

# Our Lady of the Lake

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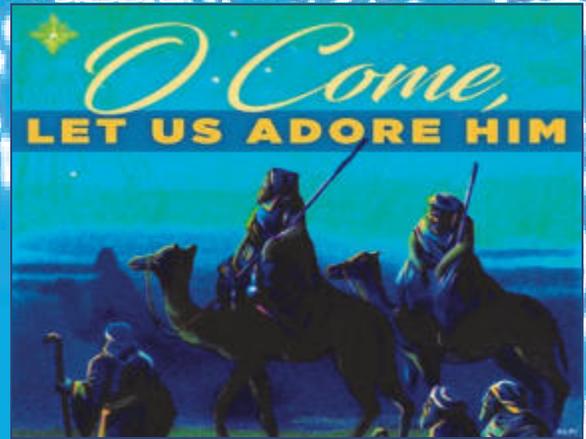
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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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## Sunday, January 3rd

### MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday after morning Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesday after morning Mass St. Joseph Novena

Thursday after morning Mass St. Jude Novena

Reconciliation Saturday 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (or by appointment)

### OUR MISSION

*We, Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Church, seek to have a living faith in Jesus Christ. Nourished by the Eucharist and guided by the Holy Spirit, we share the gospel, encourage our youth and embrace and welcome everyone in need.*

**Home and Hospital Visits:** Deacon David oversees this ministry. Call 539-0486

**Bible Study— Deacon David** Tuesday's after morning Mass in Marian Hall

**Faith Formation-** See inside bulletin for more

### OTHER MINISTRIES:

**Soup Kitchen Outreach:** 2nd Tuesday of the Month, currently in Fr. Shea Hall, meeting at 3:00 p.m.

**AA Meeting:** TBD

**Knights of Columbus #11178:** 1st and 3rd Thursday each month in the St. Matthew room at 7:15 p.m.

**Praise & Worship:** 1st Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m. in the main church and on Facebook Live

**Prayer Line:** Diana at (413) 569-3718 or email intentions to: myprayerrequest555@gmail.com.

### DEVOTIONS:

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** After Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Mass

**St. Joseph Novena:** After Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Mass

**St. Jude Novena:** After Thursday 8:30 a.m. Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays 2:30 p.m - 3:30 p.m.; and by appointment.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Sundays at 11:15 a.m. Contact the pastor, Father Matthew.

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion:** Celebrated with Grade 2 in May. Candidates are expected to be first enrolled in grade one.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Preparation begins during high school years and is celebrated in the spring of grade 11. Adult requests, contact the pastor.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** There are preparatory stages leading up to the wedding date. Arrangements should be made up to a year in advance. Contact pastor for an appointment.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:** Anyone with a potentially life-threatening serious condition or serious surgery can be a recipient. Please do not hesitate to call the pastor.

**Today's Scripture Readings**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6  
Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13  
Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6  
Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2:1-12  
The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

**A Message from Father Matthew:**

**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**

“Epiphany” means manifestation. And 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 you 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 your 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 in this threefold way. Reflect, today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what you are called to do. You are called from the foreign place of this world to seek out the Messiah. What is God using to call you to Himself? When you discover Him, do not hesitate to acknowledge the full truth of who He is, lying prostrate before Him in complete and humble submission.

**Lord, I love You and adore You. I lay my life before You and surrender all. You are my Divine King and Savior. My life is Yours. (Pray three times and then prostrate yourself before the Lord.) Jesus, I trust in You.**



**Saturday, January 2**

**4:00 p.m. Diane Doiron**, req. by Jean & Mike Doiron

**Sunday, January 3**

**8:00 a.m. Toni Beckwith**, req. by Terry Hodur

**10:00 a.m. Joanne Yourous, 1st Anniversary**, req. by Bette Blanchard

**Monday, January 4**

**8:30 a.m. Kristin Rougeau**, req. by Father Matthew

**Tuesday, January 5**

**8:30 a.m. Marian Vanasse**, req. by The Rosary Altar Society

**Wednesday, January 6**

**8:30 a.m. Nicholas Sr., Nicholas Jr. & Louise Daniele**, req. by the Daniele Family

**Thursday, January 7**

**8:30 a.m. Newton Thompson**, req. by Roberta Haywood

**Saturday, January 9**

**4:00 p.m. Patty Mendes**, req. by Ellen Ayotte

**Sunday, January 10**

**8:00 a.m. Mary & Andrew Rossetti**, req. by Mary Jane Babbitt

**10:00 a.m. Helen Willis**, req. by Richard & Robbin



The Sanctuary candle will burn this Week in remembrance of **Lewis Wescott** req. by his daughter, Kelly Dei Dolori

