

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 4, 2026

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church



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PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Cornelius K. Ejiogu, SSJ, Pastor

Deacons: Ira Chase and Thomas Jones

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Bernice Waller

Director of Faith Formation: Ms. Cynthia Battle

Director of Music: Mr. Rawn Harbor

Youth Choir Director: Melanie Cobb

Seminarian Lawrence Lema

Let us warmly welcome **Father Isaac Opara**



Newcomers & Visitors: Welcome to "The Church on the Hill"!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. May you be blessed with hope, joy, love, and peace while here! Should you want to join our parish family please contact a Minister of Hospitality, Priest, or call the Rectory for a Registration Form. **Again, Welcome!**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm
 (Lunch Hour 12:30-1:30 pm)
OFFICE CLOSED: FRIDAY & SATURDAY

**MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON THE
 OLPH WEBSITE**

Sunday 10:00 am Monday-Thursday 8:00 am
Saturday 4:30 pm Mass not Live Streamed

**Mass Intentions may not be made on
 Solemnities, Fridays, Saturdays nor Sundays.**
Mass Stipend Donation is \$10.00

**Contact Doris Savoy in the Rectory, Ext. 2,
 or email dsavoy0642@aol.com.**

SUNDAY DONUTS

**Sunday fellowship with donuts and coffee
 will be held on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays ONLY.**
**Organizations and/or Ministries, please
 contact Millicent Hawkins to advise when you
 will be able to assist on the 3rd Sundays.**



Memorials are noted by + indicates deceased
 BD means Birthday AD means Anniversary of death

- Sunday (4th)**
 10:00 am For the People
- Monday (5th)**
 8:00 am + Christine Wingfield Jenifer
 By Gloria A. Lessington
- Tuesday (6th)**
 8:00 am + Carolyn Stoutamire
 By Gloria A. Lessington
- Wednesday (7th)**
 8:00 am +BD Minnie L. Hardy
 By Doris H. Savoy
- Thursday (8th)**
 8:00 am Vy. Rev. Cornelius K. Ejiogu, SSJ
 By Morning Mass Group

Quote for the week

The best way to have a good friend is to be a good friend.



Tuesday Night Virtual Bible Study
 with Deacon Ira Chase at 6:30 pm
 Studying Matthew
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86481398261?pwd=OHNBc2ZGdXh6WEtZcHVhS1pDZHg5UT09>
Meeting ID: 864 813 98261 Passcode: 509931

Wednesday Night Live Stream Bible Study
 with Father Cornelius will resume in February 2026



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
 January 11, 2026
First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
Responsorial Psalm 29:1-2,3-4,9-10
Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38
Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17



Collections Last Weekend Total \$6,857.00

Thanks to all OLPH parishioners for sending in your tithes and offerings. Please Note the amount recorded here is from envelopes marked **“My Sacrificial Gift”** only.

Special envelopes are **not tithes**. The amount you put into those envelopes is recorded and provided to you in your Annual Contribution Statements.

FYI: If you send in envelopes for several months at a time, please note we **cannot back date your tithes**. They can only be recorded on the **actual date** you submit them.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: Please only use **black or blue ballpoint pens** when you write your checks.

2026 BOXED ENVELOPES

Available for **PICK-UP**
 Boxes are in alphabetical order.

Reminder boxes CANNOT be mailed.

Church Announcements

Sunday, January 4th:

8:45 am OCIA Class

10:00 am Mass

Memorial of Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, SC

She was the first person born in what would become the United States to be canonized by the Catholic Church. She established the first Catholic girls' school in the nation in Emmitsburg, MD, where she also founded the first American congregation of religious sisters, the Sisters of Charity. Mother Seton, as she is often called, was canonized on Sunday, September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI. She was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "Saint." Her remains are entombed in Emmitsburg in the Basilica at the National Shrine that bears her name.

Monday, January 5th:

Memorial of John Nepomucene Neumann, CSsR

He was a Catholic priest from Bohemia. He immigrated to the United States in 1836, where he was ordained and later joined the Redemptorist order and became the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia. He is the first United States bishop to be canonized. While Bishop of Philadelphia, Neumann founded the first Catholic diocesan school system in the United States. He is a Roman Catholic saint, canonized in 1977.

