/21/18	Chuck Pringle—12/3/173	Angie F. Garza - 2/4/18
Alfred Martinez—11/26/17	Lynn Carter—10/22/17	Dennis Rejcek—1/14/18	Gonzalez Family—2/4/18
Jerry Zmolik - 12/24/17	Rick Parkinson—10/22/17	Raul Monreal—12/24/17	
Marion Haba—1/21/18	Sally Medlin—10/22/17	Mary Gertrude Langley-12/24	
Ed Tysdale—1/7/18	Joe Ben Macalik—10/22/17	Mary Trojacek—12/24/17	
Lillian Barto—12/31/17	Ella Spaniel—10/22/17	Joan Trojacek—12/24/17	
Jerry & Janie Marusak-10/29/17	Mary Sosa—10/22/17	Beth Johnson—12/31/17	
Gloria Garcia—10/29/17	Diana Martinez—1/14/18	James Ray Slovak—12/31/17	
Alcario Sanchez—11/26/17	Brandon Martinez - 11/5/17	Johnny Joe Lopez—1/7/18	