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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2023

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Sunday ----- 8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon

Weekdays ----- 9:00 am

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Rite of Baptism: Parents should make arrangements by contacting the Parish Office.

Rite of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:45 - 4:15 pm or anytime by appointment.

Marriages... Joined Together in Christ: Arrangements one year in advance according to common policy preparation by contacting the Parish Office.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please notify us if a family member is ill at home or in the hospital.

New Parishioners: Please visit the Parish Office at 268 Old Tappan Road to register at your earliest convenience.

Religious Education: Classes for grade levels (1-9) are conducted September through May. Religious Education Center is open from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction: Every first Tuesday immediately following the 9:00 am Mass.

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
MASS INTENTIONS
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023**

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	January 7th – Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord People of the Parish <i>req. by</i>
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	January 8th – The Epiphany of the Lord Anna & Antonio Condello <i>req. by Kathy & Charles Mancuso</i>
10:00 a.m.	Ponciano P. La Cap <i>req. by the LaCap & Tong Families</i>
12:00 p.m.	Rose & Joseph Cervone <i>req. by Rosemarie Loffredo</i>
Monday 9:00 a.m.	January 9th – The Baptism of the Lord Jack Hainthaler <i>req. by Maurice Lynch</i>
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	January 10th – First Week in Ordinary Time Anna Almonti <i>req. by Alphonse Scotti</i>
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	January 11th – Weekday Margaret (Peggy) Delfico <i>req. by Victor & Pat Frascione</i>
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	January 12th – Weekday Margaret Naimoli <i>req. by Joe & Ann Marie McCarthy</i>
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 13th – St. Hilary, Doctor of the Church Carol Filice <i>req. by Linda & Theo Spilka</i>
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 14th – Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Clifford Patrick Keenan, Jr. <i>req. by Cliff & Jeanine Keenan</i>
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	January 15th – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time People of Parish <i>req. by</i>
10:00 a.m.	Sr. Jean Whitley <i>req. by Jill & John TenBroeck</i>
12:00 p.m.	Carmen Duloc “Nina” <i>req. by Carolyn D. Green</i>

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE
ILL & THEIR CARETAKERS**

Dyanne Alvine, Gary Bagnoli, Alice Bauer, Maria Burke, Matthew Cea, Claire Collins, Laurie Deluca, Maura Duffy, Timothy Goldsmith, Kelly Hayes, Nazar Lesiv, Paulette Ley, Teresa & Michael Lotierzo, Michele McKeown, Donna Morris, Anne Newkirk, Danielle Newkirk, Albina Perez, Elissa Perrone, Jean Richardson, Marius Richardson, Joanna Smith, Eva Sweeney, Mia Tangredi, and Baby Berkley Williams.

Please pray for all our servicemen/women, including Christopher TenBroeck, Sean Keohane, and ENS Sarah Ryan, their families, and for the victims of terrorism and war.



*This week the
Sanctuary
Candle
burns in memory of ...*



WEEKLY MASS OFFERING

January 7 - 13, 2023

**The Sanctuary Candle, In Memory of
Maryann Morro**

Requested by Lorraine Ryan-Chestone

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**The Bread & Wine, In Memory of
T. J. Sheridan**

Requested by Kathy & Jack Sheridan



OUR COLLECTION – JANUARY 1, 2023

Envelope Collection:	\$ 1,140.00
Parishsoft Giving:	\$ 100.00
Assessment:	\$ 95.00
Christmas Additional:	\$ 2,265.00
Holy Day Collection:	\$ 2,910.00
Utilities:	\$ 95.00
Soup Kitchen:	\$ <u>395.00</u>
Total:	\$ 7,000.00

OUR COLLECTION – DECEMBER 25, 2022

Envelope Collection:	\$ 1,529.00
WeShare Collection:	\$ 809.00
Parishsoft Giving:	\$ 355.00
Heritage Collection:	\$ 1,200.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 713.00
Assessment:	\$ 210.00
Retirement Fund:	\$ 1,690.00
Christmas Collection:	\$32,785.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 3,668.00
Soup Kitchen:	\$ <u>510.00</u>
Total:	\$43,469.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!!!

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KEVIN

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year! I hope your 2023 is off to a blessed start!

I'd like to devote my letter this week to Sunday's Feast of the Epiphany. This feast is always a reminder to me that, regardless of a person's circumstances, there is always something – Someone – to celebrate.

The word "epiphany" means, "appearance." Hence, this feast celebrates the appearance of the star; the appearance of the magi; and, above all, the appearance of Christ in the flesh. I've always been struck by the journey of the magi, in particular. The Gospel describes their journey as taking place in the middle of the night. But what happened to them along their journey changed their understanding of the darkness, of the night.

Their immediate attention was given to all of the dangers that were lurking in the night. As they traveled through unknown lands, there was the threat of attack by wild animals; the chaos of unpredictable storms; and the threat of robbers and thieves who would steal what little they had.

There was the added political darkness of Herod's reign. As we were reminded of on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, Herod issued a decree to kill any infant male under the age of two, because he was deeply threatened by the announcement of this "newborn king."

