

# CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Monday - Friday .....9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Saturday.....9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We extend a warm welcome to families and individuals who are new to our Parish. Please register at the Parish House so that we can be of service to you. We encourage you to fully participate in our parish life. Join us in fellowship after Mass in the Heavenly Café.

## PARISH STAFF

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**Lori DiBiase** .....*Program Administrator*  
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**Ida Pietrosanti** .....*Session Coordinator*

## † MASS SCHEDULE †

**Weekdays @ OLQA** .....9:00 am & 12:00 Noon  
**Saturdays** .....9:00 am  
**Saturday Evening Vigil** .....4:00 pm & 5:30 pm & 7:00 PM (Spanish OLQA)  
**Sunday**..... 7:30 am, 8:45 am Family Mass,  
10:45 am, 12:30 pm, 5:30 pm

## SACRAMENTS

### RECONCILIATION:

**Monday - Friday** ..... After 12:00 Noon Mass  
**Saturday** ..... After 9:00 am Mass, 3:00-3:45 pm; 5:00 - 5:30 pm;  
6:00-6:45 pm (Spanish OLQA)

**BAPTISMS:** Sundays at 2:00pm. To schedule a Baptism, please contact Terry Komendowski by e-mail at Terry.Komendowski@sjtemahopac.org or by phone at 845-628-2006, x133.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples should contact Fr. Caruso at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.

## MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** Deacon John Scarfi 845-628-2006 x115

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Call the Parish House at any time.

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Please call the Parish House to make arrangements.

## DEVOTIONS

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA AND ROSARY FOR PEACE:**  
Mondays after the Noon Mass

**ROSARY & ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT AT OLQA:**  
Thursdays 12:30 – 4:45 pm followed by Benediction  
First Friday 8:00 pm - 9:00 am Saturday (except January & February)

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Monday - Friday, 3:00 pm

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Meets periodically

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Meets periodically

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 7</b>	
4:00 PM	Julianna Budetti
5:30 PM	Rose Nestor
7:00 PM	Acción de Gracias
<b>Sunday 8</b>	
7:30 AM	Helaine O'Shaughnessy
8:45 AM	Claire Valeri
10:45 AM	John Giordano
12:30 PM	Lore Brunetti
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 9</b> <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	
9:00 AM	Bobby Nieto
Noon	Nancy Jaros
<b>Tuesday 10</b>	
9:00 AM	Carol Sorrest
Noon	Preciosa, Joaquim & Cristina
<b>Wednesday 11</b>	
9:00 AM	Natalie Bernstein
Noon	Brendan Hynes
<b>Thursday 12</b>	
9:00 AM	Patrick Gleeson
12:00 PM	Gloria Little
<b>Friday 13</b> <i>Saint Hilary</i>	
9:00 AM	Eugene Kelly
Noon	Diana Carrano
<b>Saturday 14</b>	
9:00 AM	Jean DeAndressi
4:00 PM	Mary Melisi
5:30 PM	Marie Coretti
7:00 PM	En honor del Divino Niño
<b>Sunday 15</b>	
7:30 AM	People of the Parish
8:45 AM	Michael Lavin
10:45 AM	Anna Nicolo
12:30 PM	Florence Maggio
5:30 PM	Marian Stackhouse



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## MEMORIAL OFFERINGS



Bread & Wine .....Joseph J. Smith, Sr.



Sanctuary Lamp ... Albert Koeningsmann



Altar Candles Riziero & Anna Nicolo



Altar Flowers .....Anton Babnik

### Memorialize your loved ones

Memorialize your loved ones by picking up a Mass card or other Mass memorial in the Parish House or at the Welcome Desk.

