



PRINCE of PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

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MEETINGS

Baptism

Instruction is required for all parents seeking baptism of their child. Please contact the Rectory.

Care of the Sick

Please advise us of parishioners who are sick that we may keep them in prayer. We would also like to bring the Eucharist to those who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church.

Confidential Prayer Line

To add intentions call Ellen Calamari at 978-660-3818 or the Rectory at 978-464-2871.

Marriage

Interviews, instruction and Pre-Cana are required. Please contact the Rectory at least one year in advance.

Programs

- Adult Bible Study

Please contact the Rectory for class schedule.

- Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Wednesdays at 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

- Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday -4:00-4:30 pm at the church or by appointment.

Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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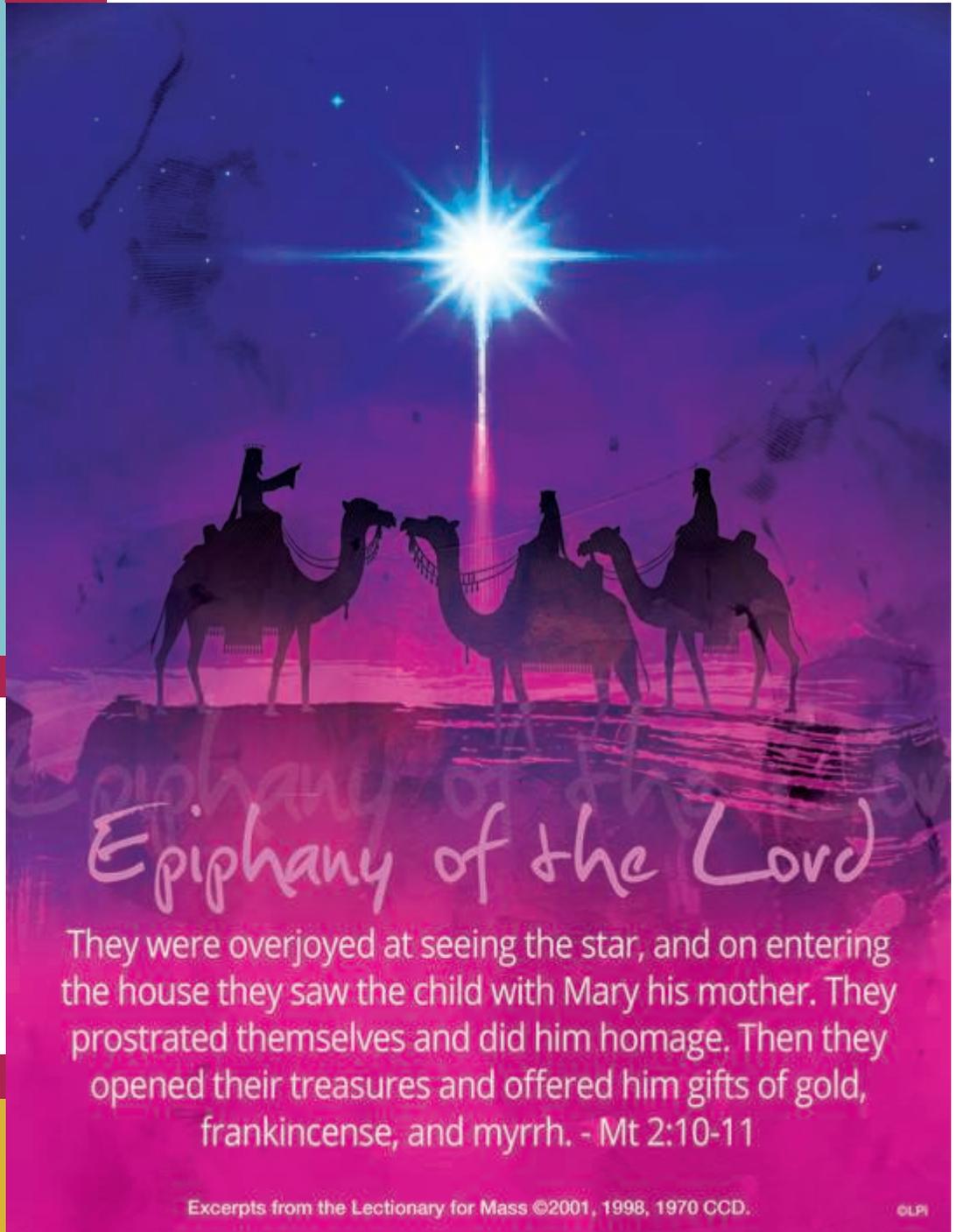
SCHEDULE/MASSES

Mon—Wed, Friday, 8:30 am

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

Holy Days/Feast Day 8:30 am & 7:00 pm



Epiphany of the Lord

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

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Your talents are welcome. We encourage you to call a ministry chairperson to find out more about our on-going programs.

