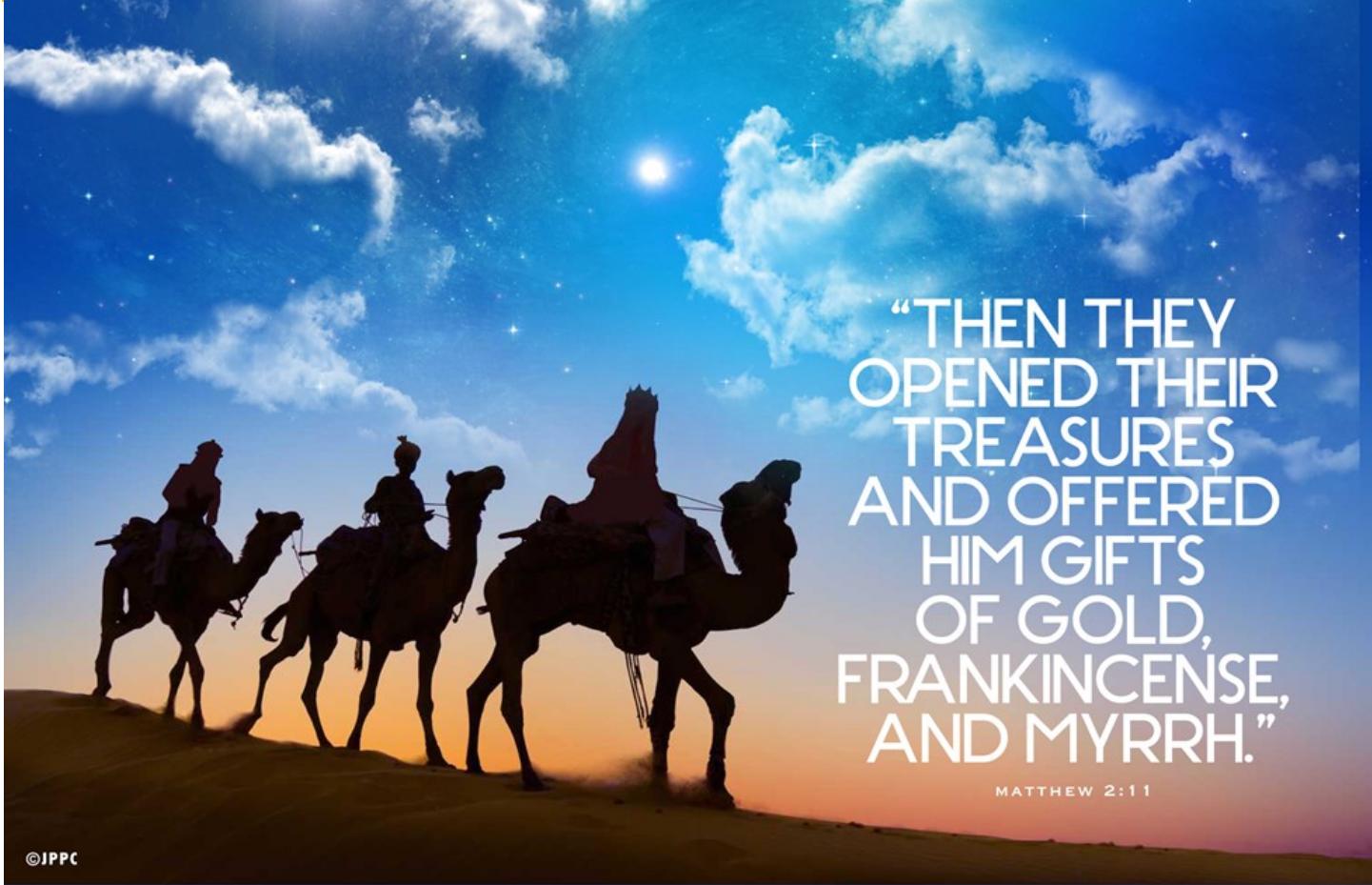


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SUNDAY, January 3, 2021

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



“THEN THEY  
OPENED THEIR  
TREASURES  
AND OFFERED  
HIM GIFTS  
OF GOLD,  
FRANKINCENSE,  
AND MYRRH.”

MATTHEW 2:11

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Read Today's Readings and Gospel: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010321cfm>

**Reading I: Isaiah 60: 1-6**

God radiates light inside the city, so darkness surrenders, so to speak, in Jerusalem. All the nations come together to rebuild the city, including people associated with Abraham from the Arabian peninsula

**Reading II: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6**

Paul's great insight into the mystery of Christ is that He wills the Gentile nations to be full participants in the Church. Its very foundation is based on Christ and the prophets and especially the Apostles

**he Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-2**

The magi were a group who did things like interpret dreams, or work in astrology and magic. Later tradition made them kings. Above all they represent the Gentile world coming to Christ. Their gifts have meaning, so gold represents kingship; incense divinity and myrrh suffering. Or they can be interpreted Virtue, Prayer, and Suffering.

