



In Memoriam

In Memory of:
Joseph J. McAvoy
(09/10/1933—08/30/2021)




In Loving Memory of:
Reid Stanley
(5/22/1952 - 1/20/2025)




Lovingly Remembered
Anders Staats Nielsen
07/07/2019






Basil & Margaret McAvoy
(8/5/1921 ~ 7/31/1969;
9/29/1923 ~ 12/30/2014)
Linda McAvoy Bouchard
(2/22/1945 ~ 1/6/1982)
Mary McAvoy Lowe
(10/15/1957 ~ 2/9/2005)
Anna McAvoy
(6/28/1964 ~ 7/30/2011)





Fred Lewis
(11/25/1897 ~ 7/05/1995)
Ethel Lewis
(5/12/1897 ~ 10/07/1981)
W. H. Lewis
(4/19/1923 ~ 03/28/2001)
Helen Lewis
(7/23/1926 ~ 10/19/2005)
Susan L Brooks
(8/01/1954 ~ 1/20/2009)




Lovingly Remembered
James C. (Buster) Guiggey
(4/8/1927 ~ 12/4/2010)


In Loving Memory Of
Lloyd E. Bryant (1928 ~ 1987)
Esther Grass Bryant (1931 ~ 1988)


In Loving Memory Of
Joseph P. Rush, Jr.
(11/02/1928 - 04/12/2013)
Jane M. Rush
(02/03/1930 - 09/02/2013)
Jacqueline M. Rush-Johnson
(05/04/1972 - 03/26/1996)





Francis H. Qualey
(5/22/1914 ~ 2/28/2000)
Margaret R. Qualey
(11/6/1919 ~ 5/01/2018)
Peter Qualey
(12/17/1948 ~ 09/07/2020)





In Loving Memory of:
Benedict Edward Cowan
May 2nd, 2025 - May 2nd, 2025




Adam Rush
August 13th, 1989 - January 29th, 2016



In Loving Memory
Chris Marston
(9/18/1978 ~ 8/24/2018)
Aaron Marston
(04/04/1975 ~ 10/19/2022)



In Loving Memory Of:
Frank Duffy
(7/18/37 ~ 03/08/96)
Bobby Duffy
(3/21/72 ~ 10/08/93)




Arthur Qualey
(3/5/1916 ~ 10/24/2008)
Rita Qualey
(1/13/1924 ~ 9/4/ 2011)



Lovingly Remembered
Joan Filanowski
(5/26/1935 ~ 6/14/2000)

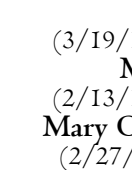
John J. Cummings
(8/23/1907 ~ 4/18/1993)
Lucile E. Cummings
(8/19/1908 ~ 3/15/2003)
Cecelia R. Cummings
(11/18/1933 ~ 2/18/2013)
Earl L. Cummings
(7/04/1929 ~ 3/10/2018)




Lovingly Remembered
Leo Joseph Crowe
(9/5/1935 ~ 1/8/2019)


In Loving Memory Of
Leo Crowe
(3/19/1893 ~ 12/17/1975)
Molly Crowe
(2/13/1900 ~ 11/18/1967)
Mary Crowe McDonough
(2/27/1937 ~ 9/28/2002)




In Memory of:
Robert Taylor
(12/13/1948 - 10/19/2023)
Charlene Taylor
(01/07/1943 ~ 02/20/2020)





In Loving Memory Of
Richard Rush
(01/02/1931—1/24/2024)
Celine Rush
(07/08/1936 ~ 11/04/2021)
Christopher Rush
(4/17/55 ~ 1/8/22)





In Loving Memory Of:
Robert Allen
(10/13/46 ~ 10/18/21)
Andrew Allen
(06/14/65 ~ 12/05/20)





Albert J. Qualey
(08/20/1923 ~ 06/11/2012)
Rowena Qualey
(9/22/1927 ~ 8/01/2017)
Michael Qualey
(6-21-52 - 12-16-2001)



In Loving Memory
Martin Qualey
(2/16/1984 ~ 7/24/2017)


Wesley "Jim" Cunningham
10/26/1931 - 01/11/2008
Richard M. Cunningham
03/14/1962 -


