

#### THE FEAST OF STO. NIÑO

The Catholic Church sets the Holy Child as "an example of humility and as a celebration of the Incarnation of Christ." The Holy See has approved special liturgical texts for the Feast of the Child Jesus.

The image of the Holy Child was brought to the Philippines by Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan on April 14, 1521, as a gift to Queen Juana of Cebu who was reportedly moved to tears after she saw the 15-inch tall wooden statue of the Sto. Niño. She allowed herself to be baptized as a Christian, along with her husband Rajah Humabon and more than 800 natives.

After Magellan was killed by Lapu-Lapu in the Battle of Mactan, not much was heard about the image, except that the Cebuanos worshipped the Santo Niño as a rain god. Forty years later, in 1565, when Spanish

"conquistador" (conqueror) Miguel Lopez de Legazpi arrived in Cebu, a Spanish soldier, Juan Camus, found the image inside the house of a native. His house was razed by fire that miraculously spared the holy image.

The image now known as Sto. Niño de Cebu is considered the oldest Christian relic in the country. It is enshrined and venerated at the oldest church in the country, the Basilica Minore del Sto. Niño in Cebu City.

Legazpi named Cebu as the City of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

Eucharistic celebrations, streetdancing festivals, colorful parades, fluvial processions, and other festive commemorative rites will be held in many parts of the Philippines today in celebration of the Feast of the Sto. Niño, traditionally observed every third Sunday of January, the month of the Holy Child. (source: mariansolidarity.com)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas season went so fast and we are back to the ordinary time in our church. Although this is called ordinary season, it does not mean that we become lax with our faith and our involvement in church.

Last week Mayor Emil Carafa, Parish Council President, and Joe Pacella, Chairman of the Finance Committee, spoke at all the weekend masses and gave emphasis on tithing to inrease the weekly collection. It is our responsibility to contribute for the upkeep of St. Joseph Church. Even though our collection is low, we still manage to build places of wor-

ship and devotion. The Adoration Chapel, Grotto and Chapel of the Saints were built out of some peoples' generosity. I understand that giving to the church is out of generosity and something that comes from our heart but giving to the church is actually giving to God and what God deserves. I'm not comfortable in asking monetary help from people if I can do something about it. But I realized that St. Joseph church is a community of believers and we are one family that should contribute for its upkeep. Last week I saw the bulletin of the Adorno Fathers church in South Carolina and it is about the same size and members as our parish. I was so surprised at

their weekly collection that is more than thirty thousand dollars. The said church in South Carolina is not a rich parish but with middle class parishioners. I asked myself why our church is not even one fourth of their weekend collection. Is it that our community has fallen to hard times, is it about me that people does not want to give or there are other reasons. Whatever the reason is, I hope we can continue to function properly. We have so many repairs that need our attention. Our church is not a brand new church. Due to years of use, a lot of repairs are needed to keep it going. Materials and labors are increasing, services and utilities too are increasing and we are still receiving the same amount of collection every week.

I would like to appeal to you again to help us increase our weekly collection. Remember this is God's house and your house. We want to make our Church the most comfortable place for you where you can pray and commune with God. God bless you all for your generosity.

Fr. Nony, CRM

## Parish Support

Dear God, help me to quietly give you the best of all that you have given me.

### **JANUARY 13, 2019: WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Special Collection: \$ 75.00

Assessment 65.00

**Christmas Donations** 10.00 \$ 5,138.00

Mass Offering **Regular Collection** \$ 4,688.00

Parish Pay (On-line giving) 215.00 Homebound 235.00

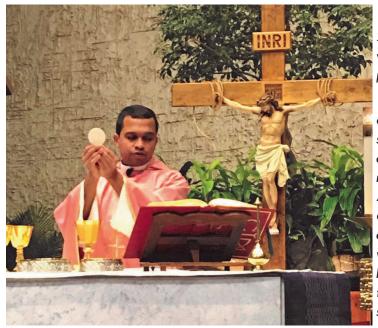
**Budget Anticipated** \$ 5,800.00 Weekly Performance - \$ 662.00 1

YTD Performance (Deficit) - \$ 19,946.00

Per bank requirements, all checks must be made out to 'St. Joseph Church' NOT to 'Cash'. Thank you.

