

January 5, 2020
Epiphany of the Lord

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MASS SCHEDULE

Church

Saturday Vigil.....4:30pm

Sunday.....8:30am & 11:00am

Chapel - Weekday Mass

Monday - Tuesday - Thursday - Friday ... 8:00am

Confessions

Saturday3:30pm-4:00pm

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Parish Office Hours

Monday & Thursday: 8:30am - 8:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Chapel**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Monday, January 6**

8:00am - Dennis Groboske - Family

Tuesday, January 7

8:00am - Elizabeth Kuepfer - Lauren Schwedt

Thursday, January 9

8:00am - Barbara Trexler - McPherson Family

Friday, January 10

8:00am - Don Seabold - Pauline Burke

Church**BAPTISM OF THE LORD****Saturday, January 11**

3:30pm - 4:00pm - Confessions

4:30pm - Jeanette Perry - Donnette Delguidice

Sunday, January 12

8:30am - Living and Deceased members of the Holy Name Society

11:00am - All Parishioners

Pray for the Sick: *Pray for the Sick: David Blackburn, Herb Kuepfer, Jose' Magiste, Sandy Vasbinder, Leon Denomme, Pam Jenkins, Jim Hempfing, David Myers, Kathy Borowy, Shirley Livchak, Jerry & Lee Severns, Tami Lynsky, Bille Updegrove, Robert Falatic, Al Machovina, Jim & Pat Wracker, Cathy Buckland, Don Gates, Ken Schroeder, Shayne Reisinger, Dennis Frabotta, Michelle Terrel, Bill Hempel, Julie Thompson, Lori Hartnetg, Shirley Bergstrom, Richard Dojcak, Carol Cordy, Mitchell Ferut, Patty Cote, Kevin Cote, Kali Palco, Stacie Foor, Bill Hempel, Mary Miller, Jim Kohler and Marie Wienczek.*

Please call the Parish Office 440-926-2364, or email us at info@olqpgrafton.org to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10;
Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

MARK YOUR 2020 CALENDARS:

February 1 - Spaghetti Dinner

February 26 - Ash Wednesday

March 11 - Diocesan Wide Sacrament of Reconciliation

April 5 - Palm Sunday

April 12 - Easter

July 31 - August 1 - Parish Festival

WELCOME! If you are interested in joining the parish please contact us. You can call the parish office at 440-926-2364 or go to our web site at www.olqpgrafton.org. Registration forms are on our website and by the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. There will be a Welcome Weekend on January 25/26.

HOUSE BLESSING: There is a tradition on Epiphany and the beginning of a new year to bless your home. This weekend at Mass there will be a packet available which you can use to bless your home. The blessing is associated with the magi whose names, according to tradition, are Casper, Melchoir, and Balthazar. The numbers of the new year as well as the initials of the magi are written in chalk about the door. (20 + C + M + B + 20). The letters also form an acronym: *Christus mansionem benedicat* (May God bless this house).

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: Everyone is welcome to join in the discussion of the Sunday gospels on Saturday, January 11th at 10:00am in the parish hall. Come reflect upon the gospels and how they impact your daily lives. No preparation needed, just an open heart to hear the Word of God as it speaks to you.

LITURGY/ART & ENVIRONMENT: The Liturgy committee will meet Monday, January 6th at 7:00pm and the Art & Environment committee will meet at 8:00pm following the liturgy meeting. With the season of Lent beginning on February 26th there is much to be planned in a short period of time. At this meeting on the 6th the committees will be evaluating Advent and Christmas and set to planning Lent and Holy Week. Anyone interested in learning more about the liturgy is welcome to join these groups.

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED: We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers who can take communion to the nursing homes on Tuesday mornings. This could be once a month or once every six weeks depending on how many we are able to get for this ministry.



PASTORS CORNER: As a companion book to ‘Rediscover the Saints’ I would suggest Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation ‘Rejoice and Be Glad.’ It has been out for a few years now but I have finally picked it up to read and have found it a very good reflection on growing in holiness. In referring to the saints he writes:

“What we need to contemplate is the totality of their life, their entire journey of growth in holiness, the reflection of Jesus Christ that emerges when we grasp their overall meaning as a person.

“This is a powerful summons to all of us. You too need to see the entirety of your life as a mission. Try to do so by listening to God in prayer and recognizing the signs that he gives you. Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received. Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today’s world.” #22, 23.

As the New Year is now a few days old we can ask ourselves how we are living our mission to reveal an aspect of Jesus to the world. How do our actions and words reveal a glimpse of our Lord to others?

