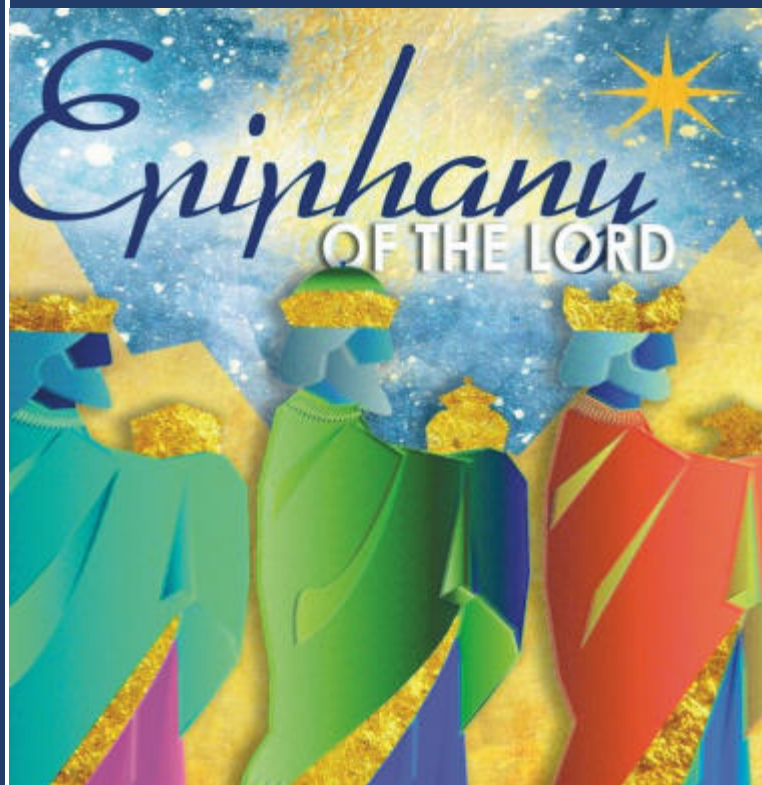


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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening - 4:30 pm

Sunday
6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am & 12:00 Noon

Monday - Friday 8:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation
Please see schedule inside
bulletin.

Blessed Sacrament ~ The chapel is located at the Shelmire ramp entrance and is open Monday-Friday, 7:00am - 5:00pm.

Homebound Visitation ~ Please contact the rectory.

New Parishioners ~ We encourage you to register on-line or at the rectory during our regular business hours.

Pastoral Care of the Sick ~ Call the rectory to arrange for anointing and communion for the sick and dying.

RCIA ~ The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), Formation begins in mid-September and participants meet weekly Thursday evenings until Easter. Contact Deacon John Knesis at 267-240-9607 for more information.

Resurrection Divine Mercy Group ~ Meetings on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Lower Church (use parking lot door).

Resurrection Prayer Community ~ Meetings on Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Lower Church.

Sacrament of Baptism ~ Baptisms take place on the first and third Sundays of the month. Call the rectory to arrange Baptism date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation ~ Saturdays 3:30pm - 4:15pm, Sundays 10:00am or by appointment.

Mass will still be available via live stream.
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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday - January 1

9:00AM Special Intention

4:30PM Thomas Luckow

Sunday - January 2

6:30AM Living & Deceased Members of
Resurrection of Our Lord Parish

8:30AM Chester Karas

10:30AM Elola Marinelli

12:00Noon Ann Campellone Dovidio
Eleanor Campellone

Monday - January 3

8:30AM Members Enrolled in
The Sanctuary Endowment Fund

Tuesday - January 4

8:30AM Lawrence Rauch

Wednesday - January 5

8:30AM Dondi McBride

Thursday - January 6

8:30AM Gloria Smith

Friday - January 7

8:30AM William J. Hettel

Saturday - January 8

4:30PM Frances DelColombo

Sunday - January 9

6:30AM Living & Deceased Members of
Resurrection of Our Lord Parish

8:30AM Hugh Sharkey

10:30AM Guido & Mary Scaramucci

12:00Noon Stephen Kwiatkowski

January 2, 2023

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Saturday, 9-11AM

Sunday, 9-12Noon

Week of January 2nd - 8th

Gold Candle Blessed Mother ~ David Patrick, Taylor Woods

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Lower Church Bread & Wine ~ Catherine Kopycienski

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Parish Support

Collection 12/19/2021

\$10,601.00

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\$12,130.00

Envelopes ~323

We Share ~ 51

Thank You!