#### CHAIR DONATION FORM FOR THE NEW ADORATION CHAPEL (LIMITED. 16 CHAIRS ONLY) Complete and submit this form to the Rectory or to any of our clergy. For inquiries, call (973) 779-0643

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I came to United States of America on October 12, 2018. I have been here for three months as a parochial vicar at St. Joseph church in Lodi, New Jersey. I love this parish and the parishioners as well.

I strongly believe that God has plans for each one of us. According to his plan God designs our life. We should humbly surrender our life to the loving hands of God and we should accept the will of God in our life. This is the reason I joined the Adorno Fathers at a tender age of 15. At that time, I only had one desire in life and it was to become a religious priest. By the grace of God, I was ordained priest on January 20, 2016. After my ordination, I was appointed to our minor seminary at Mallikassery in Kerala, India and this assignment proved to be a wonderful time and experience. I never thought that I would be assigned in America. As I said, I believe that God has a different plan for me.

This is the first time in my life that I am away from my country. I am learning that moving from one place to another allows us to experience many new aspects of life. Nevertheless, it was not easy for me to leave everything behind and head towards a fresh new start. It was hard to leave the place where I spent most of my life and also to leave my religious community in India. However, as an obedient religious, I knew that I should obey my superiors and realize that this is the spirit of the religious life.

While I was doing my regency in Calcutta with the Missionaries of Charity, I met a Spanish man named Antonio. He came to Calcutta as a volunteer to help the poor people there and we were working together. When I arrived here in America, I texted him that I am now in America and he asked me if I like it here. I told him I liked it here but I enjoyed my life in Calcutta with poor people. He said, "dear Father, people in America are normally rich economically but they are poor with many other things. You should open your eyes to see that. I am sure that you can do many things there". His words gave me some kind of energy. I started to look around. I saw many old people struggling at their old age. Sadly, there was no one there to talk with them or take them to church. Still, somehow, I saw that they manage to go to church. This experience was a kind of reflection for me to think about myself and my mission. They love God and need sacraments and if I am able to serve them as a priest and listen to them like a friend, it will be the greatest thing that I can do. I believe that God has created an ambiance for me to improve my prayer life and to help the people with their faith. In the book of Genesis we read "The Lord had said to Abram, Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. Abraham became an instrument of God to fulfill his plan. Like Abraham, I believe this is God's will and I place myself in his hands.

St. Joseph Church in Lodi, New Jersey is historically important to us Adorno Fathers as our first parish in the USA. I am grateful to God for the grace to become part of this Community. The parishioners of this church are loving, caring and always support the priests in the daily activities of the church. It is a community of faithful who are united with Jesus and to one another on a journey toward the Father.

After Christmas of 2018, I had the opportunity to visit all of our parishes and communities in South Carolina. One thing I noticed is that there is so much differences between the Adorno parishes and other parishes. First, we have a special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and it is visible in each parish of the Adorno fathers in the form of an Adoration chapel. There are also many differences like the availability of the priests and the ways of administering the sacraments. I wish and pray that God may help us to continue to do good things for our brothers and sisters for the greater Glory of the risen Christ.

May almighty God help our daily actions and apostolate to be imbued and nourished with his spirit of prayer and contemplation so that we may be true and visible signs of His divine presence, love and mercy in the world.



#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 19TH

5:00 pm Anthony Mobilio, Sr. r/b wife, Mildred & family

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 20TH

7:30 am Frank Paladino r/b Cheryl Vintaloro

9:30 am Louis Dallojacono r/b family

11:30am In thanksgiving of the Balatbat family

1:00 pm Filipino Mass

5:00 pm Kevin Marra r/b Mr. & Mrs. Robert Riley

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 21 ST; MARTIN LUTHER KING

7:00 am Jodl Verdote r/b Corazon Verdote **12:00nn** Fructoso Santiago r/b Nenita Santiago

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 22ND; DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

