

January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord



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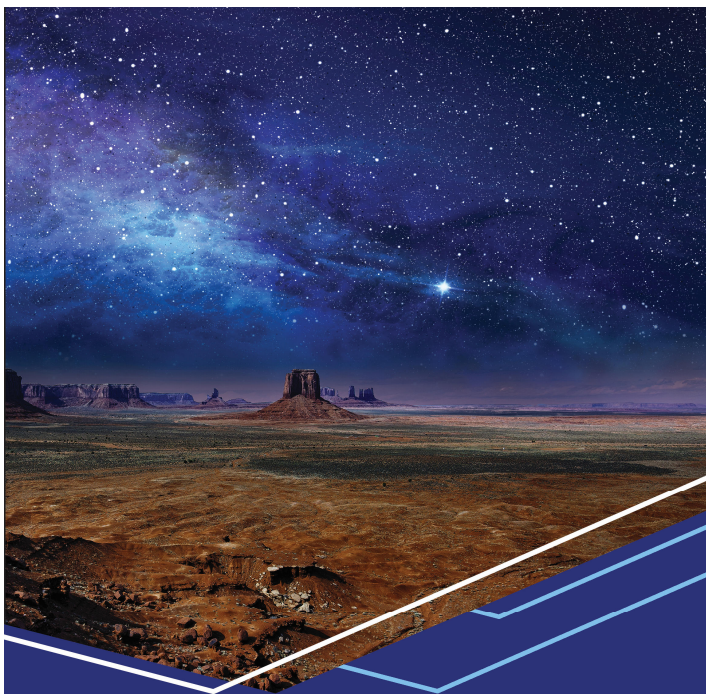
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sacred Heart Worship Site
SATURDAY 8:30 - 9:00 AM
(Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel)
SATURDAY 4:00 - 4:45 PM

CONFESSION

(English & Polish)
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
6:30 - 7:00 PM
SATURDAY
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
4:00 - 4:50 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 10:00AM to 3:00PM.
Office closed on Fridays. Saturdays and Evenings: By Appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 8 (Poniedziałek) - Baptism of the Lord

8:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish

11:00AM †Stanislawa (she) Pasek r/o daughter

Tuesday, January 9 (Wtorek)

8:00AM †Krystyna (she) Deville r/o Grabowski Family

11:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish

11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, January 10 (Środa)

11:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish

11:30AM Exposition and Rosary

7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, January 11 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish

11:00AM †Jan (he) Pasek r/o granddaughter

Friday, January 12 (Piątek)

11:00AM †Magdalena (she) Pasek r/o granddaughter

7:00PM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish

Saturday, January 13 (Sobota)

Hilary; Bl. Peter Donders, C.Ss.R.

8:00AM †Jadwiga (she) Karpinski (Anniv.) r/o family

11:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish

5:00PM †Ned (he) Panfile r/o wife & children

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 14 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish

9:00AM Health of Ryan McKee r/o mother & family

†Vinny (he) D'Aniello r/o family

†Assunta (she) & Genaro (he) D'Aniello r/o family

†Assunta (she) & Antonio (he) Barone r/o family

†Dolores (she) & Frank (he) Serra r/o daughter & family

11:30AM †Boleslaw (he) Skwira r/o family

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Len Riccardi** at the request of his wife, Laura.

Three parishes will be running buses to the March for Life in Washington DC on January 19, 2024.

St. Francis Cathedral - Metuchen

Contact: Kara Kwiatkowski 732-548-0100 ext. 210

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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

The Epiphany of the Lord

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I *truly* at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "**They were overjoyed at seeing the star.**" This star will bring them *home*, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

— Father John Muir

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To be a community of love, a family that joyfully proclaims and bears witness to the Gospel, and which serves the poor and one another.

This Week

TODAY, JANUARY 7

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 5:00PM - Sacred Heart Church. **Admission is FREE.**

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

GUITAR CLASSES FOR CHILDREN - 5:15PM followed by Children's Polish Choir at 6PM.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - Christ the King School - 5:30 - 6:45PM.

MOTHERS' CIRCLE - 5:30PM - Christ the King School cafeteria. Come to recharge and connect with other mothers. For more information, call Mary de Wet at 347-463-1812.

NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 13 & JANUARY 14

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for Together in Charity. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

NIEDZIELA, 7 STYCZEŃ

KONCERT KOŁĘD - 5:00pm. Wstęp wolny.

