

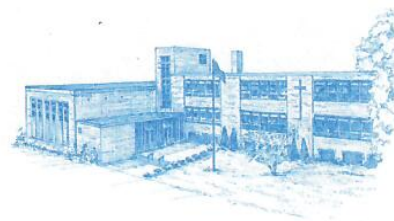
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Eucharist

Saturday: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (English),
7:30 pm (Español)
Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:00 am (English)
Sunday: 11:30 am, 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm (Español)
Weekdays: 8:00 am & 12:05 pm Mondays,
Wednesdays & Fridays (English)
7:00pm Monday thru Friday (Español)

Holyday Masses Times, language and places will be published in the Sunday bulletin.

Misas Festivas El tiempo, el idioma y el lugar será publicado en el boletín del domingo.

Reconciliation/Reconciliación: Saturday: 4:15- 4:45 pm; 6:45 pm-7:15 pm (Español). Priest is available upon request or by appointment. El sacerdote estará disponible con cita también

Marriage/Boda: Arrangements should be made at least (6) months in advance. Only parish members will be allowed to register. Los arreglos deben de hacerse al menos (6) seis meses por adelantado. Solo parroquianos se pueden registrar.

Sweet Sixteen/Quinceañeras: Please register with Rosie at 347-318-2110 at least (6) months in advance. Favor de registrarse con Rosie al 347-318-2110 por lo menos (6) meses por adelantado.

Baptism

You must register at the Parish Office and present the birth certificate. You will then be guided through the process. Preparation includes establishing affiliation, attending class and reflecting on how to choose Sponsors. The process will take about 3 months. Baptism Ceremony: Third Saturday of the month at 11:00am.

Bautismo

Hay que inscribirse en la oficina y presentar la acta de nacimiento. Un miembro del Equipo Bautismal se comunicara para visitarte. La preparación incluye saber si eres miembro de la parroquia, asistir a dos clases y reflexión sobre como elegir a los Padrinos. El proceso demora tres meses. Ceremonia del bautismo; Cada primer y tercer sabado del mes a las 12:00pm.

Religious Education

If you would like information regarding our Religious Education Program for children or adults, please call Mrs. Nina at 347-559-1566.

Educación Religiosa

Si usted desea información sobre nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa para niños o adultos, por favor llame a la Senora Nina al 347-559-1566.



The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 2, 2022



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – January 1 ~New Year's Day~

10:00am~In Thanksgiving/Wedding Anniversary
Virgil & Erin Talaid

Offered by: Talaid Family

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – January 2 ~Epiphany of the Lord~

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Nolan Family

10:00am- † John & Josephine Bruno

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – January 3

8:00am~ Special Intentions of Diane Smith
Brian Yakovchuh & Arman Ahmetomic

Offered by: Narcisa Pons

12:05pm-† Theresa V. Csorba

Offered by: Angie Varrassi

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Tuesday – January 4

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – January 5

8:00am~Special Intentions of Iris Castillo,
Melissa Ciofalo & Joanne Grippi

Offered by: Narcisa Pons

12:05pm-† Kathleen Delaney

Offered by: Franz Family

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Thursday – January 6

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – January 7

8:00am~Special Intentions of Nicole Esposito
Kelly Forrester & Esteve Obermaier

Offered by: Narcisa Pons

12:05pm- † Michael Capofari
~100th Birthday Anniversary~

Offered by: Capofari Family

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Saturday – January 8

8:00am- † Julia Krieg

Offered by: Frank Peters

5:00pm- † Anne McGowen

Offered by: Peg & Tom
Ventrudo

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – January 9

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

10:00am- † Jack Field

By: Cinderella Wonsewitz

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

WEEKLY CANDLE MEMORIALS

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle



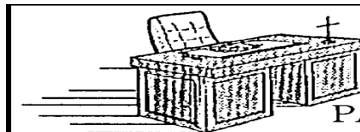
~ † Libby Guardiani
~ † George & Julia Krieg
Offered by: Frank Peters

COLLECTIONS: December 25/26: \$10,134.

We truly appreciate your abundant generosity and continued support.

Pope Francis says "Like the Magi from the East who came to Bethlehem to worship the Son of God, we are called to always be fascinated, attracted, guided, enlightened and converted by Christ."

Fr. Hernán Paredes, S.J.



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"The magi come with gifts, gold,
frankincense and myrrh"*

Incredible, but true... Today the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord** when just yesterday we celebrated the beginning of a new year. Somehow the joy, happiness and peace that Jesus brings us is still alive and remains through the story of the three wise men. The

Epiphany or Jesus' manifestation to all the people is represented in those three men from the East who brought the Child "**gold, frankincense and myrrh.**" They follow a **bright star** which guided them until they found Jesus in a humble manger in **Bethlehem**. The 3 wise men recognized in Jesus the King who will save all the nations.

