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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass Schedule

The Lord's Day

Saturday
5:15 p.m.
Sunday
10:15 a.m.
Korean Mass
9:15a.m. Children's Mass
12:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m.
Rosary Follows Mass

Holy Days

As Announced

Confessions

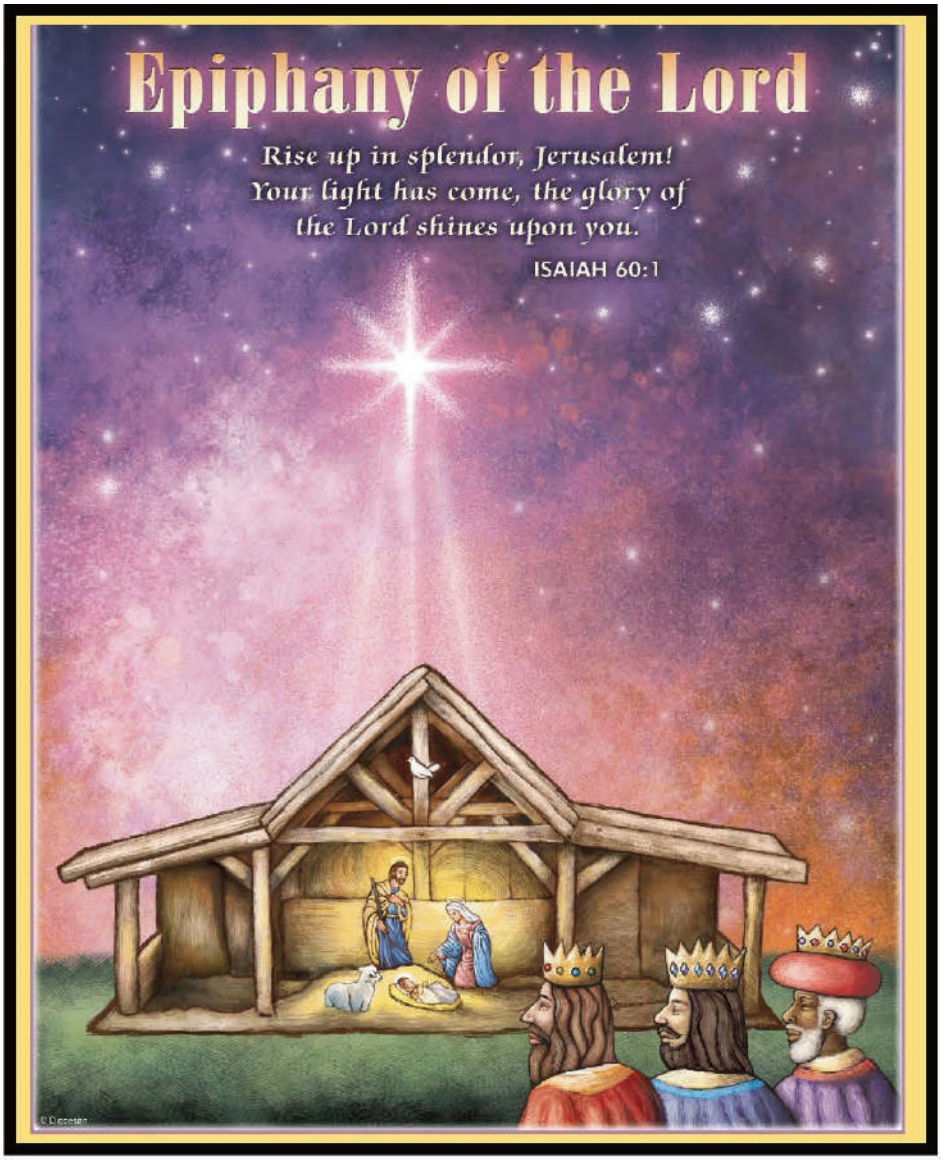
Saturday
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

St. Padre Pio Devotions

1st Friday of each month
7pm Holy Hour with confessions following 8pm Mass

Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

after 9:00am Mass
till 10:30am



January 4, 2026 The Epiphany of the Lord

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you…Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance…Then you shall be radiant at what you see…Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian, Ephah: all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, proclaiming the praises of the Lord."