Friends,

Just a word of thanks - thank you to every single one of you who dropped off or mailed me a Christmas card, left some sweets or gave me a Christmas gift. It means the world to me that you would even remember me during this time of year. I know you are all quite busy, so thank you for taking the time to be kind to me.

God Bless you,

+ Fr. Jim

Epiphany

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“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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Altar Servers



Friday, January 7, 8:30AM ~ School Mass

Matthew, William & Sarah Kahn

Saturday, January 8, 4:30PM

Jassen & Jed Medina, Dayton Berkheimer

Sunday, January 9

8:30AM Eric Kondrad, Ryan Ruiz

10:30AM Michael Ching, Thomas Mortimer

12:00Noon Diana, William & Sarah Kahn

SNOW CLOSING
 For everyone's safety we are going to keep our snow policy in place this year. If Resurrection Regional School is closed because of snow then our morning Mass will be canceled. The intention for that Mass will be moved to the next available open day.

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

- Sunday 1/2 6:30AM Mass, Upper Church
8:30AM Mass, Upper Church
10:30AM Mass, Upper Church
11:00AM Portuguese Mass, Lower Church
12:00Noon Mass, Upper Church
1:00PM Baptisms
- Monday 1/3 7:00PM Prayer Group, Lower Church
- Tuesday 1/4 7:00PM Portuguese Mass, Lower Church
- Wednesday 1/5 7:30PM Divine Mercy, Lower Church
- Thursday 1/6 7:00PM RCIA, Lower Church
- Friday 1/7 8:30AM School Mass
7:30PM Portuguese PREP, Lower Church
- Saturday 1/8 4:30PM Mass, Upper Church
- Sunday 1/9 6:30AM Mass, Upper Church
8:30AM Mass, Upper Church
8:45AM PREP, Hall
10:30AM Mass, Upper Church
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11:00AM Portuguese Mass, Lower Church
12:00Noon Mass, Upper Church



PRAYER REQUESTS

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| <i>Gloria Clery</i> | <i>Kathleen Mimm</i> | <i>Martha Brown</i> |
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| <i>Frank Walker</i> | <i>Anthony Rossi, Jr.</i> | <i>Phyllis Wadsworth</i> |
| <i>Stephanie Hettel</i> | <i>Baby Kathryn</i> | <i>James Dalaimo</i> |
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| <i>Ed Tyler</i> | <i>Joe Horan</i> | <i>Riley Faith</i> |
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| <i>Angelina McVey</i> | <i>Bernadette Reable</i> | <i>Michael Lamplugh</i> |
| <i>Cindy Haldis</i> | <i>Charles D. Morgan</i> | <i>Edward Lamplugh</i> |
| <i>Tom Graziani</i> | <i>Roseann Tully</i> | <i>Dawn Pescatore</i> |



Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish serving in the military whether at home or abroad. We pray for their safety and security as they continue to serve our country and keep us safe.



Please remember all our deceased relatives, friends and fellow parishioners, especially:

Carol Szymkowiak

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen



Sanctuary Endowment Announces The following Enrollments:

Margaret M. Bonaccorsi by Roseann Termini
Margaret M. Bonaccorsi by Barbara Moran

Mass is offered once monthly for all the members enrolled in the Sanctuary Endowment Fund. On the occasion of a funeral or the settlement of an estate, remember your loved ones with a donation to the Sanctuary Endowment Memorial Fund - a true living memorial! The fund is used exclusively for the maintenance, preservation and restoration of the sanctuary and shrines of our church. Thank you to the many families who have remembered their loved ones through the Sanctuary Endowment Fund.



RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD WEDDING POLICY

Congratulations on your engagement! We promise to do everything within our power to make your special day beautiful. Please visit our website www.resurrectphila.org to arrange for your upcoming wedding here at our church. You are able to choose between a Wedding ceremony or a Wedding Mass. The earliest wedding on Fridays is at 3PM. On Saturdays, weddings may be scheduled anytime between 9AM & 2PM. Non-parishioners are most welcome here for their wedding day. One party must be Catholic and both parties must be free to marry.

