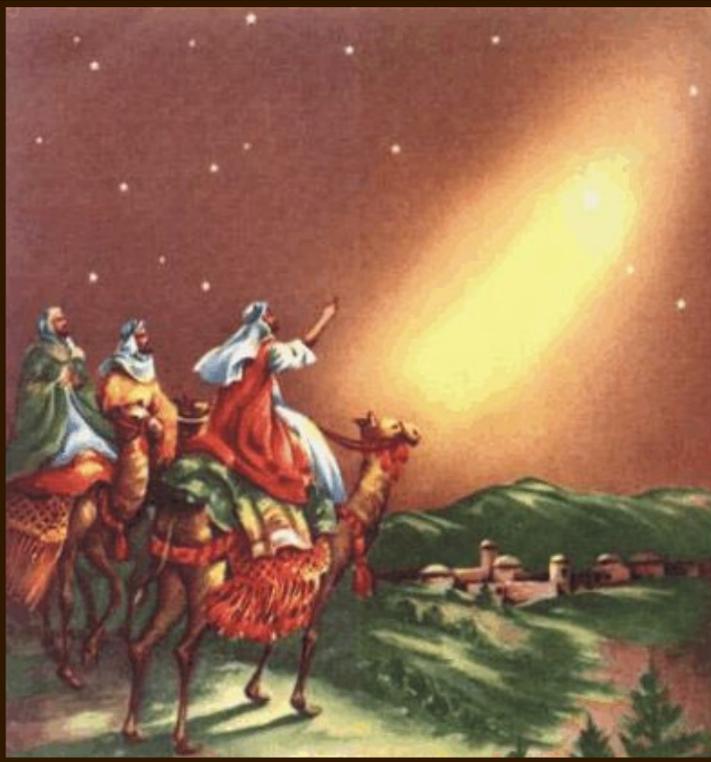


St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Parroquia San Francisco de Asís



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Welcome/Registration - Inscripciones para ser Miembros de la Iglesia

You may join at the Church Office. When moving, please notify us of change of address and phone number.

Puede inscribirse a la parroquia en la oficina de la Iglesia. Si se muda, por favor notificar a la iglesia de cambio de dirección y teléfono.

Our Mission: We, the Parish of St. Francis of Assisi, guided by the Holy Spirit, are a Christian Community called by God to take part in the mission of love and truth in the world. With firm faith in Jesus the Christ and the Holy Gospel, we find our strength through prayer and the Sacraments, that we may become God's servants to our sisters and brothers.

The Epiphany of the Lord

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

La Epifanía del Señor

Abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron oro, incienso y mirra.

— Matthew 2:11b

Mass Schedule

Monday — Friday: 8:00 AM, Lunes, Miércoles y Jueves 7:00 PM (Spanish); Saturday: 8:00 AM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM (Spanish), Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM (Italian), 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM (Spanish)

Cada último Martes del Mes: Misa en Español a las 7:30PM
Lunes, Miércoles y Jueves Misa en español a las 7:00 PM
Holy Days: Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM (Spanish) 8:00AM, 12:00 Noon, 7:00 PM

Miraculous Medal St. Anthony Novena
Tuesdays: 7:00 PM

Grupo de Oración

Martes 7:30PM en la Iglesia. Último Martes de cada mes tenemos Misa en Español a las 7:30 PM.

Reconciliation — Confession

Every Saturday at 4:30 PM or by appointment.

First Friday - Eucharistic Adoration

Beginning with the 8am Mass, lasting all day and ending at 7pm with the Holy Hour Mass. Anyone interested in spending an hour with our Lord—kindly call the office for a time slot.

Baptism/Bautizo

celebrated on the 1st Saturday of every month in English at 11 AM and on the 3rd Saturday in Spanish at 1 PM. For more information please call the Rectory before any social arrangement are made.