The Prophet Isaiah tells Israel what a great destiny it will have, as all nations will come to her to grow in the light and love of God. While they did not exactly know how that would be accomplished. However, we certainly do, as we see the prophecy fulfilled in the life, death, and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We see this especially in what we celebrate today on this ***the Feast of the Epiphany.*** This feast and its theme, reminds me of a day I experienced while I was on Pastoral Year (way back in 1988). One day we took the Sixth Grade Religious Ed. Class to the local Synagogue to learn more about Judaism. We did this because in the sixth grade the subject matter is the Old Testament, and the Jewish roots of Christianity. While we were there, the Rabbi asked the kids if they had any questions, and of course, they did. One child asked if they had Communion. The Rabbi said no, and he handled the question very well, as he talked about the Passover and explained that the Eucharist was a Passover Meal. Then one child asked, about Heaven and Easter, and the Rabbi stated that they do believe in Heaven, and that good people go there, but then he added their idea of Heaven, and the Resurrection is a little different from ours. For our Jewish brothers and sisters, the resurrection was a continuation of this life, but only on a different plain of existence. This is different from what Jesus tells us, He explained the Resurrection is far more than a continuation of this life, it is a complete transformation to something entirely new. In the resurrection, we take on the Glorified Body, but more about this on Easter Sunday.

The Rabbi then added that Judaism is not like Christianity, for it does not see itself as a salvation religion. The goal of Judaism is to be the faith and life of Jewish people alone, and it is not a faith that usually calls others to it (but there are occasions when this happens) or to its relationship with God. This is the total opposite from what Christianity is all about, for Christ came into the world, and became one of us to call all people to God. People from every place, language, race, and color, all called to become members of the one, true, living Body of Christ, the Church. Again, this is what we perceive so beautifully today in the story of the Epiphany as the Messiah did not come just for one people or generation, but for all. The Magi come as representatives of the gentiles, bringing gifts fit for royalty (gold, frankincense, and myrrh). However, the truly priceless gift that they brought the King of Kings is the gift of the total human race. Just as Jesus is the gift of the Father to us. This great visit of the Magi tells us not just about an event that happened in Bethlehem 2026 years ago, it also tells us why this child's birth, who we are currently celebrating, came in the first place.

This month, we will celebrate *Catholic Schools' Month,* and it promises to be a great month. We will have *Open House* hours where you can come, tour the school, and see all the good things that ***St. Edward's School*** has to offer your children, grandchildren, cousins, and neighbor's kids. During this month, you can meet our principal ***Ms. Annmarie Lomanto,*** and many of our teachers. A Catholic Education provides your child with all they need to know about this world, and with all they need to know about the world to come. It provides them with all the tools they need to change the world, and to do their part in building up the church and the Kingdom of God. **Please feel free to call the school at (516) 921-7767; you will be happy you did.**

Merry Christmas
Fr. Mike

WEEKLY MASSES

Sunday, January 4th, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord

The Focus- *Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.* In the first reading Isaiah speaks of the divine glory of Jerusalem. People will *come bearing gold and frankincense*. In the second reading, Paul writes that the Gentiles are *coheirs* and *copartners* in the Body of Christ. The Gospel from Matthew relates the visit of the Magi. They rejoice and offer gifts to the infant Jesus. B y Franciscan Media

Saturday, 1/3/26-Christmas Weekday
5:15pm Joseph Reali
Sr. Maria Rita Zuchetto
Anthony J. Froehlich
Blanche Serena (Living)

Sunday, 1/4/26-The Epiphany of the Lord
10:15am People of the Parish
Attilio Femia, First Heavenly Anniversary
Milovan Uckar
Anthony & Ida Montuori
Albert Ferrante, Sr.