**Offeratory Envelopes**

Each week there will only be ONE collection, however some weeks there are multiple envelopes. Please drop all envelopes into the one collection. The list below are all the upcoming offerings for those that may not receive envelopes.

Each month there is always an envelope for the Improvement Fund and Utilities & Energy Expense Fund.

- January 3rd– Regular
- January 10th– Regular
- January 17th– Regular
- January 24th– Regular
- January 31st– Regular
- February 7th– Regular
- February 14th– Regular
- February 21st– Regular
- February 28th– Regular

As always, THANK YOU for all you do!!!

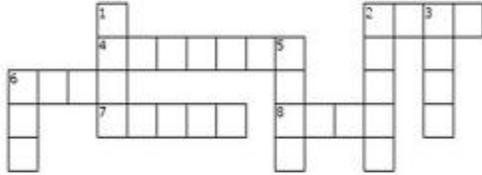
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# The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



**ACROSS**

- 2. The wise men who visited Jesus and Mary and Joseph shortly after Jesus was born
- 4. A substance that is burned to produce a sweet smell
- 6. To come into existence by birth
- 7. Presents which are given without cost to the one receiving them
- 8. A twinkling point of light in the night sky

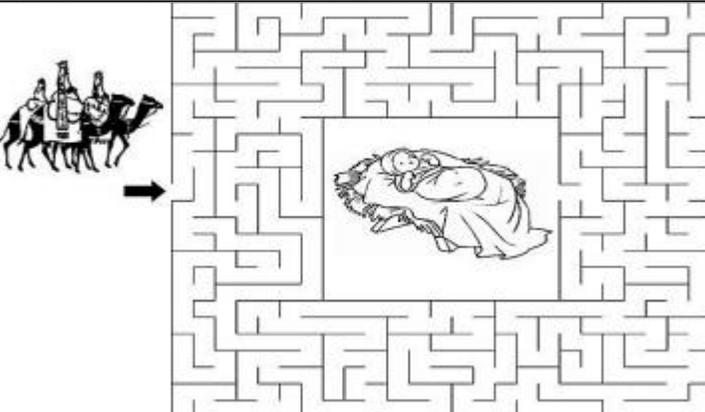
**DOWN**

- 1. A male ruler of a country
- 2. A sticky substance with a strong smell which is used in making perfume
- 3. A valuable, shiny, yellow metal used to make coins and jewellery
- 5. The direction which is opposite to west
- 6. To kneel or bend the head or body forward as a show of respect

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| MAGI  | BOW  | STAR | GOLD  | KING    |
| GIFTS | EAST | BORN | MYRRH | INCENSE |

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 K N N T Y I G R Q V O E G M B  
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| PRIESTS   | MYRRH | BETHLEHEM | KING    | CHRIST |
| GOD       | CHILD | HOUSE     | INCENSE | MARY   |
| STAR      | MAGI  | TEACHERS  | WORSHIP | MOTHER |
| WORSHIPED | EAST  | SEARCH    | BORN    | HEROD  |



**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

Spring Faith Formation calendars will be e-mailed to all of you soon.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021!!**

To all of our Faith Formation Staff and Families, we wish you a peace filled and wonderful New Year! May 2021 be the best year ever. May we reflect within ourselves how to learn to be the best we can be for God and for others!

With the Lord's help, may we meet any challenges ahead and be a comfort to our neighbors.

**CIRCLE OF GRACE SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM**

The weeks of Sunday, February 7th and Sunday, February 21st will be our "Safe Environment" weeks for grades 1 - 10. We will be teaching the *Circle of Grace Program* for our students that is mandated by the diocese to keep all of our students safe.

In these classes, students will learn to be aware of the environment around them and God's "Circle of Grace" that surrounds all of us.

