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Masses
 Saturday 5:15 PM
 Sunday 9:30 AM
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 Pastor
 Rev. Gregory Deters
 Associate

Sunday	January	3	Epiphany of the Lord 9:30 Mass for the Pauline Family, requested by Mary K. Morand; Marian and Howard Shirkey, requested by their family; World Peace; Our leaders Ministers: Ann Murphy, Trina Martell
Monday	January	4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday	January	5	St. John Neumann
Wednesday	January	6	St. Andre Bessette
Thursday	January	7	St. Raymond of Penyafort
Friday	January	8	
Saturday	January	9	5:15 Mass for names and intentions on the Rosary Prayer List
Sunday	January	10	The Baptism of the Lord 9:30 Mass for Rosary Benefactors and Marian and Howard Shirkey, requested by their family; Our leaders; World Peace Ministers: Jean-Marie Allion, Denise Hytower

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Isaiah 40: 1 – 5, 9 – 11
 Titus 2: 11 – 14; 3: 4 - 7
 Luke 3: 15 – 16, 21 – 22

Remember These Friends in Prayer

Catherine Speirs	Patrick Siev	Nicole Arvanitis	Kerry Barnes
Margaret Hogan	Lily Norman	Marva Bryant	Jan Christensen
Barnes Family	Ken Jenkins	The Kolmetz Family	Julie, Ron & Marty Morin
Alma Bojanic	Kay and Jim Morhard	Susan Amman	Lauren Reagan
Daniella McClendon	Roger Carlson Family	Miriam Levant	Allison Holley
D.A.K. Jones	Muriel Abrams	Tom W. & Family	Ricardo Patino
Didilus Family	Brenda Lumpkin	Taylor Wright	Fred Kammerer
Marie Therese Lucien	Burma Gilchrist	Cynthia Davis	Barbara Bedolla
Morand Family	Maureen S.	Linda Cummings	Natalie
Heather Lucido	Wimbush Family	Sandy Johnson	SaraWillis
Andrew Philka	Paul H. Mullin	Ann Sadje	Pat Bartkowski
Susanto Suprpto	Rita Bowers	Jane V.	Mary Rayes
Charles Jerry Williams	Ida Bailey	Cindy LaGosh	Mr. Simmons
Jessie Dunn	Ila Gillespie	Nicole Church	Mary Ellen Murphy
Regina Burns	John T. Knox	Mark Tavin	Aileen Rosado
Calvin McFarland	Joseph Daoud	Brian Stump	Jasmine Wright
Reising Family	Cynthia Herron	Jason Morhard	Rosa Lee Vaughn
Bradley Morin	Rebecca Voigt	Leah James	Susan Wahl
Rev. James Meyer	Henrietta Jackson	Alice Brown	Joanie Stanesic
Marjorie Perdue	Harold Meek	Barbara Johnson	Patricia Ennis
Mrs. Zaciek	Grandma K.	Chris & Michael Shea	Carol VerBrugge
Elisa Martinez	Mary Ruskin	Dan Hall	Ernestine Stephens
Barthwell Family	Rhonda Maxine Irwin	Sherley Epps	Margie Pauline
Greg Varano	Vocations	Eliisa Bojanic	Winona Ware
Trotty Family	Ellie Finn Murphy	Orzechowski Family	Pat Roberts
Donna Asmar	Robert Ruffer	Phyliss Gossett	Rachel Lynn
James Teal	Clemencia Carmona	Caitlan Maloney	Gloria Graydon
Sarah W.	Danny Page	Craig Burtch	Jean Baustian
Wade Gilchrist, Jr.	Alice Coleman	Tim Calloway	Mary & Willie Toney
John Carlos Swanson	Myrtha Johnson	Laura Anderson	Lois and Tim Turrin
Carlos Vasquez	Nick Van Heck	Suzanne Welter	Ann Morey Franklin
Lucille Sobocinski	Ray McConnell	Monique Gaspie	The Jackson Family
Owen Patrick Strunk	Clarence Mayes	Honey, Tom & Zachary	Sandy Johnson
Bill Brazier	Tory Murray	The Mullin Family	Debbie Schaefer
Barbara Foley	Bob Delbeke	Mary Martin	Angelina Roberts
Shannon Barnes	Dr P	Matthew Elias	Allan Krupp
Rosa Maria Santos	Luchrisha Drake	Micaela Norman	Eleanor Fuchs\
Gloria Virgo	Eileen Marie Finn		