Monday 1/5/26-St. John Neumann, Bishop
Pasquale Casagrande

Tuesday, 1/6/26-Christmas Weekday
Rev. Simon Pai

Wednesday 1/7/26-Christmas Weekday
Steve Calascione (Living)

Thursday, 1/8/26-Christmas Weekday
Anthony Robert Uckar (Living)

Friday 1/9/26-Christmas Weekday
Antonetta & Pasquale Casagrande

The **9:15 am** & **12 noon Korean Masses** will be celebrated by Fr. Matthew

Saturday, 1/3/26
1 John 2:29—3:6 John 1:29-34

Sunday, 1/4/26
Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

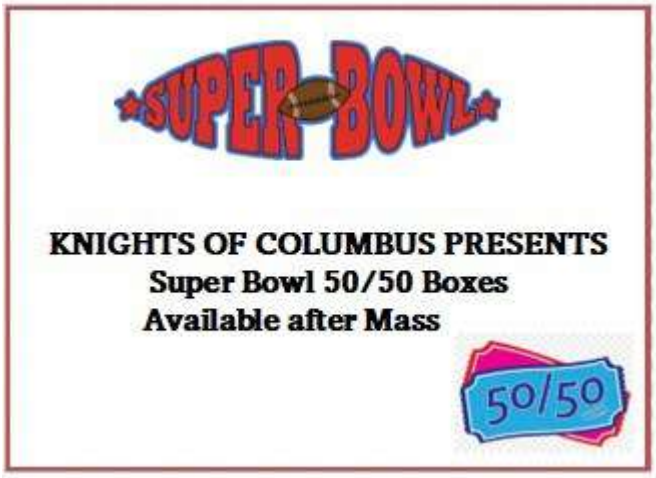
Monday, 1/5/26
1 John 3:22—4:6 1
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-2

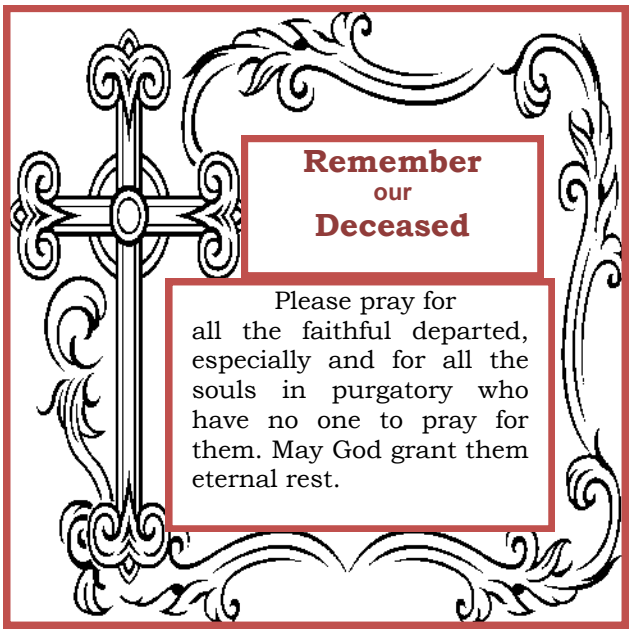
Tuesday, 1/6/26
1 John 4:7-10
Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday, 1/7/26
1 John 4:11-18
Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, 1/8/26
1 John 4:19—5:4
Luke 4:14-22a

Friday, 1/9/26
John 5:5-13
Lk 5:12-16





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The **9:15 am** & **12 noon Korean Masses** will be celebrated by Fr. Matthew

1/3/2026
5:15pm Mass

Celebrant	Msgr. Richard Bauhoff
EMHC	Castellano/Pawliw
Readers	Kuks
Altar Server	Competiello
Sacristan	Pascua

