



# Church of the Assumption

a Roman Catholic Parish

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## Epiphany of the Lord 7 January 2024

To all who are tired and need rest;  
to all who mourn and need comfort;  
to all who are friendless and need friendship;  
to all who are discouraged and need hope;  
to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will,  
**THIS PARISH OPENS WIDE HER DOORS  
IN THE NAME OF JESUS THE LORD!**

### SACRAMENTS

#### Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

**Saturday** (anticipated): 5:00 PM  
**Sunday**: 8:00 AM; 10:30 AM; 12:00 PM  
**Monday-Saturday**: 8:00 AM  
**Holy Days of Obligation**: see inside

#### Penance & Reconciliation:

**Monday-Thursday; Saturday: 7:30-7:50 AM**  
**Saturday afternoon: 4:00-4:30 PM**

A Catholic is obliged to confess serious sins in kind and number to a priest. If one is conscious of having committed serious sin, Confession ought to be made before receiving the Eucharist.

**Baptism:** Please call to arrange for your child's baptism before or soon after birth. A Godparent must be a Catholic in good standing.

#### Anointing of the Sick:

Please call for a priest to celebrate this Sacrament of Healing and Forgiveness for someone who is seriously ill or in danger of death. Do not wait until the sick person is unconscious.

#### Matrimony:

All Catholics ought to seek to have their marriage blessed by the Church so as to live in God's good graces & receive the Eucharist. Marriage cannot validly exist between baptized persons unless it is also a sacrament (Canon 1055.2). Contact a priest about a year prior to the intended date of marriage to ensure proper preparation.

**Confirmation:** Need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? Call Mrs. Kachnowski at 908-245-6572. She will help you prepare for confirmation. If they can do so without serious inconvenience, Catholics ought to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation before being admitted to marriage (Canon 1065).

**RCIA: Desire baptism?** Called to be a Catholic Christian? Contact Deacon David at 908-245-6572 and he will help you discern God's call to holiness.

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Monday through Friday:  
8:00 AM till 4:00 PM

### ASSUMPTION SCHOOL OF RELIGION OFFICE

908-245-6572  
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This QR Code will bring you to the **Breviary**, the Official Daily Prayer of the Church which priests and religious have vowed to pray. Laity are invited and encouraged to pray these prayers daily also.



Focus your camera on the QR Code to the left and you will have the readings for the day.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:00 PM **Corporate Mass: Michael Bonasissa, Mark, Salvatore & Carmel Tucci, Martino Family**

### SUNDAY January 7 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM **People of the Parish**

10:30 AM **Ralph Oliveri**

Son, Ralph

12:00 PM **Joseph Iannetta**

Antoinette Auletta

### MONDAY January 8 Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM **Rosa & Francesco Mazzeo**

Dauhgter & Family

### TUESDAY January 9

8:00 AM **Ferna McDonough**

Jacqueline Good

### WEDNESDAY January 10

8:00 AM **Kevin Ng**

Happy Birthday, Love Mom, Dad, Sharon, Alex

### THURSDAY January 11

8:00 AM **Stanley Pietrzak**

Edward Pietrzak

### FRIDAY January 12

8:00 AM **Mark Philip Balasbas**

CDCN Class of '77

### SATURDAY January 13 BVM; Hilary, bishop

8:00 AM **Virginia Soto**

Son, Orlando

### ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:00 PM **Rosalie Yaras**

Loren & Chris Harms

### SUNDAY January 14 II SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM **Theresa Stecki**

Family

10:30 AM **Sam J. Colucci, 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †**

Family

12:00 PM **People of the Parish**

**Prayer List: To have someone placed on or removed from the sick list please call the Rectory.** *We invite you to clip out this section each Sunday. Perhaps you could put it near a prayer book, in your Bible, or in your pocket or purse. It is a good thing when we pray with and for one another. Thank you and God bless you!*