PRAY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Sgt. Muddy Peha Calvin Trotty Tommy Fitzpatrick David Guiroga Matthew Dixon
Sgt. Brandon & Tiffany Childs George Hurley Family of George Rayes Lance R. Stevens
Tonya Gray Gary Didilus

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of the Rosary is an open Christian Family, a mixture of unique beings in an inner-city setting. Gifted and guided by the Holy Spirit, called in Faith to prayer, love and concern, this apostolic community searches to creatively use its resources to become inviting, loving, healing and one with the distressed/alienated people of today.

CELEBRATE SISTER JOAN BAUSTIAN

Next Sunday we will have a pot-luck lunch after Mass to celebrate the many contributions Sister Joan has made to Rosary over the years. Before the end of January, she will be moving to the Dominican motherhouse in Adrian, Michigan. Please make every effort to be here next Sunday, January 10. There will be sign up sheets at Mass Sunday for you to list what food items you will bring. Watch for updates and details during the week.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

The beginning of 2016 would be a good time to be sure Rosary has your current information—address, phone/cellphone number, e-mail address, etc. We have had several times in the last few weeks where we needed to contact a member and the number or address on our records is not correct. Specifically, we are using e-mail more and more to communicate. If we do not have your e-mail, please let us know. There are slips on the table at church where you can update information.

KEEP IN PRAYER

Many Rosary families need our prayers. Our friend Rosalind Oliver's mother has a serious stroke this week and is hospitalized. Let's remember her and Rosalind. Mary Beth Morand's mother, Margie Pauline, died this week. Let's keep her and the Morand family in our thoughts and prayers.

Jottings from Fr. J. J.

WHAT SORT OF NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS SHOULD I MAKE?:

The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3,000 years to the ancient Babylonians. There is something about the start of a new year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. This is a great opportunity to better ourselves and the lives of those around us!

If we were to quickly jot down some ideas for resolutions, I bet our first inclinations would be to quit smoking, to stop drinking, and to manage money more wisely. By far though, the most common New Year's resolution is to lose weight. In other words, exercising more and eating more healthily. These are all certainly great goals to set. However, and I'm not trying to justify anything!?, 1Timothy 4:8 instructs us to keep exercise in perspective: "*For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.*" The vast majority of New Year's resolutions, even for us Catholics, are in relation to physical things and often have little to do with what God might be saying to us.

So if we were to address our inner self first, we might make New Year's resolutions to pray more, to read the Bible every day, and to make Sunday Mass a first priority. These are fantastic goals. However, these New Year's resolutions fail just as often as the non-spiritual resolutions. Why? Probably because there is no power in a New Year's resolution alone. Resolving to start or stop doing a certain activity has no value unless we have the proper motivation for stopping or starting it. For example, why do we want to read the Bible every day? Is it to honor God and grow spiritually, or is it just because it is a good thing to do? Why do we want to lose weight? Is it to be a good steward of the gifts God has given us, or is it for vanity and to honor ourselves? (continued)

