



# 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

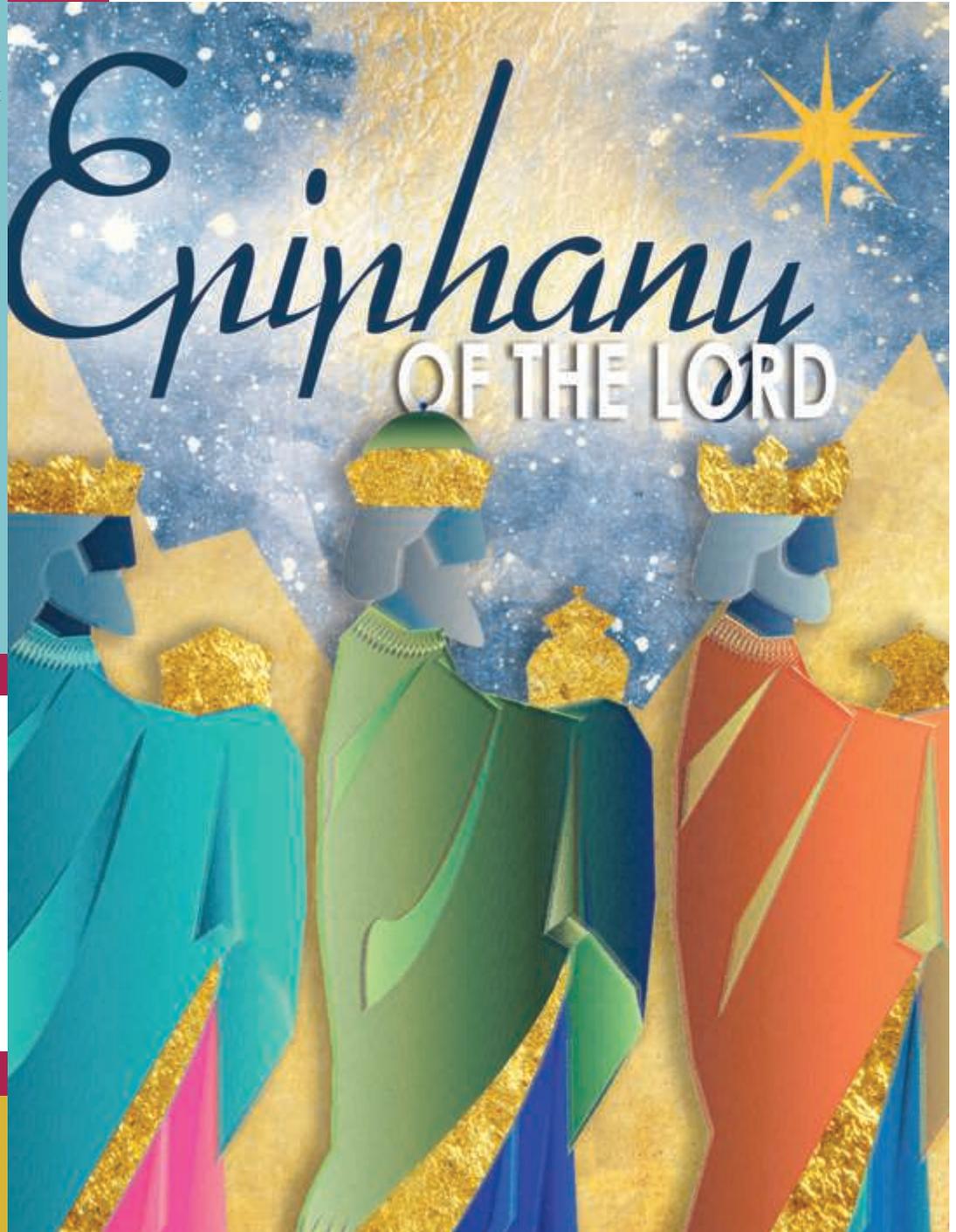
- Adult Bible Study  
Please contact the Rectory for class schedule.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting  
Wednesdays at 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
- Reconciliation/Confession  
Saturday 3:45 pm at the church, or by appointment.

### Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

#### STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway



# Epiphany OF THE LORD

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Development Committee  
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Chairperson: Gerald Gates (978) 464-5636

Education Committee  
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Liturgical Committee  
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Evangelization & Outreach Committee  
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### SCHEDULE/MASSES

Monday—Friday ..... 8:30 am

Saturday ..... 4:30 pm

Sunday ..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

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

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

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



Saturday, January 1st  
 3:45 PM Confessions  
 4:30 PM Unrequested  
 Sunday, January 2nd  
 8:30 AM Unrequested  
 10:30 AM Unrequested  
 Monday, January 3rd  
 8:30 AM Unrequested  
 Tuesday, January 4th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested  
 Wednesday, January 5th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested  
 Thursday, January 6th  
 8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line  
 and in our Prayer Intention Book  
 Friday, January 7th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested  
 Saturday, January 8th  
 3:45 PM Confessions  
 4:30 PM Unrequested  
 Sunday, January 9th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested  
 10:30 AM Unrequested

The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 2, 2022

Dear Friends,

Many thanks to **Denis and Priscilla Coughlin**, to the **Youth Choir**, and to the **Adult Choir** for the beautiful music that we experienced on Christmas. Also, many thanks to **Paul Kempskie** for preparing the Church, and to **Kathy and Bob Packard** for the beautiful flower arrangements.

