



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Church of the Holy Child Parish is a growing, diverse, welcoming Roman Catholic community serving Northern New Castle County and the surrounding area. As a Catholic community we daily embrace and strive to know, love and serve God as we grow in our relationship to Jesus. Our experience of prayer, worship, the sacraments and faith formation call us to acts of service and to address the needs of our brothers and sisters.

# JANUARY 2, 2022

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



### Monday, January 3

9:00 a.m. Jonathan Anderson (Living)  
*Jean M Piziak*

### Tuesday, January 4

9:00 a.m. Helene Dixon  
*Joe & Betty Charney*

### Wednesday, January 5

9:00 a.m. William Halbe  
*Mary Ann & Bill McLaughlin*

### Thursday, January 6

Terry Betts  
*Georgie Mortimer*

### Saturday, January 8

4:00 p.m. Phillip & Mary Manley  
*Richard & Edna Ross*

### Sunday, January 9

8:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Thomas Krause  
*Nancy Krause*

## THIS WEEK

#### Sunday:

10:30 a.m. Carol Sing-a-long  
7:00 p.m. AA

#### Monday:

4:45 p.m. Religious Education  
6:30 p.m. Religious Education

#### Tuesday:

9:45 a.m. Social Concerns Committee  
4:45 p.m. Religious Education  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee

#### Wednesday:

9:45 a.m. In Viam Ad Caelum Faith Sharing ZOOM  
Christian Formation Committee  
7:00 p.m. Parish & Family Life Committee

#### Thursday:

7:00 p.m. Choir  
AA

#### Saturday:

10:00 a.m. 1st Reconciliation

## STEWARDSHIP

*"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."*

MATTHEW 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

*Thank you for your continued generosity!!*

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty and eternal God,  
in your unfailing love you provide  
ministers for your Church.  
We pray for those whom you call  
to serve the Church of Wilmington  
as priests, deacons and consecrated religious.  
Inspire in them a generous response.

Grant them courage  
and vision to serve your people.  
May their lives and service call your  
people to respond to the presence  
of your Spirit among us  
that, faithful to the Gospel and  
hope of Jesus the Christ, we may:  
announce glad tidings to the poor  
proclaim liberty to captives,  
set prisoners free  
and renew the face of the earth.  
Amen!

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

We pray for the sick and homebound: *Gerri Collom, Hector Colon, Tim Corcoran, Francis Cunniffe, David Donaldson, Natasha Evans, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Craig Harris, Michael Keller, Ginny Lewis, Nancy McKeown, Francine Passerini, Ed Romford, Gordon Taylor, Joe Theranger, Bea Wallace.*

If you know someone who should be added to our list, please call the Parish Office (302) 475-6486 ext. 110. Prayer requests will remain on this list for one month.

## WE PRAY

For members of our armed service who have recently been deployed:

PO1 Colleen Fitzgerald – U.S. Navy  
Major Jigar Patel MD – U.S. Army  
Seaman Ian Nuhfer - U.S. Coast Guard

As they continue to work for peace in our world, we remember them and their families with our prayerful support. Do you have a loved one or friend who has been deployed? Contact Margie Fiorella (302-475-6486 ext. 122 or mfiorella@chcparish.org) so we may include them in our list and prayers.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AN APPOINTED TIME

*“There is an appointed time for everything and a time for every affair under the heavens.” Ecclesiastes 3*

### “A time to die”

We extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of:

**Diana Dougherty**

May God welcome her into his heavenly banquet and grant her eternal life.

### 2021 TAX STATEMENTS

On January 17th tax statements will be sent to parishioners who have given \$250 or more in the weekly collection during the 2021 year, using your offertory envelopes. If you gave less than this and would like a statement, please contact Johanna Jones our parish secretary (302-475-6486 ext 110 or jjones@chcparish.org).

Those parishioners who give through our **FaithDirect**, our e-giving, will be sent a tax statement directly from **FaithDirect**. Or you may download it from your **FaithDirect** account.

### WELCOME

We welcome you, one and all, to our parish. We welcome all Catholics from the neighboring parishes who find our schedule or our liturgies more suited to their needs. For those of you who regularly attend the Church of the Holy Child but have yet to register, we cordially invite you to do so. Registering can ultimately help us to serve you better each week as well as at those pivotal times such as weddings, baptisms, in times of illness and for funerals. Registering with the parish is quick and easy. Registration forms are available from the parish website at [www.chcparish.org](http://www.chcparish.org), from the parish office, in one of the portico's. You may mail your completed registration form or drop it into the collection basket on Sunday.



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### A HOME BLESSING FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

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*When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, “Amen.”*

*The leader greets those present in the following words:*  
Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.  
**R/.** Blessed be God forever.

