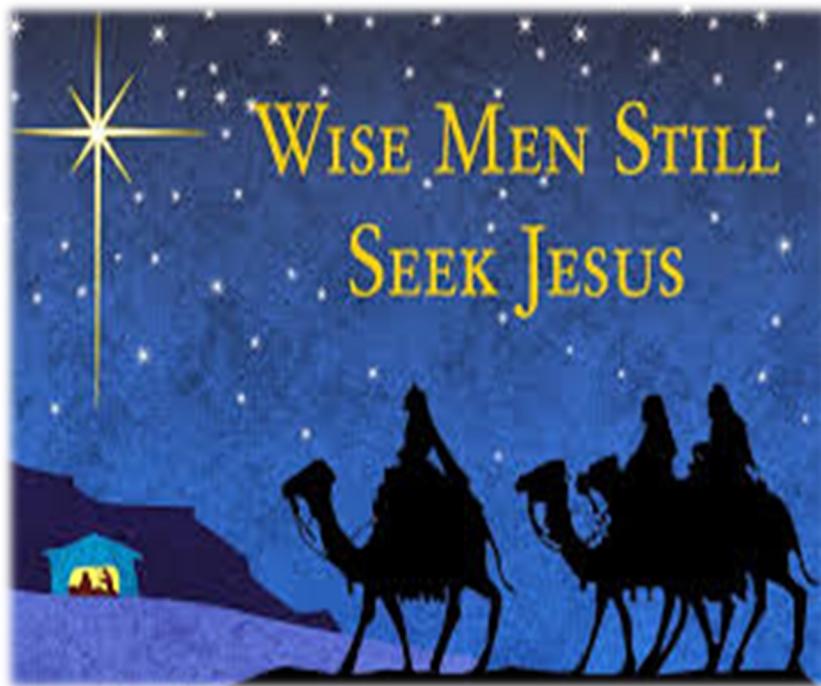


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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2023



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Welcome to New Families!

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Parish Office

Ms. Barbara Bunag, Office Manager, 732-257-7722
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Office Hours

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Sunday: 8:00 am 10:00 am
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Saturday: 10:00 am
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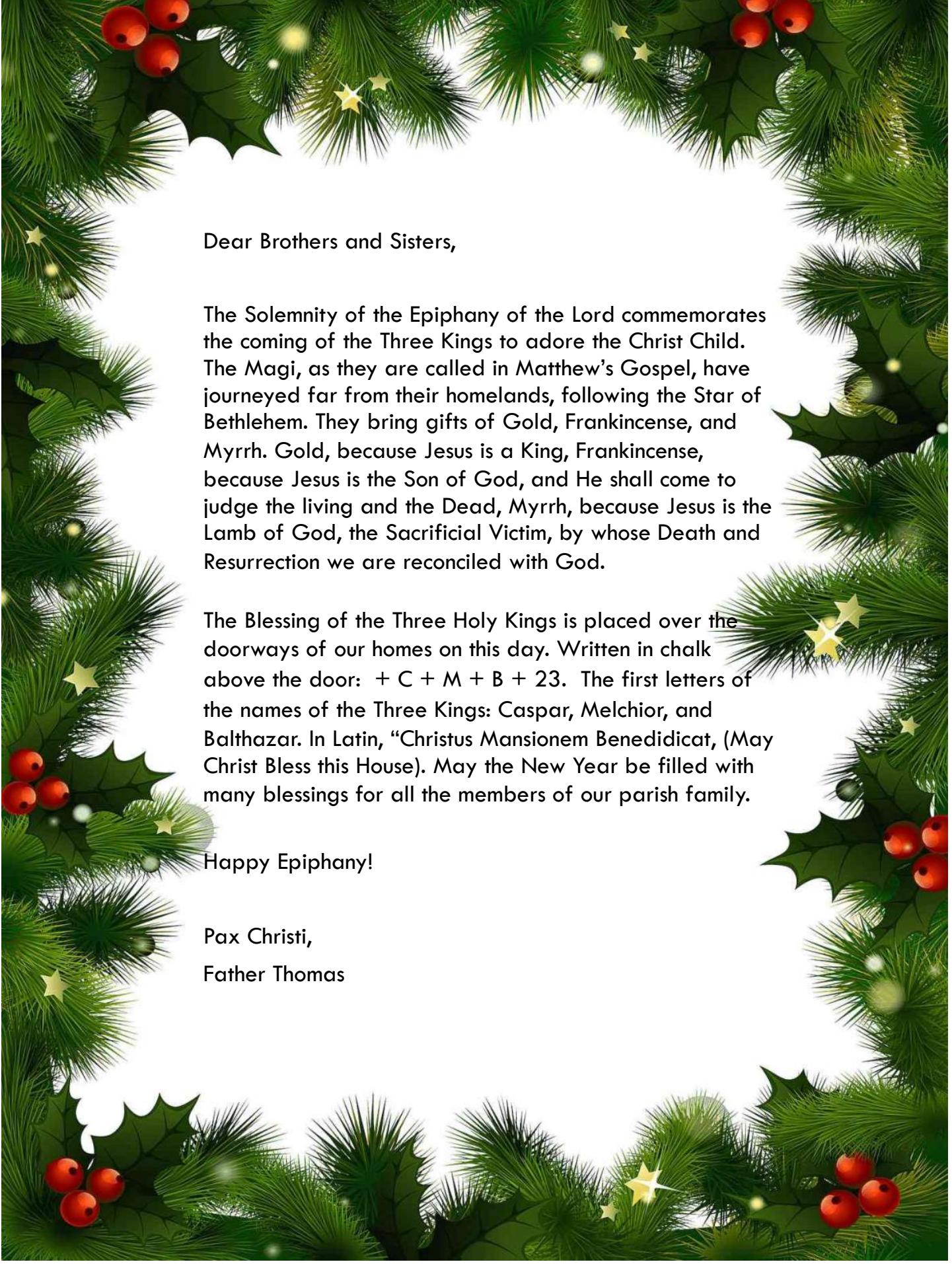
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MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord commemorates the coming of the Three Kings to adore the Christ Child. The Magi, as they are called in Matthew's Gospel, have journeyed far from their homelands, following the Star of Bethlehem. They bring gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. Gold, because Jesus is a King, Frankincense, because Jesus is the Son of God, and He shall come to judge the living and the Dead, Myrrh, because Jesus is the Lamb of God, the Sacrificial Victim, by whose Death and Resurrection we are reconciled with God.

