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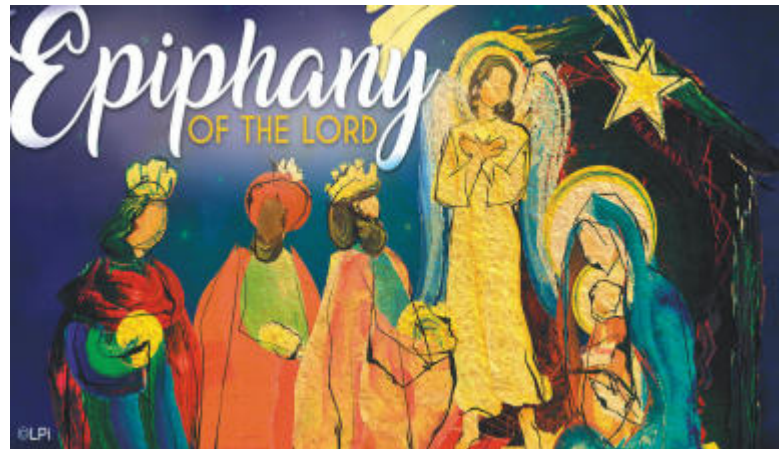
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM
Sundays: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM
Wednesday 7:00 PM.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Fridays: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Wednesdays: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For registered and practicing parishioners (weekly attendance at Mass) by arrangement with Father Chester. Preparation classes are held 7:00 PM on the third Thursday each month. Please call to register.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Engaged parishioners are requested to make arrangements with Father Chester at least one year in advance.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office for a visit for a homebound or ill individual. Call for a prayer intention to be included in the bulletin and/or weekly intentions. Please notify us when someone is hospitalized.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

Every family should be registered properly. Registration is necessary to qualify for the Religious Education Program and the reception of the Sacraments.

Certificates of eligibility for sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation will be given only to active (weekly Mass attendance) registered parishioners.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

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And Readers**

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Cecile Sabatino 256-2085

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Website
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Wedding Coordinator
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Parish Pastoral Council
Denise Botto 996-6760

Welcome
Carol Rocha 996-7612

The week ahead...

Monday, January 4th
8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, January 5th
8:00 AM Mass
5:30PM –6:30PM 1st Reconciliation Rehearsal
6PM Rosary Society Mtg.—Chapel

Wednesday, January 6th
7:00PM Mass

Thursday, January 7th
8:00 AM Mass

Friday, January 8th
8:00 AM Mass

Saturday, January 9th
10:00AM Sacrament of First Reconciliation
4:30 PM Mass

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a
[8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf.
11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,
17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
[12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a
and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
[11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is
55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn
5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Observances for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National
Migration Week

Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

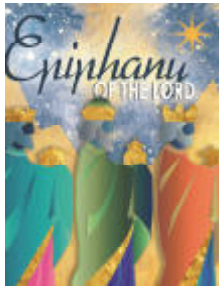
Tuesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Wednesday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
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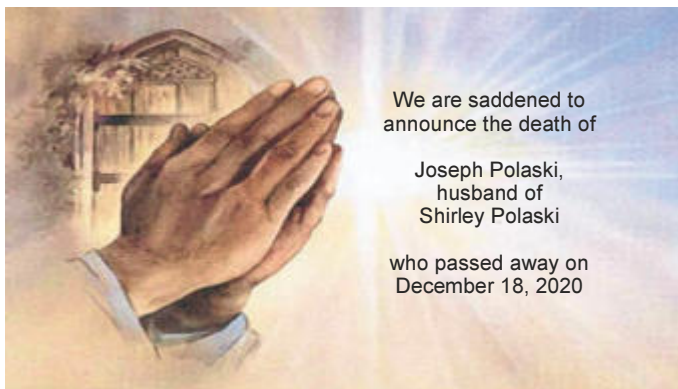


The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2021

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasurers and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. .

Special Collection
“Together in Charity Collection”

On the weekend of January 9th/10th, 2021 the annual “Together in Charity” collection will be taken up at all Masses. The proceeds of this collection helps to fund Catholic Charities’ Parish Assistance Program, which provides 24 hour/seven-day-a-week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs. In 2020, over 48% of the parishes in the Diocese availed themselves of this program. Please give generously to this collection and contribute to making this a blessed New Year for a family or individual in crisis.



LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life’s journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God’s revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see? ©LPi

Did You Know...

Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar. ©LPi



St. Catherine's Family Mass

Calling ALL St. Catherine Families...

Family Mass is starting up once again but COVID style. Unfortunately our youngsters will not be able to altar server, usher, reader or play music, but it will be a time to come together as a family and pray



Join us January 31st at 9:30am to show our family strength in support of our faith.

Social Media & St Catherine of Siena Church

We are in the process of expanding our bulletin, information to our website and FB page to better serve you with our ever changing information and current events.

To view our church calendar, download parish forms, and information regarding religious education go to our website at www.scoschurch.org



To stay up-to-date check out the St Catherine of Siena Church Pittstown FB page



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 2, 2021

4:30 PM Knights of Columbus Council 15217

Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine

9:30 AM Lorraine D. Sgalia
r/o Stephen & Chrissy
Kassebaum

11:00 AM Tom Smith
r/o The Young Family

Monday, January 4, 2021

8:00 AM Rev. James McLaughlin

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

8:00 AM Brenda Henderson
r/o Marisa White

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

7:00PM Mary McKinlay
r/o Marisa White

Thursday, January 7, 2021

8:00 AM Salvatore DeSapio
r/o Dominic & Donna Mustillo

Friday, January 8, 2021

8:00 AM John Opeikun
r/o The Opeikun Family

Saturday, January 9, 2021

4:30 PM Elizabeth Blatterspiel
r/o Lori Young

Sunday, January 10, 2021

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine

9:30 AM Leonard Fredrick
r/o Elaine Fredrick

11:00 AM Gina Michelle Carino
r/o Tuozzolo Family

From the Pastor's Desk The Feast of the Epiphany

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. This is one of the Feasts of the Manifestations of Christ to others after His birth. But the manifestations were accepted by those who were witnesses. And those witnesses would give witness to others. Our world today is in great need of people who will witness for their faith in Christ.

When we leave Church on Sundays we are called to go home and "make known" what we have heard, seen and received. We are to reveal the very presence of God to our family members. When we leave our houses, we are to take the presence of the Lord with us and be reflections of God to our co-workers, friends and all we meet through the week. We mark our doorways this weekend to help us remember that.

The traditional names of the Magi or Kings were Balthazar, Melchior and Kaspar. We mark above our doorways: K + M + B + 2021 to remind us that in this year of 2021 we are called to reveal the Lords presence as the Magi did two thousand years ago.

Like the Magi, we are called to search and to discover the presence of Christ in our lives. Everybody has to search for the Lord. We can never be content with our personal relationship with Christ. Sometimes our relationship is broken; we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help us re-establish that relationship with Jesus and with one another. The gifts God asks of us are Faith, Hope and Love. Just as the Magi manifested their love through giving gifts, so should we manifest our love through our prayers and acts of charity.

As we begin 2021, let us work as individuals and as a people of God to constantly grow closer to Christ and to one another.

Fr. Chester



Stewardship



The Collection for **December 20th** was \$3,635.00 for general collection (118 envelopes)



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