1/4/2026
10:15am Mass

Celebrant	Fr. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor
EMHC	Femia/Santana
Readers	B. Onglengco
Altar Server	A. Uckar
Sacristan	Pascua

Please send in January's
Altar Flower Donations
For Intentions
and
In Memory of
by January 20th

The Joy of Christmas

Celebrate the Season

New Year's Prayer For Renewal

Merciful God,
Thank you for the blessings and mercies you have bestowed upon me. Thank you for giving us life and for pardoning our sins. As we begin a new year, I pray that you, Oh God, will cleanse my heart. Please assist me in letting go of all my bad habits. Allow your spirit to lead me and teach me what is good. I've done some things that I'm not proud of in the past. I want to improve myself as a person. This year, I want to get things right. So, in Jesus' name, please help me.
Amen

Hymnn Corner

O Little Town of Bethlehem

There's something wonderfully reassuring about this carol – from its peaceful lyrics to its soaring descant. Here's the story behind 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'.

'O Little Town of Bethlehem' is one of the most popular **Christmas** carols – and it was the sight of Bethlehem itself that inspired Phillips Brooks, an Episcopal priest, to write it.

On Christmas Eve in 1865, Brooks travelled on horseback from Jerusalem to Bethlehem and visited, according to the story, the spot where Jesus was born. Three years later, he wrote the poem for a Christmas Sunday-school service and asked his organist, Lewis Redner, to set it to music.

In Louis F. Benson's *Studies Of Familiar Hymns*, he quotes Redner saying: "I was roused from sleep late in the night hearing an angel-strain whispering in my ear, and seizing a piece of music paper I jotted down the treble of the tune as we now have it. Neither Mr. Brooks nor I ever thought the carol or the music to it would live beyond that Christmas

Louis F Benson

Christmas Flowers

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Mr. & Mrs. Antonucci in Memory of Lily & Rosario Antonucci and Lena & Joseph Tagliaferri
Mr. & Mrs. Stanely Grochocki in Memory of Frank & Anne McGarry and Stanley & Helen Grochocki
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Regino in Memory of Rose, Salvatore & Robert Guastella and John Regino
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gulotta, Jr. in Memory of the Gulotta and DeLessio Families
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Higgins in Memory of our parents
Mr. & Mrs. John Russell in Memory of Minnie & Thomas Iovino, Annette & James Russell, Grace & Michael DeMartino, Josephine & Peter LoNardo, Caran & Bill Garner, Peggie & Maureen Russell and living & deceased members of the Iovino, Russell, Zeppierei & Weafer families
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Wentz in Memory of Helen & George Hatch, Matilda & Kowstantan Oleksiak, Mary & Paul Wentz and Mary & Jurgis Novikas
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas O'Connor in Memory of the Hopkins and O'Connor Families
Mr. & Mrs. Neal Pisanti in Memory of living & deceased members of the Pisanti, Gagliardo, Benazzi & Vallone DeSouza, Delicarpini and Stodowski families
Mrs. Rose Medina in Memory of Gloria W. and Manuel Lema, Gloria E. Danila and Luis Medina
Mrs. Rosemary Kotula in Memory of Michael Kotula
Mrs. Lina Femia in Memory of Attilio, Francesco and Ciervo Femia and Cinelli Family
Ms. Rosemary Rizzi in Memory of my mother, father, grandparents and godmother
Ms. Patricia Wahl in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony J. Froehlich and Michael Poulos
Ms. Ann Marie Gorman in Memory of Anna, Saverio and Ralph Spiezia, Sr., Maria & Angelo Ferrante, John & Mae Gorman and Frances & Antonette Morone
Rev. Msgr. Richard Bauhoff in Memory of parents, grandparents, relatives & friends
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gorman in Memory of Antonetta & Frank Morrone, Rose Cione
Ms. Cheryl Quinn & Joan Fertitta in memory of Daniel Fertitta, Jimmy, Kita & Patrick Quinn