Today after 2000 years and thousands of miles away from Bethlehem we also gather in one of the poorest neighborhoods on Staten Island to pay tribute and recognize Jesus as the Son of God, the one who came to save our world. Somehow our Latin American immigrant parishioners know what it is to cross borders, walk through the desert, cross rivers until they reach the land of the northern stars.

Although the restoration of **Jerusalem** was far from complete due to Babylonian rule, the prophet **Isaiah** longs for the day when he will gather peoples and individuals from all corners of the earth. Today in our parish of Mount Carmel we gather young people, women and children whose language or dialect is Mixteca (Mexico), Kaqchikel (Guatemala) or Spanish and we try to make them feel at home like Joseph, Mary and their Child welcomed the wise men. Today, at the feet of the Child Jesus we also arrived guided by the star of our faith. Somehow in creating a community of communities we proclaim that justice and peace will flourish and all nations will worship God.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is a mandate to walk with the excluded in our society. We are committed with our parishioners to form the Body of Christ.

To speak about the Epiphany is to speak of the "three men from the East" who like our parishioners are mostly undocumented, who rely on their faith and on our parish church which welcomes them regardless of their countries of origin or legal status. We are a church that walks with all toward God's Kingdom. The magi observed the sky and studied the movement of the stars and planets to draw their own conclusions. Our immigrants reach out to those who are at their side and together with the American community we are called by a radiant star that leads us to become brothers and sisters united in our faith in Jesus Christ. In the past the three wise men relied on the chief priests to continue their way to **Bethlehem**. That is why today the challenge is also to unite faith, love and science to discover the ways by which God wants to guide our lives. Let us be surprised by God and we will find his peace and justice.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 2: The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesian 3:2-3, 5-6

January 9: The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalms 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38



A FLOWERY THANK YOU - We have a very nice tradition of parishioners donating for the Christmas Flowers that now decorate our church and chapel. The envelopes with your intentions have been placed on our main altar. Many thanks to all who contributed to our beautiful floral displays that honor the birth of the Son of God and the wonderful role of His Mother Mary & Father Joseph.



THE GREATEST GIFTS - are not things but people especially those whose hearts are open to God and whose faith moves them to acts of charity and service. This describes so many of the people who affiliate with our community of faith here in OLMC and volunteer their time and talents to so many various aspects of the life of our parish. Thank you for being representatives of dedication and generosity.

HEARTFELT THANKS - We want to thank the Jesuit parish of St. Ignatius Loyola (NYC), Students and faculty of St. Joseph's Academy (SI) and The Notre Dame Club (SI) who generously donated toys to the children of our Parish for this year's Three King's Day, spreading the gift of their gift of love and hope for all to see.

50/50 WINNER - Congratulations to Marcella Mikos on being the winner of our 50/50 raffle for the month of **December** and **WINNING \$ 327.50**. You can be part of next month's 50/50 raffle and possibly be our next winner, simply by using your collection envelope or any envelope marked 50/50 and returning it with your \$5.00 donation.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP - Membership in our Parish is open to all Catholics who reside with-in our borders as well as others who wish to worship with us and support our mission. All adult Catholics should officially register as members of the Parish in which they reside. Registration is a condition for any Sacramental Programs including Baptism and Marriage. Being registered for at least six months as an active parishioner is required before we can testify to your eligibility to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Please visit the Parish Office or our Parish website to register and register today. Whether you live in our area or just visiting or are of other religion persuasions, know that you are always welcome here. We have a long history of serving our community.

2022 MASS BOOK - Our 2022 mass book is open and with plenty of masses available for your family intentions. Masses are a nice way to send a blessing to someone or remember a loved one. Please call the rectory, mail or email your desired dates and we will confirm with you once received.

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TODAY'S READINGS



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FEAST OF THE WEEK

Epiphany of the Lord. The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is considered to be one of the oldest feasts of Christianity. It was celebrated as far back as the second century in the Eastern Church. In the East, the feast meant the adoration of the Magi, the Baptism of Christ, and the miracle of Cana. At each of these events, there was some manifestation of Christ's divinity. This is what Epiphany means, "manifestation, revelation". In the West, the feast came to mean the visit of the Magi. Here it refers to God being made known in the person of Jesus to the Magi, who represent all nations. St. Matthew records the event in his Gospel. Some astrologers-advisors to the Eastern kings-traveled to Jerusalem from the east. They followed a star that they believed would lead them to an infant who would be King of the Jews. When they found the child with His mother, they fell on their knees and offered Him gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. The Fathers of the Church later interpreted these gifts to be symbolic of the royalty (gold), divinity (incense), and passion (myrrh) of Christ. The readings for the Feast emphasize the universality of God's power, love and presence to all people. Our Lord is The Light of the Nations-all nations. Jesus has come for all because there are no limits to His love, and He will bring all people to His Father. The Feast reminds us that we are responsible for sharing the Church's gifts, especially the gift of Christ to the world. Our outlook is to be ecumenical. We are to reach out in prayer, sacrifice, and active charity with the vision that God's kingdom is for everyone.



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