Edward Rush
(5/25/1920 ~ 10/17/2013)
Mary Rush
(12/04/1921 ~ 6/05/2005)



John W. Allen
(1912 ~ 1/02/2004)
Margaret L. Allen
(4/03/1924 ~ 11/19/2005)




Anthony "TJ" D. Ryan, Jr.
3/25/1978 - 10/8/2025



Otis M. Hunt
(6/15/1936 ~ 5/30/1999)
Mary Ellen Hunt
(1/30/36 ~ 4/17/17)

*"Oh Jesus, bless those living and dead, who have loved me to the Holy Altar."
A Remembrance of the Ordination
to the Priesthood of
Rev. James Clifford Brown
(6/6/1936 ~ 4/6/1941)
Brother Benedict Brown, O.F.M.
(3/23/1891 ~ 7/18/1969)
Sons of St. Benedict's Parish*



St. Benedict's Parish

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Emergency Number 765-4114
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St. Benedict's is a family-oriented community of faith, called through our baptism to give witness to trust, love, understanding, and patience. We are a family that is nourished by the sacraments, and led by the Spirit. Welcome to our Family!



The Jubilee Prayer 2025

Father in Heaven. May the Faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 10:30 AM
FRIDAYS 9:00 AM

ADORATION & CONFESSION

8:00AM FRIDAYS OR
BY APPOINTMENT

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Theme: LET THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SHINE THROUGH YOU

Dear God's People, the readings of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus, speak about God revealing His saving presence to the whole world, inviting us to recognize Jesus as our Lord and Light and to respond with faith, joy and worship. In this way we can enable His light of Salvation to shine through us to others. In the First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah, we are called to rise and shine for the Light of God has come to illumine the darkness in our world. This light is not just for a select few, but it is meant for all nations. This reminds us that God's love is universal, reaching beyond cultural and geographical boundaries. The Psalmist echoes humble service which is a reflection of Christ's Kingship and of true leadership which was first revealed to the humble shepherds and later to the three wise men(Magi).

In the Second Reading from the letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul clarifies that God's manifestation in His Son, is not just for the Jewish people but a gift for all humanity. Gentiles are sharers in God's promise of salvation. This is a great breaking down in barriers that separate us. In Christ, we are one body.

In today's Gospel from Matthew, we witness the actual event of the Magi visit. They are seekers of truth, following a star to find the Light of the world. Their journey is one of faith, humility and openness, a model for us all. They respond to the Light by walking towards it and not just with empty hands but with gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, symbolizing His Kingship, Divinity and the suffering, He will endure.

The Epiphany invites us to reflect on our own journey towards Christ. Are we willing to accept the light of Christ that shines in our own darkness? Are we ready to share His light with others inviting them to join us in worship? Let this New Year 2026 be for each one of us, a year of total openness to the light of Christ and of sharing His Light with others. Let it be a year of search for the truth, a year of paying attention to signs of Divine guidance in your life A year of embracing the experiences and lessons along your journeys knowing that they shape who you are. A year of discovering the light, the truth and your blessings and responding with joy and gratitude. A year of sharing your experiences with others and finally, a year of offering the best of gifts be there talents, resources and time in service to others and to the Church. Finally be open to change and new directions and indeed it shall be a happy, prosperous, gracifilled and fulfilled year for you and others.

Happy Feast of Epiphany and a Prosperous New Year to you all.

Fr. Sefembiy Justin.

Epiphany of the Lord: January 4, 2026

- Matthew 2:1-12

The Visit of the Wise Men

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men[a] from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising,[b] and have come to pay him homage." 3When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah[c] was to be born. 5They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 6'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd[d] my people Israel.'" 7Then Herod secretly called for the wise men[e] and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." 9When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,[f] until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10When they saw that the star had stopped,[g] they were overwhelmed with joy. 11On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

• For the Church, that the journey of the Magi may inspire priests to lead others to Christ with wisdom and devotion, *let us pray to the Lord.*
 • For those discerning their vocation, that they may follow Christ's light toward priesthood or consecrated life, *let us pray to the Lord.*
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Masses & Intentions January 4th - January 11th

