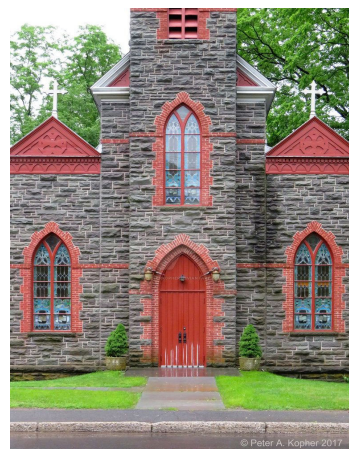
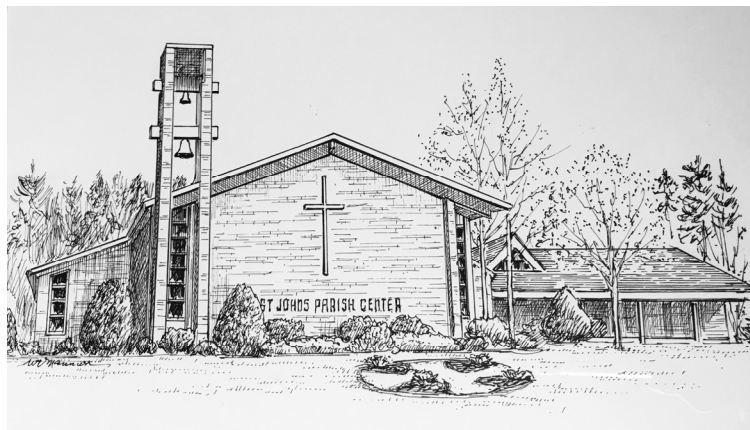


St. John / St. Francis



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021

*Behold, the star
that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped
over the place
where the child was.*

Matthew 2:9

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

— Psalm 72:11

THE HOLY STAR

O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

—William Cullen Bryant



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EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Materials: a piece of chalk and a small container of holy water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year.

[20 + C + M + B + 21]

Let us pray: May Christ bless this house!

ALL: Amen!

Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.

Living room:

Where two or three are gathered in your name,
Lord, you are present. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Kitchen:

Give us this day our daily bread.

Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Dining room:

Prepare us for the heavenly banquet.

Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Bedrooms:

Stay with us Lord, when night has come.

Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Bathroom:

Cleanse us from all sin. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

All return to the front door to pray together.

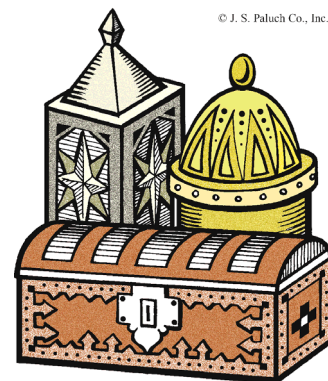
Leader: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father . . .

The leader sprinkles all present with holy water.

Bless this household through all days to come,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen!



SEARCHING

In Matthew's Gospel today we see two extremely different perspectives, two different reasons for searching for Jesus. In some ways, this resembles the polarization of our nation in today's time. What one group sees as good for the nation, those with opposing views think will wreck the country. The Magi were astrologers who saw a vision in the sky and were trying to find a way to follow it and discover the new king of the Jews. Herod heard about this king, and his reaction was dark and negative. He saw the birth of such a king as a threat to his power as the Roman leader of the country and wanted the Magi to pass on to him what they knew about this Christ child. Similarly, on a more personal level, we can either feel threatened or excited by changes that may come, depending on our perspective.

In our minds, it is easy to mix up bits and pieces from Luke's account of the shepherds coming to see Jesus in the stable and the story of the magi. Clearly, it has taken the magi time to get here, and the reading speaks of them coming to the house where the star led them. Nevertheless, they "prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures . . ."

How do we do this? Do we continue looking for Jesus, even if it takes a while and he is not where we expect to see him? Are we paying attention to the signs showing us the way? What gifts do we have with which to pay him homage? After seeing him, the Magi were warned in a dream not to go back the way they came. But if we have seen the Christ child, how can we go back to where we were? We must continue to respond to God's call to move forward and grow in our lives. We must seek the right and just path and turn away from the "Herods" and inherent evils in our life.

Today's Readings: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



A special thank you to all who dropped off yummy treats, gifts and cards during this Christmas Season!

Thank you to those who decorated our altar, church and entrance with flowers, wreaths and Christmas cheer.