### Pray for our Deceased

*Thomas Lotrecchiano  
Anton Babnik  
Sylvia Polito  
Albert Koeningsmann*

### Pray for our Sick

*Mary Carr  
Thomas Capozzi  
Laurie Roselli  
Barbara Vara  
Sr. Mary Judith  
John Garabo  
Rose Chianese  
Lena Young  
Veronica Croteau  
Carol Rivenburg  
Ann Baker  
Veronica Croteau  
Billy Hughes  
Rudy Menna  
Anthony Marino  
Ron Drumheller*



## Readings for the Week

### Sunday

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### Monday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

### Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

### Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

### Friday

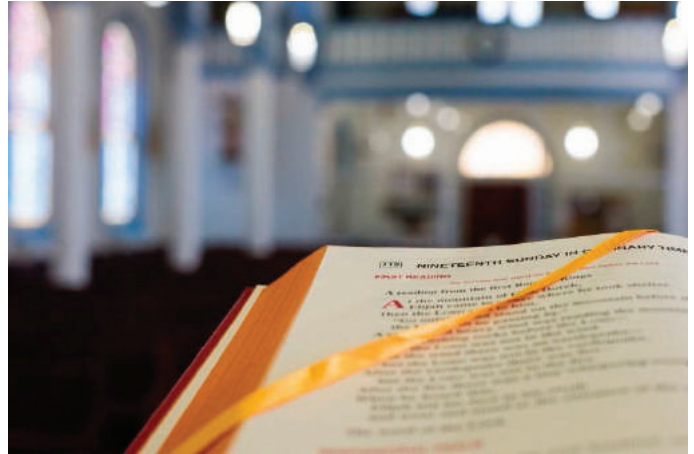
Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

## Did you know?

Why do we respond “And with your spirit” when the priest or deacon says “The Lord be with you”?



For those of us who are old enough to remember the “old” translation of the Mass (the current version came into use in 2011), one of the hardest transitions in the Mass was responding “And with your spirit” when the priest or deacon said “The Lord be with you” instead of “And also with you,” the previous response. (In fact, you’ll still hear the occasional “And also with you” slip out among the congregation six years later.) But what is the difference between the two responses? The old response seems to indicate that you are returning the blessing of the Lord to the priest as a form of courtesy, but the original Latin, *et cum spiritu tuo*, is actually translated as the “And with your spirit” response. Those two words actually change the entire meaning behind the phrase. In fact, the purpose of this response is to recognize the spirit of the Lord in the priest and his ability to bless us with the Lord’s presence within him. So the response is not one of a friendly greeting, but actually the exclamation of a truth of our faith, the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in our priests.

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In our weekly “Did you know?” section, we’ll try to explain “mysteries of the Mass” and other parts of the Catholic faith. If you have a question you’d like to submit, please email [emily.dibiase@sjtemahopac.org](mailto:emily.dibiase@sjtemahopac.org).

## Church Support

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## Meet the Saints: St. Therese of Lisieux



St. Therese of Lisieux was born on January 2, 1873 in France to a very religious family. Her mother died when she was 4 years old, but Therese was extremely close with her sisters. From a young age, Therese was extremely close with God and Mary, trying to be a good child and developing her own habits of prayer. At the age of 14, she began to appeal to become a Carmelite nun and was turned down by the superior and the bishop. She even begged the Pope to allow her to enter the convent and was eventually allowed to enter early at 15. She only lived to the age of 24, but her life was marked by a simple path of humility. Therese called herself the Little Flower, the little plaything that delighted the Lord as He passed by. Her autobiography *Story of a Soul*, written at the request of one of her sisters, is still one of the most popular Catholic books today, inspiring thousands of readers to follow in this path of humility that St. Therese describes. This little saint ended up having a great impact on the world.

## From the OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

“Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.”



## Scouts Mass



Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 AM

Please join us as we celebrate and honor the Boy and Girl Scouts of our parish. Scouts, please wear your uniforms.

Girl Scout Contact: Mary Condon

[MNestor611@aol.com](mailto:MNestor611@aol.com)

Boy Scout Contact: Roy Fields

[RoyFields1@verizon.net](mailto:RoyFields1@verizon.net)

## Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 22 at 12:30 PM



Please join us for this annual Memorial Mass as we remember all those we lost in 2016. Every parishioner who passed away in 2016 will be commemorated during this candlelight Mass.

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To request financial assistance please email Deacon John Scarfi at [JScarfi@verizon.net](mailto:JScarfi@verizon.net) or call 845-621-7000.

