

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 8, 2023

### Announced Masses

**January 7th, Saturday,**

**9:00AM Anointing of the sick,** For the suffering

**4 PM** For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, Epiphany of the Lord, January 8th,**

**9:00AM** Franz Maier by Ron and Anna Meyer

**11:15AM**

**Monday, January 9th, St. Baptism of the Lord**

**9:00AM** Joseph Muscato by Anna & Ron Meyer

**Tuesday, January 10th,**

**9:00AM** Chuck and Mary Scobbo (L) hope

**Wednesday, January 11th,**

**9:00AM NO MASS**

**Thursday, January 12th,**

**9:00AM** Mary Ann Dalton (L) healing

**Friday, January 13th,**

**9:00AM** Vincent Donnelly by Pat Newman

**Saturday, January 14th, Saturday 9:00AM**

**4:00 PM** Vincent Donnelly by Clare Brady

**Sunday, January 15th**

**9 AM** Vincent Donnelly by Anna & Ron Meyer

**11AM** Vincent Donnelly by Pat & Ron Lindhohm

### ALTAR BREAD for the Month of JANUARY

For Frances Caskey by Elaine & Mike Foote

200 Club

#108 Barbara Sardone

### THE NEW MASS BOOK FOR 2023 IS OPEN

Special date that you would like to remember or  
have Mass said for? Reserve it now!

The perfect prayer is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Why not offer this most special prayer to someone living who is in need of special graces, or those who are deceased in need of special mercy. (Please fill out the form kept at the back of the Church and return it by Mail, or put it in the collection basket.) **The donation is \$15 for each Mass.**

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Tyler Sutherland, Jeanine Poth, Barbara Donnelly and Mary Ann, Melita Braun, Betty Ford, Jane Fay, Abigail, David, Jennifer, Shane Kelsey, Anne Suppa, Michele Griesbaum, Lisa Donohue, James Valenti, Kathleen Quinn, Vincent Russo, Aliya Rachlin, Tara Byrne, Bob Einterz, Andrea Fedoruk, Nicky Castagna, Michael and Matthew Mclean, and Samantha. For Our Military Personnel: Vaughn Schlott, Ana Lucia Teran-Stasilli, Arianar Severf, Larry Weiss, Martin Kamen, Peggy Connolly, Mary Ann, Kimberly Chatfield, Isabella Marchese, Ira Glickler, Rose Infantino, Cathy Gerrard, Linda Bozza, Stephanie Freer Greyden Freer, Karen Fullone, Carol Scott, Eileen Hoynes Hope Traver, Louise Smith, Stephen Scognamiglio, Pam Kocher, Gabriella Francesca Maria Paolini, Janice Mutia, Rose Ann Donnadio, Steven & Kelly Spencer, Pastor Linda Bohs, Jeanne Boyar Arniery, Lee VanSaaders, , Grace Garufi, Joe Garufi, Cheryl Novak, Melaina Elms, Neil R. Stasilli III, Michael Jaszczak and Anthony Horecky.

**CONTACT THE RECTORY FOR YOUR LOVED  
ONES NAMES TO BE ADDED IN PRAYER LIST**

### **The Prayer to St. Michael**

**St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in  
battle: be our defense against the  
wickedness and snares of the devil.**

**May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and  
do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by  
the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and  
the other evil spirits who prowl about the  
world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

### THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

## **A NEW YEAR & A NEW PARISH PHONE #**

**After all these many years we had to change our parish phone number in order to make it into a business account. The new # is:  
(845) 456 0404**

(This is a very easy number to remember)

## **MEN'S GROUP MEETING**

**Thursday, January 19, 6pm Parish Center**

## **TODAY'S READINGS (by Fr. RJB)**

### **FIRST READING**

In our first reading today from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah the reading speaks about the restoration of Jerusalem after the exile. It speaks to the hope of the people to, once again, be a shining example to the world of the power of God. When this is placed as our first reading today, we see how it so fittingly announces a new beginning for our world--to now be guided by the new Light of Christ! All the world, with all its nations, will be led to Jesus and guided by Him.

### **SECOND READING**

St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians gives us a very important understanding of the universality of the gospel. What started as rescuing the children of Abraham (that is, the Jewish people) is opened to making salvation available to all God's Children—Jewish and gentile alike. What a wonderful and amazing God we have!

### **THE GOSPEL**

In today's story from the Gospel of Matthew, we are told of the magi or astrologers following the star that led them to the king of the Jews. They actually went to Jerusalem (or Judaism) to ask where he was to be born. The experts of the law knew that he was to be born in Bethlehem (in Hebrew the word means: "House of Bread"). The magi now knew the town, but the star had to point out the exact location. They followed it without waivering, and they came upon the infant Jesus in the arms of Mother Mary. They did him homage as a future king, but not only of the Jews, but now, at their arrival, king of the all the world! It was pointed out that the gifts given to this infant king were also used in the burial rites of the time. The magi without knowing it, were also foreshadowing that this king was born to die as a means of liberating humanity from its sins. The main point is that the star of God, that is, The Light of Christ shown so bright that all the world was compelled to follow its wisdom, peace and mercy. It followed it then and it must continue to follow it now!

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** New Years Day, \$2,107.00

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, Jan. 12 @ 7:00pm, Parish Hall**

## **ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH BOWLING NIGHT**

**Anyone in the parish who would like to join us in bowling—Port Jervis location on Jan. 28 @ 6pm Call Tessa Marie (570) 832 1262 soon! Limited space!**

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ARE BACK**

**The Religious Education classes are once again in session on Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.**

## **I CAN'T BELIEVE WE ARE BACK...**

By Fr. Richard J. Bretone

I can't believe we are back to "ordinary time," that is, the church time of year that brings back all the green colors of the vestments and items on the altar. It will stay this way until February 22 when Lent begins with Ash Wednesday services.

Ordinary time sounds kind of funny, like it's no big deal, nothing really happening. In some ways this is correct, there are no big celebrations to call to mind God's saving power in our history such as Christmas and Easter, which recall our need for salvation and the way that salvation was won for us by the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

Although we are not specifically focusing on the saving events in our Catholic History, we can still draw close to these mysteries on a weekly, and even daily, basis by participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Mass draws us into a deeper connection to God, because we reenact the events of Calvary, and we actually ingest the very life force of God in receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. The Mass is a "Power House of Prayer."

It is a powerhouse of prayer for the one who goes to Mass and receives Jesus in a state of grace, that is, in a worthy way—without the stain of grave sin on his or her soul. However, it is also a powerhouse of prayer for the one who has a Mass offered or said on his or her behalf.

Just think of all those people gathered in the pews and praying for a special intention of the one offering a Mass for someone. The focus of so many good souls praying for a person's health or peace or conversion—it doesn't get better than this in the spiritual life. What makes this so special is the circle of charity that offering a Mass creates:

+ The person who requests the Mass is giving a gift of grace to the receiver of the Mass intention.

+ The congregation prays selflessly for this Mass intention even though it may never know the person or situation.

+ The spiritual uplifting of the giver, the receiver and the congregation all take place in this incredible gift from God!

Now that we are back to ordinary time, let us focus on the extraordinary gift of the Eucharist. This would be the perfect time to request Masses for those special people and special occasions in our lives. The Mass Book is waiting!