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 8 STYCZEŃ

LEKCJE GITARY - godz. 15.15; próba polskiej scholii dziecięcej - godz. 18.00.

WTOREK, 9 STYCZEŃ

KATECHEZA - Christ the King School - 5:30-6:45PM.

NIEDZIELA, 14 STYCZEŃ

DRUGA SKŁADKA, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Together in Charity. Prosimy o ofiarność!

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday:	Barbara Faist
Monday:	Roberta Caswell & Elizabeth Janlonski
Tuesday:	John & Magdalena Daus
Wednesday:	Susan Klein
Thursday:	Suzanne Runyon
Friday:	Joanne Krasnansky
Saturday:	Lisa Limyansky



From the Pastor

If any of the following items pertain to you or your family, please check the appropriate box in front of the listed item. This information will be a great help to us. You may tear off the form and deposit in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Fr. Stan

- ☐ New in Parish and would like to register
- ☐ Change of address
- ☐ Request Collection Envelopes
- ☐ Moving out of Parish
- ☐ Need Information - Please CALL
- ☐ New Telephone Number: _____
- ☐ Family Member (Name: _____) is ill:
 - ☐ At Home
 - ☐ In the Hospital: Room #: _____
 - ☐ Would like to receive Holy Communion

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please visit our parish website:

www.ctrmanville.com

up-to-date information, schedules, church bulletins, pictures from parish events and much more...

Be sure to check out our video reflections on the Sunday Readings each week. This week Caz & Diane Bielen will be presenting the reflections and next week Donna Roman will be the presenter.

Have parish newsletter delivered to your email. Sign up for our newsletter on the website.

For Sale

Pierogi, kielbasi and stuffed cabbage are on sale in the parish office during regular business hours.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Step Into the Light

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance," writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

"See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory." — Isaiah 60:2

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2024**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

The daily Scripture references are printed here. If you find it helpful and have internet access, you can find the complete Daily Scripture Readings at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

My mother-in-law was the best gift-giver I ever knew. One could say my parents spoiled me growing up, but there was something about her gifts to me that made me feel overwhelmed. I guess it was that after several years I still was surprised that she would think enough of me to get me something no one else would. She was able to make me feel special every time. Of course, I believe she honored me in this way because I accepted her greatest gift to me, her daughter.

Sadly, my mother-in-law did not live long in this world. She passed away over a decade ago due to an aggressive cancer. Some of her material gifts to me remain, while others are long gone. But the memories and the effect of those gifts remain because it was never all about the gifts themselves. It was about relationship. It was about her and me. It was about love.

What we offer Jesus is never about the gift itself. It is about the motivation behind the action and the effect that action has on the body of Christ. Many of the gifts we give today to God and his people will fade away like the mist of the early morning, but the effects of those actions will last forever. It is about relationship. It is about God and us. It is about love.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Pray For...

We ask you for your prayers for the health of those in need, especially: Edwina Andreyko, Toni Antonelli, Evelyn Appenzeller, Cheryl Argento, John Bartley, Thelma Bartus, Andrew Bartushak, Elizabeth Bednarczyk, Claire Biagini, Pat Bohar, Harold Bok, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Jerry, Marylou & Jason Cebula, Sofia Chantel, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, John Clougher, Allison Collins, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill and Denise Davidson, Marge Demski, Mary Evancho, Malcolm Ferraira, Maureen Femiano, Lou Fischer, Kathryn, Debbie, Madison & Michael Fisne, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Helen, Joe & Mirella Gazo, Fred Genovese, Helen Gilmore, Savannah Hemenway, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Inglot, Raul Jaime, Lucy Jankowski-McClure, Waclaw & Stanley Jasinski, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Ann Marie Kotch, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Rita Lagasse, Ken Lake, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Judy Lentzsch, Antoinette Leotti, Cheyenne Liccardi, Rachel Lukacs, Dottie Mesaris, Veronika Mleczo, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Joyce Nipps, Hunter Norz, Robert Oliver, James O'Reilly Jr., Brian, Robert & John Parlier, Irene Pastula, Dora Perna, Barbara Perone, Rosemary Phillips, Frank Piccano, Steven Pirello, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Ava & Steve Quintana, Marcelle Reed, Peg Reilly, Laura Rodaman, Marie Rogusky, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slight, Charlotte Snow, Jim Spinola, Stephen Stadler, Albert Stanski, Deacon Bill Stefany, Steve Szabo, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David & Robert Urban, Carol Vinchur, Barry Viola, Irena Walczak, Ramona Walsh, Mark Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Veronica Wolenski, Brett Wood, Michael Zamorsky, Maryanne Zarbetski, Mark Zujkowski, Maria Zurawiecki and Regina Zydalis.

