



Holy Family

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Save the Date:

Here is a list of upcoming activities. Listed below are some of the dates you will want to reserve in the coming months.

January:

Lessons and Carols: January 5, 2020 at 2 PM

Bible Study: In the Social Hall, 1/8 from 9:00-11:00 AM, and then every Wednesday

Faith Formation: Check your schedule for times, location and dates

Holy Name Society Meeting: 1/12 at 9:30 AM in the Social Hall

CCM Meeting: Meeting on 1/26

Please check the bulletin and insert for Mass times



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

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Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Wednesday

8:00 AM

Confessions

Saturday

3:00-3:30 PM

*Holy Days

Vigil-7:00 PM

**See Insert for detailed information*

Weddings—Baptisms:

Contact Parish Secretary for appointment.— 724-872-6123

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MINISTRY SCHEDULE



4:00 PM | Saturday, January 4

Lector

George Thuransky

Eucharistic Ministers

Bill Hughes, Dan & MaryAnn Landini

Altar Servers

Hannah Seitzinger

11:00 AM | Sunday, January 5

Lector

Aleta Keegan

Eucharistic Ministers

Tina Quinn, Ann Page, Darlene Schehr

Altar Servers

Nick Boyer

4:00 PM | Saturday, January 11

Lector

Bill Hughes

Eucharistic Ministers

Michalene Lovato, Ginger DeBlasio, Mary Houseman

Altar Servers

Stan Materkowski

11:00 AM | Sunday, January 12

Lector

Pat Beneccio

Eucharistic Ministers

Armand Luzi, Barry Beneccio, Bill Ryckman

Altar Servers

Gina Beneccio

Saturday, January 4

4:00 PM

Vigil-Epiphany of the Lord

Gene Hunt by Linda Runatz

Sunday, January 5

11:00 AM

Epiphany of the Lord

Ann & Frank Balash by Family

Tuesday, January 7

8:00 AM

Weekday

Michaelene Nohavicka by Sharon Coons

Wednesday, January 8

8:00 AM

Weekday

John H. Simon by Children & Grandchildren

Saturday, January 11

4:00 PM

Vigil-Baptism of the Lord

Lucille Belle DuCoeur & Mary V. Trasky Resetar
by the DuCoeur's & Resetar's

Sunday, January 12

11:00 AM

Baptism of the Lord

Frank McGrogan, Anniversary of Death
by Loretta McClintock

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



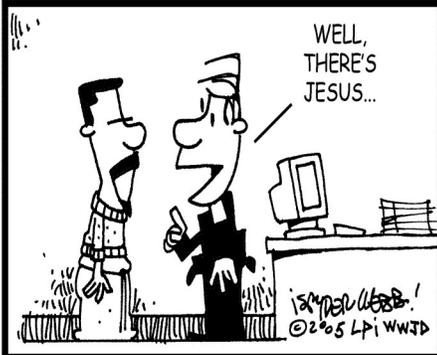
WEEKLY BELL CHIMES

DAY		NOON	6:00 PM
SAT	1/4	M/M Clayburn Warrick-Anniversary	Pete Azzari
SUN	1/5	Pauline Kosor	
MON	1/6	Glenn Loughner	Frank Martak
TUES	1/7	Miles Ananda Keegan	
WED	1/8	Mary Supernovich Turek	
THURS	1/9	Benjamin R. Wilson	Frank McGrogan
FRI	1/10	Dawn Orange	Leonard Matty
SAT	1/11	Mary V. Resetar	Melvin Matty
SUN	1/12	Allan Lumsden	Richard John Swick

Blank spaces are available for
celebratory/memorial/honorary Bell Chimes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INSPIRATION

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Scripture Verse

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



Concerns Regarding Sexual Abuse

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221

Epiphany of Our Lord – We've heard the phrase: "A picture is worth a thousand words." We often remember more clearly what we see than what we hear. Before printing was invented, few people could read, so – one of the many ways in which Bible stories were communicated to the majority of Christians was through stained glass windows. In the Middle Ages, St Francis of Assisi invented the Christmas crib, in which the individuals who figure in the story of Jesus' birth are presented so that people could reflect on this mystery. When the Epiphany narrative is depicted, there is usually a trio of royal figures, despite the evangelist Matthew giving no number or describing them as kings. However, there is one feature of these three which, though also not in the Gospel text, captures perfectly the meaning of what we are celebrating this day. And that is that one of the three is shown as African, the second as Asian, and the third as Caucasian or European. Thus – all races and nationalities are suggested as being present: everyone is included in the revealing of the Christ Child in our world – and the converse is also true – Jesus came into the world for all people. Matthew is writing for a community, most of whose members are Jewish converts. Matthew is anxious to show that the Gospel of Jesus reveals God fulfilling all the promises with which they are familiar from their own tradition. One of the great dangers in thinking about the Christmas stories is that of sentimentality. We can look at the crib and think how beautiful it is and how lovely the Christ Child appears. But we may want to remind ourselves that this baby had the features and skin color from the Middle East, He probably was not fair skinned, light hair, but the dark-olive-colored skin of the Mediterranean area. Mary and Joseph likewise. One of the lessons of the Epiphany is that God does not discriminate among the people. Anyone who acknowledges their need of God is welcome in God's presence. The way in which people today should be able to learn what God is like is by observing the disciples of Jesus. Do we welcome the stranger who comes to our Eucharistic celebrations? Do we make distinctions, or think that we have a privileged place in God's sight. The Gospel message certainly challenges us to examine how we think, and to see the world and the Church as God does. The word "epiphany" means "showing". In this Feast, Jesus is shown as the light of the nations, and that light should shine out not only today, but every day so that through our everyday efforts everyone is welcomed, accepted and loved – irrespective of what nationality they are, what their sexual orientation or their personal circumstances may be. We are all responsible in living God's love for others.

