

Epiphany of Our Lord January 2, 2022



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Baptism and Marriage

Please call the parish office to arrange a time to meet with the priest and to schedule. Allow 6 months preparation time for marriage.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

7.30 am St Paul before Friday morning Mass @ St Pauls
5.30pm St James Saturday evening
Or call Parish Office to schedule your confession

Home visits & Sacrament of the Sick

Please call Father Letona at 608-562-3125 for information.



THE EPIPHANY of the Lord

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LETONA

Blessed Epiphany to all may continue to have a Blessed Christmas!
Father Letona

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany means “manifestation.” The first Epiphany was the visit of the Magi to adore the Christ Child. The Magi, who were actually scholars and scientists, came to be associated with kings. Their gifts reveal this holy Child’s identity; *gold* for Christ’s Kingship, *incense* for His divinity, and *myrrh* for His sacrifice on the Cross.

The Feast of Epiphany is traditionally celebrated as the *twelfth night of Christmas*, on January 6th. In the United States, this feast has been moved to the Sunday, January 2, 2022. In many families, the king figurines are moved a bit closer to the nativity scene every day from Christmas Day until Epiphany. Moreover, it is traditional for parish priests to bless water, chalk, and incense on the eve of Epiphany, and use them for the blessing of homes the next day.

The blessing of homes (schools, places of employment, etc.) on Epiphany revives the beautiful custom of making our homes sacramentals. Sacramentals make us more mindful, receptive and cooperative with God’s grace. This blessing also reminds us that Christ is the One Who enlightens our hearts and homes with His love. He is the source of our hope, our comfort and our joy.

Marking doorways with blessed chalk is also a witness of faith. Use the chalk to mark above the main door and, if possible, over all exterior doors in the following fashion:

▮ Numerals to consecrate the New Year.

▮ Initials to remind us of the legendary names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar—and also to represent the Latin motto:

Christus mansionem benedicat

(May Christ bless this house)

▮ Four crosses to represent the four seasons.

▮ Example for the year 2022: 20 + C + M + B + 22

Epiphany Blessing of the Home

If a priest is present, he leads; otherwise, the head of the family is the leader.

All present go from room to room, blessing each room with holy water and praying the following prayer:

Blessed be all the rooms of this home. May each of them be holy and filled with the spirit of happiness and peace, love and affection. May the spirit of pardon and affection reside with us and be always ready to heal our divisions. May the spirits of joy and laughter, hope and faith, playfulness and prayer, compassion and love be perpetual guests in our home. May God’s holy blessing rest upon us all, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

As the leader inscribes the initials of the three Magi above the exterior doorways using the blessed chalk, the following prayer is prayed:

Inscription for the year 2022: 20 + C + M + B + 22

Blessed be this doorway. May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us as we welcome them with respect and kindness. May all our comings and goings be under the seal of God’s loving care. May we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, Jesus, Who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Character Builds Families



Our Men and Women in the Service

Please remember our Military and their Families

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SSgt. Natasha Shue	SSG Jaclyn Miller Army
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FOR THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS.....

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Michael Haske	Leonard Blondeau	Ruth Frohmader
Troy Lewis	Fr Clayton Elmhurst	Bruce Quist
Barb Mock	Valerie Dziewior	

For our Deceased

Clayton Hansen	Frank Machnik	Ellen Henthorne
Marcella Hirt	Wilda Paulson	Walt Weber
Sue Georgenson		

Please call the office if you would like to add or remove a name.

Secretary's Corner

Meteor Showers

Tonight and tomorrow night can be an opportunity to see the brilliant Quadrantids Meteor Shower. Each year at this time, the earth orbits through a batch of small meteors. Sometimes, these small rocks appear as shooting stars.

Some main days in Christmastide:

January 2nd: Epiphany of the Lord: The arrival of three wise men following the star. (This was usually celebrated January 6th, but is in modern times moved to the Sunday after Holy Family.)

January 9th: the Baptism of the Lord

February 2nd: Candlemas- the Presentation of the Lord. This is the last day of Christmastide, 40 days of celebrating would have passed since Christmas. Candles are blessed to remind us that Christ is our light.

Why is Mary called the Mother of God?

Catechism 495 Called in the Gospels "the mother of Jesus", Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as "the mother of my Lord".¹⁴⁴ In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly "Mother of God" (*Theotokos*).¹⁴⁵

¹⁴⁴ Lk 1:43; Jn 2:1; 19:25; cf. Mt 13:55; et al.

¹⁴⁵ Council of Ephesus (431): DS 251.

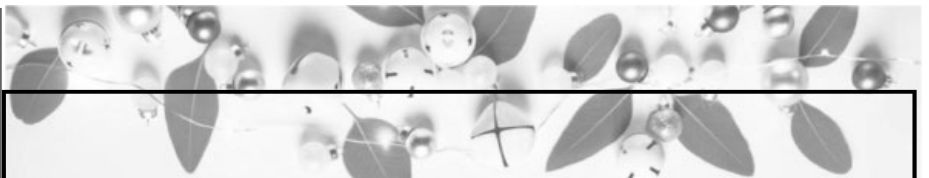
Family Builder Idea:

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Hildegard's Gift
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Have a movie afternoon with your kids this Christmas Season and celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord.



