



## 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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Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 PM or by appointment

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From Deacon Dick

### Epiphany 2021

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is a revered day in the life of the Church. It is "right and just" that this be so. Why? I draw your attention to the Scriptural readings of the day ... specifically Isaiah. It's **our call to invite others to join us** in order to find the real meaning of their lives!

*"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you ... raise your eyes and look about ... then you shall be radiant at what you see, and your heart shall throb and overflow."* (Isaiah 60:1-5)

As we celebrate this Solemnity in the midst of winter's darkness ... and with the gloom of the pandemic hanging over us ... the author of Isaiah speaks to us about the *glorious light of the Lord* shining upon us! He reminds us that we ought **not to stand by passively** at the coming of the Light of the World, but that we must intentionally raise our eyes from the darkness of our various worlds in which we live ... to see how Jesus makes himself present in us and in one another ... to enable our hearts to burst at the seams with gratitude to God. Just as the Magi were guided on their journey by the light of the star, we too must allow God's Light to lead us into an ever-deepening divine union with Jesus. Then we shall truly be "*copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus through the Gospel!*" (Eph 3:6)

As we receive the gift of God's Son, what gift might we offer in return? Poet Christina Rossetti offers a reflection:

### **IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER**

*What can I give Him, Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what can I give Him: give my heart.*



SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022 / EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

# WEEKLY PRAYER

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**SUN 01/02** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**MON 01/03** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**TUE 01/04** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

**WED 01/05** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

**THR 01/06** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

**FRI 01/07** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

**SAT 01/08** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

**SUN 01/09** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/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/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## QUESTION FOR THE WEEK

**Adult:** When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

**Children:** When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, give me the power to help others, not harm them.

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will do three favors to help someone in my family this week.



## FIRST READING

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

## PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

## SECOND READING

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. (Eph 3:5-6)

## GOSPEL

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)



## JANUARY 4

### Tuesday 9:00 AM

For All Souls



## JANUARY 8 & 9

### Saturday 10:00 AM

Aleksander and Aniela Grydz; req., Wietecha Family  
Emma Diana; req., Angela and Joseph Sumigray & Family  
Julia Robustiano; (Anniv Remb), req., daughter, Alba and Family  
Lucille Thomas; req., Nicholas Ketz

### Sunday 10:00 AM

Frank & Ann Cerone; req., daughters, Frances & Anne Marie  
Mary, Jane & Betty Kircher; req., Family

## SANCTUARY LAMP ~ IS LIT THIS WEEK FOR

### For All Souls

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel is a beautiful way to remember a loved one. Please contact the parish office at 518-459-6635 if you would like to make arrangements to remember a loved one in this special way.



## SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR JANUARY

The names of those loved ones who will be remembered for the month of **January** with a lit candle are:

**Kevin Foley; Teresa Jung,  
Marie & Anthony Morelli and Penny Norton**

If you would like to light a candle for February or any upcoming month please call the parish office at 518-459-6635 ext. 11.

## PARISH GIVING ~ SHARING GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

### Weekly Offertory for December 18 and 19, 2021

Weekly Budget	\$ 7,450.98
Weekly Actual—Mail-Ins & Offertory	\$ 13,343.00
Overage/Shortfall	(+) \$ 5,892.02

### YTD (July 2020-Present) Offertory

YTD Budget	\$186,274.51
YTD Actual	\$181,813.00
YTD Overage/Shortage	(-) \$( 4,461.51)

Thank you for your generosity. Your gifts are greatly appreciated!!

*Due to early publication date for the bulletin our Parish giving for December 25 & 26 will be listed in next week's bulletin. Thank you!*

## SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR DECEMBER

Our sincerest apologies for neglecting to include in the December 5th bulletin the names of those loved ones who were remembered during the month of **December** with a lit candle; as follows:

**Angeline & George Abraham, Allegrretta & Vendetti Families,  
Anthony Audi, Bernadine & Chester Bara,  
Anna & Henry Colasurdo, Katherine Del Pozzo, Helen Fake,  
Kevin Foley, Teresa Jung, Michael Keane, Ronald Kricidlo,  
Margaret LaFluer, Eugene S. Lorini, Sr., Nicholas Luciano,  
Marie & Anthony Morelli, Ann & Jerry Normandin,  
Orletta & Joseph Normandin, Penny Norton, James Purcell,  
Margaret & Carl Quinlan, and Joseph Zaccardo, Jr.**