Tuesday, January 6th:

Memorial of St. Andre Bessette (Patron Saint of the Josephites)

From his childhood he had a strong devotion to Saint Joseph and spent his life promoting devotion to the foster-father of Jesus. His devotion to St. Joseph was foundational and evident in his daily intercessory prayer. He was known as Brother André, was a monk and a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross who became internationally renowned as a miracle healer. He often recommended that those seeking a healing rub themselves with a medal of Saint Joseph or the saint's oil, which came from the sanctuary lamps as a visible sign of faith. Eventually, with many donations and support he was able to have a shrine to honor St. Joseph built. Saint Joseph's Oratory is located in Montreal.

Thursday, January 8th:

10:30 am LOC Food Pantry

Saturday, January 10th:

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 11th:

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

8:45 am OCIA Staff Meeting and Sunday School

10:00 am Mass

Pope Leo's Monthly Intention For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Remember
In Prayer 

HOMEBOUND, **HOSPITAL, or *NURSING/REHAB

*Robert Barden, Carolyn Brown, Carla Coleman, Agnes Dua, Edward Glover, *Cordella Gough, *Agnes Maxine Hart, Deborah Ogarro Kelly, *Edith Lee, Marie Lucas, *Helene Matthews, David McNeill, **Deborah McNeill, Gloria Ann Moore, Rose Quander-Nevedon, Antoinette Reese, *Cynthia Salter-Stith, *Amy Scroggins, George Shearard, Sudie Shelton, Augustine Thomas, New-Velvet Washington, and Kobe Williams

PRAYER REQUEST

WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU

Clement Akoto, Evelyn Akoto, Lisa Alexander, Valarie Ashley, Frances Battle, Barbara Billings-Leftwich, Charlotte Blount-Lewis, John X. Briscoe, Sr., Michelle Brookings-Cheek, Thomas Henry Brooks, Hilda Brown, Selena Brown, Millicent Brown-Howard, Ronald Burton, Demarquis Carter, Dorita Carter, Louis Carter, Terneara Carter, Deacon Ira Chase, Judy Chase, William Clemons, Alberta Colbert, Margo Cooke, Roberta Dade-Young, Judith Dean, Sterling Dolman, Anne Donelson, Alvin Durham, Beverly Ford, Salim Franklin, Betty Franklin-Swammy, Toni Gaines, LaShawn Gaines, Sy Gaines, Eva Galloway, Bradley Gant, Dexter Goodwyn, Betty Graham, David Malcolm Greene, David Gross, Kathy Gross, Carlene Hawkins, Larry Holloway, Sr., Michael Howard, Lela Hagan, John Hawkins, Sr., Ken Houston, Crystal Jackson, Crystal Jeffrie, Deacon Thomas Jones, Louis Jones, James King, Jessica King, Betty Lawson, Dianna Ledbetter, Crystal Marsh, Jeffrey Marshall, Shirel Marshall, Ngoki Masembwa, John Mason, Joseph Mason, Winifred Mason, Carolyn Matthews-Alston, Justine Middleton, Danielle Mitchell, Henrietta Moody, Maurice Moody, Yvonne Moody, Gloria V. Moore, Milton Morgan, Travia Neverdon-Stone, Dorethia Newby, Warren Newton, Marcia Marlene Oliver, Terrance Oxyner, Bettina Penny, Diane Penny, Lawrence (Lonnie) Penny, Marvin Penny, Pam Penny, Theresa Penny, Tina Penny, Yvonne Peterson, Deidre Dorsey Point, Brenda Price, Katalina Quander-Masembwa, Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ, Brenda Robinson, Demetria Savoy, Julia Melva Scott, Madeline Scott, Bernadette Smith, Clementine Smith-Easley, Delores (Polly) Smith, Vivian Staples, Donna Stewart-Moore, Patricia Stewart-Brown, Michelle Stone, Kendra Tinsley, Joseph Thomas, Rose Thurston, Debra Tidwell-Peters, Juanita White, Nicky Wilkinson, Christal Williams, Brian Yeldell and Raymond Young

Happy
Anniversary 

Morris & Yvette Cobb 39th on January 3rd
Michael & Thomasina Woods 58th on January 14th
Mitchell & Mary Baylor 21st on January 17th
Raymond & Roberta Young 16th on January 31st



- 4th Betty Lawson
- 7th Cheryl Jackson
- 8th Melanie Cobb DeShawn Middleton
- 9th Roslyn Holmes Joan Jackson
- 12th CaroleShackelford
- 13th Delisha Jones Cecilia (Candy) Westray
- 14th Charita Proctor
- 17th Jerry Gant
- 18th Charlene Hursey Courtney Polite-Jackson
- 19th Yvette Cobb

From the Pastor's Desk

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you? Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."

