



# Holy Family Parish

*A Parish in the Diocese of Greensburg*

**225 North Second Street**

**West Newton, PA 15089**



A Pennsylvania  
Charitable Trust

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## Parish Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday 8 - 4**

**Friday - 8 AM - 12 NOON**

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**Parish Website: [holyfamilywestnewton.org](http://holyfamilywestnewton.org)**

## Phone Numbers

**Holy Family - 724 - 872 - 6123**

**St Anne Church - 724 - 872 - 3555**

**Faith Formation - 724 - 872 - 3486 (office at St Anne)**

**For a Catholic to be a sponsor** for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation, one must be a practicing Catholic regularly attending Sunday Mass and receiving the Sacraments, a registered member of the Parish receiving contribution envelopes to support the Parish for a minimum of four months.

**Young adults of parishioners who have earlier been under their parent's registration and who are now on their own and remain in the Parish must register as an adult parishioner and receive envelopes.** All requests for a certificate should be made four weeks in advance of the designated date needed for sponsorship.

## Eucharistic Liturgies

### Holy Family

**Tuesday - 8:00 AM Wednesday - 8:00 AM**

**Saturday - 4:00 PM Sunday - 11:00 AM**

### **Holy Days & Civil Holidays:**

Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday @ 3:00 PM or**

**Call Fr. Roselo for an appointment**

### St Anne

**Monday - 8:00 AM Friday - 8:00 AM**

**First Friday - 8:00 AM (preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00)**

**Saturday - 4:30 PM**

**Sunday - 8 AM & 11 AM**

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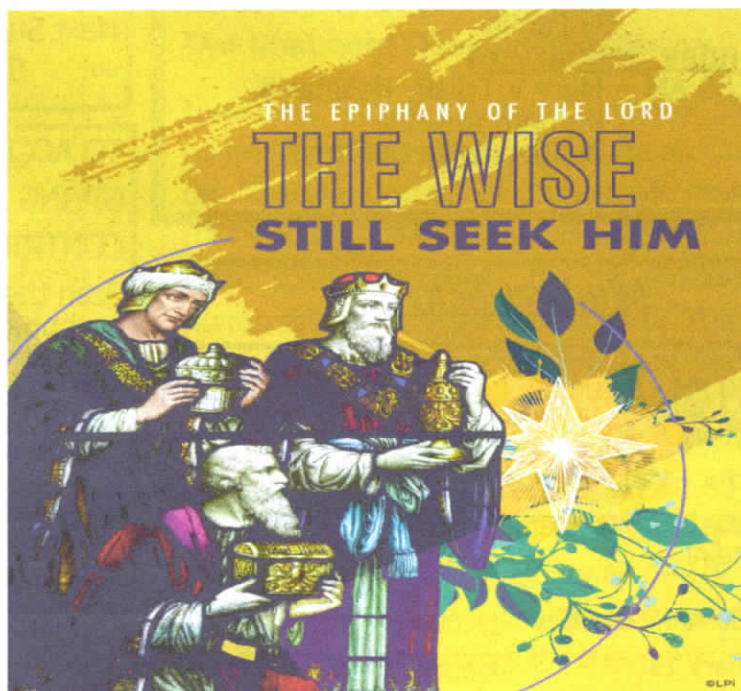
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*January 7, 2024*

*The Epiphany of the Lord*



**Matters of 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 Child-Line 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 make the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724 837 0901, ext 1221.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion** - are available upon request to those who are sick, elderly or homebound. Families are requested to



## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Saturday, January 6**

4:00pm - Loretta Manley  
By Family

### **Sunday, January 7**

11:00 AM - Living & Deceased Members  
of Holy Family Church

### **Monday - January 8**

8:00 am *Mass at St Anne, Rostraver*

### **Tuesday, January 9**

8:00am - Living & Deceased Members  
of Holy Family Church

### **Wednesday, January 10**

8:00am - Tony DeMarchi  
By Scott & Mary Risko

### **Thursday, January 11**

8:00am - No Mass

### **Friday, January 12**

8:00am - *Mass at St Anne, Rostraver*

### **Saturday, January 13**

4:00pm - Michael Keegan  
By Family

### **Sunday, January 14**

11:00 AM - Mary V Trasky Resetar &  
Bernard Resetar  
By Resetar & DuCoeur

## Minister Schedule

4:00 PM - Saturday 11:00 AM - Sunday  
January 6 January 7

Lector - Landini Lector - Null  
Eucharistic Minister Eucharistic Minister  
Landini Keegan

11:00 AM -Saturday 11:00 AM - Sunday  
January 13 January 14

Lector - Keegan Lector - Beneccio  
Eucharistic Minister Eucharistic Minister  
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## Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
(see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn  
5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/  
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7  
-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-  
25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/  
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-  
5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-  
9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn  
1:35-42

## Observances for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the  
Church; BVM

Next Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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and one-time contributions. If questions, please  
call (724) 872-6123



## Christian Mothers of Holy Family Burger Bash!

Will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> after Mass  
for eat in or take out. Burger and fry com-  
bo plus dessert it will be just \$7.00.

Ala Carte prices vary and all condiments  
are included.



## Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (B)

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

The New Testament mentions four people named Herod, but the one talked about in today's gospel is Herod the Great, whose greatness we can hardly see (unless our idea of greatness includes the power to murder innocent children).

Herod was an extremely paranoid person who saw rivals to his throne everywhere. His fears of losing his power led him to murder all whom he suspected of plotting to dethrone him, including members of his family and the holy innocents.

Herod was so self-absorbed and his selfishness was the root of his paranoia. He thought that by remaining king and by having people worship him, he would have all the happiness in the world. However, his self-centeredness brought him fear and misery.

In contrast to Herod, the three magi from the East were modest. Tradition would call them kings and their names are Gaspar, Melchor and Balthazar. Actually, the gospel does not say that they were "kings" and that they were "three". Tradition proposes that they were three because of the three gifts, namely, gold, frankincense and myrrh. Bible scholars suggest that the magi were not really kings but astrologers who studied the heavens in order to understand and predict what was going to happen on earth.

The magi were wise men, but their wisdom was clothed with humility and obedience. In fact, they showed willingness to be guided by a shining star, which was considered a manifestation of heavenly power. Unlike Herod, the magi were not self-centered. They recognized a higher Authority and they went out of their way in order to find him. Herod wanted to locate the Child in order to kill him; the magi wished to find the baby in order to worship and offer him gifts. Because they chose to give themselves in service to the real King, the magi found the happiness which they all longed for. The gospel says it clearly: "They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary His mother" (Mt 2:10-11).

The feast of the Epiphany reminds us that Jesus is the manifestation of God in the lives and hearts of all peoples. He is the Savior not only of the Jews but of all humankind. It is only in Jesus that we can have the fullness of life. Today, we are challenged to emulate the example of the magi who remained humble and open, who left their homes and families, who gave their time and energy in order to find him who is the "Light of all lights". The magi found Jesus not in a palace but in a manger. This serves to remind us that God is easily found in places where simple people are welcome, where there is no discrimination against anybody, and where the spirit of love and mutual concern prevails.

*There is a legend about a little boy called Emmanuel who was always asking questions. One day he asked the question, "What language does God speak?" No one could answer him. He traveled all over his own country with the same question, but still did not receive an answer.*

*Eventually, he set off in search of the answer on other continents. For a long time, he had no success. At last he came one night to a village called Bethlehem, and, as there was no room in the local inns, he went outside the village in search of a shelter for the night. He came to a cave, and he saw that it was occupied by a couple and a child.*

*He was about to turn away when the young mother spoke, "Welcome, Emmanuel, we've been expecting you." The boy was amazed that the woman knew his name. He was even more amazed when she went on to say, "For a long time you have been searching the world over to find out what language God speaks. Well, now your journey is over. Tonight, you can see with your own eyes what language God speaks. He speaks the language of love, which is expressed in sharing, understanding, mercy and total acceptance."*

Let Us Pray for the Conversion of the World & for Peace!