Christmas Flowers

Mr. & Mr. Steve Calascione in Memory of Stephen M., Vincent & Fanny Calascione, Clara & Peter Carey and Fr. Rafferty

Mrs. Lucille Castellano in memory of Lorenzo J. Castellaro & Family and Marie L. LoNardo & Family

Mr. & Mrs. R. O'Loughlin in Memory of Vio Perci and O'Loughlin Family

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Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Pennino in Memory of Albert, Mary & Ursula Pennino & Family, John & Blanche Gregorich and Family

Ms. Michele Colletta in Memory of Cristina, Pietro, Marily & Michael Colletta, Cosenza Family and John R. Armato

Mrs. G. Swendeman in Memory & Honor of the Swendeman Family

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Coyle in Memory of the Coyle Family

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Pawliw in Memory of Ann & Tom DiNucci, Olga & Walter Pawliw and Anna & Anthony DiCandia

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Reinhardt in Memory & Honor of Rosa Reis

Mr. & Mrs. John Gentile in Memory & Honor of the Gentile Family

Mrs. Judith Elia in Memory of Helen & Bill Waring, Leonard Ellia, Mike Kotula and Florie Hannahan

Mr. & Mrs. Francis Garthaffner in Memory & Honor of the Garthaffner Family

Mrs. Nancy Cooper in Honor and Prayer for the Cooper family

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Spadaro in Memory of Anne & Joseph Goetz

Mr. Vincent Ayers in Memory of Vivienne Callahan, Ambrose A., Eleanor F. & Joseph Ayers

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Vercesi in Memory of loved ones

Dr. & Mrs. Krotz in Memory of Judy & Warren Krotz and Phyllis & Gene Longobardi

JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 NEW YEARS DAY RECTORY CLOSED	2 PADRE PIO 7PM	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 DMII MEETING 6:00PM	15	16	17
8	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING RECTORY CLOSED	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 KOC CHAPTER MEETING 7PM	28	29	30	31 KOC MEMORIAL MASS 5:15PM

Knights of Columbus
Joseph Mario Reali
Council #16261

Knights of Columbus
Winter Food Drive
Weekend of February 1st & February 8th 2026

To help support the hungry on Long Island we ask for your kind and generous donations. We are in special need of the following:

Tuna, Jelly, Canned Chili, Tea, Refried Beans, Ketchup, Nuts, Mustard, Mayo, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Oatmeal, Coffee, Chips and Crackers.

We have a sufficient supply of pasta and canned vegetables, however, we will gladly accept any donation you care to make. We acknowledge and thank our parishioners who have faithfully donated to our Food Pantry.

Upcoming Bereavement Support Group

The death of a loved one can be the most profound emotional experience you will ever endure. The grief which follows can be painful and challenging. The St. Edward's Bereavement Support Group provides an opportunity to be heard, understood, nurtured and loved, and will give you methods and tools to help guide you through the grieving process. A new Group for those bereaved 6 months or longer is now being formed. The Group will meet once per week at St. Edward's Parish, for eight weeks beginning on Thursday, January 22nd at 6:30 PM.

Begins on 1/22/26
Ends on 3/19/26

Registration is required. Please register early as the Group will be limited in size. The registration deadline is: Monday, 1/19/26.

To register, please send an email with your name and telephone number to:

Bereavement@st-edwards.org

If you prefer, you may call the St. Edward's Rectory at: 516-921-8030

Once your information has been received you will be contacted by John O'Connor, Bereavement Minister for The Diocese of Rockville Centre, who will confirm your registration and will provide you with additional information about the Support Group.