It's Party Time Again!!
 Come join the OLPH Men's Club
NIP & SIP
 Friday, January 9, 2026
 Donation \$20.00
 Tickets available from:
 James King at 202-439-3360
 Joe Gant
 Steve Harris

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass
 National Marriage Week (February 7–14, 2026) celebrates the gift of sacramental marriage. Join us at the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass** to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, **February 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m.** at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of **all** couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Couples, **please register with your parish office by February 6, 2026**, to attend the Mass and/or request a certificate in honor of their anniversary year. All married couples and their families are welcome, regardless of how long you have been married. Please contact your parish office to register. The Mass will be celebrated in English and Spanish. Contact Mrs. Bernice Waller with your information at her email: bwaller@live.com.

In Your Prayers Remember the Souls of

Tonya Elizabeth Hawkins (DOD 12/18/15)

Cousin of Kathy Jones, Millicent, Donna, and D. Michael Hawkins

Funeral services will be Thursday, January 8, 2026

10:00 am Viewing Service 11:00 am

The Metropolitan Church of God

3822 34th Street Mt. Rainier, MD 20712

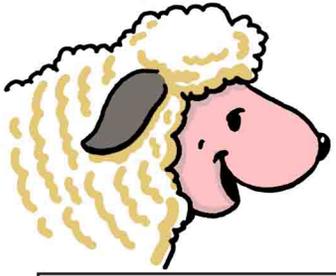
Interment: Mount Olivet

Repast: OLPH Panorama Room

Theron Anthony Gray (DOD 12/29/15)