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Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, January 4th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested
Sunday, January 5th
8:30 AM Unrequested
10:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners
Monday, January 6th
8:30 AM Unrequested
Tuesday, January 7th
8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God the Father for the Gift of Jesus, requested by Gino and Anita Masciari
Wednesday, January 8th
8:30 AM For the Holy Souls
Friday, January 10th
8:30 AM Unrequested
Saturday, January 11th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested
Sunday, January 12th
8:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners
10:30 AM M. Marcus Moran, Jr., requested by a friend

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

JR/SR HIGH PROGRAM:

Classes for students in our Jr/Sr High Program will resume on Monday, **January 27th**, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Prince of Peace Legacy of Hope Update:



Thanks to the generosity of 39 families, our parish is only \$24,077 away from reaching our goal of \$189,627. *There is still time to help us meet our parish goal!* If you have not yet had the chance to pledge to this very important campaign, please consider doing so as soon as possible. Thank you.

If anyone is interested in serving as an **Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, or Lector**, please contact Fr. Ed or email the office at princeofpeace@verizon.net.

Wishing you all a very happy and blessed New Year

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

Dear Friends,

With the celebration of the Epiphany, we remember that three men followed a star and found “the Light of the World.” Upon coming to the infant Jesus, they adored Him while offering gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This beautiful event whereby Jesus is revealed to the world ends in tragedy as Herod saw the infant Jesus as a threat to his power. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph flee to Egypt as all of the male children up to two years old are slaughtered by the order of Herod.

During this year, as we deal with the many challenges of daily life, may we find fulfillment in our faith. God has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit providing us with the gift of faith to personally respond to that revelation.

Through prayer, worship, and acts of charity, we can continue to strengthen our relationship with God. In this process, may we seek out holiness allowing ourselves to make a personal commitment to God. We can begin this endeavor by accepting the ways of Jesus. By being humble and loving people unconditionally, we can overcome pride, ego, arrogance, greed, jealousy, anger, resentment, revenge, and lust. May we always be aware of these realities that drive us away from God and lead us into sin.

Our faith calls us to become more like Jesus. I wonder, are we willing to do so?

Fr. Ed

NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

The Catholic University of America is unique among universities in the United States—even among Catholic universities. Established by Pope Leo XIII and the U.S. Bishops in 1887, it is the national university of the Catholic Church. In addition to alumni who hail from this diocese, Catholic University claims one third of the U.S. bishops and 12,000 priests and religious as alumni. In Washington, DC, the University provides an education based in the Catholic intellectual tradition to almost 7,000 students through its 12 schools.

This weekend, **January 4-5**, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. We appreciate your generosity. You can learn more at collection.cua.edu.

Good News!

January 5, 2020

Epiphany of the Lord (A)

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

"Go back where you came from!" What if the Magi heard this when they came to the house where the Child was, and they heeded that deriding message? The "signs of the times" that they read told them a king had been born. They might not have known exactly where to look, but they knew what they were looking for, and they recognized that king when they found him. These righteous men were not Israelites, yet God revealed this great mystery to them. Furthermore, there is no indication that they eventually became Israelites. Rather, "they departed for their country" (Matthew 2:12). God really does not play favorites.

Then how are we to understand the claim of being God's Chosen People, whether ancient Israelites or the Christian community? What's the point of being chosen if you are not the favorite? While acknowledging God's special love for his Chosen People, both Isaiah and Paul answer this question. The prophet claims that "nations will walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning" (Isaiah 60:3), and Paul says "the stewardship of God's grace...was given to me for your benefit" (Ephesians 3:2). In other words, some have been chosen by God to bring the light of God's love to others.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates two important realities—the revelation of God to all people and the responsibility to reveal that astounding mystery to others. The Magi personify both realities. They were men of another faith tradition to whom God revealed the mystery of the Incarnation, and they returned home and probably proclaimed to others the wonder of that mystery.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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*Remember us, O God
From age to age be our comfort,
You have given us the wonder of
Time, blessings in days and nights,
Seasons and years.*

*Bless your children on the feast of
The Epiphany and fill the months ahead
With the bright hope that is yours in
The coming of Christ.*

*You are our God, living and reigning
For ever and ever.
Amen*

2020 Calendars: 2020 Catholic Calendars, courtesy of Miles Funeral Home and Sunnyside Ford, are available at the back of Church.



The collection for the weekend of December 21-22, 2019, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 600.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 140.00
Advanced	\$ 105.00
Maintenance	\$ 97.00
Energy	\$ 60.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 80.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 30.00
Christmas	\$ 285.00
Yearly	\$2,350.00
Catholic University	\$ 5.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,687.00</u>
Total Collection:	<u>\$5,439.00</u>

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS IN CLINTON

The Sacred Music Series at St. John Guardian of Our Lady, 80 Union St., Clinton continues with a special Festival of Lessons and Carols on **Saturday, January 11th, at 7 pm.** Based on the Office of Matins for the Feast of the Epiphany, this festive ceremony will feature Scripture readings, the singing of beloved Christmas and Epiphany carols, and sacred choral music. Free-will donations will be accepted at the door to benefit the First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center.