

# Our Lady of the Lake

Sunday  
January 2nd

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## MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.  
See below for Reconciliation  
schedule and other devotions.

### 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.

Adoration: First Saturday of the month,  
12:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

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 details.

### OTHER MINISTRIES:

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

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  
6:30 p.m. in the main church.

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

Caring Calls: On going need for our  
homebound/ elderly. If needing calls or  
would like to take time to call someone,  
please contact Diana for details 569-3718.

### 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

## The Epiphany of the Lord



### 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.

**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.

**Summary of Scripture passages from "The Ordo":**

"All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises (1 Ps) for they have been called to hear the good news (2) and worship the long awaited Messiah and King (3) with the gift of their lives."

**Reflections on the Scriptures by Deacon Dave:**

The Greek *epiphaneia* means "manifestation" or "appearance" and indicates that we now commemorate God's gift of Christ to all humankind in Jesus of Nazareth. The prophet Isaiah proclaims the light shining in the darkness of the world. Regardless of dark life challenges in our present world, the radiance of God permeates all corners. The psalmist establishes the symbolic vision in the reality of the just and peaceful rule of God's anointed One in history.

Paul's letter to the Ephesians tells of God's stewardship of creation. Gentiles, coheirs of God's plan for salvation of all humankind along side their Jewish brethren, fully express the revelation of God through the grace of God's manifold wisdom. The true people of God are made up of all kinds, perfected in the eternal purpose accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. God can use any and all possibilities creation offers to reveal himself to those he calls for diverse purposes.

Matthew's Gospel tells of the Christ child, born in Bethlehem during the time of King Herod, who had a death wish for all potential claimants to his status and throne. After the Gentile wisemen are profoundly affected by their encounter with the Christ child and his family, they make their own way in the world, defying the powers that be. The Magi exemplify how God might call us to live his plan in the world despite our best-laid plans. Further, we all have leading roles in our stories, but we never know when we might be significant supporting actors in the lives of others.

We all heard of "GPS" -global positioning system- that have transformed the way that many people navigate from one place to another. In today's Gospel, the Magi used the original GPS- God's star- to lead them to the Christ child. In our spiritual life, we can turn to the Word and Eucharist and a deepening prayer practice for the guidance that we need. Our close friends and families can lead us through instability. Think about making a commitment to enhance your prayer life in this new year so that you feel led God's spirit rather than the chaos of our times. God bless you in your journey.

Sincerely your Brother in Christ,  
*Deacon Dave*



**Saturday, January 1- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**10:00 a.m. The People of Our of the Lake Parish**

**Sunday, January 2**

**8:00 a.m. Thomas Despard, req. by Ellen Ayotte**

**10:00 a.m. The Busi & Daniele Families, req. by Lynda Daniele & family**

**Monday, January 3**

**8:30 a.m. Joanne Yourous, 2nd Anniversary, req. by her sister, Bette Blanchard**

**Tuesday, January 4**

**8:30 a.m. Rev. Adrian John Benoit for the repose of his soul**

**Wednesday, January 5**

**8:30 a.m. Special Intentions, req. by Linda Smigielski**

**Thursday, January 6**

**8:30 a.m. Special Intentions, req. by Linda Smigielski**

**Saturday, January 8**

**4:00 p.m. Lewis Wescott, req. by his daughter, Kelli DeiDolori**

**Sunday, January 9**

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

**10:00 a.m. Edie Stanton, req. by the Davis Family**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



Will be: **JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

from 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

There **MUST BE** at least two adorers every hour, including the last half hour.



If you would like to donate Altar Flowers, please contact Darillyn Patterson at 413.569.1614.

