



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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 treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate Epiphany, which was the first way we as a Church celebrated Christmas. Epiphany is about seeing Jesus the true Light. Jesus' preaching, his life, his death and resurrection, these became a revelation of God to every single person, no exceptions.

Jesus is a special revelation of God. God enters the underside of human life, something we might never have known. He does not hesitate to suffer as we do, even to suffer at the hands of sin, disgrace and death. He became a light to all nations—not a light instead of other lights, not the light that puts out all others, but that most rare and poignant beam of all. His glow gives fiber and strength and depth to each and every other light that shines.

Epiphany's conflicts are boldly drawn. Light fights night. The joy of discovery ends long wandering. Truth foils deception. The Magi symbolize our noblest human efforts. They are wise ones, star-gazers, people of philosophy, science, and treasure. Epiphany is a missionary feast. They go trekking for the truth. Finding it, they give homage, not to the high and mighty Herod, but to the child of the Most High. Herod is not only a liar and a killer, he is afraid. He is threatened by the child.

We are just into the first week of this New Year. What are our hopes and plans for this year?

A few years ago, a list was compiled from Pope Francis' most popular teachings and quotations to form his most popular New Years' resolutions. Here they are:

- Don't gossip.
- Finish your meals.
- Make time for others.
- Choose the "more humble" purchase.
- Meet the poor 'in the flesh.'
- Stop judging others.
- Befriend those who disagree.
- Make commitments, such as marriage.
- Make it a habit to "ask the Lord."
- Be happy.

Perhaps these are good to take to our prayer.

A Blessed 2022! Fr. Steve Dombrowski

Parish Life

St. Cajetan School

Sunday Offering

Due to early transmission of the bulletin the collection for the weekend of December 25/26 will not be listed.

> Thank you for your generosity. We are truly blessed.

Thank you to all who participated in our Christmas Liturgies Liturgical Ministers Altar Servers Children's & Adult Choirs,

Musicians

And our Parishioners for making the Christmas Season special.

Thank you to everyone that made a purchase or donation to the St. Cajetan Wreath Sale. Also, thank you to those parishioners who made donations without a purchase who donated in excess of the cost of their purchase. Due to your wonderful Christmas Spirit and generosity, St. Cajetan was able to send checks and cash totaling \$2,405. to the Women's Center. The Women's Center helps thousands of teens and young women facing crisis pregnancy receive the counseling and material assistance that they need. I would also like to thank Tony and Nancy Zordan for helping after the 9:00 am Mass. Tony also returned for the 11:00 am Mass and stayed to help with clean-up after the sale. Thank you, also, to Joe Roccasalva who sent out the parish email for the wreath sale and for helping vacuum up the evergreen needles before the Baptism that he was officiating began! I truly appreciat-

ed everyone's help in making the wreath sale such a success!

Nancy Natalino

Saint Cajetan School Mission Statement

Saint Cajetan Parish School, in partnership with parents and guardians, educates children intellectually, spiritually and morally in the context of a strong Catholic environment which fosters diversity and discipleship in building the kingdom of God through words and deeds.

Human Concerns



Let us remember in our prayers the women and men who serve in the Military, Peace Corps and missions, especially those from our community.

CSM Joseph Cistaro SSGT. Bill Gorman PVT Jack Gorman PVT Michael Gorman Seaman Kyle R. Haney HM Brian Zia

PFC Edward Smith SPC Michael Mulcrone Lt. Anne T. McEldowney PO3 Nathan McNulty **CPL** Raymond Maroney Lt. Robert Villasenor

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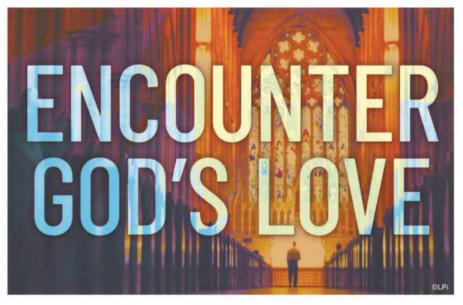
Colin Wolff, Peace Corps

Do you know someone in the military and would like to add their name to our list? We would be happy to include their name and pray for them. If someone currently listed has completed his/her service, please let us know so we can adjust the list accordingly. Please call the Parish Center at 773-474-7800.