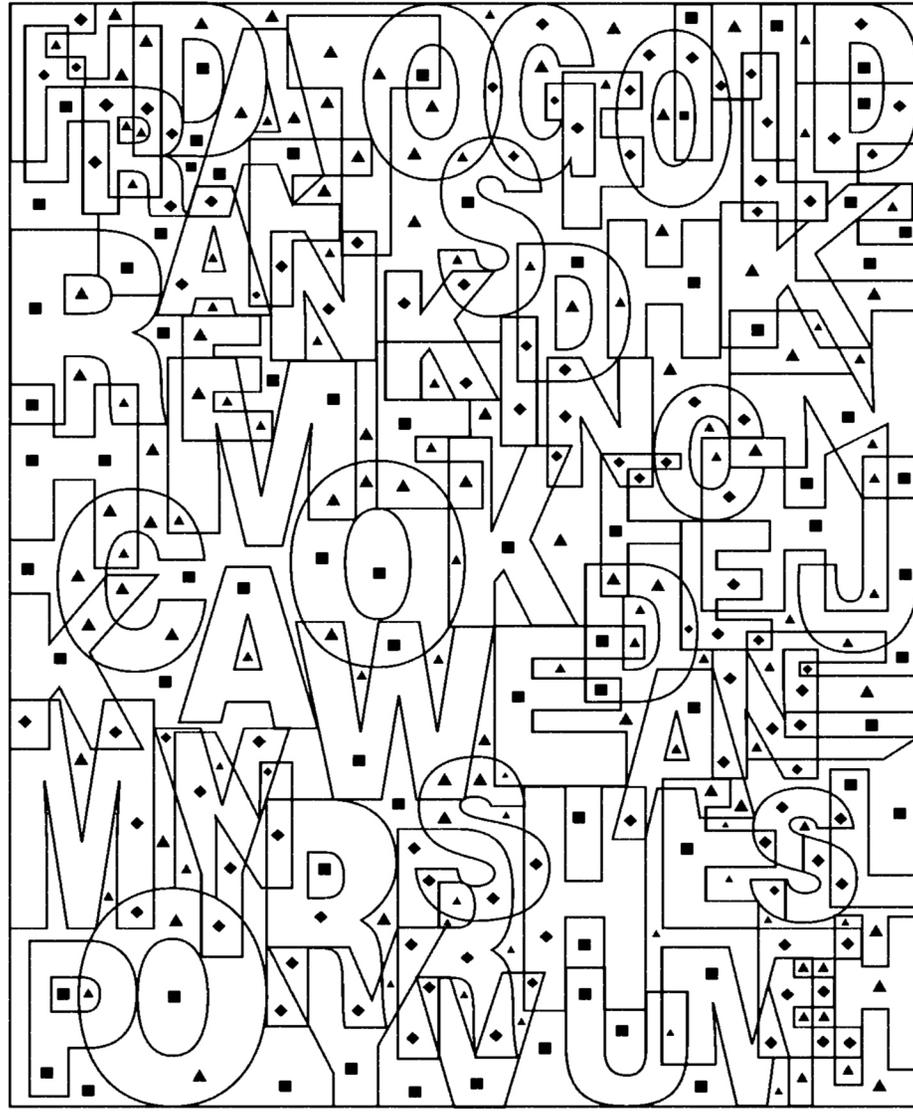
Father of Dawn-Marie Gray

Services pending at this time



The magi opened their treasures and gave gifts to the child Jesus. What were the gifts?

Color the spaces that have a  .



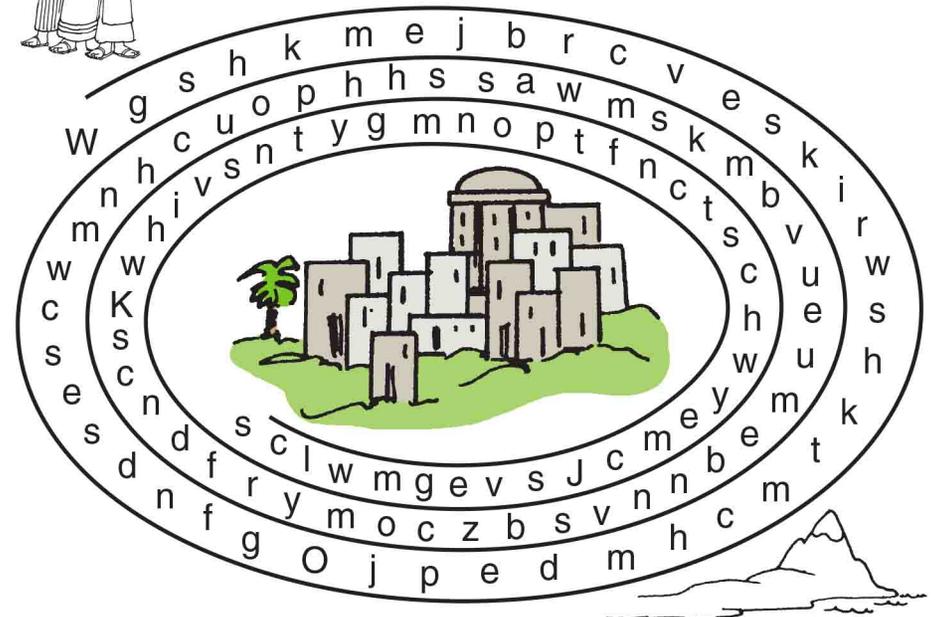
Ages 7+

January 4, 2026 • Matthew 2:1-12

The Visit of the Magi

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem during the time of King Herod, magi (wise men) from the East came to Jerusalem.

To find what the magi said, follow the spiral to Jerusalem. Begin with the first letter and then circle every third letter. Then write the letters in order on the lines below.



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Why did the magi say they had come?



Use the code to find the answer.

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★ = B	☆ = F	☆ = J	👑 = O	👑 = T	👑 = X
☆ = C	☆ = G	☆ = K	👑 = P	👑 = U	👑 = Y
★ = D	☆ = H	☆ = L	👑 = Q	👑 = V	👑 = Z
	☆ = M	👑 = R			

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The star led the magi to the place where the child Jesus was.

Help the magi find the correct path to Jesus.