**Offertory 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 1<sup>st</sup>- Solemnity of Mary

January 2<sup>nd</sup>- Improvement Fund

January 2<sup>nd</sup>- Regular

January 9<sup>th</sup>- Regular

January 16<sup>th</sup>- Regular

January 23<sup>rd</sup>- Regular

January 30<sup>th</sup>- Regular

February- Utility & Energy Costs

February 6<sup>th</sup>- Improvement Fund

February 6<sup>th</sup>- Regular

February 13<sup>th</sup>- Regular

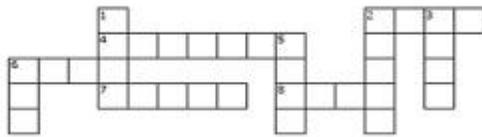
February 20<sup>th</sup>- Regular

February 27<sup>th</sup>- Regular

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

# 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

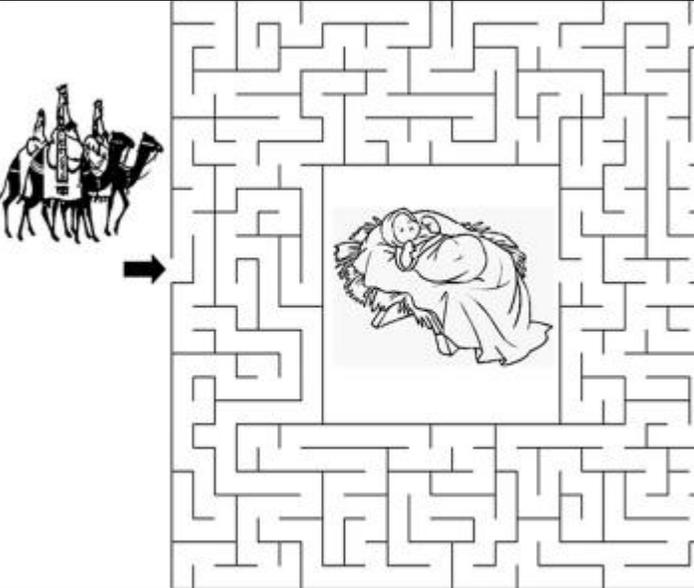
**DOWN**

- 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

MAGI	BOW	STAR	GOLD	KING
GIFTS	EAST	BORN	MYRRH	INCENSE

Y W A Y L X P H C H H M Q D H  
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PRIESTS	MYRRH	BETHLEHEM	KING	CHRIST
GOD	CHILD	HOUSE	INCENSE	MARY
STAR	MAGI	TEACHERS	WORSHIP	MOTHER
WORSHIPED	EAST	SEARCH	BORN	HEROD



## ~ High School Students ~

Please be sure to sign in on the Mass attendance sheet located on the altar rail on the St. Jude side of the church. If you go to a different church, please bring a bulletin, signed by the pastor, from the church you're visiting. **Mass attendance is very important.**

Thank you!!!

**\*\* NO Classes today January 2nd. Enjoy your winter vacation. God Bless and Stay Safe!!\*\***  
**Classes will resume on January 9, 2022!!**



CHILDREN LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our **Children's Liturgy** will be ongoing through out the year thanks to Mark and Neilda Henke's dedicated work. Children will go to Marian Hall during the 10:00 a.m. Mass for a child friendly Gospel of the day and reflections on the Gospel. Neilda and Mark are looking for volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy. If interested, please speak to them after Mass or call the office at (413) 569 – 0162. **Your help will be greatly appreciated.**



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



# Epiphany

## The Significance of the Epiphany of the Lord

The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival. Today, the Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Savior.



### 40- HOURS DEVOTION:

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### YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

“Creation and the government of the universe are great works which show thy power, thy wisdom, and thy mercy; but nowhere do they shine as in the Eucharist, memorial of the wonders that thou hast wrought on earth.” St. John Vianney, *Eucharistic Meditations: 4<sup>th</sup> Meditation*. For more information and videos check out [www.yearoftheeucharist.net](http://www.yearoftheeucharist.net).



Christmas Gift Basket Raffle  
Winner:  
Norma Tourigny  
*Thank you to all!!*

Giving Tree donations were just shy of \$2,000!!!  
Eternal gratitude to everyone that helped our families in need!



For all those lucky parishioners flying south for the winter, please call Kim at the parish office, 413-569-0161, so that she can stop your envelopes while you are enjoying those warm sunny days. Just remember to call when you return so that we can start your envelopes up again.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Trinity Church on Elm Street in Westfield has Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

### Help Wanted...

**DOMINICAN NUNS**, located at 1430 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, is looking for an Operations Manager who will assist with the upkeep of the monastery building and grounds. Mechanical skills required as well as some lifting. Monday-Friday mornings only. If interested, please stop by the Card Office and fill out an application.