Please be assured that the candles for each of these loved ones were lit for the month of December and that they were included in our weekly Mass intentions.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION ~ MIDWESTERN TORNADO RELIEF

As requested by Bishop Scharfenberger, on the weekend of January 8 & 9, we will hold a special collection for the relief following the devastating tornadoes that recently hit the midwestern United States. Please be as generous as always in helping our brothers and sisters across the country. If you would like, you may contribute directly to tornado relief at [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org)

Baptism of the Lord—Sunday, January 9



**CATECHISTS NEEDED**

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A CATECHIST?**

It takes the **WHOLE** community to pass on our faith traditions and the “Good News that is Jesus”!

We ask you to consider if God is calling you to use your gifts as a Catechist!

We are in need of people who are willing to commit two to three hours a month either by Zoom or in person on a Sunday or Tuesday evening.

If you would like to help in this ministry Kari would love to chat with you. No experience required—you just need a love for the Lord and a willingness to share.

Come by the office or email  
Kari.Kurtz@rcda.org



**WEEKLEY EVENTS CALENDAR**

Day	Date	Event	Time	Place
Sun.	2-Jan	Mass - The Epiphany of the Lord	10:00 AM	Church
Mon.	3-Jan	COL Seniors	9:00 AM	Hall
Tue.	4-Jan	Mass	9:00 AM	Church
Wed.	5-Jan	Eucharistic Adoration	9:30 PM-8:30 PM	Chapel
		Colonie Bereavement Support Group	6:00 PM-7:30 PM	St. Clare's
		Rosary	6:15 PM	Chapel
		BLD Music Group	7:30 PM	CR 1
Thur.	6-Jan	Boy Scout Troop 1022 Mtg	6:00 PM-8:30 PM	Hall
Fri.	7-Jan	Mass: BLD Albany	7:00 PM	Church
		Fellowship: BLD Albany	9:00 PM-11:00 PM	Hall
Sat.	8-Jan	Reconciliation	3:15 PM-3:45 PM	Church
Sun.	9-Jan	Vigil Mass	4:00 PM	Church



**Pastoral Associate for Parish Services  
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General areas of responsibility include preparation of the weekly bulletin, creation of worship aids, maintenance of parish records and databases, and serving as a liaison to parish ministries and outside vendors.

Required skills include a pastoral approach to people across the entire age spectrum, the ability to multi-task with attention to detail, and a demonstrated proficiency with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and Publisher).

Interested candidate should submit a resume, a letter of interest, and references to: [Richard.thiesen@rcda.org](mailto:Richard.thiesen@rcda.org).

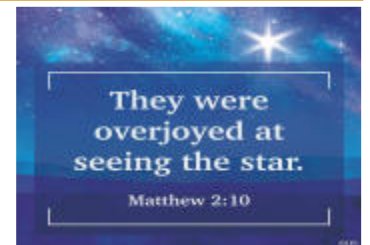
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for your generosity

COL would like to thank all those that donated turkeys, hams and roasting chickens to the Food Pantry and it is with much gratitude that the COL Food Pantry would like to thank the **Anesthesia Group of Albany and Melissa Houck, as well as the Carroll and Sheldon families** for adopting two of our food pantry families for Christmas. Your generosity went above and beyond and the families were ever so grateful!



**Liturgical Ministers: You Are Needed!!** To sign up to become a Liturgical Minister call the parish office at 518-459-6635.

2022 CALENDARS ARE HERE!  
COMPLEMENTS OF  
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**WELCOME, WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!!**

Whether you are interested in joining this parish, becoming a Catholic, or a visitor we WELCOME YOU and invite you to complete a registration form that can be found on the table in our gathering space, found online at [www.ChristOurLightChurch.org](http://www.ChristOurLightChurch.org) or by contacting the parish office at 518-459-6635 so we may begin to know you.

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