Rectory

50 Lodi Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601

Monday—Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM Office closed on weekends

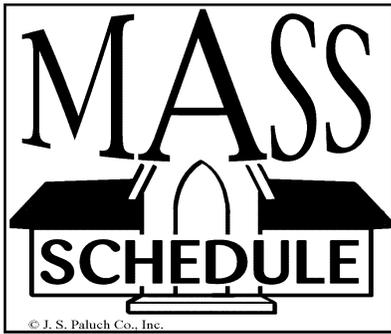
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Sunday
 8:00 AM + Ralph Padovano by Vincenzo Martino
 9:15 AM + Linda Tripodi by Antonia Pitasi & Family
 10:30AM + Theresa Faustini by Family
 + Faye & Anthony D'Arminio by Jack Ingoglia
 + Rocco Riotto by Rosa Riotto & Family
 12:30 PM + Nelson Dia
 Por la salud de Benita Tapia
 En Accion de Gracias a la Virgen de Guadalupe

Monday
 8:00 AM + Marguerite Phillips by Marie Sortino
 7:00 PM + Lola Santos by Leanne & Deacon Doug Christmann
 + Nelson Diaz

Tuesday
 8:00 AM + Carmina Maceri by daughter & Family
 + Nelson Diaz
 7:00 PM + Miraculous Medal/St. Anthony Novena

Wednesday
 8:00 AM + Janet Arpa by Josephine Cigna
 7:00 PM + Nelson Diaz

Thursday
 8:00 AM + Special Intentions
 7:00 PM + Intenciones Especiales

Friday
 8:00 AM + People of the Parish

Saturday
 8:00 AM + Maddalena, Giovanna, Corrado & Tina Iozzia
 by Theresa Iozzia
 5:30 PM + People of the Parish
 7:00 PM + Miriam Checo by La Familia Checo

Sunday
January 15th - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM + Helen McDarby & Vivian Kelly by Cathy Mirra
 9:15 AM + Special Intentions
 10:30 AM + Rocco Riotto by Sortino & Gucciardi Families
 + Saverio & Lucia Ferrara by Lee Ferrara & Family
 12:30 PM + Rafael Mejia by La Familia
 + Ruben Perez by Ernestina Florentino
 + Gabriel Florentino by Ernestina Florentino



**Baptism
of the Lord**

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Dear Parishioners:

Three Kings, Little Christmas, Epiphany; today's Feast is known by different names. Although only reported to us by the Evangelist Matthew, it is steeped in mystery and symbolism. Today I would like to reflect on the three gifts of the Magi.

Gold has been used for centuries by many cultures; it is even mentioned in the account of the Garden of Eden, (Genesis 2:11). Gold was imported to ancient Israel and was held in high esteem for its great beauty, rarity, and resistance to corrosion. It symbolizes "A priestly King" and was a worthy gift for the Son of God.

Frankincense came from Oman and was considered so valuable that it was worth more than its weight in gold. Frankincense is the resin from the Boswellia tree. Small slits are made in the bark and the sap slowly bleeds out and dries into white "tears". Thus, its white color represents purity. The ancient Israelites used Frankincense only in offerings of purity to God and never associated it with any sin or wrongdoing; thus making Frankincense a pure offering literally to the living King.

Myrrh was worth seven times its weight in gold and also is the natural sap from the Commiphora tree. It is very significant because it was one of the first gifts given to Jesus and the final offering to him, when he was on Golgotha, as a deadening agent to relieve his suffering. He refused the wine and Myrrh mixture because he had "already drunk his bitter cup." Myrrh has a bitter taste and thus represents mortality and sacrifice.

These costly gifts to the Holy Family provided the means to travel to Egypt and spare his life for a time. They urge us all to give our King the very best we have.

Love and Prayers,
 Bro. John

**THE MASS BOOK FOR 2017 IS
NOW OPEN
EL LIBRO DE MISAS PARA EL
AÑO 2017 ESTA DISPONIBLE**

VERDADERA FELICIDAD

Abandónate por entero al amor de Dios, de esta manera serás genuinamente feliz.

HOW SHOULD WE DRESS FOR MASS?