Many in our world understand that feeling of journeying through the darkness, through the night. I think of our Ukrainian brothers and sisters struggling to survive under a constant barrage of missiles; those in our world who are threatened by hunger, poverty, or loneliness; and even some of our own parishioners who've tasted the bitter notes of grief this Christmas season, having commended a loved one to the Lord.

The darkness can challenge our faith. But the magi offer us a different perspective. They remind us that there is Someone else working in the night. God was guiding them by the light of a star to his Son, the infant Jesus. The Lord did not abandon them; in spite of the dangers they faced, the magi arrived safely...and they left forever changed.

The experience of the magi reminds us that, regardless of the circumstances we face, God is always with us – through his Word, the Eucharist, and the loving presence of one another. As the Psalmist reminds us, "Your WORD is a lamp for my steps, a light for my path" (Psalm 119).

As we begin a new year, I hope we have ample opportunities as a community of faith to dive deeper into the Word, to experience greater consolation in prayer, and to learn how to see the Lord ever more, who is always with us.

In Christ,

Fr. Kevin Kilgore

BUILDING COMMUNITY

ARTALKS

We are happy to announce that the second of our three Artalks presentations is on Monday, January 30, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the family chapel. Roger Davidoff's presentation theme is **Courage, Forgiveness and Faith**. Join us as we look at and appreciate the great art of these magnificent artists:

Courage:

St. George and the Dragon, *Rubens*

David, *Michelangelo*

Daniel in the Lion's Den, *Rubens*

Forgiveness:

Return of the Prodigal Son, *Rembrandt*

Faith:

Praying Hands, *Dürer*

Christ on the Sea of Galilee, *Delacroix*

Daniel in the Lion's Den, *Rubens*

Mr. Davidoff's presentation in December was at full capacity. Seating in the Chapel is limited; reservations are necessary and could be made through our Parish App.



HEARING AID DRIVE

Nicholas Tenebruso, a young man from our parish will be collecting used hearing aids on behalf of the non-profit organization, **Help America Hear**. Please consider donating used hearing devices which will be refurbished and given to those in need. There will be a collection box in the Narthex which includes a flyer with more information. Thank you!

END OF YEAR
GIVING
STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a statement of your 2022 contributions, please email the parish office at office@spxot.org or call

201-664-0913 as soon as possible. Thank you!

MAYORS WELLNESS OF OLD TAPPAN

WELLNESS TALK

Topic: The Effects of Social Media
Speaker: Brian Greco, Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Old Tappan Firehouse
231 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan

ST. PIUS X BOOK GROUP

The next St. Pius X Book Group will meet on **Monday, January 16, 2023**, the group has selected **The Book of Lost Names** by Kristen Harmel.



"The Book of Lost Names," inspired by an astonishing true story from World War II, a young woman with a talent for forgery helps hundreds of Jewish children flee the Nazis in this historical fiction novel from best-selling author of "The Winemaker's Wife."

May we each day open the window of our worlds, inviting the fresh Light of Epiphany to flood us with hope, to bring us fresh insight and to fill us with grateful joy. May we see the world around us with new creation eyes, filled with potential and brimming with promise. May our lives be a continuous unfolding into God's grace, revealing new vistas that expand our faith horizons. In Jesus' name we pray, and by his name we are saved. Amen.

WORSHIPPING GOD

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — “members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 8, 2023

“Then shall you be radiant in what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of the nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah, all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense and myrrh, praising the goodness of the Lord.”

On this special day, often called ‘Little Christmas’, we immediately think of kings or magi, 3 in number, a star, bringing three mentioned gifts and discovering the presence of the newborn king. Our traditions, based on the scriptures, call us today to be no different than the travelers from the east.

Our journey is to find the Christ today. Our traveling brings us to a church and sacraments. Having been so blessed, we are asked to bring the gift of ourselves to the Lord and share Him with the most in need. I seriously wonder what gift I have to be given to someone else.

In this age of ‘re-gifting’ - we know we have the Lord, and others are waiting to meet Him. Follow the star as He leads you to someone really in need. Jesus thanks you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 9:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday, January 10:	Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday, January 11:	Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday, January 12:	Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
Friday, January 13:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday, January 14:	Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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. [Matthew 2:11](#)

“Epiphany” means manifestation. And the “Epiphany of the Lord” is Jesus’ manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it’s also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him. These Magi were “wise men” who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. They would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day and would have been intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah.



God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So, the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the “star” that God is using to call you. It’s closer than you may think.

A second thing to note is that the Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us. If these astrologers from a foreign land could come and adore Christ in such a profound way, we must do the same. Perhaps you could try literally lying down prostrate in prayer this day, in imitation of the Magi, or at least do so in your heart through prayer. Adore Him with a complete surrender of your life.

Lastly, the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our Lord, show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin. Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God, and myrrh is used for one who would die. Thus, their adoration is grounded in the truths of who this Child is. If we are to adore Christ properly, we must also honor Him in this threefold way. Reflect, today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what you are called to do. You are called from the foreign place of this world to seek out the Messiah. What is God using to call you to Himself? When you discover Him, do not hesitate to acknowledge the full truth of who He is, lying prostrate before Him in complete and humble submission.

Lord, I love You and adore You. I lay my life before You and surrender all. You are my Divine King and Savior. My life is Yours. Jesus, I trust in You.



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