St. Benedict's

Sun Jan 4 10:30AM **Joyce Cummings** by the Cummings Family
 Fri Jan 9 9:00AM **Joyce Cummings** by Brittany & Elijah Arbo
 Sun Jan 11 10:30AM **Joyce Cummings** by Jeff & Sherry Arsenault

St. Peter's

Sun Jan 4 8:30AM **Bob & Bobbie Ann** by Shirley Moffatt
 Mon Jan 5 8:30AM (see Christ the Divine Mercy Website)
 Tue Jan 6 4:30PM (see Christ the Divine Mercy Website)
 Sun Jan 11 9:00AM **All Souls In Purgatory**

St. Martin of Tours

Sun Jan 4th 12:30PM **Dot Thibodeau** Happy Birthday by the Children
 Thu Jan 8th 4:00PM **Wayne Brilliant** by Bonnie Brilliant
 Sat Jan 10 4:00PM **Rosario Caruso** 41st Anniversary by Donna & Family
 Sun Jan 11 12:30PM **Robert Farmer** Love Your Family

Weekly Readings and Observances of 'Saints' Days

Readings for the week of Sunday, January 4th - Sunday, January 11th

Sun *The Epiphany of the Lord* Is 60:I-6/Ps 72:I-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:I-12
 Mon *St. John Neumann* Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tue *St. André Bessette* Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:I-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
 Wed *St. Raymond of Penyafort* Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:I-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
 Thu I Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:I-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
 Fri I Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
 Sat Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
 Sun *The Baptism of the Lord* Is 42:I-4, 6-7/Ps 29:I-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Parish Happenings

Faith Formation classes are held on Sundays at 9:30AM at the Parish Center.

January 4th - Class
 January 11th - Class

ST. BENEDICT'S MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS

JANUARY 4 6:00-7:30

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Middle School (and high school boys): "Finding Joy in the Journey"
 "From Advent Light to Epiphany Joy!!"

High School Girls: We are ready to begin our Bible study,
 "Walking with Purpose: Sisters of Strength"

Hope to see everyone there!!



Epiphany House Blessing

20 + C + M + B + 26

Blessed Chalk and instruction kits are available in the entryway that you may bless your home this Epiphany.

Be sure and save them for the years to come!

Many thanks to Worship & Spirituality.



We are happy to share in the joy, gratitude and best prayerful wishes of those who are celebrating their birthdays in this month of January.

Frances Bouchard
 David Washburn

Prayer List

Helena & Jim Brown
 Danette Moody
 Cathy Cyr Duffy
 Riley Wheaton
 Ryan Robinson
 Beckham Willett
 Irene Heath
 Janie Cummings

Families Afflicted by Addiction
 Our Men & Women in the Service



Parish Community & Support

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE TERTIARY SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS CAMEROON YOU RAISED \$466.00 FOR THEIR WORK.

Capital Campaign

This is a multi-project campaign for the Church and the Parish Center. This campaign has a 3-year term ending in June 2027, and a campaign fundraising limit of \$200,000
 Money raised so far: \$70,140.96

Money dispersed: - 34,938.23 (roof)

- 6,379.52 (ramp)

BALANCE: \$28,848.21

Weekly Offertory

December 24th - Regular \$982.00

Winter Operations \$147.40

December 28th - Regular \$1122.00

Winter Operations \$284.00

January 1st - Regular

Winter Operations

January 4th - Regular

Winter Operations

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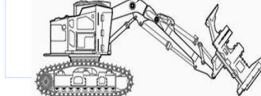
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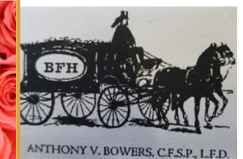
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Date	Lector	EMHC	Alter Server	Offertory Counters*	Greeters
Jan 4	Dustin	Brenda	David R.	Deb, John, & Rose	The Arbo Family
Jan 11	Scarlet	Chris	Silas	Rose, Cindy & Andrew	The Arbo Family
Jan 18	Brenda	Anna Q	Anna Q	Harold, John & Deb	The Arbo Family
Jan 25	Earl	Tom	David A	Rose, Cindy & Andrew	The Arbo Family
Feb 1	Chris	Brenda	David R	John, Deb & Harold	Ray & Deb Bryant

Your bulletin submissions are welcome and appreciated! Please send them by Thursday morning at 10am Thank you