

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT EUGENE
YONKERS, NEW YORK

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

JANUARY 2, 2022 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



	SATURDAY, JANUARY 1
5:00 PM	St. Eugene Parishioners
	SUNDAY, JANUARY 2
8:00 AM	For Thanksgiving, In honor of our Blessed Mother <i>req. by Marisela DeVictoria</i>
10:00 AM	Rita Ianni (decd) <i>req. by Virginia Shibroski</i>
12:00 PM	Special intention for Carlo Gardini <i>req. by Gardini Family</i>
6:00 PM	For Baby Lukas & Baby Ott and all unborn babies <i>req. by Jose & Elizabeth Jacob</i>
	MONDAY, JANUARY 3
6:45 AM	Chris Fernan (decd) <i>req. by Linda Apuzzi</i>
9:00 AM	Vincenza Zingone (decd) <i>req. by Maria Prestipino</i>
	TUESDAY, JANUARY 4
6:45 AM	Special Intention for Alex Fernan <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Kathryn Lindquist (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5
6:45 AM	Kathryn Lindquist (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
9:00 AM	Maria, Alfred & Gabriella Burfeind (decd) <i>req. by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Giusto</i>
	THURSDAY, JANUARY 6
6:45 AM	Gloria Fernan (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Theresa Prior Jacobelli (decd) <i>req. by Vincent & Marilyn Montemurro</i>
	FRIDAY, JANUARY 7
6:45 AM	Hilda Spencer (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Thomas O'Sullivan (decd) <i>req. by Brigid Kenny</i>
	SATURDAY, JANUARY 8
9:00 AM	Chris Fernan (decd) <i>req. by Maria Rodriguez</i>



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Isaiah 60 1-6 The glory of the Lord shines on all people.
Psalm 72 "Lord, every nation on earth will adore You."
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.
Matthew 2:1-12 The Magi come with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Though Jerusalem has been laid waste by the invading Babylonian army and the Israelites were just beginning to return there, Isaiah foresaw the day when it would draw people and riches from near and far. The psalmist proclaims that all nations will adore God, for justice and peace will flower throughout the land. People of every nation, says Paul, are members of the same body of Christ as those who heard the Gospel from Jesus directly. In the Gospel the magi from the east are led by the wonderous star to the humble stable where Jesus laid. As we hear these passages, let us contemplate our feet through the eyes of an outsider.



MEMORIAL CANDLES & BREAD & WINE

Interested in memorializing the Sanctuary Candle by the Tabernacle or for the Virgin Mary, Our Blessed Lady? These candles, which burn continuously, could burn for your specific intentions. If you are interested in having a loved one remembered or a special intention placed before God, please contact the rectory. An offering of \$10.00 a week is requested.

TABERNACLE CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF GINGER BENNET
 REQ. BY ANNE BARBANO

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF RITA IANNI
 REQ. BY VIRGINIA SHIBROSKI



BREAD AND WINE
IN MEMORY OF MATHEW GEORGE
 REQ. BY GRACE GEORGE

PARISH SUPPORT

Due to the bulletin deadline, some financial data was not available for publication. However, thank you for your continued generosity most especially during these difficult economic times.

December 19	2021	* 2020	2019
Weekly Collection.....	\$6611	\$5198	\$8838

"As stewards we are accountable to God for our time, talent and treasure. We return to the Lord, the giver of all our gifts, a truly grateful and meaningful first share of our time, talent and treasure.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially, Maggie Moore, Helen Sheedy, Johnna Civitano, Francine S., Baby Jake Joseph Alongi, Yolanda Davis, Charlotte Paparella, John P. Calvelli, Bergsten Family, Frank Silandro, Jennifer & Louis Ingolia, Laura Torres, Josie, Marc Crisafulli, Jason Grasso, Stephen Scultety, Mary DeMicco, Maggie Moore, and those recently called home to God, especially Jerry A. Vaccaro. Eternal rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

If you would like to have a loved one added to the list above, please call the rectory secretary (914) 961-2590. Please note we will keep them on the list for one month or call and let us know to add them again.



PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Jannelle Amador, Jose Luis Petrovich, Matthew Valentinetti, Brian Mulhern, John Kollinger, Kevin Brodeur, David Daliso, Logan Wilson, Kevin Jones, Brian Greal, Joe Kelly, Jason Engeldrum and Jimmy Sullivan. If you have family members or friends you would like to put on our Military Prayer list please notify the Parish Office at 961-2590.



2022 CALENDARS

The 2022 Religious Calendars are in the baskets around the church. Again, we would like to thank Flynn Memorial Funeral Home for providing them for our Parish.

ADORATION

Adoration will be held on Monday's & Saturdays for one hour immediately following the 9am Mass in the church (not chapel), unless a funeral is scheduled.

CONFESSION

If you would like to receive confession, you may do so on Saturdays from 3-4pm in the church or following the Thursday Morning 9:00am Mass, if there aren't any funerals, and by calling the office for an appointment.

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

The Catholic University of America Collection, and the Catholic Communications Campaign, will take place on the weekend of January 9th. The university was founded 1887 and is chartered by the Holy See. It educates the future leaders of our church and nation. Through the communications campaign The Conference of Bishops is able to serve all the diocese of the nation by providing educational and spiritual program. One half of your giving remains here in our Archdiocese to assist with the ongoing and planned efforts of our communications and technology, office such as with broadcasting, Catholic New York social media. Thank you for your generosity.



THANKS, AND APPRECIATION

Beloved of God, many have come forward with a knock upon the door of the church office or a visit to the sacristy, where everyone is always welcome to speak with the Clergy or Parish Administrator, or an impromptu visit before or after Church, to present a token of thanks, appreciation and love for your Clergy, Parish Administrator and Staff during this Holy Season. On behalf of the Clergy, Parish Administrator and Staff, I thank you for remembering us first in prayers and secondly in your most generous gifts. May God bless you for your kindness and support. God love you, Father Fernan

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Today is my birthday, Lord
And I offer this day to You.
You breathed life into my soul,
and You chose me to live!
On this journey called life,
You are always there with me.
I feel Your presence in joy and laughter,
during difficult days, even sorrow.

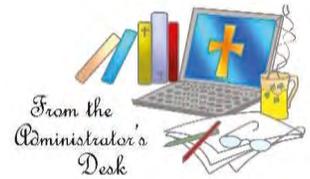
Of all the gifts I've received
I hold the gift of Your Love
closest to my heart.
Of all the friends I've known,
I cherish, above all, Your companionship.
I ask only that You walk with me,
and guide me to follow Your faithful way.
Forgive me when I fail You, Lord,
and help me to forgive others.

Grant me strength in mind, body and spirit.
And when it's time, lead me home
to the everlasting life prepared by You.
Today is my birthday, Lord,
and I thank You for every blessing.
Amen

Dear God,



Thank You that You make all things new. Thank You for all that You've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need You and rely on Your presence filling us every single day. We pray for Your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that You will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire You above all else. We