7:00 am Matthew Imparato r/b Emil & Marylou Carafa 12:00nn Thomas Sr., Angelina & Thomas Lolacono r/b daughter and sister, Joanne

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23RD

7:00 am Matthew Imparato r/b Dr. & Mrs. Ciro Carafa 12:00nn Adelaida Santiago r/b Nenita Santiago 7:00 pm In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus , Immaculate Heart of Mary and in reparation for sin committed r/b Maria; Novena Our Mother of Perpetual Help & Padre Pio Mass & **Healing Service** 

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH

7:00 am Joseph Clausi r/b Ciro & Barbara Carafa & family 12:00nn Alfred, Domenica & Genio Ciaralli r/b family

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>

7:00 am Ernest Mueller r/b wife, Carol

**12:00nn** Maria Morfa and family r/b Maria Pagan

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 26TH

7:30 am Anna LoPiccolo r/b Dr. & Mrs. Ciro Carafa 5:00 pm Frank Pereira r/b family

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>

7:30 am Genevieve & Pasqualer Moreno r/b daughter, Patty

9:30 am Salvatore Maggiore r/b Mom & Dad

11:30am Olga Ochoa r/b Catholic Daughters, Our Lady of Lourdes Ct. 1620

5:00 pm Alan Bianchi r/b Joe & Carole D'Amico



The Vigil candle to be lighted this week is offered in memory of Glenna Connolly

requested by Steve & Diane Lolacono

MINISTERS' SCHEDULE								
JANUAI	RY 19 & 20	JANUARY 26 & 27						
LECTOR	EMHC	LECTOR	EMHC					
SATURDA	Y, 5:00 PM:	SATURDAY, 5:00 PM:						
Aranez Scarcella	Roy Lily Vivian Annette Roby Carol	Del Valle Carafa	Roy Lily Patty Mike Chris Jean					
SUNDAY	7, 7:30 AM:	SUNDAY, 7:30 AM:						
King	Barbara Tess	King	Lou Leni					
Tucci	Carol Ann	Tucci	Tess Charles					
SUNDAY	7, 9:30 AM:	SUNDAY, 9:30 AM:						
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SUNDAT		SUNDAY, 11:30 AM:						
Pedone	Sandra Robert M Joey V	Pedone	Matthew Kathy Gloria					
Nollora	Matthew Jimena Jose	Nollora	Sandra Robert S Joey V					
SUNDA	Y, 5:00 PM	SUNDAY, 5:00 PM						
Joshua Maecar	Gayle Anthony Carol Laurie Cesar Joe	Cherlowe Krystal	Arlene John Leo Cherry Cesar Josh					



...THE RECOVERY OF: Carlos Cuartas, Christopher Leary, Virginia Squillante, Helena Galinka, Angel Lopez, Joseph Coppa, Magdalena Ochoa and all the sick of our Parish.

...THE HAPPY REPOSE OF: Rose Robustellini, Waly Ramirez and the souls of all our faithful departed.

**COMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND.** If you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion, please call during Rectory hours, with their name, address and phone number. We will place them in Communion List and we would be happy to visit and bring them the Sacrament.



Religious Weddings are wonderful family celebrations. We go out of our way to make the occasion festive and ex-Education traordinary. People work hard to please one another. What better image of the Kingdom of God! Not eve-

ry day is a wedding celebration, but we can anticipate the Kingdom of God each day in our attentiveness to one another's needs.

If your family has attended a wedding celebration together, talk about the experience and the planning and cooperation that made the celebration memorable. Talk about how weddings and feasts are images in Scripture for the Kingdom of God. Consider how these festive occasions are images of God's tremendous love for us and examples of how we can show our love for one another. Then read together today's Gospel, John 2:1-11. Talk about Mary's attentiveness to the needs of the hosts and about Jesus' response. What could your family learn from this story? Consider ways that you might show these values in your family's daily life.

#### Pray together Saint Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, Teach me true generosity. Teach me to serve you as you deserve. To give without counting the cost, To fight heedless of wounds, To labor without seeking rest, To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward Save the knowledge that I have done your will. Amen.