Attend in person

6 pm Sat. St James, Camp Douglas

8am St Michael's Indian Creek

10 am St Paul's New Lisbon

The Epiphany of the Lord

Father Letona

Readings

Is 60: 1-6 Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2: 1- 12

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St James Schedule Jan 9

Lector **Money Counter**
Maggie Jilek Maggie Jilek & John Libretti

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St. Michael's Schedule Jan 9

Lector **Ushers**
John Ollendick Kevin Quist/Wenzel Felber

Money Counters
Marian Belcher/Steve Belcher

St. Paul's Schedule Jan 9

Lector **Eucharist Minister**
Jim Nicksic Janet Barrett

Ushers **Money Counter**
Tom Heindl Ben Olson/ volunteer
(If you can't fill your roll please notify the office two weeks before hand)

Saint of the Day for January 5

Saint John Neumann's Story

Perhaps because the United States got a later start in the history of the world, it has relatively few canonized saints, but their number is increasing.

John Neumann was born in what is now the Czech Republic. After studying in Prague, he came to New York at 25 and was ordained a priest. He did missionary work in New York until he was 29, when he joined the Redemptorists and became its first member to profess vows in the United States. He continued missionary work in Maryland, Virginia and Ohio, where he became popular with the Germans.

At 41, as bishop of Philadelphia, he organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, increasing the number of pupils almost twentyfold within a short time.

Gifted with outstanding organizing ability, he drew into the city many teaching communities of sisters and the Christian Brothers. During his brief assignment as vice provincial for the Redemptorists, he placed them in the forefront of the parochial movement.

Well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing and preaching, on October 13, 1963, John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified. Canonized in 1977, he is buried in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Philadelphia.

Reflection

Neumann took seriously our Lord's words, "Go and teach all nations." From Christ he received his instructions and the power to carry them out. For Christ does not give a mission without supplying the means to accomplish it. The Father's gift in Christ to John Neumann was his exceptional organizing ability, which he used to spread the Good News. Today the Church is in dire need of men and women to continue in our times the teaching of the Good News. The obstacles and inconveniences are real and costly. Yet when Christians approach Christ, he supplies the necessary talents to answer today's needs. The Spirit of Christ continues his work through the instrumentality of generous Christians.

Announcements for Tri-Parish

General Announcement

On Formed.org watch

Jan 2 – Prepare the Way of the King by *Scott Hahn*

Jan 5 - St John Neumann take a tour of the [East Coast Shrine: National Shrine of St John Nepomucene Neumann](#)

Dead Theologian's Society

Meeting is tonight @ St James beginning @ 6 pm

DTS is for 8th—12 grade students, come and learn about the saints.

Children's Church and Family Fellowship

Join us in the basement as the small children Preschool and under are taught about the Gospel reading from the Baptism of the Lord.

Begins at the conclusion of Mass Sunday Jan. 9th.



ST. PAUL

Intentions for our Tri-Parish

Saturday Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

@ 8.30 am First Saturday Mass St Pauls

Living & Deceased members of Connor & Quist families by Marge Quist

6 pm @ St James

For those who received Christmas baskets from St Anne's PCCW

Sunday Jan 2

8.00 am @ St Michael's

For the People of Sts Michael, James & Paul's Parishes

10.00 am @ St Paul's

+Fr Jim Lesczynski by Pat White

Monday Jan 3

NO MASS

Tuesday Jan 4

NO MASS

Wednesday Jan 5

NO MASS

Thursday Jan 6

+Dorothy Wojaek by John & Dorothy Tambornino

Friday Jan 7 First Friday Mass @ 8 am

+Rita Kranz by Patty Lewis

Saturday Jan 8

6 pm @ St James

+ John Maki by His Sisters

Sunday Jan 9

8.00 am @ St Michael's

+Joanne Thede by Peg & Terry Tiber

10.00 am @ St Paul's

For the People of Sts Michael, James & Paul's Parishes

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – Dec 19 , 2021

Offertory	\$ 10.00	Envelopes	\$ 2240.02
Floral Memorials	\$ 150.00	Total	\$ 2400.02

St. James

Sunday Jan 1

For those who received Christmas baskets from St Anne's PCCW

Sunday Jan 8

+John Maki by His sisters

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Offertory	\$ 129.00	Food Pantry	\$ 30.00
Envelopes	\$ 325.00	Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 20.00
Improvements	\$ 315.00	Total	\$ 819.00

St. Michael

Sunday Jan 2

For the People of Sts Michael, James & Paul's Parishes

Sunday Jan 9

+Joanne Thede by Peg & Terry Tiber

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Dec 12, 2021

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Improvements	\$ 150.00	Special	\$ 150.00
Total	\$ 1167.00		



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