

When they saw the star,
they rejoiced exceedingly
with great joy.



Saint Clare Parish

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Celebration of the Eucharist



MONDAY, JAN. 09

8:30 AM JOSEPH C. BOVE
ROSE FUSONI

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

8:30 AM ROMAN ANTONIO
EMMANUEL OBIJAKU

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

8:30AM GENEVIEVE BLASKEWICZ
JOHANNA JOSE

THURSDAY, JAN. 12

8:30 AM ARACELI MACASPAC

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

8:30 AM HERMANN GLUCK

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

8:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
5:00 PM CARL GOMMOLL

SUNDAY, JAN. 15

8:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:00 AM JOAN RYAN MALLOY; CRISTINA
CAROSELLA; ROSE MARIE MORACE
12:00 PM PALMA & ANTHONY MARINO; AMOR
SOHAWON

God's Plan for Giving

Total Collected (New Year): \$6528.00

2017 MASS BOOK/INTENTIONS NOW OPEN:

DAILY MASS: \$10 PER NAME

SUNDAY: \$20 PER NAME

PLEASE KNOW, ITS FIRST COME, FIRST
SERVE.



**Justice
shall
flourish
and
profound peace**



Memorials for the Week



Altar Bread & Wine is offered this week in memory of...

MISSED OPPORTUNITY

Altar Candles burn this week in memory of...

BLASKEWICZ FAMILY

Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of...

MISSED OPPORTUNITY

Divine Mercy Chapel Candle burns this week in Memory of

MISSED OPPORTUNITY

**Memorial Opportunities are available:
Contact the Office at 973-777-9313**



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

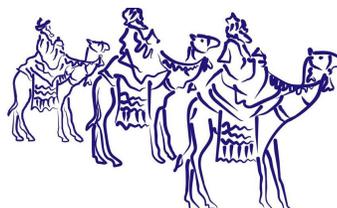
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — “members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

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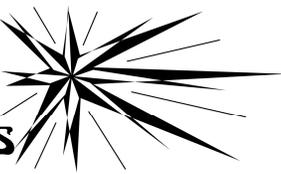
**Entering the house
they found the child
with Mary, his mother.**

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

"I am sure you have heard of the ministry God in his goodness gave me in your regard. God's secret plan, as I have briefly described it, was revealed to me, unknown to men in former ages but now revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets. It is no less than this: in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise through the preaching of the gospel."

We are sharers of the promise



While we recall the visit of the Magi, detailing facts of a star, gifts and a hateful king, the real meaning for us is given by St. Paul. We learn three things today, we are: 1) co heirs, 2) members, 3) sharers.

An heir receives a benefit, members gain the status of belonging and sharers enjoy a common life. This details who and what we are as 'missionary disciples.' It was not always so. The visitors from the orient represent all who believe and follow today. Jesus is the Savior of the world, of Christians, Jews, Muslims, all humankind. With reverence, they brought gifts, symbolic yet real. We bring the gift of self, offering our gratitude for His coming, our desire to follow Him more closely. Like the Magi, we go to our streets and neighborhood, our barrio and homes, willing to bring our experience of Christ's presence to others.

Did you discover the Christ this Christmas? Be the star to reveal Him to others.

BROTHER JUNIPER



- Michelle Ladlee • Liam Foley • Tina Loyacano •
- Donald Foster • Caleb Brosonski • Sandy Cackowski •
- Cynthia Gauthe • Larry Gauthe • John Sabbak •
- Antonio Campanella • Sofia Perez • Angela Maldonado •
- Ivan Rivera • Daniel Burgers • Kenneth Franco • Ellen Buchner • Tom Matteo • Therese Matulewicz • Jayden Singer • Elizabeth Chuprevich • Edward Bajbek •
- Joan Fitzgerald • Daelyn Bezares • Catherine Murphy •
- George Blaskewicz • Michael Los •
- Charles & Agnes Moran •

COMMUNION DURING FLU SEASON

Due to the flu season, from now until Holy Thursday, only consecrated Host will be offered (no Precious Blood)

SNOW POLICY

All weekday Masses will be cancelled if there is a major snow storm and local schools are closed. Mass Intentions will be rescheduled. If in a state of emergency, all Parish activities will be cancelled. Please know that the parking lot may or may not be plowed prior to the Mass. Thank you!

NEW YEAR'S POT LUCK DINNER

JAN. 12, 2017 AT 7PM

FOR ST. CLARE SOCIETY MEMBERS. BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH AND A NEW MEMBER! PLEASE CONTACT SANDRA ESPOSITO IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THIS EVENT TWINKIE200@YAHOO.COM



NEXT PARISH TRIP

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

JOIN FR. PETER & FR. EIDER ON A PILGRIMAGE CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA APPARITIONS WHERE TO: PORTUGAL, SPAIN, & FRANCE

WHEN: SEPT. 4-13TH, 2017 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS, PLEASE VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE. WWW.SAINTCLARENJ.COM

HOUSE BLESSING FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY:

We invite you to adopt this custom in your family. The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 17. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2017 is the year.

Blessing the Chalk

V. Our help is the name of the Lord:

R. The maker of heaven and earth.

V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

R. From this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray.

Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

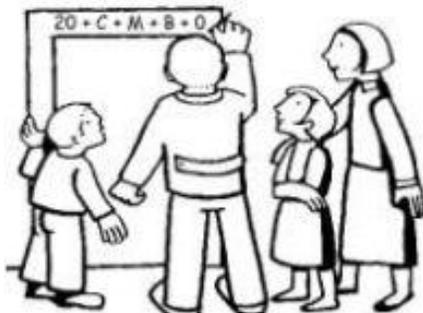
20 + C + M + B + 17 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and fifteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer: *Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen*

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

<http://www.carmelites.net/news/chalking-door-epiphany-house-blessing-2015/>



Dear Friends,

For many, the “Holiday” ended on midnight, December 25, 2016. However, for us Christians, Christmas continues until the Baptism of the Lord on January 9, 2017. So once again, Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year!

Christmas 2016 was a huge success not only because of the people that attended the Holy Mass, but because the true message of the season was proclaimed at all liturgies throughout the world. For without Jesus, we would have no need for a “Holiday”. Therefore, Jesus is the reason for the season. I want to thank you for being present at the Masses in our parish and please know it was nice to see some “old-time parishioners” as well as some “new faces” at the liturgy. I was especially moved with the Children’s Liturgy that took place on Christmas Eve at 4pm. Watching the children bring in the baby Jesus with candles and reading the liturgy in the Mass was very moving to many. My hope is that we can continue this tradition next year, perhaps with a children’s choir and/or Christmas Pageant. Thank you to the faithful women that helped make this Children’s Liturgy possible. Thank you to all those who decorated, served as ministers, and sang for us.

On behalf of Fr. Thomas, Elmer, our Seminarian, and myself, we want to thank those families that remembered us in a special way this Christmas with a gift. May the Lord reward you for your kindness!

Finally, I would also like to thank the countless many for their contribution to the parish during this Christmas Season. The money collected is needed and greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Blessings for a Happy New Year!

Fr. Peter Glabik

Pastor