Fr John

WHY ARE THERE STILL Christmas decorations up in the church and why are we still singing Christmas carols? The reason is because we are still celebrating the Christmas Season. There is too much to celebrate to limit Christmas to just one day. Just as we spent weeks preparing for Christmas, we now spend some time in the glow of the Christmas light.

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany meaning manifestation. God has been manifested to the Gentiles (Magi) and desires to be known and worshipped by everyone.

“The journey of the Magi reflects our journey through life: following dreams; accompanying other dreamers; venturing into unfamiliar, sometimes dangerous territory; seeking wisdom; and standing in the presence of God. Today might be a good day to ask where our journey is leading us. Do we, like the Magi, need to take a different path in order to find God and our truest self?”

- Sourcebook 2020

WEAR WHITE: Next weekend we conclude the Christmas Season with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. We also reflect on and celebrate our baptism. The readings for the rest of the month will call us to reflect upon how we are living out our commitment as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

As a sign of our baptism you are invited to wear white to Mass next weekend. At baptism we were clothed in white and told that we have become a new creation, and to keep this white garment unstained into our entry into eternity.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION this month will be next Wednesday, January 15th from 4:00-7:00pm in the chapel. Begin the New Year with the practice of spending time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Listen in the silence to hear God’s voice to you saying, “You are my beloved child.”



SUNDAY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1

-12 The magi undertake an extraordinary journey. Their two-year sojourn comes to its conclusion in Bethlehem, where they find the toddler Jesus with his mother.

What was it about this child that led them to proffer him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh and to prostrate themselves in worship? As the first Gentile disciples of Christ, the magi model radical trust in the God of creation who reveals his son to them through the light of a star.

- Living Liturgy 2020

BAPTISM REUNION: Next Sunday, January 12th (The Baptism of the Lord) at the 11:00am Mass we will be recognizing all those who have been baptized in the past year. From adults to infants, all those who were baptized in the past year are invited to this Mass. We all share in the mission of Jesus and this is one way we can support the newly baptized and their families, and celebrate their growth in the past year.

MISSION MEETING: Anyone who would like to help plan the parish mission for Lent is invited to come this Saturday, January 11th at 11:00am in the parish hall. If you have ideas of speakers or topics or just want to be a part of the planning, please come.

MEN’S FAITH SHARING: The next gathering for the Men’s Faith sharing will be Sunday, January 26th at 6:00pm in the parish hall. These gatherings are spent reflecting on scripture and how we experience God’s presence in our daily lives. All men are welcome to join in.

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish, and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries.

Due to the holidays, the next collection information will be in the January 12th bulletin.

YEAR END STATEMENTS: Please contact the parish office to request your 2019 contribution statement.

ONLINE GIVING: You now have the option to use Online Giving for contributions to the church. The application provides you a convenient option that you may access at any time from your desktop, tablet, IPad or Smartphone. Your gift will be transferred from your preferred method of payment directly to the church. No more running around the morning of Mass looking for your checkbook or cash. And if you cannot make it to church your gift will still be received.

If you would like to setup Online Giving, you can go to our website: <https://olqpgrafton.org/e-giving> or call the parish office.

DONATIONS NEEDED! Our Night to Shine Prom is **SOLD OUT** and the committee is asking for donations to help create a memorable evening for guests and their caregivers. Items needed include: gift cards, event tickets, pampering products, food and beverage items - anything that can be added to a gift basket is welcome. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish office or after mass. Cash donations are also accepted. Deadline for donations is 1/20/20. Please note: We are in need of baked goods for the night of the event so if you enjoy baking for a great cause e-mail Lynne Schroeder at danlyn3@hotmail.com.

WOMEN OF FAITH: We will gather on Wednesday, January 15th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are invited to come form new friendships and grow in our faith together. If you have any questions, please contact Grace Ogonek at:

gogonek@olqpgrafton.org.

HEROD AND THE EPIPHANY

Why impious Herod, vainly fear
That Christ the Savior cometh here?
He takes no earthly realms away
Who gives the crown that lasts for aye.

—Crudelis Herodes Deum, Tr. by J. M. Neale

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image of stewardship that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION: Like the Magi, we are searchers, explorers, and travelers. We search for God in our lives and follow the directions that God shows us. We continue to look for signs and stars that will lead us toward the right direction. Question of the Week: What gift can you give to Jesus? Family Prayer: God, we welcome Jesus into our hearts this Christmas season. Help us to believe that Jesus is with us every day. Amen.