The Epiphany of the Lord, Lectionary: 20

READING 1 IS 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears His glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

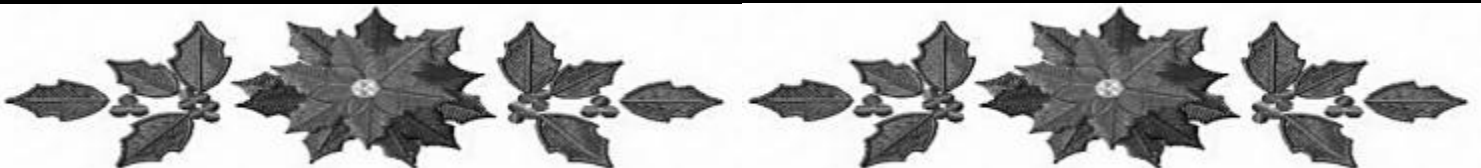
Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

READING 2 EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6

Brothers and Sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

GOSPEL MT 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *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.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the Child. When you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may go and do Him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the Child was. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.



January 2, 2022, The Epiphany of the Lord

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 giving 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 self-agenda 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.

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Low-Gluten Communion Hosts

The low-gluten hosts need to be refrigerated and therefore can not remain consecrated and in our tabernacle after the weekend Masses. Therefore - we need an accurate count of how many hosts will be needed at any given Mass. To obtain a low-gluten host please take the following steps at one of our weekend Masses:

1. Arrive **at least** 5 minutes before the Mass begins.
2. Go to the Sacristy, which is located in the side room to the front/left if you are facing the altar.
3. Ask the sacristan, deacon or priest in the sacristy for a low-gluten host from the sacristy refrigerator.
4. Take your host to the table in the center of the aisle where the gifts are brought forward during Mass. Place your low-gluten host in the small bowl (ciborium) that is attached to the larger bowl (ciborium).
5. During the distribution of Holy Communion the priest will be in the center aisle. Please get into the line of the priest that celebrated the Mass. He will have your low-gluten host attached to his main bowl (ciborium).
6. When you come to him in line please remind him that you need the low-gluten host.

Public Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Carmelite Monastery of Philadelphia

On **Saturday, January 8th, 2022**, we invite the clergy and faithful to join us in public prayers of thanksgiving at **1:00 p.m.** at the Carmelite Monastery, 66th Avenue and Old York Road, in Philadelphia. The prayers will include the public praying of the Rosary in precession as well as the Litany of Our Lady.

Bishop Barron Sacrament Series Continued

All are invited to the screening of Barron’s sacrament series on Tuesday, January 4, January 11, and January 25 immediately following 8:30 daily Mass in the lower church sacristy. Video and informal discussion should end by 10:00. All are welcome.

SENIOR CITIZENS

OLOR Seniors are looking for new members age 55 and older. Join our seniors group and make new friends. **Meetings at 11am on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.** Come enjoy coffee/tea/pastries, and lunch! Meetings held at former Our Lady of Ransom school.



As part of our charitable outreach pillar, the members of Fr. Ryan Council, Knights of Columbus, donated Acme gift cards to each parish associated with the Council, Resurrection of Our Lord, St Cecelia, and Maternity BVM. Each pastor was given 15 gift cards to distribute to families in need in each parish for the Holiday Season.

The Council would like to thank the parishioners of Resurrection of Our Lord for their support during the recent Keep Christ in Christmas magnet sale. The profit raised goes towards our charitable outreach.



MSBT, Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity, is looking for a Part Time Vocation Council Coordinator to assist our Vocations Department. We are looking for someone who is out going, supportive, can commit to deadlines, is flexible, and has a willingness to embrace the MSBT charisma. For More information contact Human Resources 215-335-7576.



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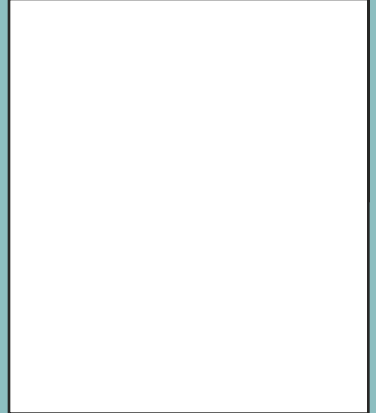
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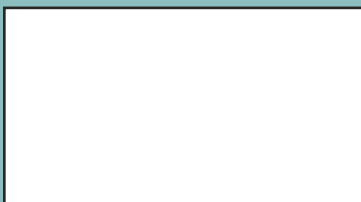
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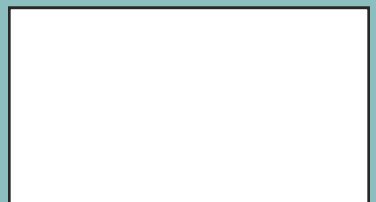
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