



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

The Epiphany of the Lord~ January 2, 2022

Mass Intentions

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- Friday**
7:30 am
December 31 ~ New Year's Eve
+Edward Kalita
Offered by Susan Sienko
- Saturday**
4:00 pm
January 1~ New Year's Day
+John J. Ziomek, Sr
In loving memory
Offered by Maureen & Steve Czentnar
- Sunday**
8:30 am
(Polish)
10:30 am
January 2
+Krzysztof Malk
Offered by Adam & Jessy
+Adele Johnson
Offered by Nick & Agnes DiStefano
- Monday**
January 3
+Eugene Dunn
Offered by his loving Family
- Wednesday**
6:30 pm
January 5
+Anna & Louis Szymkowicz
- Thursday**
7:30 am
January 6
+Krystyna Farley
Offered by Agnes & Nick DiStefano
- Friday**
7:30 am
January 7
+Linda Halligan
Offered by Karen & Jim Coughlin
- Saturday**
4:00 pm
January 8
In Celebration of 100th Anniversary of
Polish Knights Society
Offered by the Polish Knights Society
- Sunday**
8:30 am
(Polish)
10:30 am
January 9
Living & Deceased Members of the
Rosary Society
+Cecilia S. and Walter J. Smoloski
+Dian E. Smoloski &
+Dr. Walter J, Smoloski Jr.

First Friday

January 7th
following 7:30 am Mass



Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
& Recitation of the
Divine Chaplet
(Rectory Chapel)

OFFICE CLOSED

*The parish office will be closed on
Monday, January 3, 2022.*

Weekly Collections

December 17-18

Offertory ~\$3028.00

Fuel & Energy ~\$967.00

Christmas ~\$5683.00

Christmas Gift for the Church~\$337.00

December 26

Offertory ~\$1809.00

Repairs & Replacements~\$725.00

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Sanctuary Lamp

January 2-8

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***Norwich Diocesan
Women's Conference***

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Virtual Spring

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Keynote speaker, author, and certified spiritual director Liz Kelly will present ideas from her book ***Love Like A Saint.***

The morning will also include a message from Bishop Cote, the naming of this year's Our Lady Queen of Hope Award recipient and much more all from the comfort of your own home!

**For more information, please contact
The Office of Faith Events
at 860-848-2237, or
manicholas@norwichdiocese.net**

Virtual Marriage Enrichment



For Valentine's Day this year, give your spouse the gift of your time and reenergize your marriage by attending a virtual enrichment entitled ***The Joy of Love*** on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, from 10-2. This enrichment is for married couples of all ages and years married. There is a \$15 fee that covers workbooks for each couple. Registration and payment are due by Feb. 1. The program takes place online and requires participants to have an internet connection.

To register, send your names, address, telephone number, email address and check made payable to the Annual Catholic Appeal to Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06260 or call her at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

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



END OF YEAR

GIVING STATEMENTS

Parishioners requiring statements of
charitable donations
for tax purposes may request one
through the parish office.

They will be mailed out starting in late January.

Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center

We are reaching out to the community during the
cold winter months and asking for donations of
handmade scarves.



Whatever you could do to
help support our new
“Street Ministry” to the
poor would be greatly
appreciated. Drop off any
donations in the box in the
foyer of the church.



We are currently in need of additional
Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers.

For more information contact
ministry@stmarymiddletown.com
or the parish office at 860-347-2365



A huge **Thank You** to everyone that donated to the
ABC Women's Center through the
Giving Tree this year.
They are very grateful for our continued support.

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Open House

January 30, 2022

12:00-3:00 pm

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860.347.2978

Face masks are required while inside the building



Prayer shawls are available in the foyer of the church for parishioners to take and give to anyone needing comfort in dealing with illnesses or going through difficult times.

Please let us know who will be receiving a shawl by signing our prayer book so that we may continue to pray for those touched by our ministry.

One Faith One Family



We are striving for 100% participation
Pledge envelopes are located
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Call **860-866-1928** or visit

**norwichdiocesedevelopment.org for
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