

**ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH, PHILADALPHIA, PA**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 5th SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY, (WHITE)**

**9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Walter Sucharski; from All Souls list.**

**MONDAY JANUARY 6th EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD, (WHITE)**

**8AM Mass for the intentions of our Parish Family.**

**TUESDAY JANUARY 7th OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY, (WHITE)**

**8AM Mass for the soul of the departed Prime bishop John Swantek, 3rd Anni of death.**

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8th OF THE EPIPHANY, (WHITE)**

**8AM Mass for the health of the sick.**

**THURSDAY JANUARY 9th OF THE EPIPHANY, (WHITE)**

**8AM Mass for peace.**

**FRIDAY JANUARY 10th OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY, (WHITE)**

**8AM Mass for an increase of Vocations.**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 12th SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD, (WHITE)**

**BLESSING OF WATER**

**LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 LESSON: Acts 10:34-38 GOSPEL: St. Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

**9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Helen Wicowski; from All Souls List.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: JANUARY 12th Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord;  
JANUARY 18th Week of Christian unity begins; JANUARY 21st Martin Luther King Day**

**CALENDERS: The 2025 parish calendars are available on the table. Please one with you and for your neighbors. The calendars were sponsored by the Sucharski/Sucharski Funeral Home.**

**SACRED VOCATIONS: Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.**

**THE HOLY FAMILY:** We look at the family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph and say they had it not so bad, they had Jesus. But that it not make things easy, look at what took place even before Joseph and Mary were together. Mary was found with child through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph thought about divorcing her. Even though they were engaged it would have been alright if Mary showed up pregnant on the wedding day. But Joseph did not touch her during that time. The angel told him what had happened, and he stayed with it.

When it came time for Jesus to be born, that was not easy either. They had to go to Bethlehem, 120 miles by donkey. Then no place to stay they took refuge in a barn. Then having shepherds visit and pray before Jesus. The king did not like the idea of a King being born. Joseph and Mary had to move to protect the child. Off to Egypt. When Hared died they move back to Nazareth, where Joseph set up his carpenter shop. He taught Jesus about making things out of wood.

Through it all they love each other. We know Joseph died though we do not know when. They are an example of love and commitment. That is what is the model for us. Families need to stick together no matter what. With love we get through ups and downs, staying committed to each other, in love and care. Look at the difficulties the Holy Family had, and put them into practice in your family.

**IN NEED OF PRAYER:** Michele Elliot, Bridgette Roth, Christi Duff, Nancy, Kyle, Fr. Carmen, Maria Harrington.