YEAR END GIVING: In this season of giving, consider using appreciated stock to make a year-end gift to help our parish, aid Catholic Charities in serving the needs of the poor, support men preparing for the priesthood, or provide tuition assistance for Catholic school students. By transferring stock directly to our parish or the Catholic Community Foundation, you may be able to avoid capital gains taxes. You can also use stock to create a Donor Advised Fund, Charitable Gift Annuity or Permanent Named Fund.

RCIA NEWS: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8th, in the Parish Hall, Room 2 at 7:00pm. Are you or someone you know interested in learning about the process to become Catholic? New inquirers are always welcome! It is never too late to respond "yes" when God calls you. If you have any questions, please contact Grace Ogonek, gogonek@olqpgrafton.org, call the parish office or ask Fr. John.

NCYC - THANK YOU! Thanks to all who supported our parish teens who attended the National Catholic Youth Conference in November. Your financial and prayer support are both greatly appreciated.

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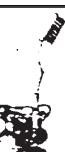
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This Week in the Parish:**Sunday, January 5**

8:30am - Parish Nurse (Church)
 9:30am - GLFF (Parish Hall)
 9:30am - Choir (Church)

Monday, January 6

7:00pm - Liturgy Mtg. (Parish Hall Rm. 1)
 8:00pm - Art & Environment Mtg. (Parish Hall Rm. 1)

Tuesday, January 7

6:30pm - Pack 152 Den Mtg. (Parish Hall)
 7:30pm - KOC Mtg. (Parish Hall Rm. 1)

Wednesday, January 8

7:00pm - Night to Shine Mtg. (Parish Hall)
 7:00pm - RCIA (Parish Hall Rm. 2)

Thursday, January 9

7:00pm - Scripture Study (Parish Hall Rm. 2)

Friday, December 10

1:30pm - Keystone Pointe

Saturday, January 11

10:00am - Gospel Reflection (Parish Hall Rm. 1)
 2:00pm - Jr. Choir Practice (Church)

Sunday, January 12

9:30am - GLFF (Parish Hall)
 11:00am - Baptism Reunion Mass (Church)

PARISH INFORMATION

† Weddings: Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date.

† Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated at a mutually convenient time. Please call the office to make arrangements.

† Ministry to the Sick: Please notify the office for visits to parishioners in the hospital.

† New parishioners: Are asked to register as soon as possible at the Parish Office or by phone.

† Inquiry Classes in the Catholic Religion: Persons interested in becoming Catholic are asked to contact the Parish Office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA.

BAPTISM CLASS: Our next class will be on January 19th, 2020 at 12:00pm. Please call the office to sign up for this class.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: For those adults who have never been confirmed there will be a preparation program beginning Thursday, January 16th at 7:00pm in the parish hall and will meet the third Thursday of February and March (3 sessions). Confirmation will be Monday, April 27th at 7:00pm with Bishop Perez.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1285 we read: "For by the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." It is as if something is missing. The Sacrament of Confirmation completes one's baptism. If you would like more information please contact Fr. John. Also if you would like to help with the preparation program please contact Fr. John.



SCRIPTURE STUDY: On Thursday January 9th we will continue our inspiring study of "PETER", with Session Six (6) from the FORMED LECTIO series (no computer is required). Meet with us at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall room 2. This study will cover "In the shadow of the Galilean", "Peter's Rising Leadership" on page 107 of the study guide. Study guides will be provided and are available in the Parish Office or can be downloaded from Formed. All are invited, and you do not need a computer to participate. If anyone has questions please contact Rick Gallaher at (440) 458-6335 for comments or assistance.

CALENDAR CLUB: Introducing the Calendar Club! A monthly raffle drawing throughout 2020, limited to the first 100 people who sign up. Donation for the entire year total \$120 and must be paid current to win the monthly drawing. We will be in the Gathering Area after Mass selling tickets. For more details email OLOPCalendarClub@gmail.com. All proceeds will benefit the mortgage reduction fund.

TOBOGGANING: Youth Group (grades 7-12) – Saturday, January 18th at the Strongsville toboggan chutes. We will have pizza after 4:30pm Mass (approx. 5:30pm) in the church gathering area and leave church grounds at 6:30pm. Return time approx. 10:00pm. **Cost: \$12.00**, plus some money for snacks. Come dressed for the weather.

YOU MUST BRING WINTER GLOVES OR MITTENS (HEAVY MATERIAL RECOMMENDED)- THEY ARE REQUIRED FOR RIDING. Friends always welcome! Each person attending must have a permission form signed by parent / guardian, forms can be printed from parish website. Call or text Jen Filipiak if you plan on going so we can be sure to have enough drivers- 440-225-1971.