So, how do we increase our chance for success? *Philippians 4:13* tells us, “*I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.*” Therefore, If God is the center of our New Year’s resolution, I believe we have more chance for success. Therefore, before we decide what our resolution should be, we need to pray about it and ask the Lord for strength and wisdom about what resolutions might be good for us. 1) In your prayer, review the different areas in your life; What is working and what isn't? Instead of picking the same old resolutions that you can never seem to keep, choose an area that you know needs improvement rather than a *radical* change. Think long term about what God wants for you. 2) Make sure it's something you can realistically see happening. Try reducing the amount of resolutions you make i.e. make that list of 10 resolutions just one or two. 3) Once you have decided on your achievable resolutions, write them down. You could even make a contract with God stating what you will set out to do and sign it to make it official. Writing down the resolutions creates a greater connection between your thinking self and your doing self and makes the resolution appear more real than if you simply think it in your head. 4) Find an accountability partner (a friend or a loved one whom you trust) who will help you and encourage you. They will provide you with support and keep you focused on your goal. If you are wavering at all, their support will ensure that you don't give up, just in case you feel like quitting. And finally, 5) Make the change a gradual one. A resolution is unlikely to be enduring if you implement it in its totality the first day. Give yourself plenty of time, since It takes at least 21 days to break an old habit and to pursue a new one.

God Bless,

Fr. J.J.

P.S. Fr. Greg told me he doesn't need to make resolutions since he is perfect. Pray for him. Heck, pray for me, I've gotta live with him?!? HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FINANCES

Our Christmas “project” to generate extra income was a success. Many Rosary members teamed up with family and friends to “gift” Rosary rather than each other. So, our count of Christmas offertory envelopes was 53, but many other friends sent in separate Christmas gifts. The total Christmas income was \$10,414. The collection on the weekend of December 27 totaled \$1249, coming from 35 Offertory envelopes. What a great way to end 2015. Now...the 2016 Offertory envelopes are ready for you. Please be sure the number on the envelopes is the same as the number on the name tag taped to the envelopes. You only have to write your name on the first envelope you use. For the rest of the year, just the amount enclosed is sufficient. Spend a few minutes as the year begins to think about your financial commitment to the parish. We have had many unexpected expenses this year. In addition, we are making repairs, etc. that have been delayed for several years as our future was in doubt. Realistically, your weekly offering should reflect the importance of the Church in your life. This would be a good week to adjust your contribution to your Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Geoffrey Barthwell	Monday
Burma Gilchriest	Wednesday
Sunbeam Hughes	Wednesday
Joseph Wasukanis	Saturday
Joe Holt	Saturday
Miguel Trotty	Saturday

Visitors and New Parishioners INFORMATION UPDATE

We are so blessed that you decided to join us! Won't you join our Catholic community by registering at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish? Simply fill out the form below. Please drop it in the mail or collection basket. One of our team will contact you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Jottings from Fr. J.J.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!! - As the new Pastor here at this amazing parish, I want you to know that I am very happy that you have joined in our celebrations this Christmas. The community and I hope and pray that you and your loved ones share good times together in these days.

Before you stop reading, I want to ask you something. I presume that in the last few weeks, many folks have said *“What do you want for Christmas?”* Good question, but I would like to know how many of us have actually asked Jesus what He wants from us this Christmas? It is His birthday after all. So in my prayer, I asked Him that very question. Don't think I'm loopy! But He gave me an answer. *“What I want for my birthday is for you to share a little more of your time with me.”*

That is a pretty major request. Does He not realize that we are busier than any other time in history? Then again, do we not realize that if we spend more time with Him that our lives will be insurmountably better? So, as a gift to Him and to yourself, maybe each of us could make a New Year's resolution to spend more time with God, i.e. go to Mass more frequently, find some time for prayer in the morning, end our day with spiritual reading, join one the 1001 activities here in the parish, go through the self-guided retreat and the Jubilee door of Mercy at the Cathedral, etc.

The gift of time with God could be the very best gift we could give this year, not only to Jesus but to ourselves. It might be just what our own hearts are truly longing for. May the love of God that we celebrate this Christmas also strengthen you and those you love.

Thank you for being with us!
God bless,

Fr. J.J. and Annie, too



A Christmas joke from Fr. Greg

A Sign of the Times

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: "Didn't you get my E-mail?"