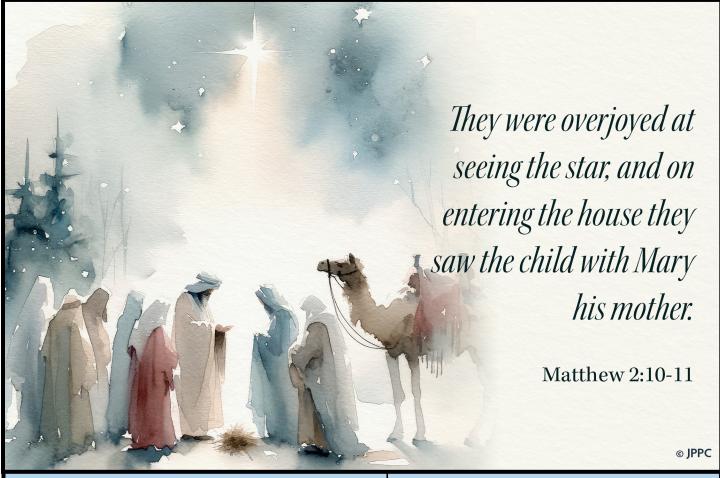


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<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: If you have anything to submit for the bulletin, it must be received, <u>in writing</u>, by Monday morning before 12pm. Thank you!

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From My Heart to Yours!

Dear Friends,

At the fitness center to which I belong, I meet many young adults going to college. They are seekers, looking to use their talents in a career which will allow them to serve. It is the beginning of an unknown journey filled with hope and anticipation for them.

In the Gospel for the Epiphany, we hear of three astrologers who saw a very brilliant star and decided to follow it – who knows where? They were willing to take the risk to travel.

We know that the star lands over the house where Jesus, Mary, and Joseph live. The magi acknowledge the baby is the newborn king of the Jews. They present Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The long trip and their decision to leave their families and country result in a surprise beyond their expectations!

Mary and Joseph welcome these Gentile (non-Jewish) visitors. Perhaps, they were puzzled by their gifts. (Myrrh is used for a burial) Is this a foreshadowing of Jesus' future?

We folks of the twenty-first century are like these wise men. We are baptized and then begin a faith journey in getting to know and believe in Jesus and become His disciples. This continues into eternity!

St. Matthew is the only evangelist who has the story of the Magi. He is writing to the Jews, trying to convince them that Jesus is the Messiah they have been awaiting for centuries! However, these three astrologers are Gentiles who recognize the unique importance of Jesus. They pay Him homage.

The Savior is not just for Jews, but for <u>all</u> people, including us Gentiles. God's promise of forgiveness and freedom are for all people. God's mercy is all-inclusive.

We have some lessons here. God's love is for everybody, not just a certain class of people. Prejudice, exploitation, exclusiveness, and isolation are not part of God's plan. It should not be ours as well.

Another lesson is that the Magi are able to see beyond externals. Who would ever think that a baby and humble, faith-filled Mary and Joseph would be the Holy Family? Do we recognize the presence of Jesus in Eucharist, in Scripture, at Mass, in people who embody His attitudes and values? Do we especially acknowledge the presence of Jesus in <u>ourselves</u>? We are the voice, hands, feet, and heart of Christ because we have received His Holy Spirit.

The gifts we give Jesus are you and me. Can you believe this? Jesus welcomes you with open arms and says thank you for you.

We began, perhaps, many years ago on our faith journey. Look back and see its wonders and its challenges. It is gratifying. We may be on the last years of our earthly life. (Who knows?) But, it doesn't end with our last breath. It continues as we celebrate God's heavenly banquet.

So, get ready with 20/20 faith eyes, an overflowing heart filled with love and compassion, and a stylish tee-shirt that says in BIG PRINT, "All Are Welcome".

Many blessings of love and peace!

