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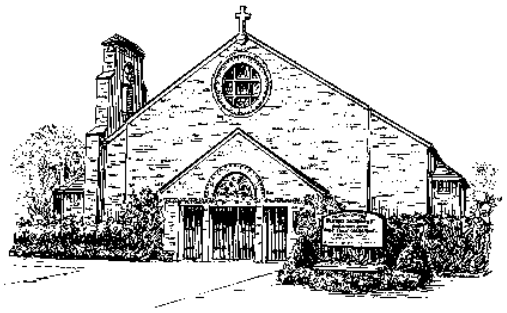

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MASSES:

Saturday in the Church: 5:00 PM (Vigil), Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM.
Weekdays in the Church: 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM. Saturday in the Church: 9:00 AM.
Holy Days in the Church: 7:00 PM (Vigil), 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 12:00 to 1:00 PM; 4:15 to 5:00 PM.
Anytime upon reasonable request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sunday at 2:00 PM. (Except during July & August, then only on the First and Third Sunday and other specified days) Arrangements should be made at least one month in advance with the priest of the Parish. Parents of a first child and parents who are new to Blessed Sacrament must attend a Baptism Instruction Class which is held at 7:30 P.M. in the Parish House Meeting Room. Call Parish Office for dates. Godparents should be Practicing Catholics, and must obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their Parish.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made about six months in advance, with a priest of the Parish. Couples must attend Pre-Cana Conferences.

SICK CALLS - At any time.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA - Every Monday after the 9:00 AM Mass.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - First Friday from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M.

NEW PARISHIONERS - Welcome to our Parish.

We invite all parishioners to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. If you are new in the parish, please introduce yourself after Mass and register at the Parish House Office weekdays 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Kindly notify us if you change your address.

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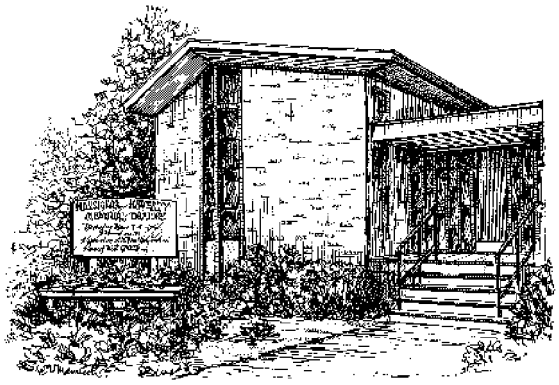

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society will attend the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, January 12th, with a meeting to follow in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

TITAN LEAGUE

The Titan League will hold registration on Saturday, Jan. 11th in the Gym from 9am to 11am.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sister Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 646-794-2949 or victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

January 22, 2020, 6:30pm Holy Hour
7:30pm Mass

The Church as designated Jan. 22nd, the anniversary of Roe V. Wade as a day of prayer for the protection of the unborn and penance for sins against the dignity of the human person. A Mass will be celebrated by Timothy Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Music by the Sisters of Life.
All are invited to attend.

LETTERS OF SPONSORSHIP

Letters of Sponsorship can be issued only to members of our parish, who are registered at least six months, regularly attend Mass, and receive the sacraments. Regular use of envelopes indicates attendances at Mass. Sponsors are to be Baptized, Confirmed, and if married, have done so in conformity with the laws of the Church. Out of town, college students should receive a letter from their campus minister. People in the military should receive a letter from their Chaplain.

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SYMPATHY

Remember the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY
7:00 Msgr. Peter Finn (Living)
9:00 Anne Hansen

TUESDAY
7:00 Marie Evans
9:00 Joseph Trancucci

WEDNESDAY
7:00 Cecelia & James Jockers
9:00 Cecelia Jean Clark

THURSDAY
7:00 Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Sr. Margaret Mary, CSJB

FRIDAY
7:00 Patricia Dillon (Living)
9:00 Salvatore Piazza (47th Anniv.)