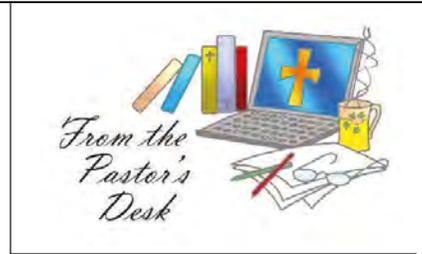
ask that You will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that You would help us release our grip on the things to which You've said "no," "not yet," or "wait." We ask for help to pursue You first, above every dream and desire You've put within our hearts. We ask for Your wisdom, for Your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray You would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let Your gifts flow freely through us, so that You would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to You. We pray that You'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. That You would whisper in our ear when we need to run, and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground. We pray for Your protection over our families and friends. We ask for Your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy; that You would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in Your hands. We pray that You would give us discernment and insight beyond our years, to understand Your will, hear Your voice, and know Your ways. We ask that You would keep our footsteps firm, on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful. Give us supernatural endurance to stay the course, not swerving to the right or to the left, or being too easily distracted by other things that would seek to call us away from a close walk with You. Forgive us for the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for You, living independent of Your spirit. Forgive us for letting fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness wreak havoc over our lives. Forgive us for not following Your ways and for living distant from Your presence. We confess our need for You...fresh...new...again. We ask that You make all things new, in our hearts, in our minds, in our lives, for this coming year. We pray for Your refreshing over us. Keep Your words of truth planted firm within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to Your word. And when the enemy reminds us where we have been, hissing his lies and attacks our way, we trust that Your voice speaks louder and stronger, as You remind us we are safe with You and Your purposes and plans will not fail. We ask that You will be our defense and rear guard, keeping our way clear, removing the obstacles, and covering the pitfalls. Lord, lead us on Your level ground. We ask that You would provide for our needs, we ask for Your grace and favor. We pray for Your blessings to cover us, we pray that You would help us to prosper and make every plan that You have birthed in our heart to succeed. We pray that others would take notice of Your goodness and could not help but to say, "These are the ones that the Lord has blessed." Help us to be known as great givers, help us to be generous and kind, help us to look to the needs of others and not be consumed by only our own. May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of Your spirit be evident in our lives – Your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Shine Your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for Your glory and purposes. Set You way before us. May all your plans succeed. We may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs Your presence and healing. To You be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever. Amen.

Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

Meditations on the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

“Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then 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.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.” (Matthew 2:7-12)



Somewhere along the way they met up. They were scientists from a variety of countries. Remember, we do not know how many there were. We assume there were three because three gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh were mentioned. The scriptures refer to them as “wise men.” These men of studies, probably knew each other or knew of each other, scientists or those of similar backgrounds usually do. Having studied the skies, having seen the anomaly of this *new star*, having seen that this *new star* not only appear but seemed to be moving across the sky, they, in their different countries, were drawn to it. And somewhere along their trip of months to years, they met up with each other. Imagine those first meetings. Of course, there were introductions, there were comparisons of notes concerning *the star*, there were the wanderings of thoughts as to what *this star* might mean, there were deep intellectual conversations because they were “wise men” or men of studies about the worlds history’s, philosophy’s, biology’s and astronomy’s that each of them possessed. Yet, no matter what they were discussing, it all came back to or originated with *the star*. And so they were wandering together. More correctly, they were being led together... by *the star*.

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

We at times limit Jesus and His life to thirty-three years... from the Incarnation (the Birth of the Divine Son of God) to His Resurrection from the dead. But, because Jesus is the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, and because of Jesus’ raising Himself from the dead, we are not dealing here with a mere mortal bound by limited years of existence. We are caught up in the mystery of the Divine One, existing before Mary and Joseph, existing before Moses and Abraham, existing before and outside of time, present with us to this day and until the end of time and beyond. This Divine One, Our Beloved God, did not just manifest Himself at the time of Mary and Joseph through the birth of the Infant Jesus. God revealed Himself through *the star* which was present for all to see and all to follow (although only a few did). God revealed Himself through the prophets of old, through the patriarchs and matriarchs of our faith, through the saints in heaven, the holy ones of these ages and the most blessed gift of Holy Mother Church. As Jesus said, *“I am the light of the world.”* Ever since the fall, ever since the sin of our first parents, God has been illuminating the darkness of our sin with the light of His grace. God has been reaching out to us to bring us back into the light of His presence and away from the evil one. After so many attempts to have us return, from Noah through Moses, we could only be saved through this most dramatic act of *the Light of World* becoming the *Light in the World*. With Jesus, now ever-present among us through His teachings, through His Holy Church, through most especially His presence which can only be found in the Eucharist of the Catholic Church, more and more people will be drawn to the truth and presence of God in the Catholic Church as the “wise men” once were so many generations ago... as long as their hearts and minds are open to the Light of World, Jesus Savior.

God love you... Father Fernan