Sr. Joanne



Monday, January 6

8:30am - Leonard Introna By: Stephanie Pulice

Tuesday, January 7

8:30am - Douglas F. Baker By: The Loving Baker Family

Wednesday, January 8

8:00am - Charlie Mulieri By: Theresa and Peter Ringelstein

Thursday, January 9

8:30am - Julia Dietsche By: Sr. Joanne Picciurro

Friday, January 10

8:30am - Jamie Milligan By: Ellen Kozlowsky

Saturday, January 11

5:00pm - Albert Ferraro, Jr. By: Diane and Dave Lang

Sunday, January 12

8:00am - John (Jack) Kellev By: Patrick and Cathy Doherty

10:00am - The People of the Parish

12:00pm - **Deceased Members of the** Corrigan and McCov Families By: Leo Corrigan

6:30pm - Bella D. Clemente By: George and Ritchell Magno



January Donation

The bread and wine have been donated in loving honor, and celebration of

Ellen Kozlowski's 90th Birthday

By: Susan Walsh

Readings for **Next Sunday** January 12, 2025 Reading 1: Isaiah 40:1-11 Reading 2: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 **Reading 3: Luke 3:15-22**



Epiphany of the Lord

"They prostrated themselves, and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

---MATTHEW 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold - we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

Breaking Open the Word "With love from Sr. Joanne"

In the Second Reading to the Ephesians...

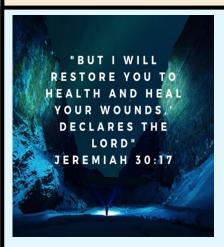
Paul reveals a mystery that the Gentiles (non-Jews) are also beneficiaries of the promises made to the Jews.

We are included in the freedom and salvation brought about by Jesus' death and resurrection.

Do you appreciate that there is no exclusivity with God's grace?

We are ALL God's children.

Are we able to be inclusive to all, without resentment?



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Laurie Ross Cummings Rose Anne Leo DeMeo **Marianne Donahoe** Ann Dunlop Michael Grieco Robbie Kirk Joanne Librie MaryAnn Mastrangelo Fred Schuldt **Susan Schwartz** Kathleen Shea **Dan Taylor**

Names of individuals added to the sick list in the bulletin will be read aloud at Mass for a maximum of four consecutive weeks and then listed in the bulletin. Names should only be submitted with the permission of the individual who is sick.

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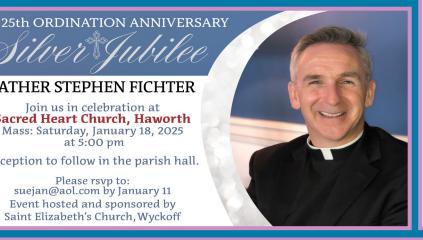
To sign up, click on the QR code, then click on "Sign-in". At the bottom of the page, you will see the phrase, "Don't have a giving account? Create one". Click on "Create one". On the next page, fill in requested information to create your account. Then click "Register".

FATHER STEPHEN FICHTER

Join us in celebration at Sacred Heart Church, Haworth Mass: Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Reception to follow in the parish hall.

Please rsvp to: suejan@aol.com by January 11 Event hosted and sponsored by Saint Elizabeth's Church, Wyckoff



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

2025 Calendar

(Watch here and on our website for details and updates!)



SAVE THE DATE!!

Sunday - February 9, 2025 - 1:15pm (following the 12pm Mass)

"SUPER SUNDAE" Ice Cream Social with **Kid's Craft** (Valentine Cards)

Interested in sharing fun and interesting ideas to bring our Parish Family together?

Become a member of The Social Activities Committee!

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The Wise Men Find Jesus

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WORSHIP GOLD **SEARCH JERUSALEM** PRESENTED **JESUS** KING CHRIST MAGI **HEROD** JUDAH **BOWED BETHLEHEM EAST** MYRRH **PROPHET** REPORT CHILD INCENSE **PEOPLE RULER** STAR **GIFTS** SHEPHERD

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. ---Mathew 2:1-2



