



THE EPIHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6 ~ Vigil/The Epiphany of the Lord
5:30 PM Francis & Felix Myruski

Sunday, January 7 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord
9:30 AM Frank Schmaus, Jim Barnett

Monday, January 8
9:00 AM

Wednesday, January 10
9:00 AM The People of the Parish

Friday, January 12
9:00 AM

Saturday, January 13 ~ Vigil/2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM Krystyna Grzybek

Sunday, January 14 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM Frank Schmaus, Jim Barnett

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, January 13 ~ Vigil/2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM Eileen Ernst

Sunday, January 14 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM Tom Troy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, January 13 ~ Vigil/2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM Barb Cinque (a), Connie Pollos (c)

Sunday, January 14 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM Anne Clouse (a), Lisa Dyer (c)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (*Navy*) Dylan Bonitz (*Navy*)
Sarah Bowen (*Navy*) Juan Gonzalez (*Navy*)
Kaila McGowan (*Marines*) Joseph Ruize (*Navy*)
Robert Pape-Laucella (*Marines*)
Pashko Shkreli (*Army*) Carissa Tironi (*Army*)
Nicholas Turner (*Army*) Elliott Weidel (*Marines*)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Barbara Ceriale, Gina Lempka,
Rosemary Osborn, Regina Parthesius, Elissa Zahn

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Marion Andersen, Pat Arlotta, Bridget Auer, Joanne Bach,
Rob Brosnan, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Barbara Ceriale,
Brad Ceriale, Lois Chanofsky, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson,
John & Lorraine DiCicco, Anna DiMare, Marie DiMare,
Maria Elena DiMare, Michael DiMare, David Felter,
Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Margaret Hale, Mike Hurd,
Julie Oparski, Marianna Oparski, Carol Orlando, Frank Orlando
Kerry Roberson, Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski, Sue Schmaus,
Chris Strobl, Joanne Trumball, Terry Waterson

LOOKING AHEAD

Helping Hands Food Pantry
Every Other Saturday by Appointment. 845-733-1477

AA Meetings
Sundays 3:00 PM ~ Thursdays 6:00 PM

Saturday, January 6 ~ Food Pantry

Monday, January 8
Parish Council ~ 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 14
Finance Council Meeting
Immediately After Mass

Tuesday, January 16
Religious education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Saturday, January 6 ~ Food Pantry by appt

Saturday, January 20 ~ Food Pantry by appt

Tuesday, January 23
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

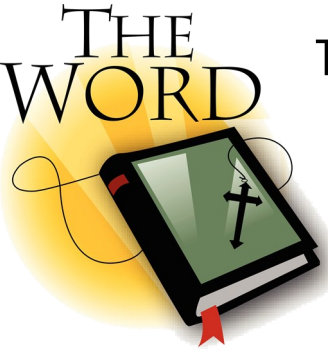
Thursday, January 25 ~ 5:30 PM (pizza start)
Meeting About Outreach: Pantry/Thanksgiving
Baskets/Bells & Stars

Tuesday, January 30
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Friday, February 2
First Friday Holy Hour
immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, February 6
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Saturday, February 8 ~ Food Pantry by appt



Today's Scripture

The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

ABOUT THE LITURGY:

Seeing the Light

The annual celebration of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ takes place during the darkest season of the year. In contrast to the deep night that surrounds us, which Isaiah refers to as thick clouds and gloom, the light of God shines out from the most unlikely of places: a manger in Bethlehem.

Isaiah invites us to raise our eyes and see the light. Yet, the Gospel Reading today recounts how some refused to contemplate this shining light. Even though Herod had access to the Scriptures and knew of the ancient prophecies, he would not allow himself to see and understand. His blindness led to violence and death.

We are invited to follow instead the example of the Magi, who sought out the Light and were willing to follow it wherever it leads us. They looked for the newborn King in a palace but found him in a manger. They traveled afar to seek the One who was right under Herod's nose.

When have you encountered God in a surprising place?

Herod's wickedness had him clinging to power. Is there a place in your life where you might need to let go of some power or control?

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly ... which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Mass Attendance/Collection

At Mass on December 30 & 31: **97**
Weekend's Collection: **\$1,707.00**

The Epiphany of the Lord

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*Magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.

In the Magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.

Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.

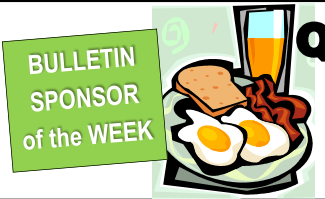
The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel") [CCC 528].



It is hard to say how far back the beginnings of the Christmas feast go. It assumed its definitive form in the third century.

At about the same time the feast of the Epiphany emerged in the East on January 6 and the feast of Christmas in the West on December 25.

The two feasts had different emphases because of the different religious and cultural contexts in which they arose, but essentially their meaning was the same: the celebration of the birth of Christ as the dawning of the new light, the true sun, of history [*The Spirit of the Liturgy*]



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