SATURDAY
9:00 Stefanie, John & Charles Mario
5:00 Domenica & Steven Ancona

SUNDAY
8:00 Joseph Trancucci
9:30 Michael Salaycik (5th Anniv.)
12:30 Marie Elena Garguilo

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 12, 2020

	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 9	R. Semon	J. Hansen & D. Vigliotti
8:00 AM	Team 10	R. Griswold	P. Thomann & A. Coscia
9:30 AM	Team 6	D. Maj & S. Ferreria	K. Byrne & A. Aponte
11:00 AM	Team 7	R. Helbock	H. Wodzinski & A. Morrell
12:30 PM	Team 8	K. Kelley	Mr. & Mrs. Ryan

STATEN ISLAND THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, January 14, 7:30 p.m.
The Liberty Tavern, 382 Forest Avenue, Staten Island
Join us at our NEW LOCATION and NEW DAY! Do you have unanswered questions about the Church's teachings? Well you're in luck! Join for Catholic Staten Island's Theology on Tap to find out the "WHY" behind the "WHAT." Bring friends and coworkers, and come excited for a great talk while sipping on a fantastic brew! The Archdiocese will be paying for some appetizers :) The venue opens at 7, but the talk will start closer to 7:30.

STATEN ISLAND YOUNG ADULT NIGHT

Saturday, January 18, 7:30 p.m.
Our Lady Star of the Sea, 5411 Amboy Road, Staten Island, NY 10312
Spend an hour with Jesus! Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to a night of prayer in Eucharistic Adoration, with live praise and worship music. Confessions will be available. The night will end with a social with wine, snacks, and fellowship! Check out the Facebook page here for more information.

ONLINE GIVING

As we begin a new year, we ponder what events will unfold. This year, we encourage you to consider a commitment to consistent giving to our parish. This can be difficult, but we have a tool that will make it just a bit easier. Through our secure Online Giving program with WeShare, accessible from our parish web site, you can easily set up recurring contributions to suit your family budget and see your giving history at anytime.
On behalf of the entire staff, we want to thank you for the contributions you continually provide to our parish.

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together,
shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the
measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." --Luke 6:38

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.
The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

FROM THE PASTOR

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

This weekend we celebrate the great festival of light, the Epiphany of the Lord (the traditional date of the feast is January 6). In the Christmas-Epiphany season the church's liturgy, offers us the opportunity to remember and celebrate that Jesus who was born in the darkness of night in a stable is the Light of and for the world.

Our first reading from the Prophet Isaiah calls us to "Rise up … the light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth…but upon you the Lord shines". Through the birth of Jesus and today's wonderful feast, we are the people on whom a great light has shone.

The word 'epiphany' means to make known or to reveal. The angels made known and revealed to the shepherds the joy of the birth of Jesus. In the same way, the star led the Magi from the East and revealed the same Jesus to them. And so 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 we 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 our 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 and make him known to all by our lives of service.
Let us reflect, today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what we are called to do. We are called from the foreign place of this world to seek out the Messiah and to proclaim and witness to the world that Jesus is the Lord and the Light of the World.

Traditionally, we believe that the shepherds did not stay at stable after seeing Jesus, Mary and Joseph; they left glorifying and praising God. They left filled with the good news of this wondrous child. Just as the angels had proclaimed the good news to them, the shepherd in their turn shared their good news with others. In the same way, the Magi from the east, after they had given Jesus their gifts also left the stable. They didn't stay there either. We are only told that they did not back to Herod but went home another way. We can only assume, that they too told everyone what they had seen and heard in that small stable in Bethlehem.

As we look upon the crib, we cannot stay there. Like the shepherds and the magi, we too are called to move away and take the light of Jesus with us. We are asked not only to admire the light, but to be people of light. As Jesus himself tells us, you are the light of the world and your light must shine.' The light of the Epiphany is given to us as a gift, but we cannot keep it to or for ourselves. Through the quality of our daily lives and how we treat each other, we are called to make our family, home, parish and the wider community a better and brighter place for all people, especially the poor and the marginalized.

May Christ the Light of the world fill all our homes, families and our parish this day and always.

Msgr. Berardi

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