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Assisted Suicide: Unnecessary, Flawed and Dangerous

Legislation has been introduced in the New York State Legislature that would allow doctors to legally prescribe a lethal dose of pills at the request of a terminally ill patient. While proponents call these bills “death with dignity” and “patient self-determination,” in reality they are unnecessary, flawed and dangerous. New York must maintain its ban on assisted suicide. Here’s why.

### **There is no screening or counseling for depression.**

People who say they want to kill themselves are often clinically depressed. For those who receive a terminal diagnosis, the stress and turmoil can lead to a depressive episode. Yet there is no requirement in the legislation that patients receive counseling or mental health treatment before they choose a lethal, and irreversible, course of action.

### **There are no safeguards at the time of ingestion.**

All of the so-called safeguards of assisted suicide occur at the time a request for medication is made by the patient. There are absolutely no safeguards at the time the patient ingests the pills, which could

be months or even years after the request is made. Family members don’t have to be notified and no medical professional is required to be present.

### **It opens the door to elder abuse and coercion.**

The legislation offers no protections to ensure that the patient is not being coerced into ingesting the drugs, or even to prevent another person from administering the drugs. While legal witnesses must be present at the time of the request, one of them can be someone who stands to gain financially from the patient’s death. Legalized assisted suicide empowers others – family members, health care systems, insurance companies – to pressure and exploit older, weaker, vulnerable persons in order to get them to cut short their lives.

### **A terminal prognosis is difficult to predict.**

Patients would be eligible for assisted suicide if a doctor has diagnosed them with six months or less to live. Yet even doctors will admit to the inability to accurately predict life expectancy. Medical prognoses are based on statistical averages, and virtually everyone knows someone who has outlived the odds.

### **It turns doctors into killers.**

Doctor-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer. It undermines the bond of trust between doctors and their patients, altering that relationship forever. The way that doctors respond to their patients has a profound effect on their patient's views of themselves and their self-worth. Patients deserve doctors who will support them through their illnesses, not offer them a quick exit.

### **There is no accountability.**

Under the New York legislation, the entire process of assisted suicide is shrouded in secrecy. Doctors are specifically required to fabricate the patient's death certificate and state untruthfully that the cause of death is the natural underlying disease, rather than the unnatural act of suicide. Therefore, no accurate reporting is possible with the state and there is no way to determine if abuses are taking place.

### **It sends the message that suicide is acceptable.**

New York State rightly spends millions of dollars each year to prevent suicides with anti-bullying campaigns in schools, awareness training in prisons, toll-free hotlines and extra safety precautions on bridges. It makes no sense to recognize suicide as a statewide critical public health concern while simultaneously promoting it as "dignified and humane" for certain populations.

### **It discriminates against people with disabilities.**

Patients with a terminal illness often become disabled as their disease progresses. Others may come to devalue their lives and see them as having less "quality." While the rest of society receives "suicide prevention" education and services, these persons – and only these persons – will be granted "suicide assistance." That is discrimination based on disability.

### **It really is a slippery slope.**

Once the government approves of assisted suicide for those with a 6-month terminal diagnosis, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to limit it to this group. Indeed, in Oregon, where assisted suicide is legal for this population, lawmakers are already considering extending the terminal diagnosis to those with one year or less to live.

### **There are increasing financial incentives to limit care.**

Assisted suicide is far less expensive than palliative and supportive care at the end of life. As insurance companies and governments seek to reduce health care spending, will they promote this option in order to reduce expenses and liability? In Oregon, some patients noted that lethal doses of drugs were covered by their insurer while cancer treatments were not. While advocates call assisted suicide "free choice," what kind of choice is it when life is expensive but death is free?

### **There are alternatives to assisted suicide.**

Maintaining New York's ban on assisted suicide does not mean that terminally ill patients must die an agonizingly long and painful death. Almost all physical pain can be controlled through pain management and medications, and measures that are unduly burdensome may be removed or withheld, allowing natural death to occur. Hospice care is underutilized in New York and palliative medicine reduces suffering while providing comfort and comprehensive care.