Let us pray for the conversion of the world & for peace.



January

MEETINGS:

Adult Bible Study – January 8, 2020 and every week on Wednesday's from 9-11:00 AM.
Holy Name Society – January 12th at 9:30 AM - Social Hall.
Confraternity of Christian Mothers
 Regular Meeting – January 26th, 9:30 AM in the Social Hall

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 12/22/2019

Parish Income:

Offertory: \$ 3224	Catholic Accent \$ 50
Loose: 177	Children & Family
Candles: 83	Service Appeal: 142
Monthly: 130	
Imm. Concept: 30	
Christmas: 1650	
Sol. Of Mary: 50	
Flowers: 34	
Total:	\$ 5378
Parish Budget	\$ 4,000
Over Budget:	\$ 1378
Total Offertory	\$ 5570

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS NEWS:

Any woman of our Parish who would like to join our CCM is invited to call our Membership Chairman, Betty Sleith

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the soul of Susan Zowacki, who passed away on December 14, 2019 and Pauline Maleski, who passed away on December 15, 2019. Kindly remember there family and friends with prayers of peace and consolation.

Epiphany

OF THE LORD

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We are in the process of developing a Homebound Ministry that will utilize our Holy Family Ministers of the Eucharist. If you, or if you know of anyone who is unable to come to Sunday Mass, please contact the Parish Office with their names, so that Fr Dave can coordinate the information with our Eucharistic Ministers. If you are a Eucharistic Minister and would like to participate in this wonderful ministry (one of the Corporal Works of Mercy), please contact the Parish Office.



BOOK OF INTENTIONS

A book is located in the back of the Church where any one may write their prayer requests/intentions and all may pray for those listed. Sponsors of the Book of Intentions are the members of Confraternity of Christian Mothers.

ATTENTION: All our "Little People"
There is a special basket in the Church vestibule that has lots of crafts and items in it just for you for this Joyous Season of Advent and Christmas -- from the C.C.M.

The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2020
SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:6)

Gospel:

They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures

and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Mt 2:11b)

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Readings for the week of January 5, 2020

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Observances for the week of January 5, 2020

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In the past, our parish had sponsors for flowers on the altar on a weekly basis. We have started that program up again with a good response.

There are a few weekends available in the last half of the year. If you would like to participate in this effort to have flowers on our altar, please complete the following form and drop it in the collection basket. Once a schedule is set up, you will be notified. Also, the florist will bill you directly. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

NAME _____

PHONE# _____

DATE DESIRED _____

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF _____



Youth Ministry

Grades 9-12

The Youth Ministry will take place the 2nd Saturday of every month at St. Anne following the 4:30 mass. January 11th will be the next meeting.

RICA

Anyone interested in pursuing the journey to becoming a Catholic or to explore the Faith is welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings, 7PM, at Holy Family.

Penances and Prayers

*God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than candlelight
under the rafters of a barn:*

Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay,

*And Wisdom's born in secret in a straw-roofed stable.**

When I was younger, I wrote music to and recorded Thomas Merton's poem, "Epiphany Carol." If you have never read it, search it out on the internet. Merton's words are profound and paint a picture of the awesomeness of Jesus, the newborn King of Kings, lying in a simple straw bed. The shepherds and Wise Men are drawn to pay homage to the One who has been born above all others and brings with him hope for a broken world.

As Merton correctly points out, the gifts we are called to bring to this baby and lay at his feet are our prayers and penances, next to those gifts of worldly wealth. What is it that you have to bring to the stable on this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord? Unless those prayers and penances lead to a new way of living, our gifts will be void of meaning. What we lay before him speaks to the change in us that he has given to us by his birth. Our daily stewardship is resembled in those gifts. If we are to truly echo the kingdom of God in our lives and actions, what we ultimately offer to him is no less than our entire selves. This baby will give his entire self for us, and his work must continue through our hands and feet.

While we unnumbered children of the wicked centuries

Come after with our penances and prayers,

And lay them down in the sweet-smelling hay

*Beside the wise men's golden jars.**

*Excerpts from "Epiphany Carol" by Thomas Merton

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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