All staff will receive the materials for their grade levels. Ongoing training will be available for any staff who has not yet taken this class. Please let Lynda know if you need training in this program.

Parents / Guardians will be receiving notices on this program by e-mail soon.

Mrs. Daniele, Director of Faith Formation, O.P.



**Additional Memorials**  
**from Christmas:**

**Joan & William Pierce**

req. by David Pierce

**Stephen Rivers**

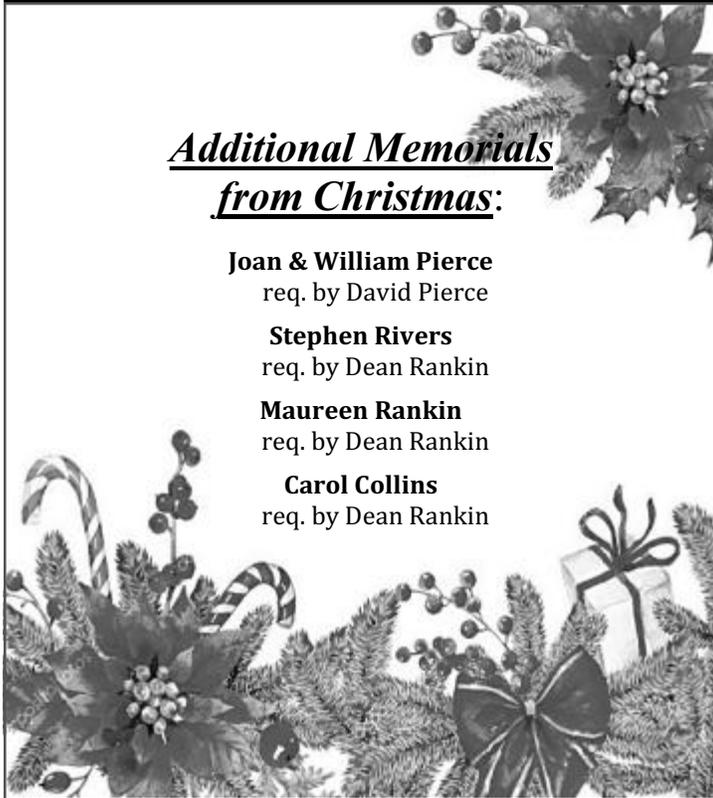
req. by Dean Rankin

**Maureen Rankin**

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**Carol Collins**

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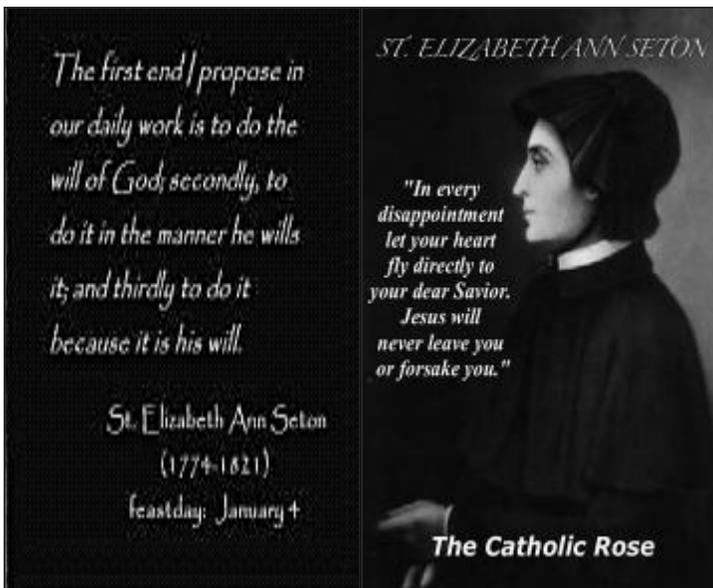


***A special Thank you from Diana David:***

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our Parish Christmas Community Projects. I was so thrilled with the response we had. The gifts were absolutely wonderful with a lot of thought put in to each and every purchase. The book collection also was well thought out and the Christmas stories were beautiful for the children to read and share. You are a group of very generous, loving, supportive, and caring people and I am so proud to be a part of our parish family. There are so many people to thank...I could go on and on...but know without listing names that each and everyone of you is so appreciated and loved. I look forward to next year's activities/events. Together we brought joy to a lot of children and families. I leave you with this.....

