

SAINT MARTHA PARISH

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January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

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The parish of Saint Martha aspires to be an inviting community, welcoming people from all walks of life. Holding to the call of Jesus to repentance and to believe in the Gospel, our community seeks to offer everyone that comes through our opened doors the tools and support needed to achieve this call to holiness, by sound Catholic teaching, beautiful liturgies, cross generational faith formation and serving those in need. Our ultimate goal is to become vivid images of Jesus Christ in the world, so that we share in the salvation of the world.

Confession:

Saturday – 2:30 PM

Baptisms:

Saturdays at 12:00 PM by appointment only –
Please contact the rectory at least one month in advance.

Marriages:

Contact the rectory at least six months in advance.

Weekday – 8:30AM (Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.)

Saturday 9:00AM English (1st Saturday TLM only)

Religious Education Program:

Sunday mornings during school year – Grades 1 – 8
Brian LeMay, D.R.E. – (860) 749-8457

Confirmation Program:


Lori Kedzior – (860) 745-5616



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

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

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Mass Intentions

January 1st and 2nd

SAT/SUN 4:00 PM r/s Anna Rice, r/b Liz Gillen

Spanish 5:30 PM Parish Intentions

9:00 AM r/s Anthony Morriane, r/b Troy & Elizabeth Henke

TLM 11:00 AM r/s Thomas R. Despard, r/b Troy & Elizabeth Henke

MONDAY: 8:30 AM Mary Wellspeak, the Couture Family

TUESDAY: 8:30 AM Intentions of Carol & John Janosik jr, r/b Ruth & John Janosik Sr.

WED.: 8:30 AM r/s James S. Nolan Birthday Remembrance, Dot Skinner

7:00 PM **Blessing of the Epiphany Water**

THURSDAY: 8:30 AM r/s Joanne Blumenthal, r/b her Mom & Bill

TLM 7:00 PM r/s Rosemary Hetzer, r/b Roy Rosencrans

SATURDAY: 9:00AM TLM r/s Jeanne Sciarra, The Salvati Family

MASSES SCHEDULED FOR: January 8th /9th

4:00 PM r/s Joan Payne

5:30 PM Parish Intentions

9:00AM r/s Anna Rice

11:00 AM r/s Special Intentions


Thank you

December 20th collection was \$4213
 The Utility collection on December 20th was \$961.00
 The Collection from Christmas and December 26th will be in next weekend's bulletin

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. LPi




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Special Intentions

CHAPEL LAMP



For the Repose of the Soul of :
Karen O' Brien
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let our perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."
 Matthew 19:14

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Contact: David Gagnon 860-836-6629

Registration & Proof of Age required

Lector Needed

We are looking for an additional lector for the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday's, scheduling would be every third Sunday. A lector workbook is provided in helping of pronunciation and a brief explanation of the Scripture to help proclaim the Word of God. This is a very important ministry of the Church, please give it serious consideration. If you are interested proclaiming the Word of God or have any questions, please contact me as soon as possible. I can be reached at 860-749-8457 or email brian759@sbcglobal.net.

God bless,
Brian LeMay

Prayer to St. Michael



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

Chapel News



On Sunday, Nov.21st, on the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, it was the 40th anniversary of our Sacred Heart chapel's opening. Let us all give thanks to the Lord for such a blessing for our parish and for all the many faithful ones who gave up their time to make it possible to keep it open. Surely they received many blessings in return!

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Office hours: Monday – Friday: 9:30 AM – 12 N
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Devotions:

Rosary –8:00AM before the daily Mass: Mon., Tues.,
Wed., Thurs, Sat. (not First Saturday)

Tuesday Devotion to St. Joseph, after 8:30 AM Mass

**Sacred Heart Eucharistic Adoration Chapel— Monday
& Wednesday 9:00 AM —10:00 PM**

For Questions please call: Flo Radziewicz (860)-216-7471

Communion to Homebound: Call the Rectory

Parish Home Visitation – Legion of Mary:
Meets every Monday at 2:30 PM

Prayer Line: 860-745-5616 The Rectory Office

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group
Tuesday: 6:00 - 8:00 PM - Peg Connor (860)745-9861

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Every 3rd Monday of the Month
at 6:30 PM Contact: Betty Joaquim – (860)745-2667

Bereavement Group: Susann Douglas - (413)-454-8702



K of C Rev. John B. O'Connell Council 14600
Grand Knight—Raymond Bishop - 860-763-3076
Financial Secretary Joseph Pandolfi - 860-763-2449
E-mail - kofc14600@att.net
The K of C meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM



Lay Carmelite Community of Little Therese - #702
Director: Annedda Stiller - 860-416-9600
1st Sunday of the month from 1:00 – 3:30 pm

January 2, 2022

Thank
you

All of the families that received gifts from the Giving Tree would like to thank you for your generosity! Your thoughtfulness and kindness brought such joy to their families! God bless all of you for your acts of charity!



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