Knights of Columbus Joseph Mario Reali Council # 16261

invites you to the

Annual Family Mass & Reception

Saturday, January 31st, 2026

IN MEMORY OF JOE REALI'S

11 YEAR ANNIVERSARY AND HIS BIRTHDAY

4:30 p.m. Rosary

5:15 p.m. Mass

Concelebrated by Fr. Douglas Arcoleo,
Fr. Michael Maffeo and Msgr. Richard Bauhoff

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RSVP by January 26th, 2026

Please accept my reservation for:

 # Adults ___, # Children 7-12 ___, # Children 6 and under ___

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Amount Enclosed: _____ Check Payable to "Knights of Columbus"
I am unable to attend, please accept my donation of $_____

For more information, please call Michael Reali at 516-364-7119.
Please mail or bring this form to the Rectory Office at
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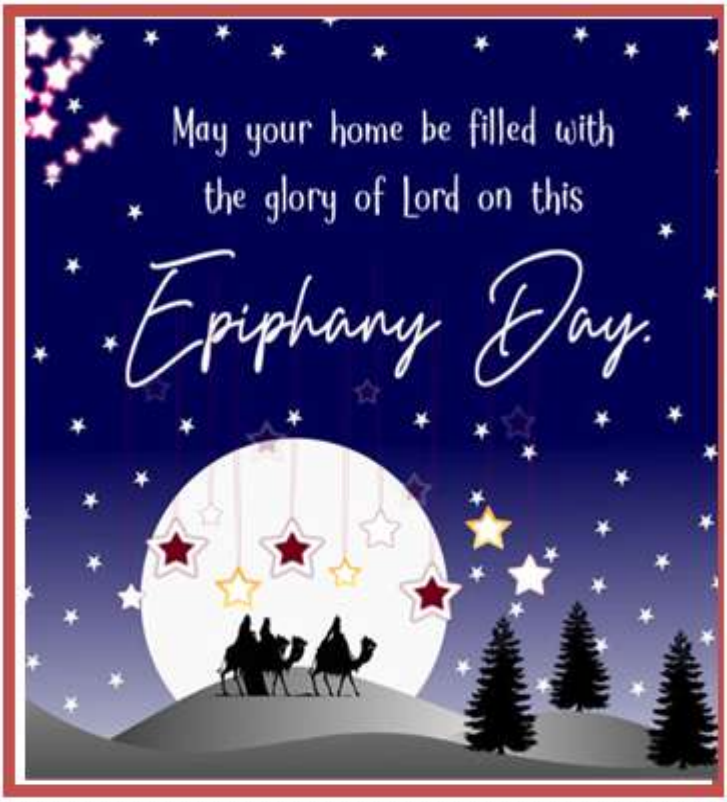
Check out: WARRIOR FOR CHRIST: THE LIFE OF JOE REALI at www.kofc.org/reali

Thank you for your generous support of the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Completing your 2025 pledge ensures that our Parish will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Appeal. To give securely on line, please go to: https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/

There's still time to make a gift. Please remember that all new pledges must be in by December 31, 2025 and paid in full by January 31, 2026.



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Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing or experiencing difficult challenges. It is not a marriage retreat nor is it marriage counselling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story. While Catholic in origin, Retrouvaille is open to couples of all faiths or couples with no faith.

Please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit longisland@helpourmarriage.org

The Giving Tree Project

Thanks to all the parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus who gave to this year's Giving Tree Project. As in years past, many boys and girls and many adults had their Christmas wishes granted because of you.

Thanks also go to Lina Femia, Tom Higgins, Rebecca Sher, Maureen Sher, Maria Luckas and Jesse our maintenance man, who all gave of their time and talents. The Giving Tree Project went smoothly again this year due to their efforts.

Rob from The INN also sent: "Thanks again for your exceptional generosity and thoughtfulness in making this donation possible. It will be so truly appreciated by the families at The INN this Christmas. Wishing you and everyone at Holy Name of Jesus a very happy, healthy and Merry Christmas!"

P.S. If you have any used Christmas cards and wish to donate them to the Giving Tree Project to be used next year as gift tags, please leave them in the box I will put in the church's Library after New Year's Day.