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**REGISTRATION:** All are welcome! Sponsorship  
letters for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or  
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register and please also notify the Parish Office of a  
change of address or if you plan to move from the  
parish so that we may keep our records updated

**SUNDAY, January 3****EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 8:00am  | Barbara J. DeWan<br>Damiana Camporeale<br>Burke Family      |
| 10:00am | Dan Bergin<br>Mary Baita<br>Helen Greer                     |
| 12noon  | Eric Elliott<br>Mary-Ellen Baumann<br>Richard C. Haupt, Sr. |

**MONDAY, January 4****St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| 8:00am | Joseph Paparazzo, Sr.<br>Dr. Robert Closkey<br>Pat Paulson |
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**TUESDAY, January 5****St. John Neumann, Bishop**

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|--------|---|
| 8:00am | Alfred DeAlmeida<br>Bernie Hudson<br>Manuel & Gloria Rebelo |
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**WEDNESDAY, January 6****Christmas Weekday; St. Andre Bessette, Religious**

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|--------|---|
| 8:00am | Antonio DeAlmeida, Jr.<br>Deacon Jim Gillespie (living)<br>Warren D. Stella |
|--------|---|

**THURSDAY, January 7****Christmas Weekday; St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| 8:00am | William & Sophie Anderson<br>Karen Schmiegel (living)<br>William C. Morrocco |
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**SATURDAY, January 9****Christmas Weekday**

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|--------|---|
| 5:00pm | Deacon Richard Hauenstein<br>Alex and Mea<br>People of the Parish |
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**SUNDAY, January 10****BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 8:00am  | David Graham<br>John Campbell<br>Rev. Mark A. Kreder (living)       |
| 10:00am | Joseph F. Kogut<br>Joan Meles<br>Filomena Adamo                     |
| 12noon  | Laura Pisano<br>Richard C. Haupt, Sr.<br>Antonella Martins (living) |

**SHAWL MINISTRY NEWS**

St. Justin's Shawl Ministry is in need of some talented hands to make lap blankets to distribute at Funeral Masses to family members of deceased parishioners.

For more info Contact Fran Baranowski:  
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Jesus tells us often in the Gospels, "**Do not be afraid**" and "**Peace be with you.**" Our Lord wants us to trust in Him, to believe in his love for us, and to know that He is with us always. We believe that God walks with all people through all of life's moments; the tragedies, the joys, the sorrows, the successes and failures. May we be people who feel Christ's peace within, who walk without fear as we engage with and in this world.

We are also called to be instruments of God's compassion in our lives. May God's grace work in us on the road, in our homes, at work, with our families and friends, and while we struggle with others who test our patience.

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**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org)

**MASS SCHEDULE: (See Directives on Parish Website)**

**WEEKEND:** Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00PM  
Sunday: 8:00AM; 10:00AM; 12Noon

**WEEKDAY:** Monday-Thursday:8:00AM  
Holy Days: Announced

**BAPTISM:** Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Godparents/Sponsors are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Please call the Parish Office as early as possible to make arrangements.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
Saturdays: 3:30pm –**READ NEW DIRECTIVES FOR PROCEDURE BEFORE YOU COME:** [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org)

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**

Adult R.C.I.A. program: Contact Parish Office  
Children R.C.I.A. program: Contact Religious Education

**MARRIAGE:** The Sacrament of Marriage requires a time of spiritual preparation. According to the Common Policy adopted by the Bishops of New Jersey, this preparation requires attendance at a marriage preparation program (Pre-Cana) as well as sessions with the parish deacon or priest. Therefore, couples should make arrangements at the Parish Office one year before the planned wedding date and before finalizing any social plans.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The goal of Saint Justin the Martyr Parish is that each member grow in the Grace through Jesus Christ, and in so doing cooperate with the Holy Spirit in giving glory to God, in experiencing the salvation of their soul, and in building up the Body of Christ.



**From the Pastor**  
**The Epiphany of**  
**the Lord**  
**January 3, 2021**

**NEVER GIVE UP!**

Born on March 28, 1811, in Bohemia [present-day Czech Republic], **Saint John Neumann** completed seminary formation

in Prague in 1835, but his Bishop no longer needed any more Priests [imagine that!] so he halted Ordinations! Having learned English by working in a factory with English-speaking laborers, he came to New York and was ordained in 1836. As one of just 36 Priests for more than 200,000 Catholics with no Parish or rectory; as a 'circuit-riding cleric' he celebrated Sacraments in barns, kitchens or outdoors. His longing for priestly camaraderie led him to join the Redemptorists, and he was the first Priest to profess religious vows in the USA to that Order.

By the time he was 24, he had learned six languages: Dutch, English, French, Gaelic, Italian and Spanish, which he used to hear Confessions and minister to many peoples. In 1852, he was appointed the 4<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Philadelphia; the orations for his **Feast Day: January 5** [he died on that day in 1860] help tell 'the rest of the story.'

**Collect - Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

O God, who called the Bishop

Saint John Neumann, renowned for his charity and pastoral service, to shepherd your people in America, grant by his intercession that, as we foster the Christian education of youth and are strengthened by the witness of brotherly love, we may constantly increase the family of your Church.

Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

**PHILADELPHIA: 'BROTHERLY LOVE.'** We're sure this Collect intentionally mentions 'brotherly love,' for 'philo - delphia' is Greek for 'brotherly love.' To help his needy brothers and sisters, **Saint John Neumann** organized his Diocese's 100 Catholic Schools, of which he created 98; he also published two catechisms and many articles. At just 5 feet, 4 inches tall [or short!], he was 'little' noticed during his earthly life. Some mocked him by saying the windows in Philly's **Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul**, completed while he was Bishop, were unusually high so he could not see out! But it was his

predecessor, Bishop Kendrick, who made them higher than the construction workers could throw a stone. Why? There was little 'brotherly love' for Catholics in Protestant Philadelphia; our churches, rectories, schools, convents and other buildings were regularly attacked! How did the future Saint handle all these anti-Catholic actions? Read on.

**Prayer over the Offerings - Saint John Neumann**

Merciful Father, look upon the gifts we have placed on your altar and grant that we may reflect the image of Christ your Son, just as you granted to Saint John Neumann to imitate what he celebrated. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**WE MUST REFLECT JESUS.** With humility and self-deprecating humor, **Bishop Neumann** won over many detractors. When a priest drove him - on a plank in a manure wagon - to his visit to a rural parish, the Bishop joked, "**Have you ever seen such an entourage for a bishop!**" He lived so simply that during a rainstorm, as he entered the guesthouse where he was staying and was asked if he wanted to change his wet shoes, he replied: "**The only way I could change my shoes is by putting the left one on the right foot and the right one on the left foot. This is the only pair I own.**" He did no earthshattering or astonishing deeds, but the way in which he dealt with everyone, rich or poor, educated or illiterate, Catholic or non-Catholic, earned him respect.

**Prayer after Communion - Saint John Neumann**

Refreshed by our participation in the memorial of the Death and Resurrection of your Son, we ask, O Lord, that by the example of Saint John Neumann, we may experience the power of this Sacrament and remain constantly in the Church by the bond of unity and truth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A NONDESCRIPT DEATH.** The future Saint once said, "**A man must always be ready, for death comes when and where God wills it.**" When, while walking down a Philadelphia street, doing his errands, he collapsed of a heart attack and died, passersby had no idea it was their Bishop who lay dead on the sidewalk! **Saint John Neumann, Bishop, Priest, pray for us!**

In Christ,

*Father Mark*

*To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven*

Ecclesiastes 3:11

*"...a time to be born..."*

*"...a time to love..."*

*... "and a time to be born to Eternal Life..."*

Lisa Brown, John DeLucia, Hilda DeLucia, Rosalie Quigley

*Those who have died in the Service of our Country.*

*"...and a time for peace in all the world..."*

*pray for our servicemen and women at home and abroad,*

Cody Fisher, Jason Howie, Daniel Robert Costello, Mark Caruso, Rick DiSanti, A.J. Elbert, Ryan Buckley, Eric P. Fenske, Louis Graffeo, Michael Griffing, Alexandria Del'Romero Hughes, Audrey Hughes, Antoni Jedra, Charles Jones, Ian Krong,

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John DiMicelli, John M. Budenas, Autumn Hale

Joey Colosimo, Michael Anthony DeAnni, Kieran Murphy, Colin Berrios, Kevin Kreder, Christopher Wright, Jordan Thomas

*And for our President and elected Leaders of our Country.*

#### Readings for the Week of January 3 2021

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10  
or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11



**January 10, 2021**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

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**December 8, With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has**

**proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.—Vatican News.  
Here is a link to our Trenton Monitor article from Bishop O'Connell: <https://ourdiocesetoday.org/2020/12/pope-francis-announces-the-year-of-st-joseph/>**



#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER**

**We ask our parish family to please visit our Religious Education Corner on our parish website [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org); it is located under the religious education section.**

**We are putting up some enrichments for families and we also remind you to visit FORMED and FAITH AT HOME for additional enrichments.**

**May your memories hold joy in your heart  
and hope in the New Year!**

**Happy New Year!**

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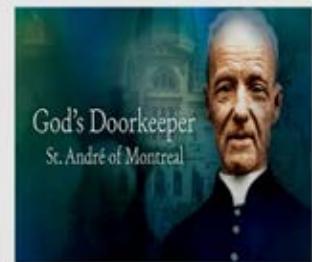
**PICK OF THE WEEK**

**January 3, 2021**

**WATCH**

**GOD'S DOORKEEPER:  
ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL**

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\*Also, consider making your online offertory for our parish thru the Diocese, that has now created a "Pass the Basket" Emergency Fund." If you wish to make your weekly donation to our parish thru this method, please visit our parish website: [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org). Under the News/Events tab, select the On-Line Giving tab. When the Diocese page opens, scroll down to the "Pass the Basket" option, select St. Justin the Martyr Parish. These are challenging times for all of us. I am most grateful to all who have continued to mail in their weekly offerings, or donated on line, so we can pay all bills on time.

Fr. Mark

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