### Our Parish Community prays for the sick:

Patrick Ahern Jr., Sophia Alfano, Altagracia Alvarez, Kathy Barz, Fred Boyne, Brendan, Joe Caponegro, Ken Castenon, Kay Downey, Ronald Fellner, Carol Fellner Nasta, Dorothy Ford, Charles Frank, John Garofalo, Lynn Gehrmann, Linda Geiger, Fran Getchies, Harold Gibson, Bonnie Greer, Cynthia Ingman, Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Michael Lacey, Nancy Lanfrank, Chris Lettieri, Stella LoPiccolo, Christine Marino, Janet Marino, Christine Mattingly, Chantell McDonald, Eleanor Morehouse, Artie Muller, Tanina Naccarato, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Margie Ortizio, Lily Rita Procopio, Sabrina Romani, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, Debra Szajko, Tony Wargacki

**Please pray for our Faithful departed & their loved ones  
Michael Jachim**



### Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### Special Memorial Donations

Bread for Mass given

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF Anthony DeMarzo**  
req. by Mama

Sanctuary Light given

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF Anthony DeMarzo**  
req. by Beverly & Paul

Bread & Wine for Mass, and  
Altar Candles and Sanctuary Light given

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
RALPH OLIVERI, 11<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, JANUARY 5**  
req. by son, Ralph

Bread for Mass given

**IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE HELP OF ST. ANTHONY**  
req. by Theresa & Joe Cicalese

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8-10 Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

**For readings go to: [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/) or scan this >>>>**



No matter how sinful one may have been, if he has devotion to Mary, it is impossible that he be lost.

St. Hilary of Poitiers

## COME, PRAY WITH US

**Adoration and St. Anthony Novena -**  
Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 PM

**Holy Rosary -** First Sundays at 10:00 AM in the church

**Perpetual Novena of St. Jude -** after the Saturday 8 AM Mass

## MEETINGS

Finance Council	Feb 12	7:00	UPH
Pastoral Council	Jan 08	7:00	UPH
Rosary Society	TBA	7:00	LPH
Knights of Columbus	Jan 24	8:00	Loreti Hall

## Epiphany of the Lord to the Magi

What did those wise magi from the East see when they walked into the cave in Bethlehem where Jesus lies? Did they simply see a baby with his mother, or could they see beyond the human flesh and behold someone greater than a king? Did they see the Christ, the Messiah that King Herod so feared? Who came to them in a dream and warned them to avoid Herod, and go directly home?

This story is wrapped in mystery. But as we unravel it we come upon even greater mysteries. The magi saw in this child, pure innocence, pure love, pure mercy and total abandonment to God the Father's will. They did him homage, not because he was a king, but because they saw in him the God who he is! To their wonderment, God the Creator was born of his creature, Mary. They saw God in the flesh that day, and their lives were forever changed.

Someone asked that my homilies be inspiring and exciting. If they happen to be, thank God, but if they're not, that should be of no consequence, because in the Catholic Mass, we have something greater than any preacher's words, more exciting than any showmanship, and more inspiring than the most elaborate sanctuaries. We have the Eucharist: the very body and blood of Christ the Lord Incarnate. His flesh and his blood which our human nature is unable to perceive, but with faith, they can be seen as clearly as day.

Yes, the Magi saw a baby with his mother Mary with their eyes, but with their new found faith they saw the King of the universe. They saw God and prostrated themselves, offering him all they had. And they returned home to tell the good news of the coming of the Lord as a child born of a woman and lying in a manger.

Let our prayer be that God the Father help us to recognize God the Son in the Eucharist which we receive most unworthily, in the poor that we help with humility, in the hungry that we feed with generosity, in the face of our children whom we love, and in the hearts of those who have hurt us or of whom we hurt ourselves.

Let's welcome Jesus with all we can give to him, especially our love for our enemies and our friends, for our Church and the world, and for Him who created us and more wondrously came among us to redeem us with his own blood.

Pax Christi, Fr. Paul

## The Significance of the Baptism of the Lord

In the liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord signifies the end of the Christmas season. The Baptism of the Lord is notable because it marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and confirms his identity as the Son of God. This event is documented in all the gospels except John.

## The Trinity Displayed in the Baptism of the Lord

The Gospel of Mark describes the event: It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:9-11)

Christ's baptism remarkably shows all three Persons of the Trinity at the same time: the Son being baptized, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking from the heavens. In this event, the Father and the Holy Spirit confirm the deity of Christ, and Jesus submits to his Father's will.