People generally have no real problem wearing proper clothing when entering places that demand such attire. Would you ever consider attending a formal dinner or a wedding dressed in a tee shirt and shorts, or a tank top and swimming trunks? Each Sunday the Lord invites us to His House. Are you dressed properly for this important Sacred Sacrificial Meal?

¿CÓMO DEBEMOS VESTIR PARA LA MISA?

La gente en general no tiene ningún problema en verdad en el uso de ropa adecuada al entrar en lugares que exigen tal atuendo. ¿Alguna vez consideraste ir a una cena formal o una boda vestido con una camiseta y pantalones cortos, o una camiseta y pantalones cortos de playa? Cada domingo, el Señor nos invita a su casa. ¿Estás vestido adecuadamente para este Sacrificio de Cena Sagrada?



LA FAMILIA QUE REZA UNIDA, PERMANECE UNIDA

El Grupo de “LA VIRGEN DE FATIMA” de la parroquia “San Francisco de Asís” continúa visitando los hogares. Si usted desea ser visitada por la Virgen Madre de Dios y Madre nuestra, escuchar la Palabra de Dios, rezar el rosario y cantar cantos, favor de llamar a los teléfonos de: Gladys Cobos 201-580-7450.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

Nos reunimos para orar, cantar y alabar a Dios, todos los Martes después de la Novena en la Iglesia. Tenemos misa los últimos Martes de cada mes después de la Novena y también los Lunes, Miércoles y Jueves a las 7 PM.



UNA GOTITA DE CATECISMO

LA ESTRELLA DE BELÉN

El desarrollo del relato de la Encarnación continúa hoy cuando la Iglesia celebra la Epifanía. La historia de los Magos de oriente es uno de los relatos más fascinantes de las Escrituras. Nos enseña mucho sobre qué podemos esperar, incluso en circunstancias y lugares que pueden parecer insignificantes. Belén era un pueblo diminuto, lo que hoy diríamos un pueblo sin siquiera un semáforo. Sin embargo, es sobre este lugar aparentemente insignificante que la estrella guía se detuvo en su búsqueda del lugar en donde el Salvador nacería. Muchas veces no comprendemos que la estrella de Belén se posa en nuestra vida diaria, donde podemos sentir la presencia de Dios, manifestada de maneras diversas y nuevas. La Epifanía nos llama a salir de nuestro estupor y a reconocer a Aquél que viene a salvarnos.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

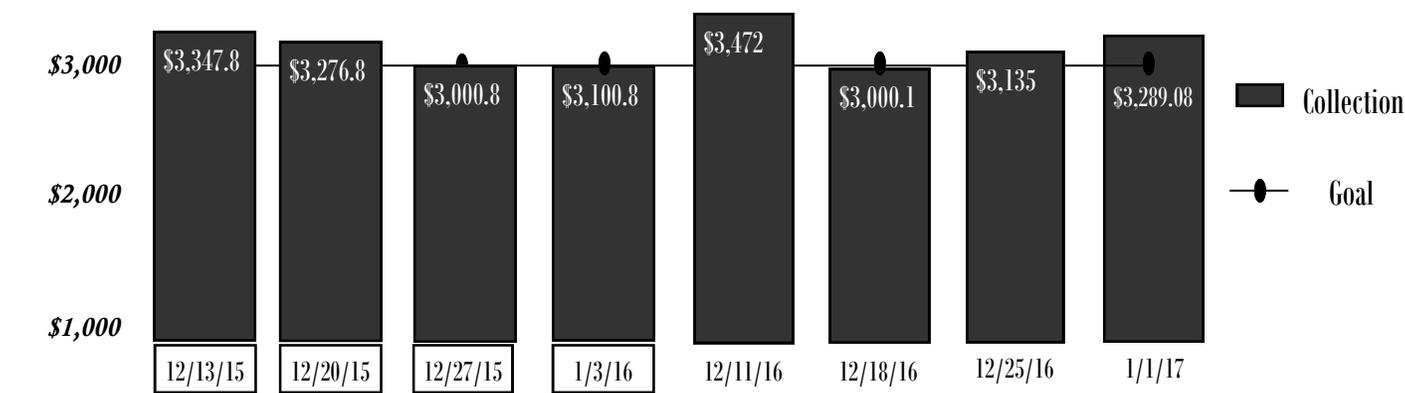
Es tiempo de añadir los reyes magos al pesebre. En 1448 llegaron los pesebres italianos a las iglesias españolas, pero no fue hasta que el Rey Carlos III le regaló un pesebre a su hijo en el siglo XVIII que el uso de pesebres se expandió en los hogares. Desde entonces, el uso de nacimientos llegó al continente americano en donde se convirtió en la decoración principal para las fiestas navideñas.