The Blessing of the Three Holy Kings is placed over the doorways of our homes on this day. Written in chalk above the door: + C + M + B + 23. The first letters of the names of the Three Kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. In Latin, "Christus Mansionem Benedidicat, (May Christ Bless this House). May the New Year be filled with many blessings for all the members of our parish family.

Happy Epiphany!

Pax Christi,
Father Thomas

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, 7 JANUARY, 2023

4:00 p.m.

The Memorial Mass Society

The Epiphany of the Lord SUNDAY, 8 January, 2023

8:00 a.m.

Anna Marie Zuppani r/o Karen & Pat Gibbons
and
Vivienne & John Gatarz

10:00 a.m.

Bob Cippola r/o Fr. Thomas Walsh

12 noon

The Spinelli Family r/o Joann Kelly

MONDAY, 9 January, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Leonides A. Batacan r/o The Family

TUESDAY, 10 January, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Joan Smith r/o Gerald Smith

WEDNESDAY, 11 January, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Peter Kowal r/o Marilyn Franklin

THURSDAY, 12 January, 2023

8:30 a.m.

The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew Parish

FRIDAY, 13 January, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Grazia Formica—The 70th Anniversary of Death
r/o Sandra Romanko

SATURDAY, 14 JANUARY, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Dorothy Covino r/o Deacon Jack & Judy Kenny

SUNDAY, 15 January, 2023

8:00 a.m.

The Living & Deceased Member of the Columbiettes
r/o The Columbiettes
and
Peter Kowal r/o The Lampone Family

10:00 a.m.

The Members of the Whipkey & Sauvigne Family
r/o Patty & Sherman Whipkey

12 noon

Linda Leccese r/o The Grubiak Family

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Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

January 8, 2023 - Epiphany of the Lord

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image 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.

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Come and sing with us!



ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS

Please consider joining us for the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 12:00 noon at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

Bishop James F. Checchio will be the celebrant. Youth who have been active in pro-life volunteering will be recognized. There will be a light reception immediately following the Mass. All are welcome to attend.

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The first thought I had after thinking of today's ensemble of Readings was that of an eclipse of the moon. It's a picture of a slowly creeping darkness overcoming brilliance completely, at least for a brief time. The familiar conflict of virtue against sin that we experience almost daily comes to the birth story of Jesus, and the present day life of His Church, our Church too.

The extended Christmas story easily conjures up the struggles we all have against negative powers. Almost as soon as the last notes of the beloved Christmas carols fade from our hearing, we got the jolt of St. Stephen's cruel martyrdom on December 26. That was followed up with the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, with an easy application to modern day abortion. In all of that, we are taught by the Holy Spirit, speaking through the Scriptures, not to give in to any Pollyanna outlook on life. Or about the process of our redemption. It involves crisis and the Cross before any rejoicing over the Resurrection.

We professed followers of the true Messiah, Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, have to be ready for repeats, in substance, of all the pain and setbacks recorded in Church history over the centuries.

Another image, like that of an eclipse that entered my mind is that of an imaginary "Gloomy Gus Association" at its annual convention. All members must dine on cold pea soup with bland crackers for three days and learn what to do with the fresh pin cushions distributed to them with an assortment of newly minted pins. Each pin represents a potential negativity they can introduce into anything positive in the coming year. King Herod would of course be a charter member of the group.

Returning to reality, I'd like to ask my fellow optimists to celebrate today this outbreak of the Good News of Christ. To free it from any confinement to a past time and place. This news came via the Magi visit to the vastly wide world of the Gentile nations. That should elicit an "Alleluia" from us all. That leads me to this easy depiction of the problem out there in Secular City: Once upon a time an optimist invited a pessimist to go duck hunting. The optimist wanted to show off his newly registered hunting dog that could do things no other dog could. The pessimist looked at the dog and said, "Looks like a mutt to me." At that moment, a flock of ducks flew over. The optimist shot one of the ducks and it fell into the middle of the lake. He snapped his fingers and his new dog ran out on the water, picked up the duck, and ran back on the water. The optimist took the duck from the dog's mouth, turned to the pessimist and said, "What do you think of the dog now?" The pessimist replied, "Dumb dog—can't even swim."

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