If you want to arrange it  
This world, you can change it  
If we could somehow  
Make this Christmas thing last  
By helping a neighbor  
Or even a stranger  
To know who needs help,  
You need only just ask

Love, Diana

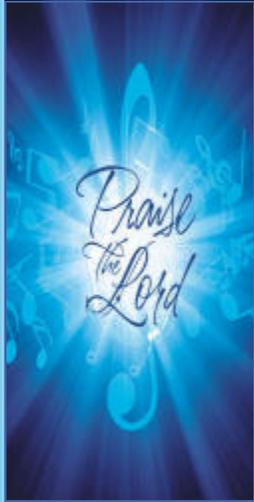


**New Year's Prayer: (From Father Matthew)**

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.



# PRAISE & WORSHIP



**Tuesday, January 5th  
@ 6:30 p.m.  
Virtual ONLY**

Join us Virtually on Facebook Live with Jack & Kim hosting. We'll offer music and calls from our friends with blessings, prayers and witness! Visit us at [facebook.com/ollsouthwick](https://facebook.com/ollsouthwick) join us by clicking on the live link in events or going to the video tab, then the live link.

You do not have to have an account to view and participate.



## The SOUP KITCHEN in Westfield needs our help!!!

We will be preparing/ serving **TUESDAY, January 12th**  
We are looking for people to help prep the meals in the Father Shea Hall kitchen at **2:30 P.M.** on the 12<sup>TH</sup>. Dinner bags will then be transported to the soup kitchen in Westfield. **EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK AND GLOVES!!!!**

**THE MENU FOR January 12th IS AS FOLLOWS:**

- BEEF STEW (Diana has Stew Meat!)**
- COLESLAW W/ DRESSING**
- CORN BREAD**
- APPLE SAUCE CUPS**
- BROWNIES**

The sign up sheet will be located on the bulletin board in the Marian Hall. Please call Diana if you are unable to sign up at church.

If you have any questions or are not able to come to Mass but would like to help, **PLEASE CALL DIANA AT 569-3718.**

**YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS MINISTRY IS APPRECIATED!!!**

## OUR LADY OF THE LAKE RAFFLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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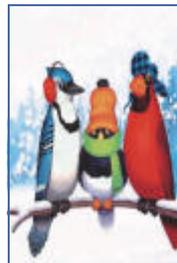
**"You can't win if you don't play!"**

This is being posted again due to a lack of caution noticed at the Masses this last week. **PLEASE**; for EVERYONE's safety, wear your masks properly and cover your NOSE, MOUTH and CHIN!!!

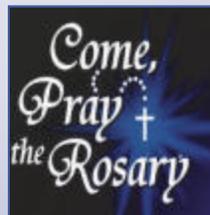


Due to the recent upturn in Covid cases here in Southwick, it is necessary to remind all who attend Mass that protocols must be adhered to completely. This especially means wearing masks properly; meaning, they MUST cover your nose, mouth and chin and fit securely. Your mask must stay on the entire time you are in the church and/or Marian Hall. This is to protect yourself and your neighbor. We thank you for your understanding during these challenging times we are living in.

### SNOWBIRDS



For all those lucky parishioners flying south for the winter, please call the parish office at — (413) 569-0161 or email us at — [OLLake7@aol.com](mailto:OLLake7@aol.com), so that we can stop your envelopes while you are enjoying those warm sunny days in Florida. Just remember to call us when you return so that we can start your envelopes up again.



*Please join us every week for our Rosary conference calls on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:50 p.m.*

**Conference Phone to Call:  
712-432-3900**

**Conference ID: 226058**

- ♥ 6:50PM the Conference Bridge will open for "Social Time."
- ♥ 7:00PM Most callers will be muted for preparation.
- ♥ 7:05PM the Rosary will begin lead by Fr. Matthew or someone chosen in his absence.
- ♥ At the end of the Rosary, callers will be unmuted for several moments until the Conference Bridge is closed.

Hand outs are available in the Marian Hall. Please take one on your way out!



## WELCOME 2021

This year in an effort to help our community and our parish families... We will be having TWO raffles per month.

Good Luck to all of You!!!

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