## Why Is Jesus Baptized?

When Jesus comes to John, John hesitates to baptize him. John's is a baptism of repentance, and Jesus has nothing for which he needs to repent. Why then does Jesus insist on being baptized? By choosing to be baptized, Jesus fulfills all righteousness – preparing himself to be a perfect sacrifice for us.

The account in Matthew demonstrates this: Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. (Matthew 3:13-15)

## What Does Baptism Mean for Us?

As we reflect on Christ's baptism, we are reminded of our own baptism. Pope Benedict XVI said on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord: [Baptism] is communion with the One who conquered death and holds in his hand the keys of life. Belonging to this circle, to God's family, means being in communion with Christ, who is life and gives eternal love beyond death.

Thanks be to God, who has redeemed us from our sins and given us eternal life through Jesus Christ.

<https://www.nationalshrine.org/>

## 10<sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Congress

July 17-12, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana

## COME IN FAITH. LEAVE WITH HOPE.

God hears our prayers for the renewal of our Church. He will answer them through a life-changing transformation of our own hearts. The National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to experience profound personal revival so we can be sent out to share Christ's love with a world that so desperately needs it.

[Register for the National Eucharistic Congress](https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register)

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## Save your Children from "adult" websites. Protect your chastity, now!

Go to [Freefiltering.org](https://www.freefiltering.org) and learn how to block those unwanted sites from your eyes. Protect your virtue, guard your children's innocence.

It really works by blocking sites in your Wi-Fi server. Act now before your children stumble upon one more pornographic site or one more "social media" site promoting the LGBTQ+ propaganda.



### STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Collections: TBA  
December 24<sup>th</sup> Collection: **\$5,682.00**  
**Christmas Collection : \$25,548.00**  
Christmas Flower Donations: **\$3,024.00**

## You can make a difference!



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**The Corporate Mass Offerings**  
January 6 at 5:00 P.M. Mass

**Michael Bonassisa, Sr.** req. by the Family

**The Martino Family (Mother, Father, Brother)**  
req. by Love, Gilda

**Salvatore, Carmel, & Mark Tucci**  
req. by Cris Tucci

### **Qualified Charitable Distributions Save on Taxes!**

If you are retired and are taking distributions from your traditional IRA, these distributions are considered to be taxable income according to the IRS and you will owe taxes on the total amount you withdraw. However, you can reduce your taxable income by making a charitable distribution directly from your IRA to our parish. For example, if you are taking a \$1,000 distribution and you wish to make a \$500 donation, and you are in the 20% tax bracket, your tax liability will be reduced by \$100. To learn more about this tax saving opportunity contact your financial adviser / institution.

### **Charitable Gift Annuities**

Making a significant gift to your parish can increase your bottom line! By making a gift for a charitable gift annuity, you receive an income tax deduction and annuity payments for life. Plus, part of each payment is tax-free. Learn more about this wonderful opportunity by contacting Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark at (973) 497-4042 or by email at [Theresa.Lynch@rcan.org](mailto:Theresa.Lynch@rcan.org).

### Mary's Grotto

As fellow parishioners were searching for places to purchase religious items many years ago, members of the Rosary Society decided to set up shop and use the basement of the School of Religion building to set up a site allowing parishioners to purchase these items. Mary's Grotto – as they named it – is a place where you can purchase bibles, rosary beads, statues of saints and numerous other religious items. They also offer items for holidays, such as Easter and Christmas and sacraments, as well – baptism, first holy communion, confirmation and marriage. The ladies are always willing to order an item for you if it is not available in the store. **Mary's Grotto is open from 8:15 to 1:15 every Sunday** – hours are limited during the winter months after Christmas and during the summer, but you can always make an appointment to visit and make a purchase.