*In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:*  
The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

*One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9.*

*The intercessions are then said:*

**Leader:** The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him. **R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray: **R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray: **R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray: **R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

*After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.*

*The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:*  
Lord God of heaven and earth,  
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation  
by the guidance of a star.  
Bless this house  
and all who inhabit it.  
Fill us with the light of Christ,  
that our concern for others may reflect your love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**R/.** Amen.

*The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:*  
May Christ Jesus dwell with us,  
keep us from all harm,  
and make us one in mind and heart,  
now and forever.  
**R/.** Amen.

*It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, “O Come, All Ye Faithful” or “We Three Kings.”*



## PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

### RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Here are 7 Catholic resolutions for the New Year to consider:

**1. Go to Daily Mass one extra day per week.** The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, quoting *Lumen Gentium*, describes the Eucharist as "the source and summit of the Christian life" and states that "the Church strongly encourages the faithful to receive the holy Eucharist on Sundays and feast days, or more often still, even daily." If you are not already a Daily Mass attendee, resolve to attend just one more Mass each week.

**2. Add a new prayer to your prayer routine.** Consider planning to embrace the discipline of doing Morning prayer and Evening prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours each day. However, there are so many ways of incorporating more prayer in your life. Make a commitment today that will be **achievable** - even if the only commitment you are able to make is to pray one single Our Father each day.

**3. Read the scriptures.** The Bible is the living word of God and spending just 10 minutes a day reading it will change your life. If you are new to reading the Bible - begin with the Gospel of John and commit to reading for 10 minutes. If you are already a regular scripture-reader, pick a book that you are not as familiar with and begin reading it. .

**4. Begin a spiritual journal.** Keeping a spiritual journal has been one of the most fruitful practices many have adopted. Journal your prayers, struggles, scriptures or quotes that have inspired you, petitions, thanksgiving for blessings and more.

**5. Forgive.** Holding a grudge? Resenting someone who has hurt you? Angry and upset about the way your parents/husband/children/friends/boss/etc. treat you? Holding on to unforgiveness is hurting only one person - **you**. This New Year - resolve to forgive those who have hurt you. Spend some time in prayer and ask the Lord for the grace to extend forgiveness. Remember that Jesus forgave from the Cross - it is difficult to withhold forgiveness when you meditate on the crucifixion scene. A great way to start is to write a letter to the person who has hurt you (you don't have to actually send it). In the letter, be specific about what you are forgiving that person for. When you have completed the letter, place the person in the Lord's hands and let them go.

**6. Go to confession.** Confession is tough stuff - it is not easy to sit before another person and plainly state, without excuses, all your failings, weaknesses and shortcomings. to bring healing, freedom and wholeness is immeasurable. Do not be afraid to go to confession. Find a priest that you think you would be comfortable with and explain that you are unfamiliar/uncomfortable/uneasy or just plain afraid - he can help with the mechanics of the Sacrament. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind your sins and then jump in with both feet. You will be relieved, elated, and joyful afterwards.

**7. Make friends with a saint.** The Communion of Saints is a gift and a mystery that have nothing to do with praying to statues and everything to do with being part of a family that spans the boundaries of time and space. The saints are role models for living lives according to God's plan and powerful intercessors before the throne of the Lord in heaven. This year, resolve to learn about one new saint in a deep way.

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Pop some popcorn and put in a DVD or surf Netflix for a movie the whole family can watch.

Daughter of St. Paul Sister Helena Burns, who has a media literacy ministry, said movies provide myriad opportunities for families to share and discuss their values. Some of her favorites include:

- "Mary Poppins Returns" — If your family didn't catch this movie when it was in theaters, make sure to rent a copy.
- "Incredibles 2" — "This is a family movie in that it's about a family," Sister Helena said. While the kids come to the rescue in the end, the parents are not portrayed as useless.
- "A Wrinkle in Time" — Much of the overt Christian imagery of Madeleine L'Engle's book is absent from the movie adaptation, Sister Helena said, but parents can help tie the values to the movie with discussion.
- "Groundhog Day" — Sister Helena calls this movie "hilarious," especially for older kids who can laugh while they watch the main character learn what is important in his life by living the same day over and over and over again.
- "Moana" — Sister Helena suggested that Moana is a better alternative than other girl-centered animated hits like "Brave" or "Frozen." While Moana defies her father to go to sea, she is working in a framework of family support that includes her mother and grandmother, and she embraces values such as honesty, courage, empathy and self-sacrifice.
- "A Bronx Tale" — This movie is especially good for older boys who are learning about what it means to be a man and to be a father, Sister Helena said.

Sister Helena has reservations about the Harry Potter movies (Satan is real, and witchcraft can never be used for good, she said), but suggests that parents can emphasize the good while teaching about the bad. "There are amazing lessons to be learned, that you lay down your life for your friends and you love your parents and you fight evil," she said.