Así como en todo país latinoamericano el montaje del Belén es una tradición, lo es también en Venezuela. Con el pesebre venezolano llegan también aguinaldos, parrandas, Misas y patines. ¡Sí! ¡Patines!

Desde la mitad del siglo pasado los venezolanos celebran la época navideña con “patinadas”. Estas “patinadas” normalmente se hacen por las mañanas y muchas calles están cerradas a los autos hasta las 8 a.m. para que niños y jóvenes puedan disfrutar de los patines, bicicletas y otros juguetes que les regala el niño Dios. Por esto, muchos niños duermen con un “cordoncito” atado al dedo gordo de los pies, que cuelgan por la ventana para que los despierten los que pasan patinado.



Weekly Collections 2015/2016



OFFERING TO THE LORD

The Collection for December 31 & January 1 was \$3,289.08, the second collection for the Maintenance Fund was \$950 and for the Solemnity of Mary was \$461.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

If you would like to have a loved one's name mentioned in the bulletin, please call the church office at 201-343-6243.

In addition, if you would like an intention to be added to the Apostolate of Prayer list, please send it via e-mail to StFrancisHack@AOL.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

Catherine "Kay" Mellone

MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK

The **Altar Wine** will be consecrated for
Carnevale Family
Donated by Joe & Yolanda

The **Altar Bread** will be consecrated for
Minnella Family
Donated by Joe & Yolanda



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

POR FAVOR RECEN POR LOS ENFERMOS

Jaime Ribaldo, Madeline Mania, Connor Hockedy, Santiago, Claire Mongelli, Ethel Gramuglia, Tom, Lucille Jaeger, Jose y Elsa Luna, Jose Rodriguez, Juan Domingo Rodriguez, Jorge Ivan Castellanos, Flora Comizzoli, Lola, Pedro V., Dr. Adenike Opaleke, Rossanna Manisera, Angelina Manisera, Shawn Leddy, Dorothy Peplowski, Liliana Cilebi, Carlos Rojas, Miriam Ivone Valverde, Patricia Monica Garcia Villafuente, Erika Mercedes Villafuente Pacheco, Yunarli Adames, Ryan L, Michelle Davis, Mary Gavilan, Maria Canesa, Ginny Cattaneo, Ubelly Cordova, Jill Brooks, Daniel Agiar, Bobby Kendricks, Vivian & Gladys Cuesta, Julianna Guerra, Marie Sortino, Anna Mary, Donna Jean, Donna & Family, Debra, Pat, Louisa, Todd, Hanna, Nora Brunal, Alvin Gomez, Matt, Adrienne Marie, Marie Dragan, Louise, Jean Tusa Giarratana, Aaron Santos, Taylor, Isabella Denisulk, Zoila.



CHRISTMAS CLUB

Today is WEEK #1. You can pick up a set of Christmas Club envelopes at the entrances of the Church after Masses next weekend.

REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR GIFT BACK TO YOUR PARISH AT CHRISTMAS.

CALENDAR



Sunday, January 8th	The Epiphany of the Lord The Second Collection is for the Utility Fund
Monday, January 9th 7:00 PM	The Baptism of the Lord Misa en Español
Tuesday, January 10th 7:00 PM	Miraculous Medal/St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, January 11th 7:00 PM	Misa en Español
Thursday, January 12th 7:00 PM	Misa en Español
Friday, January 13th	St. Hilary

TRUE HAPPINESS

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy.

COVER SHEET

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