

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Church Office

913-371-0627

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Weekday Mass Including Adoration:

Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:15 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

By Appointment. Call 913-371-0627

Rosary:

Saturday 4:45 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Marriage Preparation:

Notify the parish eight months prior to the wedding.

Pastoral Care of the Sick:

Crisis Prayer Line: 913-281-4448 or 913-608-5600

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DECEMBER 27 , 2015
THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

— 1 John 3:2a

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday, December 31

8:00 a.m. Midnight Parish

Saturday, January 2, 2016

5:15 p.m. Ljubica Sudac, Ivica Tomasic.

Sunday, January 3, 2016 - The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Parish Members

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 2 - 3, 2016 **Epiphany of the lord**

	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	D. Peattie P. Campbell	P. Subasic D. Kozar
Eucharistic Ministers	B. Horvat M. Foster L. Brown	J. Ciliberti J. Jaksa F. Soptic
Cantor		Choir
Servers	M. Campbell	K. Dordevic A. Dordevic

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 19th & 20th

Week: \$
 Maintenance: \$ Weekly Collection not
 Loose: \$ available due to early
 Candle: \$ bulletin printing schedule.
 Poor: \$

If you have a family member who is hospitalized or homebound and would like to have a visit or receive communion, please contact the Church Office. Hospitals do not inform us of a parishioner being admitted to the hospital. Call Phyllis at 913-371-0627.



NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

New Years Eve

4:00 p.m. - St. John the Baptist Parish

5:30 p.m. - St. Mary - St. Anthony Church

New Years Day

10:00 a.m. - Holy Family Church

11:30 a.m. - St. Mary - St. Anthony Church - *Spanish.*

A blessing for Families

God of great mercy,
 you who sent your Son Jesus
 into a human family like ours --
 not a palace, or a military institution,
 or a temple, but a home --
 help us as we create a fragile peace,
 a place to nurture the young with
 tenderness, and a place to live in
 reverence for your name.

Bless all who do this difficult work of parenting.

We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The child
grew to maturity



and was
filled with wisdom

FAMILY LIFE

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today's readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes--can disconnect--then we shouldn't find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to--and take some solace in--the Gospel's account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, "But they did not understand what he said to them" (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

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All Young Adults Welcome!

Trust One Greater is an event for young adults to gather together for an evening of prayer and fellowship with Archbishop Naumann. There will be adoration with a homily given, Q&A, and a reception to follow.

When: Thursday, January 28th

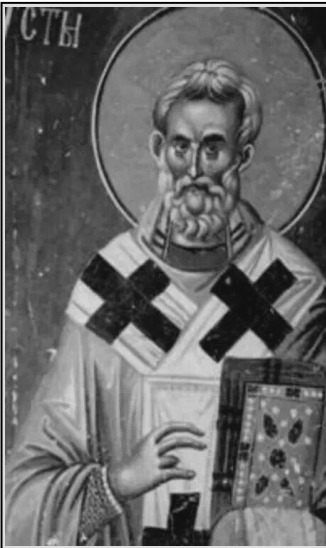
Where: Church of the Ascension

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Contact the Office of Evangelization for questions:
 913.647.0352

2016 Calendars Available

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This New Year's Eve, at the turning of the year, you may catch a glimpse of the old year, a cartoon figure of a hunched old man with a sickle, Father Time. Where else but in this column could you learn that this is in fact a pope? December 31 was in the old calendar the feast of St. Sylvester. Legend says that Sylvester healed the Emperor Constantine of leprosy, and presided at the liturgy of

baptism for the grateful emperor. In 314, he was chosen pope, and it fell to him to organize the peacetime church, free at last from persecution. He founded the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome.

In northern Europe "Sylvester Night" is a time of great parties with eating, dancing, and singing--recalling perhaps the joy of the church in the fresh air of Sylvester's papacy. In Poland, there was great fear as the year 1000 approached that an immense dragon would devour the earth and set fire to the heavens. The people prayed earnestly to St. Sylvester, trusting that the saint would not permit such suffering on his feast day. They've been celebrating ever since!

Many New Year's customs have pagan roots, like the British "First Footer" tradition. The idea is that the first person setting foot into your house in the new year determines the luck for the year ahead. The ideal first footer was not a bit like old Pope Sylvester, but rather a tall, dark-haired man carrying the right gift. A handsome first footer meant the year ahead would be pleasant, and if he carried bread or a shovel of coal there would be food and warmth in the future. Who will be your household's first footer?

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

One Thing Remains

The 4th Annual One Thing Remains youth & family event is coming up Dec. 30 at Blessed Sacrament.

This year's performer is Fr. Pontifex who uses spoken word, rap, and music to share the Gospel. Starts at 6:30pm music and adoration with Archbishop Joseph Naumann begins in Blessed Sacrament Church.

A post-adoration celebration with music, art, and food will conclude the night in the ReachKCK Youth Space across the parking lot! Don't miss this Archdiocesan-wide event! Address: 2203 Parallel Ave. Kansas City, KS 66104

EVENTS

Pancake Breakfast - January 17th, 2016

For Bishop Ward High School Senior class.

Location Sr. John's auditorium.

More information will follow.

SAVE THE DATE

Come celebrate World Marriage Day. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, at 6:30 p.m., February 11, 2016, at Holy Trinity Parish, Lenexa, Kansas. Mass will be followed by a reception and presentation by International Catholic speaker, author, and radio host, Jon Leonetti. Jon's book—Mission of the Family—is featured in Matthew Kelly's Dynamic Catholic Book program.

Resurrection Catholic School

The 4th annual Taste of KCK will be held on Saturday, January 30 from 6-9pm. Registration will open on December 1st. Tickets can be reserved on the school website, www.rcskck.org or by calling the school office at 913-371-8101. Tickets are \$40 each or \$320 per table of 8. Come join us for an evening of diverse cultures and cuisine to benefit Resurrection Catholic School. We have sold out all three years, so be sure to register early!

Resurrection Catholic School St. Nicholas Open House, a preschool and kindergarten information night, will be held on Thursday, December 10th from 5:00-6:30. Join us to find out what makes Resurrection Catholic School the best fit for your family. Parents will learn more about RCS while students have a cookie and milk, complete a craft and take a picture with St. Nicholas. For more information call the school office at 913-371-8101.



Feast of the Holy Innocents

December 28 is the feast of the Holy Innocents. It remembers the biblical story of King Herod's

orders to execute male babies in Bethlehem in order to Kill baby Jesus. As we celebrate this feast, we should recall that the slaughter of innocents goes on today. It is a good time to re-double our efforts to pray for an end to abortion. Lift up these babies in prayer, and pray for all expectant parents and their unborn children.

Offer prayers also for children who are victims of violence, war, or abuse, and light a special candle for them throughout the Christmas season.