Loyola Press - Sunday Connection

There are many areas around the parish that needs help. If you are able and very willing to lend a hand and your precious **IOLUNTEERS** time, please contact Deacon Jorge Ochoa, (973) 779-0643.

All parish offices including Religious Education will be closed on Monday, January 21st in observance of the Martin Luther King Day. Regular office hours resume on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Our new Adoration Chapel, previously the cry room, is now open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You may enter thru church's door on weekdays from 7am 'til 5pm. After 5pm, please enter thru its outside door, located by the front-left side of the church using a passcode that has to be obtained at the Rectory. Please sign-up ahead of time if you'll be coming to adore during late hours.

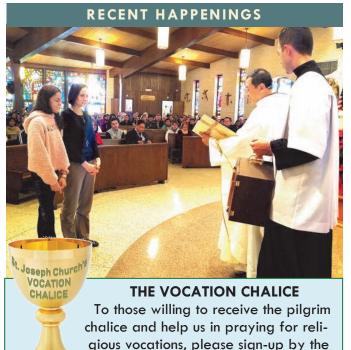


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THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR OUR VOCATION.

vestibule of the church or call the

Rectory, (973) 779-0643 with your preferred week.

#### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

Sunday January 20

10:00 am Religious Ed. Classes (s)

1:00 pm Mass in honor of the Child Jesus (ch)

6:00 pm Youth Night (yh)

Monday January 21; MARTIN LUTHER KING

7:00 pm Rosary Society Meeting (lr) 7:00 pm Prayer & Life Workshop (br)

Tuesday January 22

4:00 pm Religious Ed. Classes (s)

Wednesday January 23

6:30 pm Confession (ch)

7:00 pm Novena to Our Mother of

Perpetual Help (ch) and

Padre Pio Mass & Healing Service (ch)

Thursday January 24

7:00 pm St. Joseph Society Meeting (lr)

Friday January 25

Saturday January 26

11:00 am Baptism (ch)

1:00 pm CFC First Fruits Assembly (s) 1:00 pm Children's Choir practice (br)

4:00 pm Confession (ch)

(ch) Church (cl) Chapel (s) School(yh) Youth House (lr) Lower Rectory(cr) Conference Room (br) Church's Backroom



REGISTER NOW! JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SUBMIT TO THE RECTORY OR PLACE IN THE DROP-OFF BOX:

NAME:

CONTACT#:

**SESSION 1: GOD OF TENDERNESS** 

I am God's child, a beloved child of the Father

SESSION 2: IF YOU ONLY KNEW THE FATHER

Let yourself be loved, know that you are loved

**SESSION 3: PILGRIMS OF FAITH** 

Lord I believe, by increase my faith

SESSION 4: WOMAN OF FAITH & POOR WOMAN OF GOD

Mother, give us your silence & peace, give us your faith

**SESSION 5: FROM SURRENDER TO PEACE** 

Thy will be done

**SESSION 6: FORGIVENESS - LOVE** 

Lord, gives us your peace

**SESSION 7: REVIEW** 

Stop and remember the previous objectives

**SESSION 8: ENCOUNTER** 

Face to face

**SESSION 9: IN SILENCE IN THE PRESENCE** 

Worship IN Spirit and Truth

SESSION 10: THE BEGINNING, THE CENTER, THE END

What would Jesus do in my place

**SESSION 11: FREE TO LOVE** (Prayer and Life)

Through humility to love

**SESSION 12: LOVING LIKE JESUS LOVED (Fraternal Life)** 

Love one another

**SESSION 13: POOR AND HUMBLE** 

Give me your poor and humble heart

**SESSION 14: LEAVING THE NETS** 

Go forth and spread the Gospel

**SESSION 15: DESERT** 

In an adequate & isolated place, in silence and solitude, experience a personal relationship with God.



Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

For more information, contact 3rd Degree Knight Brad

Vaughn, at 201-376-3071.

Let us pray...



Good and gracious God, you blew into our nostrils the breath of life. You are the One to whom we owe our very exist-

are on first & third Wednesdays.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice, the unborn child in the womb to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure.

Embolden us to speak the truth about protecting the child, the elderly, and the one without a voice in the public square. With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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