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WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Epiphany, Jan 6	- \$122.00
Saturday, Jan 9	- \$210.00
Sunday, Jan 10	- \$772.00
Mail-In	- \$775.00
Total Collection	- \$1,879.00

PASTOR CONTACT
 In the case of any needed pastoral assistance, we ask that only the family contact Fr. Youssef on his cell phone at (412-583-5702).

<p>BAPTISM Preregistration for Baptism is required. Catholic sponsor certificates must be received by the parish before the Baptism is scheduled.</p>	<p>CONFESSION Saturday: 4:30- 4:50 PM, Sunday, 9:30 - 9:50 AM Also available by appointment</p>
<p>MARRIAGE Please notify the pastor at least one year prior to date. Engaged couples need to register as parishioners and take required marriage classes.</p>	<p>ANOINTING OF THE SICK Please inform us of the sick and shut-ins at 412-583-5702</p>
<p>1ST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS October through April, Saturdays 3:45- 4:45 Parents of children must be registered in parish.</p>	<p>LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION Letters will only be given to registered active parishioners.</p>

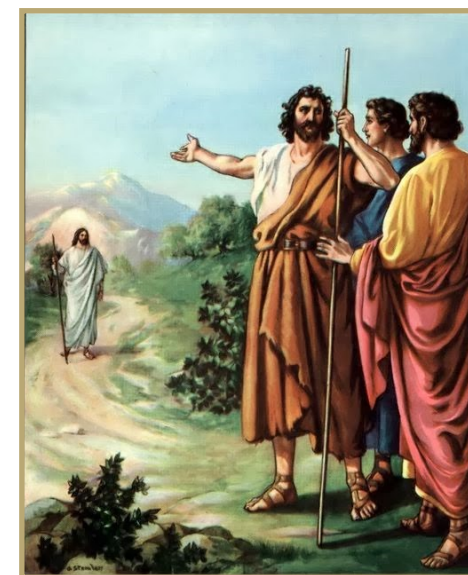


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Week 3 - Week 5 Email: abouna@ololeaston.org website: ololeaston.org Jan 16, 2021 - Jan 31 2021

2nd Sunday after Epiphany



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 1:35-42

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!'

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed).

He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas (which is translated Peter).'

CLERGY
 Fr. Youssef Keikati. Administrator
 Deacon Anthony Koury

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday through Thursday
 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 No office hours on Fridays

LITURGY:
 Saturday: 5:00 PM
 Sunday: 10:00 AM
 Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 PM

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MASKS REQUIRED FOR ALL CHURCH EVENTS

Everyone who attends any church function will be required to wear a mask. This includes, but is not limited to Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and Liturgies.

We are taking this stance for the protection of all parishioners. We are not restricting your freedom to decide what is best for you, we are ensuring the safety of the majority who want to attend and are willing to mask up!

If you do not agree with our position, we ask that you stay home until we can all gather safely once this pandemic is over.

*****2nd Sunday after Epiphany*****

Saturday, Jan 16 - 5:00 PM PIERRE NEHME (MEMORIAL MASS) by Jackie Nehme & Family

Sunday, Jan 17 - 10:00 AM JENNIE MELHEM by the Mosellie Family

Tuesday	Jan 19	7:00 PM	MASS IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH FOLLOWED BY ZIYAH
Wednesday	Jan 20	9:00 AM	MARY SHUMAR by Gerald & Kathleen Tone
Thursday	Jan 21	9:00 AM	FR. ETIENNE BARAKAT by Fr. Youssef Keikati
Friday	Jan 22	9:00 AM	MARY JABBOUR by Carol Survdoval

***** Sunday of the Priests ****

Saturday, Jan 23 - 5:00 PM DIMITRA GIACOMOPOULOS ACHI (6th Anniversary) by Jackie Nehme & Family

Sunday, Jan 24 - 10:00 AM GEORGE JABBOUR (40 Day Mass) by the Family

2nd Collection - United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities - Jan 24, 2021

Tuesday	Jan 26	9:00 AM	JOSEPHINE SYMIA by Joe Jabeir
Wednesday	Jan 27	9:00 AM	RITA COLVER by Jimmy Canone
Thursday	Jan 28	9:00 AM	FR. ETIENNE BARAKAT by Fr. Youssef Keikati
Friday	Jan 29	9:00 AM	CANON ANTHONY by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ellwood, Jr.

*****Sunday of the Righteous and Just*****

Saturday, Jan 30 - 5:00 PM PETER & LILLIAN KARAM (7th Anniversary) by Jackie Nehme & Family

Sunday, Jan 31 - 10:00 AM Available

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

2 Cor 4:5-15 / Jn 1:35-42

Sunday of the Priests

1 Tim 4:6-16 / Lk 12:42-48

Sunday of the Righteous and Just

Heb 12:18-24 / Mt 25:31-46



Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of

PIERRE NEHME (Lebanon)

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



The Year of St. Joseph

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has proclaimed 2021 as the Year of Saint Joseph. Excerpts from his proclamation will be published in the bulletin around the 19th of every month throughout 2021. This is a wonderful and timely gift for the Church and is particularly helpful to men who wish to be true men of God.

We know that Joseph was a lowly carpenter (cf. Mt 13:55), betrothed to Mary (cf. Mt 1:18; Lk 1:27). He was a “just man” (Mt 1:19), ever ready to carry out God’s will as revealed to him in the Law (cf. Lk 2:22.27.39) and through four dreams (cf. Mt 1:20; 2:13.19.22). After a long and tiring journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, he beheld the birth of the Messiah in a stable, since “there was no place for them” elsewhere (cf. Lk 2:7). He witnessed the adoration of the shepherds (cf. Lk 2:8-20) and the Magi (cf. Mt 2:1-12), who represented respectively the people of Israel and the pagan peoples.

Joseph had the courage to become the legal father of Jesus, to whom he gave the name revealed by the angel: “You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (Mt 1:21). As we know, for ancient peoples, to give a name to a person or to a thing, as Adam did in the account in the Book of Genesis (cf. 2:19-20), was to establish a relationship.

After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse. My Predecessors reflected on the message contained in the limited information handed down by the Gospels in order to appreciate more fully his central role in the history of salvation. Blessed Pius IX declared him “Patron of the Catholic Church”, [2] Venerable Pius XII proposed him as “Patron of Workers” [3] and Saint John Paul II as “Guardian of the Redeemer”. [4] Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the “patron of a happy death”. [5]

Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as Patron of the Catholic Church by Blessed Pius IX (8 December 1870), I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (Mt 12:34). My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how “our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all”. [6] Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Masses that are given in memory of a deceased parishioner at the time of their death are scheduled by the Pastor at his convenience. As much as we would like to accommodate your preferences for when a Mass is said we have a rotation schedule and need to fill in empty Mass intentions on weekdays and weekends.

Thank you for your cooperation.