### COMMUNION MINISTERS

#### January 2024

5:00 PM	Rita Kushner Alex Wisniewski	Richard Powers Loretta Raczynski
8:00 AM	Marge Denci	Maryanne Mansueto
10:30 AM	Lisa Crosta Barbara Goss	Steve Petruzelli
12:00 PM	Debbie Kachnowski	Brenda A. Prescott

#### Jan 6/7

#### Jan 13/14

### LECTORS

5:00 PM	Gerard Taveras	Leona Seufert
8:00 AM	Anthony Cordero	Tom DiMaio
10:30 AM	Diane Burgos	Sebastian Saavedra
12:00 PM	Patty Muccia	Debbie Kachnowski

### ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 PM	Joe Schmatz	
8:00 AM	Loretta Raczynski	Anthony Geronimo Angelo Geronimo
10:30 AM	Giovanni Scipioni	Alaina Quintela
12:00 PM	William Casaine Emily Casaine	William Casaine Emily Casaine

### Sanctity of Life

#### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD**

The Church can also be a place to heal. We are called to "be merciful like the Father." So many are suffering from the effects of abortion. Where can they heal? Where can they feel safe and loved?

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office hosts Rachel's Vineyard retreats to heal the wounds from abortion.

Contact the Respect Life Office for retreats by calling 973-497-4350, or e-mail: Cheryl.riley@rcan.org

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)

### STITCHES

If you like to crochet or knit, consider joining our Stitches group. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Lower Parish Hall and work on projects for those in need.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 10, from 1-3pm.

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Within 48 hours of receipt of referral, NJRC will provide linkage to and commencement of addiction treatment services to referred persons. These services will include but are not limited to linkages for intake, the creation of a personalized long-term treatment plan, detoxification, ambulatory withdrawal management, induction on Suboxone or buprenorphine or the initiation of Vivitrol, residential treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, and/or induction of Medication Assisted Treatment, as needed and appropriate. Where appropriate, court-involved persons and justice-involved veterans will also be enrolled and referred to NJRC's Orientation and additional wrap-around services, including job training and employment, mental health and medical care, transportation, and license restoration services.

To connect yourself or a loved one to addiction treatment or for any questions, please contact NJRC Chief Operating Officer Robert Carter at **732-948-5880** or [rcarter@njreentry.org](mailto:rcarter@njreentry.org).



"Roselle Catholic High School would love to have your son or daughter become part of our community! For any questions about our program or admission process, please contact Mishell Arizaga, [ma-rizaga@rosellecatholic.org](mailto:marizaga@rosellecatholic.org) or 908-445-7900. Have a blessed day!"

Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink (Mt 25:34-35).

Dear Advent Sandwich Makers,

Thanks to your generous support, for the 4 weeks of Advent leading up to Christmas, I am thrilled to announce that we delivered 1,524 sandwiches to St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth. They were THRILLED with the extra sandwiches which really came in handy.

Wishing everyone a Blessed, Happy, and Healthy New Year!

God Bless,  
Deacon Dave and Linda

#### WANTED: COMMUNION MINISTERS & READERS

**Readers for Mass:** please consider this ministry. As a reader you proclaim the word of God during the celebration of Holy Mass.

**Communion Ministers:** please consider the awesome ministry of assisting Father in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and perhaps to the home bound.

**Please call** Father at 908-245-1107 and let him know you would like to be considered for either of these ministries.

#### Lazarus Ministry Comfort the Sorrowing

Assist grieving families as they prepare their loved one's funeral.  
All you need is a kind disposition and attentive heart.

Call Marge Denci at 908-507-6306 to find out how you too can serve Christ.



## Knight's Corner

The Knights of Columbus (Council #3240) of the Church of the Assumption would like to invite any interested men, that wish to learn more about the Knights of Columbus to fill out one of the cards located in the front of the Church and place it in the collection basket. Or go to

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html>

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Attention Catechists, Teachers, Parish Leaders, and all adults seeking to learn more about the Catholic Faith!



## Spotlight on the New Testament

### INFLAME OUR LOVE!

This course explores the Word of God in the life of the Church and each individual Christian. Briefly examining history, literary style, theology and spirituality in the New Testament, we will discover how, according to St. John Vianney, "the word enlightens our faith, fortifies our hope, and inflames our love of God and neighbor."