Irene Higgins, Manager
Giving Tree Project

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Virtual Experience

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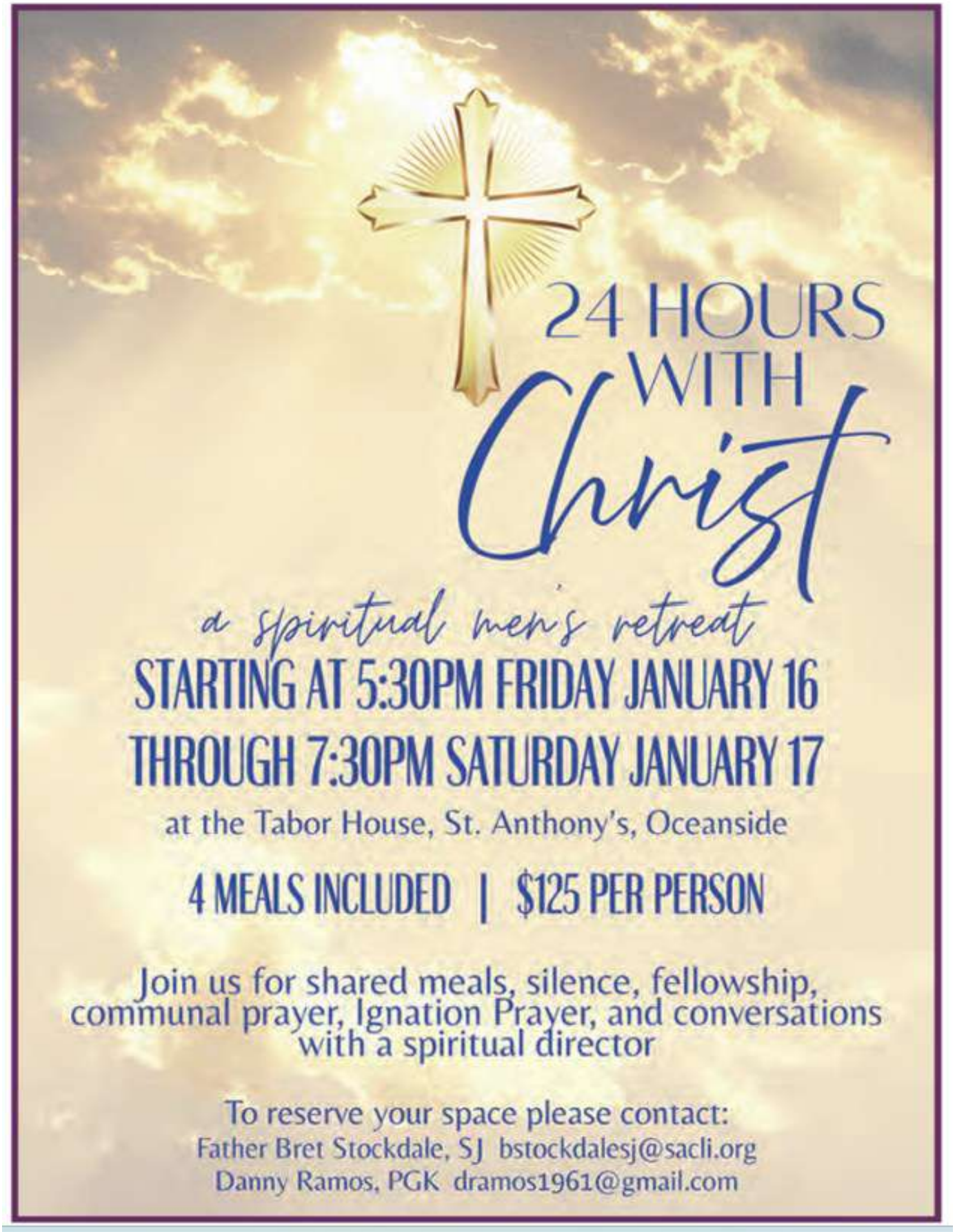
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