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## NOTICIAS DE NUESTRA PARROQUIA



¡Feliz Navidad! ¡Felices Pascuas! ¡Feliz y Venturoso Año Nuevo!

*Transformemos el "Tiempo Ordinario" en algo extraordinario*

**Un sentido CATÓLICO del tiempo** comprende que **no estamos solos** ni en el presente ni aquí en la tierra. Este hecho se nota más en la **Sagrada Liturgia**, cuando la Iglesia en el cielo, la tierra y el purgatorio se une para adorar a Dios en la **Santa Misa**.

El año litúrgico nos da **orden** al culto divino. Además, el año litúrgico **nos capacita de acompañarle al Señor** a través de la historia y sirve de **medio de santificar** nuestros días y horas. Puesto que el **8 de enero del 2017** es Domingo de la Epifanía en los Estados Unidos (en vez del 6 de enero como en nuestros países de origen) y puesto que mañana es la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor, **estamos casi al fin de la temporada de Navidad**. Sin embargo, **respetamos la costumbre mexicana** de perseverar con el espíritu navideño hasta el **2 de febrero**, la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor. **Gracias a todas las familias y a los feligreses** que han mantenido los adornos, saludos y villancicos de las Pascuas hasta ahora y así atestiguar al sentido **verdadero** de Navidad.

**No comencemos el Tiempo Ordinario** con un sentido de volver a la rutina. **Mejor es recordar** que la dicha navideña debe animarnos **vivir mejor** nuestra fe católica en **esta etapa según el orden** (por eso, "ordinario," de la palabra latina "ordo" por "orden").

## VIVA EL CRISTO NEGRO DE ESQUIPULAS

Unámonos con nuestros hermanos **guatemaltecos** a celebrar su devoción al Cristo Negro de Esquipulas el **sábado, 14 de enero**, comenzando con la **Santa Misa de Vigilia a las 19h en la capilla** (se escuchará confesiones a las 18h) y luego con un **convivio gratuito en el sótano**. Con gusto Padre Rojas **bendecirá imágenes** del Cristo Negro, cruces y crucifijos en la Misa **después** de la Comunión y **antes** de la bendición final.

### *Reunión de la Comunidad Hispana (17 de enero)*

Reservemos la fecha del **martes, 17 de enero a las 19h en el sótano de la capilla** para reunirnos de nuevo con Padre Rojas acerca de temas y necesidades de nuestra comunidad y para continuar la formación que ha comenzado nuestro cura hispano con nosotros en la reunión comunitaria del noviembre.

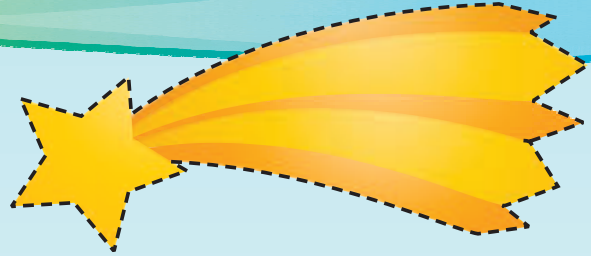
**SYNOPSIS IN ENGLISH:** The first article explains the upcoming season of **Ordinary Time** as Christmas winds down liturgically as of **tomorrow**, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. **Thanks to everyone** who kept Christmas decorations, carols, and greetings going! The **second article** invites everyone to join our Guatemalan parishioners in celebrating their devotion to the **Black Christ of Esquipulas** on Saturday, January 14 at the usual Mass and then a reception at the Msgr. Powers Room in the chapel. Finally, the **next Hispanic Community meeting** with Fr. Rojas will take place on Tuesday, January 17 at 7 p.m. in the Msgr. Powers Room of the Chapel.



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## Gospel Today Epiphany of the Lord | Matthew 2:1-12

The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.



Find and write the missing letters not listed (from A to Z).

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.



When they saw the \_\_\_\_\_, they were overjoyed.

Matthew 2:10

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**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.**  
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**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

From the Diary of the Servant of God Sr. Faustina - Note Book I, p 197  
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