Thank you to all those who donated to our food baskets, and gift card giving tree and flowers and to those who helped organize these events!

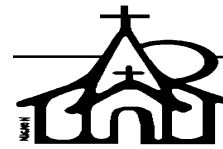
Thank you to our maintenance group who cleaned the church, lobby, parish hall, and set up for an overflow into the hall so we wouldn't have to turn anyone away from celebrating Christmas Mass. Thank you to the Pins and Needles for their homemade items crafted with loving care to give warmth and comfort to those in need.

Thank you to our Bereavement Group, especially, Francine and Gail, who have decided to step down this year. They provided nourishment and love during times of grief and sadness.

Thank you to our Lectors, Ushers and Religious Educators for all their support during these challenging times.

Thank you to Fr. Kiely for keeping us safe and spiritually fulfilled during this Covid-19 Christmas Season.

Wishing all a very Blessed New Year!



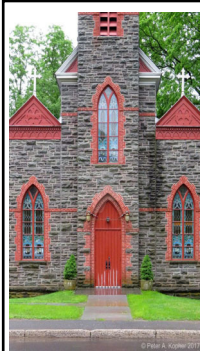
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PROMISE FULFILLED

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

Blessings,
Fr. Kiely



St. Francis de Sales would like to invite you to their **Zoom Bible Study with Sister Catherine Gormley!**

Each mini-course will be
3-4 sessions on a single topic,
with weekly meetings.

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New Mass Schedule for 2021

Saturday Mass Schedule

4 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales
5:30 p.m. at St. John's Church

Sunday Mass Schedule

9 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales
11 a.m. at St. John's Church

Holy Day Schedule

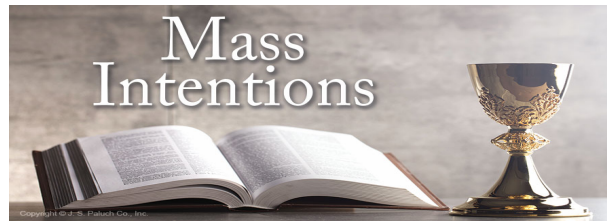
Vigil Mass – 4 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales
Holy Day Mass – 9 a.m. at St. John's Church

Added in December

Kate Berryan
Hannah Berryan
Nancy Bernard
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Leilani Robichaux Lem-
mieux
Dan Dulin
Kaylen
Heather
Richey
Baby Olive

Fr. Raphael
Antonio and Roberta
Barbaro Family
Marianne
Dinah
Katherine
Joey Kennedy Family
Members with Covid-19
Guy Oddo
Robert Kofler
Larry Goldblatt

Added in January



Date	Time	Mass is offered for	At the request of
12/31/20	4:00 p.m.	<i>Mass at St. Francis de Sales</i>	
01/01/21	9:00 a.m.	Peggy Durkin	Eileen Reilly
01/02/21	4:00 p.m.	<i>Mass at St. Francis de Sales</i>	
01/02/21	5:30 p.m.	Paddy Walker	Rita and Brian Lane
01/03/21	9:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at St. Francis de Sales</i>	
01/03/21	11:00 a.m.	Daryl Anne Florio	Francis P. Florio
01/04/21	9:00 a.m.	Mass to be said for the People	
01/05/21	9:00 a.m.	Open Intention	
01/06/21	9:00 a.m.	Open Intention	
01/07/21	9:00 a.m.	Open Intention	
01/09/21	4:00 p.m.	<i>Mass at St. Francis de Sales</i>	
01/09/21	5:30 p.m.	Shirley M. Plant	Ann Gregory
01/10/21	9:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at St. Francis de Sales</i>	
01/10/21	11:00 a.m.	Arlene Christofora	The Family



Pray for our Military, especially for James Mault, Johnathan Schwab, Danny Brennan (Navy), Justine Lamoreux, and Dartagnan Vanacore



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Regular Collection Gifts for will be noted next week.



Please be as generous as you can during these difficult times. A collection basket will placed on the baptismal font.

Please place your gifts in the basket as you enter or depart Mass.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;	Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44	
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;	Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;	Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16	
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30	
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10	
	or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or	1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES


Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
Monday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday:	St. John Neumann
Wednesday:	St. André Bessette
Thursday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort; Julian Calendar Christmas

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*Our least action,
when done for God,
is precious to him.*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

*Mother of five children who established an orphanage;
the first American-born citizen to be canonized*



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