That's her approach to many of the not-quite-perfect offerings out there. "The point of it is to talk, talk, talk about the movie," she said. "Not during the movie, but as soon as possible afterward. As Christians, we want to look at it through a Christian lens. Was there a Christ figure? Was good presented as good and evil presented as evil? Did it try to manipulate us to sympathize with the evil character? Are people presented in a dignified way?"

She suggests parents check out [Common Sense Media](#) for detailed reviews. She also recommends [ClearPlay](#), a service that allows users to view filtered movies, muting language or action they might find objectionable.

[Source: [Teaching Catholic Kids.com](#)]

## LITURGY

### THANK YOU FOR COMING ON TIME

Each portion of the Mass has a specific role in fostering our union with Christ. Please don't sell yourself short, and please don't shorten your encounter with Jesus in the Sunday Mass. Visitors always comment very favorably on our prayerful worship which is the most precious hour of the week. As we consider what sacrifices we can make for the Lord, might we not make a special effort to come into church before Mass begins, and to remain until the priests and ministers process out at the end of Mass. Couldn't we try to give to the Lord those few extra minutes?

### COMMUNION

Do you have trouble coming forth to receive Eucharist at Communion time? If you do and would like to receive the Eucharist from where you are seated in the church, please notify Fr. Carrier or Deacon Bill when you arrive. Communion will be brought to you at the conclusion of Communion.

### CELIAC DISEASE

Our liturgical documents state the: "The bread for celebrating the Eucharist must be made only from wheat". For those with Celiac disease, this is a challenge. Over the past few years, some host-making companies have developed a "low gluten" host which contains less than .01% gluten. If you have gluten intolerance and would like to receive the "low gluten" host, you will find them on the credence table marked "Low Gluten Hosts". You may place the host in the pyx on the table labeled LG. See the priest or deacon before Mass to alert him that you will be receiving a "low gluten" host. At communion you then receive a "low gluten" host. The "low gluten" hosts have been improved over the past two years and taste and look like the real wheat hosts. Should you have any questions, please see Fr. Carrier.

### EPIPHANY



## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

#### FOOD CLOSET

Our St. Vincent dePaul Society Food Closet is **low** on the following items: cold and hot cereal, instand mashed potatoes, peanut butter and jelly, tuna, canned chicken and other canned meat and boxed macaroni and cheese. **Donations should not be or close to being expired.** Donations of these items may be left in the SVDP basket in portico 2.

#### PRAYER CHAIN

Do you need a prayer? Email your prayer requests to Michelle Lapihuska at lapihuska@comcast.net. Parishioners are always welcome to join in prayer for others. If you would like to join the prayer chain email Michelle.

#### EMMANUEL DINING ROOM

Thank you for your generous donations of food for the Emmanuel Dining Room. Donations of **canned carrots, relish, canned fruit, cookies** are needed. Please leave your contributions in the **EDR basket** in Portico 2.

#### THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to your amazing generosity, 16 families had Christmas for 52 of their children. Additionally, there were 23 families who we made a payment on their rent, or utility bills. Imagine the relief of all of these folks because of you. You truly shared the Love, Joy, Hope and Peace of the newborn Christ Child.

May God Bless you and your family during this wonderful Christmas season.



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Religious Education Program will resume on **Monday January 3rd and Tuesday January 4th**. We extend to our families a most blessed Christmas Season.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Seventeen of our young people will celebrate their First Reconciliation on Saturday January 8th. Please keep them and their families in your prayer as they begin their final days of preparation to celebrate this sacrament.

## PUZZLE

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

wise-men	king	Mary
child	star	gifts
born	worship	dream

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## MISSION

Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.

## GOD'S WORD

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6.  
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6.  
Matthew 2:1-12.

#### Copartners in the Promise.

The readings and this solemnity are filled with competing images and persons. Darkness and light. Christians of Jewish heritage and Gentiles. Chosen people and coheirs, copartners. Herod and the Magi. Epiphany teaches us this: all are members of the same body, all are coheirs of God's goodness, all are copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus.

Like the Magi, how will I give homage to Christ today?

Whom do I look down upon that I must see as a copartner with me?

What treasure will I give away, will I offer to another



### DAILY MASS READINGS

#### Monday:

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

#### Tuesday:

1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

#### Wednesday:

1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

#### Thursday:

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

#### Friday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

#### Saturday:

1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

#### Sunday:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekdays (Monday—Thursday).....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Vigil (Saturday).....4:00 p.m.  
Sunday.....8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Holy Days .....9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00—3:30 p.m., or by appointment.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held at 12:30 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. Please call Sr. Ann Hughes, SSJ for registration and details.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Please make arrangements at least **one** year in advance of desired date. Please call Sr. Ann Hughes, SSJ for registration and details.

### Registration

We welcome all new members to our parish family. To register, Parish Census forms are located in each portico, on our website or you may call the Parish Office.

### Bulletin Submissions

Information for the bulletin must be in to the Parish Office **15 days** prior to the publication date. Submission does not guarantee publication.

### Office Hours

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