# JANUARY



## **CHRISTIAN MOTHERS** **UPCOMING EVENTS**

In the Parish Hall:

1/6	Burger Bash Parish Hall	after Mass
1/7	Burger Bash Parish Hall	after Mass
1/14	Exec. Board, Parish Hall	9:30 AM
1/21	Members Meet, Parish Hall	9:30 AM

Join us for an afternoon learning about the  
Torah

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024**

**1:30 – 3:00 pm at St Anne in the Church**

Come to the 11 AM Mass – with a light lunch served at 12:30 PM or just come to Church at 1:30.

Rabbi Lenny Sarko from Congregation Emanu-El Israel & Davarium Institute has created the world's first Hebrew Braille Sefer Torah. He will be here to teach us about the Torah

(if planning to attend the lunch please call Rachel at (724) 872-3486 or email [rlewis@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:rlewis@dioceseofgreensburg.org).)

## **Bereavement support group meets at St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis**

St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, offers a bereavement support group that meets the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Lodge Room. Those who have experienced loss of any kind are invited to join. For information, call 724-366-0917.



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CONTRIBUTIONS:

Scan the QR code, select [osvhub.com](http://osvhub.com), then in top right log in or create an account (Our Sunday Visitor.) Select which fund you would like to donate to, select Give now, then you will see Configure gift, Here you can schedule recurring and one-time contributions. If questions, please call (724) 872-6123.

## **DCCW Pray for Life Day Jan. 19 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**

Everyone is invited to join in a day of prayer hosted by the Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, on Friday, Jan. 19, the day of the March for Life in Washington, D.C. The day will begin with the Rosary for Priests at 11:30 a.m., followed by Mass at noon, Rosary for Life, Stations of the Cross for Life, Divine Mercy chaplet at 3 p.m., Litany for Life at 3:30 p.m. and closing prayer at 4 p.m. There is no cost, and those attending can stay all day or part of the day. The DCCW will also be accepting donations of baby items for pregnancy centers in the Diocese.





### Speakers available for parish presentations

Father Daniel E. Carr, Director of Pro-Life Activities, Marriage Preparation and Adult Education and Formation in the Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship, offers the presentation "Authentic Living: IRL in a World of Virtual Reality" to parishes. As virtual reality continues to become more and more advanced and pervasive in our society, Father Carr discusses how we can become more authentic by bringing us back to reality and making us more pro-life. To have Father Carr speak at your parish, contact Christina Cerilli at [ccerilli@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:ccerilli@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

Carolyn Cannizzaro, Director of Pro-Life Advocacy for the diocese, speaks on "Listening a Person into Life: The Art of Being Present" as part of evangelization and the importance of being present to others to build a parish community. Her presentation is from the Sister of Life Religious Order and the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (*Joy of the Gospel*) by Pope Francis. To have Cannizzaro speak at your parish, contact her at [ccannizzaro@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:ccannizzaro@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

### Financial Report

#### January 2, 2024

Offertory:	\$3,125.00
Loose:	\$112.00
Candle:	\$85.00
Sol. Of Mary:	\$644.00
Christmas:	\$620.00
Imm. Conception:	\$60.00
First Offering	\$75.00
Monthly:	<u>\$418.00</u>
<b>Parish Income:</b>	\$5,139.00
Children & Family.	\$ 83.00
Catholic Accent:	<u>\$36.00</u>
<b>Total Income:</b>	\$5,258.00

### Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### Support Ukrainian Refugee Fund

Support is needed for the Ukrainian Refugee Fund administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, which provides assistance to individuals and families who have been forced to leave their homelands because of war. Visit [ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/](https://ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/) to donate. More than 100 families are on a waiting list to resettle in Western Pennsylvania.