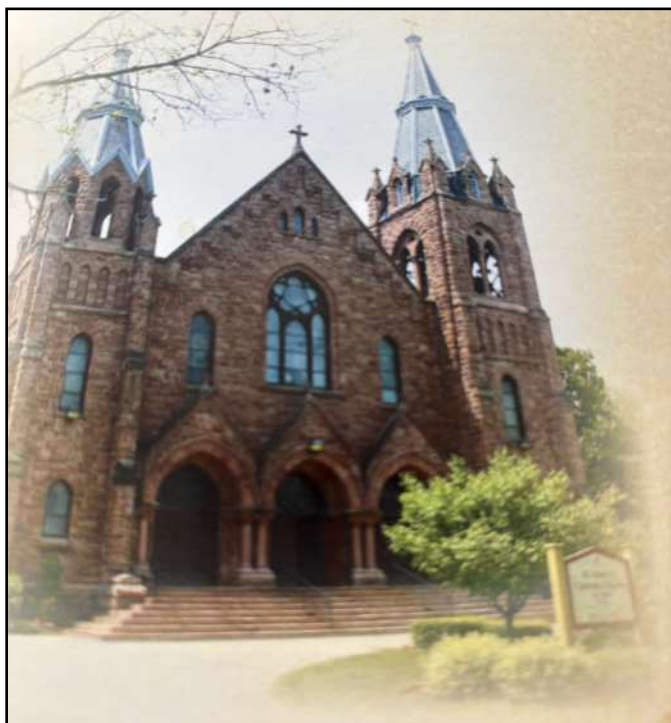
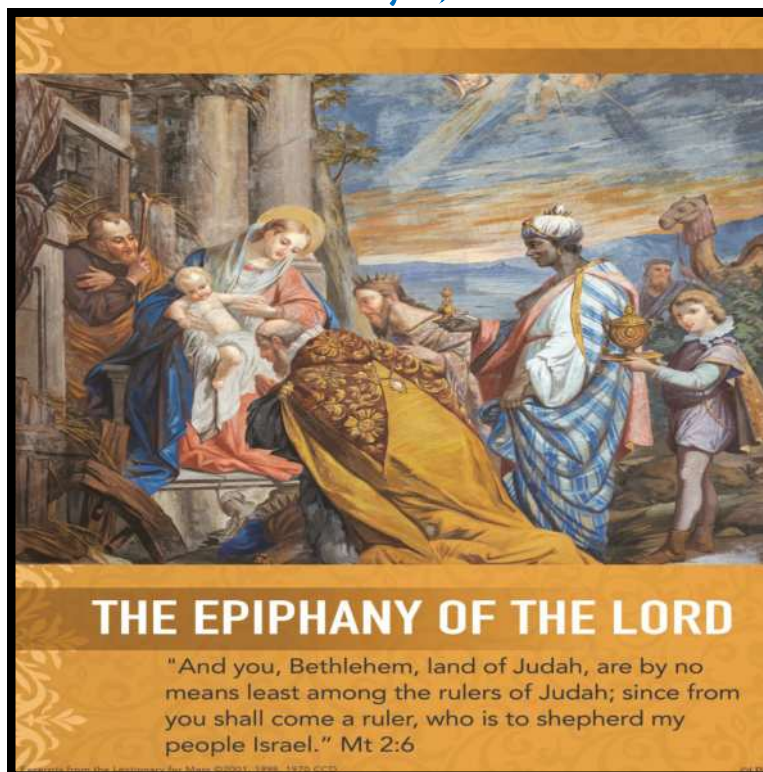


*St. Mary's Parish
13 Marvin Street
Clinton, New York 13323*



January 4, 2026



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6

Eucharistic Liturgies

Weekend Mass Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation **

Confessions will be offered **Thursday** 4:30pm –5:30pm

Sacrament of Baptism

We joyfully welcome all into our Church Family through this sacrament. Parents are asked to call **Victoria@ 315-527-7247** to make arrangements to attend preparation meetings.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married are asked to schedule an appointment with the Parish Priest at least 6 months before the desired date. One of the parties being married and/or their parents must be registered members of St. Mary's

Sunshine

For a card of get well, support or cheer, call Peggy Jury at (315)922-7007

New Parishioners

We welcome new Parishioners! Please contact us @ 315-853-2935 so we can share all we have to offer.

Father Daniel M. Caruso , Pastor

Deacon	James Henck
Kim Lane	Parish Business Admin.
Evelyn Micciche	Cemetery Specialist
Lauralee Paye	Office Specialist
Cheryl Smith	Faith Formation
Victoria Cesarini	Faith Formation
Terry Howard	Preschool Director
Valerie Wright	Director of Music/Organist
Robert Prody	Facilities Manager

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Music Director	315-292-0368
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St. Mary's Rectory Office hours :
M, W, Th, F 9am– 2pm

Prayer Line...If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, Please call:

Margaret* 315-853-5280, or **Karen *** 315-853-6355

Bulletin Deadlines will be Friday by 12noon please. Please let me know if there is something you would like to see in the bulletin, I am open to suggestions. 315-853-2925



Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday our celebration of Christmas continues as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast has also been called the Twelfth Day of Christmas, Little Christmas, and the Feast of the Wisemen. It is on this feast that we commemorate the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem as they presented the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the New Born King.

At certain times and in different places in the Church's history, the Epiphany was celebrated with greater joy than Christmas itself. At Christmas, we celebrate the Birth of the long awaited Messiah who had been promised to the people of Israel. At the Epiphany, with the arrival of the Magi, the glory of Christ is made manifest to the whole world and God reveals the fullness of His plan: the Savior was sent to not just one people, in one place, at one time; He has come to offer salvation to all. The Magi represent us; this, indeed, is our celebration.