**Groundskeeper/Maintenance position available.** Year-round lawn care, snow removal, minor repairs and maintenance. Experience preferred - full time and part time available for St. Thomas Cemetery. Please contact Mirek Pietras at 736-2334.

Please join Catholics for the Unborn for a pro-life vigil on Thursday, January 13th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. The vigil begins with Exposition, Recitation of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet then Adoration. At 12:00 p.m. (Noon) there will be Benediction followed by Daily Mass. Please support our efforts to protect innocent unborn life through prayer. For more information call Marilyn at 567-6085.

Respect

Jesus, receiver of the wise men and their gifts, help us to follow the light in the midst of our dark world. Fix our eyes and hearts on your light, that we might be bearers of that light to all those who walk in the dark. Amen.



# Catholic Charismatic PRAISE & WORSHIP

Tuesday, January 4th @ 6:30 p.m.

**In-person** (In the main church)

We will celebrate the Holy Spirit with music by Jack & his guitar, and share blessings, prayers and witnesses together!

*Please Join Us and the Holy Spirit!!!*

*Bring your friends, family and neighbors!!*



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



We will be preparing/ serving TUESDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>

We are looking for people to help prep the meals in the Father Shea Hall kitchen at 2:00 P.M. on the 11<sup>TH</sup>. Please bring all food to the Fr. Shea Hall by 1:30 p.m. Dinner bags will then be transported to the soup kitchen in Westfield.

**EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK AND GLOVES!!!**

(Still needed for food preparation. Thank you for understanding.)

The MENU for JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> IS AS FOLLOWS:

HOMEMADE MAC & CHEESE  
COLESLAW W/ DRESSING  
CORN BREAD

APPLE SAUCE CUPS OR FRUIT CUPS  
BROWNIES (Individually wrapped, 2 per pkg.)

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.

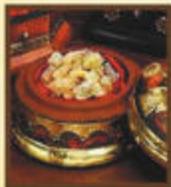
If you have any questions or are not able to come to Mass but would like to help, PLEASE CALL DIANA AT 569-3718.

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



### GOLD

The royal metal; signifies Jesus' Kingship (hence, the gift for a king).



### FRANKINCENSE

Symbol of prayer; signifies Jesus as the High Priest/Mediator between God and man (hence, the gift for a priest).



### MYRRH

A burial ointment; meaning that Jesus had to die for the salvation of all (hence, gift for one who would die).



## DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY TO SENIORS

Volunteers are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As a volunteer you would lead a weekly Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model of readings, prayers and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, please contact me, Mary Higgins at (413) 552-7231 or email me at:

[DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com](mailto:DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com)

Please call or send prayer requests to Diana at...

*Prayer*  
**REQUEST**

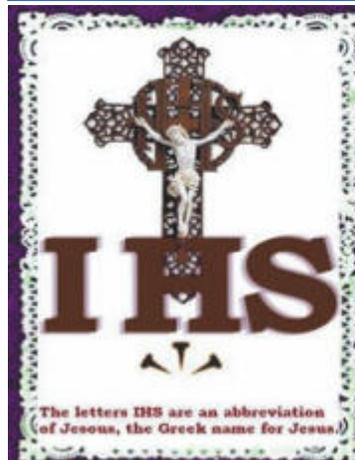
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### Most Holy Name of Jesus

Glorious name, gracious name, name of love and of power! Through You sins are forgiven, through You enemies are vanquished, through You the sick are freed from their illness, through You those suffering in trials are made strong and cheerful. You bring honor to those who believe, You teach those who preach, You give strength to the toiler, You sustain the weary.

-St. Bernadine of Siena

Jesus! our only hope be Thou, As Thou our prize shalt be; In Thee be all our glory now, And through eternity. Amen.

Feast Day  
January 3

The letters IHS are an abbreviation (of Jesus, the Greek name for Jesus.)

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