God of all consolation give life and health to our sisters and brothers for whom we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.



Please pray for all of our men and women serving in the Armed forces, especially

Airman Thomas Caswell

SPC Christopher Elsen

PFC Joshua Hussey

Lieutenant Colonel James A. Jablonski Jr.

Master Sergeant Kimberly Kaminski USAF

Airman Michael Edward Kassick III

Master Sergeant Michael John Lamonica USAF

Captain John Limyansky USAF

First Sergeant Jeff Morella USMC

Airman Jason Pikula USAF

SR Jerry Lee Rogalski

PFC Steven Ubry

Technical Sergeant Lindsay Zaccardi USAF

Let us know if you have a family member who is serving in the military and we will acknowledge them in our weekly bulletin. Please share the good news with us when one of the above soldiers returns home!

The Knights of Columbus Saint Jude Council # 6573



Council Meeting: Council Meetings are held monthly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm; Saint John Neumann Center

Recruiting: Catholic men 18⁺ are invited to reach out to Chester Makowski (chester.makowski@gmail.com) or approach any of the brother knights.

Bible Study: We will begin Joshua on October 26th, 2023. All are welcome to join us in the Little Red Schoolhouse, (the Saint John Neumann Center) next to the Rectory on Thursday evenings at 7pm.

Clothing Drive - March 9th - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **January 21st at 9:00AM. Please join us for the PARISH ROSARY OF THE MONTH AT 8:30AM.**

The next **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** to Our Lady of Fatima will take place on **February 3rd at 11:30AM.**



Going Shopping? Please consider picking up something for The Caritas Food Pantry. During January we are asking for coffee, juice and other beverages. Items can be dropped off in the red containers in the vestibule or at the parish office. The Caritas Team also collects monetary donations and on-line through our church website.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

Holy Chow!

Feeding the body and nourishing the soul!
St. Joseph Church, Hillsborough
is serving up a free dinner to go at the
Christ the Redeemer Church parking lot.
98 S. 2nd Ave.

Every Tuesday—promptly 5:30—6:30 PM
Bring your own bag (Please)

**The Christ the Redeemer collection for
the weekend of December 24, 2023**

Offertory	\$ 6,345.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 1,920.00
Children's Donations	\$ 40.00
On-line Giving	\$ 1,011.00
Total	\$ 9,316.00

December 25, 2023

Offertory	\$ 22,573.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 2,076.00
Children's Donations	\$ 55.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,275.00
Total	\$ 26,979.00

the weekend of December 31, 2023

Offertory	\$ 7,163.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 1,039.00
Children's Donations	\$ 16.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,271.00
Total	\$ 10,489.00

January 1, 2024

Offertory	\$ 3,524.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 284.00
On-line Giving	\$ 3,301.00
Total	\$ 7,109.00

Thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you. Fr. Stan

"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

- Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

my mom and I helped find our neighbor's dog.	Logan
helped my brother do a Lego set.	Landon
took care of my mom when she was sick.	Francis
helped my grandma with setting up for Christmas Eve.	Ingrid
helped with cooking food and did my chores.	Clara
did all my chores and helped around the house.	Olivia
took out the recycling.	Stella
helped my friend wrap boxes for a project.	Ingrid
cleaned the basement.	Gabriel
gave my teacher a Christmas gift.	Landon
helped my brother in soccer outside.	Logan
helped my brother.	Blaize
helped my sister with her homework.	Brooke-Lynn
vacuumed the house.	Jacob
helped my mom.	Hania
helped my mom do laundry.	Adeline
was good in school.	Francis

Don't forget to put your first & last name and grade on your envelope.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK
EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH**

In 2024, we will be highlighting holy men and women from the Americas who are canonized or in the process of canonization. We hope their stories inspire your faith!

St. Tarcisius

Short Bio

St. Tarcisius was a 12-year-old boy who lived in 3rd-century Rome. Although much of what is known of him is from a poem written by Pope Damasus (366-384), he is considered an important martyr who protected the Eucharist from desecration with his life.

**LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year.

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Wedding Feast & Epiphany

Question:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.