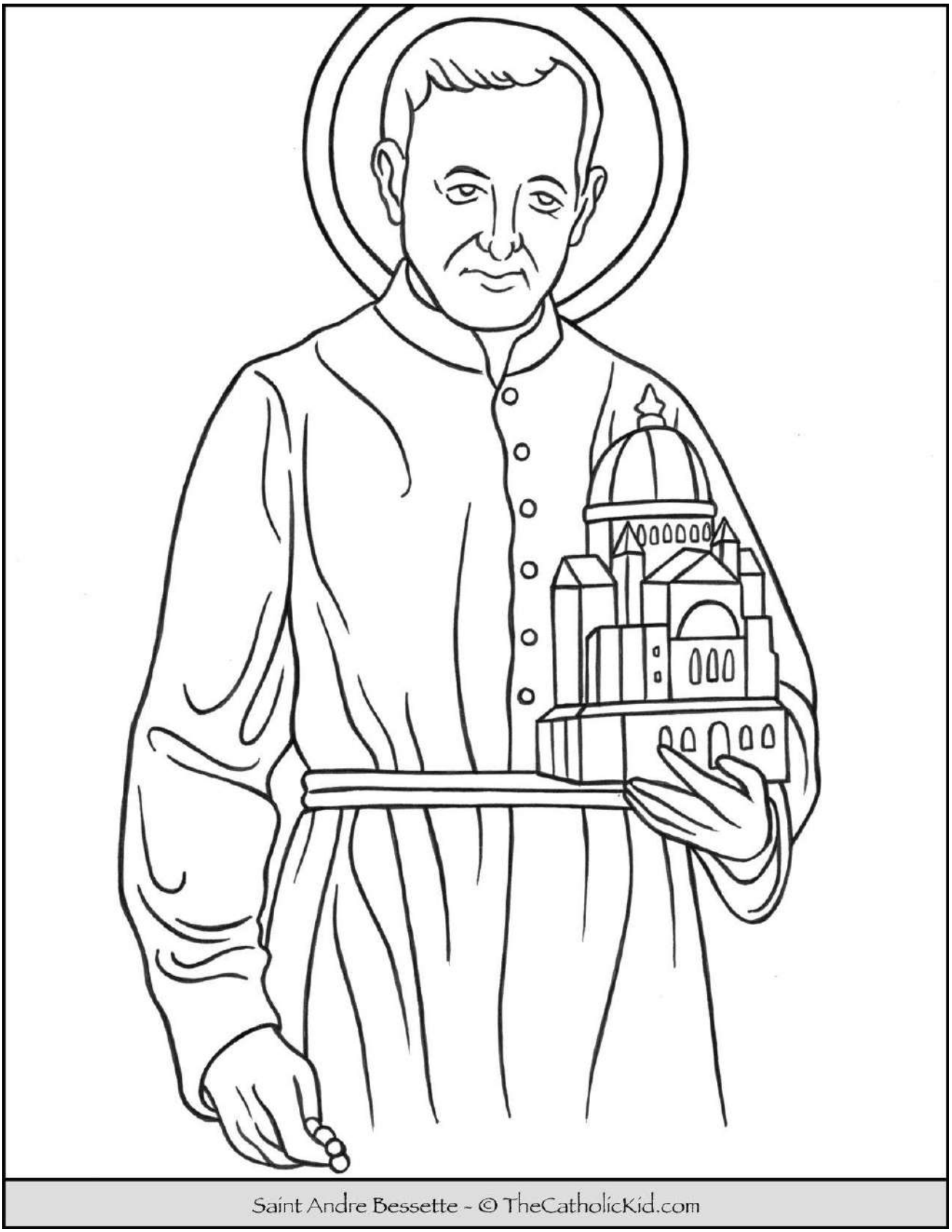
Sunday Gospel Activities



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SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. Matthew 2:10

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