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and aiving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can



get distracted and lose our focus. God. in all of His fullness. is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor. exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of

mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our selfagenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

- Mt 2:6

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Please Pray for Our Sick Relatives & Friends

Bill Biros, Marty Brogan, David Brombosz, Patsy Brown, Jo Lynn Burke, Raymond Cook, Nancy Curry, Kristen Cusack, Jim Davoren, Dylan Dryer, Robert Ford, William Healy, John Hincks, Mike Hughes, Janet Huntington, Mary Ann Hurley, Mary Kaye Jenrich, Lorraine Johnson, Karen Kocanda, Sharon Kozola, Cathleen Limburg, Mike Lyle, John Lynch, John McDonald, Brian McDonough, Phil McGee, Barb McSweeney, Edmund Mitchell, Glen Mitzner, Matt Moran, George Nedved, Mary Ellen Nedved, Jeffrey Oakes, John Orbon, Bernie O'Reilly, Jack Parker, Barb Rollheiser, John Sheerin, Bill Simmons, Beatrice Siwek, Tom Smith, Anthony Spalla, John Stanton, Bill Tomczak, Melanie Williams, for people who have coronavirus and those who are in need of our prayers.

> Eternal Rest Grant unto them, oh Lord

Edwin Washack, husband of the late Cathy Kerrigan Washack

Readings For The Week

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

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/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

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

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

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

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/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/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24 -25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Eucharistic Celebrations

Monday - January 3 - Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 a.m. -

Tuesday - January 4 - Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 a.m. -

<u>Wednesday - January 5- St. John Neumann,</u> <u>Bishop</u>

8:30 a.m. -

<u> Thursday - January 6</u>

Friday - January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort

<u> Saturday - January 8</u>

4:00 p.m. - William Simmons (Ceil & John Kelly (& Katie Forrester) Fran Finn (Terry Walsh) Jack, Helen & Jake Matijevic (Family) Tom O'Brien Thomas Boyle (McGee Family)

Sunday - January 9 - Baptism of the Lord

9:00 a.m. -

11:00 a.m. - Francis Finn (*Hilary & Jim Jennings*) Margie Gallagher (*Fr. Steven Dombrowski*) Nancy Kasper (*Mary Ellen LaVoie*)

Remember to pray the rosary for world peace, the unborn, the homeless, people who have lost their jobs and for vocations.





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Website: Religious Education Program	www.stcajetanschool.org		<	Wednesday	
**************************************			Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. & by appointment.		
<u>Our St</u> Rev. Steven G. Dombrowski	Pastor 773-474-7800		 Baptisms: The first and third Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Arrangements must be made in advance; first time parents need to schedule pre-baptism program. Contact the Parish Center at 773-474-7800. Marriage: In order to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Cajetan, engaged couples are asked to call the Parish Center at least six months to a year prior to the requested date. Weddings are not celebrated on Sunday. Holy Communion for Homebound Parishioners: If you or a friend or family member is homebound, on a long or short term basis, please call the Parish Center at 773-474-7800. A Minister of Care will be happy to bring you Communion in your home at your convenience. 		
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Sr. Anne Martin Phelan	REP Director 773-474-7870		to make arrangement		
Joe & Denise Roccasalva	Deacon Couple 773-474-7814		in the Parish Center.	arsals are Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome.	
			Parish Center or at	Welcome! Please register at the <u>www.cajetan.org</u> at your conven- nioner, please let us know as soon	
Our Weekend Celebrants			Bulletin Deadline: Articles must be submitted in writing by noon Friday for the following weekend . You can also email your article to bulletin@cajetan.org .		
Rev. Leopold Glueckert, O.Carm. Rev. Peter McGarry, O'Carm.		6	<u>Articles</u> must be in V		

Weekend Mass Schedule

January 8 & 9	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Celebrant T.B.D.		Т.В.Д.	<i>T.B.D.</i>
Lectors Mike Hayes		Diane Madrid	Mike Stanton
Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers	A. Hogan J. Klockowski Patrick Breakey, Ryann Moriarity, Lilly Tait	T. Stockover B. Lusk Tommy Cunningham, Gabriella Garcia, Natalie Murray	P. Staudacher D. Lyle Matt Dombrowski, Steven Winkler, Matthew Winkler
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