### Presenter: ALLAN F. WRIGHT

Husband, father, author, and a lifelong New Jersey resident, Allan is the Executive Director of the NJ Family Policy Center and an Adjunct Professor in both the School of Theology and the Department of Catholic Studies at Seton Hall University. A specialist in Catholic theology, Allan teaches the courses: Biblical Call Narratives, and The Parables of Jesus: Models of Evangelization and Spirituality of Work.

Tuesday, January 9 and  
Thursday, January 11, 2024

6:00 - 9:00 PM  
Live Virtual Course on Zoom



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## PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Call 973-313-6190 or  
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## Religious Life for Women and Men

Contact Sr. Patricia M. Wormann, O.P at  
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or call 973-497-4368

## The Epiphany Proclamation

The proclamation of the date of Easter and the other moveable feasts on Epiphany dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter.

Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.

Each year the proper dates for Ash Wednesday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, and the First Sunday of Advent must be inserted into the text. Those dates are found in the table which is included with the introductory documents of the Roman Missal. The form to be used for announcing each date is: the date of month, e.g., "the seventh day of April."

On the Epiphany of the Lord, after the proclamation of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, may announce from the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year according to the following text.

### Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts for the year of our Lord 2024

Know, dear brethren, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the **fourteenth day of February** will fall **Ash Wednesday**, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the **thirty-first day of March** you will celebrate with joy **Easter Day**, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the **twelfth day of May** will be the **Ascension** of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the **nineteenth day of May**, the feast of **Pentecost**.

On the **second day of June**, the feast of the **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**.

On the **first day of December**, the **First Sunday of the Advent** of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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### JOHN PAUL II FEAST OF EPIPHANY Monday, 6 January 1997

1. "Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising" (Is 60:3). Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Epiphany, "a manifestation" of Christ to all peoples, represented by the Magi come from the East.

This feast helps us to discern the profound meaning of the Church's universal mission, which can be understood as a movement of radiation: the radiation of Christ's light, reflected on the face of his Mystical Body. Since this light is a light of love, truth and beauty, it is not forcibly imposed, but illumines minds and draws hearts.

By radiating this light, the Church obeys the mandate of the risen Christ: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19). It is a movement that spreads in all directions from the centre, from the Eucharist, through the witness and proclamation of the Gospel. This "going" is motivated by an inner urge of charity, without which it would produce no fruit.

The experience of the Magi is particularly eloquent in this regard: they move, guided by the light of a star that draws them to Christ. The Church must be like that star, that is, able to reflect Christ's light, so that individuals and peoples in search of truth, justice and peace may come to Jesus, the one Saviour of the world.

2. This missionary task is entrusted to the entire People of God, but it is especially incumbent on those called to the apostolic ministry, that is, Bishops and priests. Today, the feast of Epiphany, in accordance with a well-established tradition I had the joy of consecrating 12 new Bishops. Let us pray together for these new Pastors and for all the Bishops of the world, that their service to the Gospel may be ever more generous and faithful.

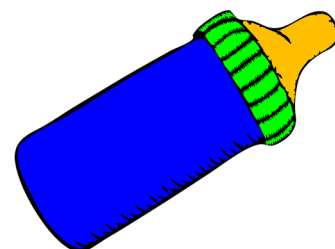
3. On this day a special thought goes to our brothers and sisters of the Christian East, many of whom are celebrating Christmas today. Before the icon of the Child Jesus, lovingly watched over by Mary and St Joseph, let us invoke the grace of deeper relations of understanding and communion between Christians of the East and West. Indeed, not only must different liturgical traditions not become an obstacle to unity, but they must be an incentive to reciprocal knowledge and enrichment.

We commend this hope to the Blessed Virgin, as we ask her in a special way to guide the Bishops ordained this morning in their pastoral ministry.

### Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraising Event Supporting Raphael's Life House

**The KOC will be handing out baby bottles in the narthex of the church at all of the Masses on Jan. 6-7. Filled bottles will be collected in the narthex of the church at all of the Masses on Jan. 20-21 & Jan. 27-28. The Knights want to thank you for your continued support of this event that has such a significant impact on these vulnerably mothers and their babies.**

**Thank you,  
Knights of Colum-  
bus #3240**



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