As we celebrate the Epiphany today, we remember that three men followed a star and found “the light of the world.” The Magi adored the Lord as they offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This beautiful event whereby Jesus is revealed to the world ends in tragedy as Herod considered the Child Jesus to be a threat to his power. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph fled to Egypt as Herod ordered the killing of all male children up to two years old in the area of Bethlehem. Thus “the cross of Christ is present in His life even at his birth,” to quote the late Bishop Fulton Sheen in his book, The Life of Christ. These murdered children, called “the Holy Innocents,” became the first human beings to offer their lives for Jesus.

As we begin 2022, may this year be happy, fulfilling and peaceful for all of us. Although the Covid-19 pandemic is still part of our lives, may we not be overwhelmed by it. May we believe in our loving God in a fervent way. Through the gift of faith, may we continue to strengthen our relationship with God. Let us be close to Jesus, sharing His love and mercy with everyone. With much hope, may we stay focused upon God, rejecting sin; and embracing conversion that allows us to spiritually make a full commitment to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Let us seek out the intercession of Our Lady to help us in this endeavor. Be well and be safe!

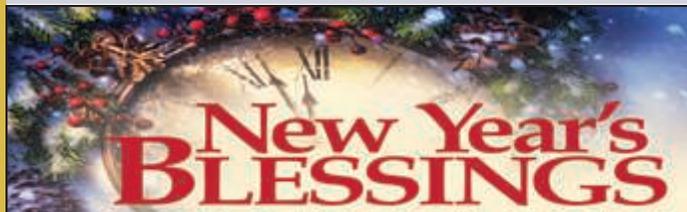
God’s love and prayers always,  
 Fr. Ed



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



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 1-2**, 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.dua.edu](http://collection.dua.edu).

# Good News!

January 2, 2022

*The Epiphany of the Lord (C)*

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

Many traditional religions have in some way ascribed divinity to light—either they claim that light emanates from a god or that light itself is divine. This is probably because light is a primal necessity, essential for life. We find such thinking in today's readings.

"Your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1) says today's Old Testament reading. This is Isaiah's glorious message for the people of Jerusalem. The city had been destroyed; the people scattered; the future looked bleak. This message must have filled the people with hope. Not only does light bring them hope, but the light actually streams from their God. It is the Lord who shines, bestowing his radiance upon them. This light is filled with promise.

The story of the Magi is not meant primarily for children who delight in moving figurines of the three kings a bit closer to the stable every day. This is an adult story about inner darkness and enlightenment. The strangers, ignorant of ancient Israel's traditions, were able to read the signs of the times. Because of their openness, they found the Light of the World. The learned men of Jerusalem were well-schooled in the ancient promises, for they knew where to send the strangers. However, they felt threatened by these signs. They closed their minds and hearts to any omens that might imperil their positions of privilege. They had a chance to benefit from this new light, but they turned their backs on it.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

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The collection for the weekend of December 11-12 2021, was as follows:

Make-up envelopes	\$ 325.00
Advanced envelopes	\$ 185.00
Maintenance	\$ 68.00
Energy costs	\$ 15.00
Religious Ed Registration	\$ 90.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 425.00
Yearly donation	\$1,000.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 170.00
Christmas	\$ 615.00
Nazareth Home	\$ 340.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 220.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00
Make up Holy Days	\$ 30.00
Regular collection	<u>\$ 926.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$4,414.00

The collection for the weekend of December 18-19 2021, was as follows:

Monthly	\$1,215.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 130.00
Advanced envelopes	\$ 20.00
Maintenance	\$ 85.00
Energy costs	\$ 54.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 265.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 210.00
Christmas	\$ 270.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 40.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 45.00
Yearly	\$2,000.00
Regular collection	<u>\$ 926.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$5,243.00

Electronic giving for the month of November, 2021, was \$2,483.00.

Due to holiday publishing deadlines, the finance report for the weekend of December 25-26 will be published in a future bulletin.

**“Behold, I stand at the door and knock...”** It’s time. Time to learn more about your faith. It’s time to experience what our religion can do for you. Jesus is waiting for you, personally. Cursillo weekends are a wonderful, fun way to give you a start on this journey. Two weekends are coming up for early 2022. **A Women’s Weekend February 3-6** and a **Men’s Weekend March 17-20**. Visit [www.fourthday.org](http://www.fourthday.org) and download an application today or call Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909 for more information. You will be so very glad you did!!