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Liturgical Schedule for the week of January 3rd, 2016

SUNDAY — January 3, 2016 — **Sunday before Theophany**

11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — Intention — For the People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY — January 6, 2016 — **Theophany of Our Lord** (in Somerset, NJ)

10:00 a.m. — Divine Liturgy — Intention — For the People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: are heard one-half hour before each Divine Liturgy, or by appointment.

BLESSING OF WATERS: will take place after Divine Liturgy today. Please feel free to take Holy Water home for a personal blessing and use in times of illness.

HOLIDAY PARTY: The Holiday Party for Saint Joseph Parish is today Sunday, January 3, 2016, weather permitting. The event will take place at the Stagehouse Restaurant at Noon following Divine Liturgy. Please speak with the Parish Trustees Bill or Steve Labos if you have any questions or concerns.

THE MYSTERY OF ANNOINTING: is not just for those near death. It is for those who have a serious illness as well. Please see Father Rella if you wish to be anointed. If you know of someone who is homebound or in the hospital, please let us know. We will arrange a visit.

HOLY SILENCE: The chapel---especially the altar area and sacristy are not the places to conduct non-sacramental business. Only clergy and vested servers are allowed in the sacristy and on the altar. Please refrain from all conversation when entering the church both before and after the Liturgy. If you need to have a conversation, please restrict it to the vestibule of the church. **REMEMBER---**The Blessed Sacrament is always present on the altar

PLEASE PRAY for all those not able to attend Divine Liturgy from the parish. Also those of the parish currently serving in the military--- Airman First Class **Maria Rella**, Airman First Class **Rose Rella**, Petty Officer Second Class **Erin Wimmer**, 1st Lieutenant **Tammy Rella**, and Chaplain (Captain) **Francis Rella**. Also, remember the veterans of this parish who served in every armed conflict since World War I.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Every week one of the two Divine Liturgies celebrated at each parish will be celebrated “Pro Populo”---for the people, as per Church Guidelines. That means that only one intention for each parish will be accepted per week. Each parish will alternate the Pro Populo Liturgy. All Holy Days will still be open for special intentions. Panichidas will be served before Liturgy at Saint Joseph and after Liturgy at Saints Peter and Paul. If you would like a Panachida served for a deceased loved one, call the office during the week. The new office number is 732-893-8953 or email lori.grobelny@verizon.net. For all other business call the rectory phone. All donations should be made out to the Parish and not the Priest.

HOLY DAYS: As a reminder, all scheduled weekly Liturgies will be celebrated at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Somerset. This is due to light weekday attendance and handicapped accessibility. It also gives both parishes a chance to worship together.

NEWS FOR SHUT-INS: Father Rella is completing a joint project with Saint Joseph and Saints Peter and Paul parishes bringing the Divine Liturgy to members who are unable to attend, either temporarily or permanently. We now have the technology to broadcast the Sunday Divine Liturgy live over the internet and then made available on an online archive to be viewed/listened on demand for our Armed Forces and evangelization. It is projected that the technology will be ready to go this month. We are also working on the parish websites projects, also with an anticipated start date in January. Later projects will include regular Cable broadcasts and podcasts.