Having reflected upon the nature of this feast, it seems sad that so many of us have already moved beyond Christmas. When we feel spiritually empty this time of year, perhaps it's a sign to us to pay less attention to how this world views things and instead focus on the perspective of Faith. In Faith, we continue to celebrate God's plan of salvation and His tremendous love for each and every one of us.

At Masses this weekend, we will be blessing chalk for you to take home. The Epiphany is the traditional day for blessing homes and the chalk is used to mark the entrance of the house with the year and the initials of the Magi. Please consider bringing home the chalk and the instructions and help to keep the spirit of this season alive all year long.

Today is also the parish wide open house at the rectory. The rectory will be open to visit between 1:00 and 3:00; all ages are welcome. The rectory isn't just the location of the parish offices or where the priest lives; it should be a place of welcome for all parishioners. I have heard from many parishioners that they have never been in the rectory (or at least not past the front offices). Please consider stopping by to join in the celebration of this festive day and to help build up the familial bonds of our parish in our parish home.

You all remain in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

In the Peace of the New Born King,
Fr. Dan

Mass Intentions

Sat	Jan 3	5:30pm	Thomas Zajac
	By:		<i>Dustin Zajac</i>
Sun	Jan 4	9:00am	John, Carol and Benjamin Burdick
	By:		<i>Loving Family</i>
Wed	Jan 7	12:10pm	Katherine Schofield
	By:		<i>Ann Wilkinson</i>
Fri	Jan 9	12:10pm	Mark Demarest
	By:		<i>Rita Demarest</i>
Sat	Jan 10	5:30pm	Eugene Walker
	By:		<i>Rita Demarest</i>
Sun	Jan 11	9:00am	Carol Slawson
	By:		<i>Skip Slawson</i>

Liturgical Ministers

Jan. 10th	Jan. 11th
5:30pm	9:00am
Host Evelyn Micciche	Melinda Leising
Host Jim Winkler	Barb Bohrer
Lector Elizabeth Bentley	Joe Ellis
Choir Bob McQueen	Amy Bashant
Altar Servers:	
Aliyah Bentley, Elijah Bentley	TBD
Serafina Givens	

Prepare for Next Sunday

A good prayer practice to get into is to reflect on Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.

First Reading:	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm	Psalm 29 1-4, 9-10
Second Reading:	Acts 10:34-38
Holy Gospel:	Matthew 3:13-17

The Three Wise Men

Question:

Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men...who were they?

Answer:

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men magoi. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

THE COUNTRY PANTRY

To our friends at St. Mary's.

Wishing you all the blessings of peace, love and joy in the New Year! Cheers to 2026! God bless us all!

From your friends at the Country Pantry



Just a reminder, today is our Open House at the **rectory** from 1:00pm –3pm. It is open to parishioners of all ages. Don't miss all the beautiful decorations that Father Dan has collected over the years. Please stop by and have some refreshments and celebrate the Epiphany together with our Parish Family.



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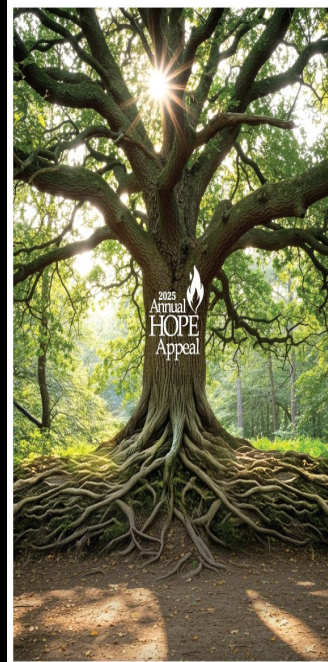
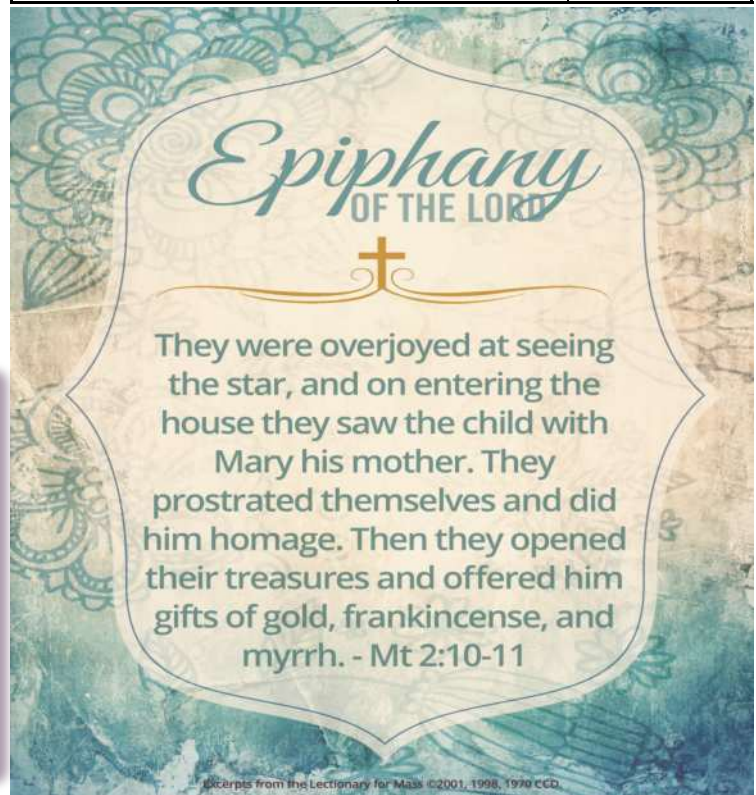


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