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The Epiphany
of the Lord

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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 Manifestation of Christ - An Epiphany

“The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” (Ephesians 3:6)

Today’s solemnity celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the nations. Within this day, we commemorate the visit of the Magi.

The word Epiphany is from the Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning appearance or showing. It was celebrated in the Eastern Church in the third century when four manifestations of Christ were commemorated: **to the shepherds, to the kings or magi, at His baptism and in His first miracle at Cana.**

To the shepherds, *“I bring you good news of great joy; a Savior has been born to you. When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known unto us.’ So they hastened. And found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger”.* (Luke 2:13)

The manger scene would certainly be incomplete without the shepherds and sheep, so why would God manifest Himself to shepherds. In that day shepherding was a common lifestyle but a very lowly job. Genesis 49:24 tells us that the Mighty One of Jacob, the Lord God, would send forth the Shepherd, who would be the Chief Cornerstone of Israel. The New Testament states that Jesus is the fulfillment of this promise.

To the Kings or Magi, *“And when the Magi came to the house, they saw the young Child, with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts: gold and frankincense and myrrh”.* (Matthew 2: 1:12)

The story of the Magi falls into several parts: the arrival of the Magi looking for the newborn King of the Jews, the answer from the prophet Micah on where the king was to be born; the attempt of Herod to have the Magi report to him and the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem where they worshiped the Child and presented their gifts.

A primary lesson for us in today’s gospel is Herod who represents all the unbelievers’ response to the good news of the coming of the Messiah. He wants to know about it but is not interested enough to go four and a half miles to see for himself.

In fact, he is more concerned that the presence of the Christ will interfere with his power and with his lifestyle.

The world is filled with people who, like Herod, want to know, but are not actually looking for the One who will save them from their sins. We all need to be open to Jesus and allow Him to manifest Himself in our lives and experience His transforming power.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS, THE UNBORN & ALL AFFECTED BY THE VIRUS

THE MOST
HOLY NAME
OF JESUS

January 3

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, please call Deacon Gary - 315-730-2770.

Stay up-to-date by visiting the diocesan website: www.syrdio.org

Most Holy Rosary's website: mostholyroary-maineny.org

Email: mhrmaine@syrdio.org

Daily Mass: EWTN: 12am, 8am, 12pm, 7pm

Bishop Lucia live streamed/recorded at 12pm on www.youtube.com/syrdio

Sunday Mass: EWTN: 12am, 8am, 12pm, 7pm / WBNG Channel 12: 6am

Pre-recorded diocesan Mass on www.youtube.com/syrdio

MHR by 2pm on <https://www.youtube.com/c/MostHolyRosaryMaineNY>

Parish Liturgies for the Week of January 2, 2022 (+ indicates deceased)

Monday - 1/3 - 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer

Tuesday - 1/4 - 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer

Wednesday - 1/5

9:00 AM - +Father Angelo L. Morbito

+Joan Donnelly - Anniversary / Req. by Family

Thursday - 1/6 - 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer

Friday - 1/7

9:00 AM - +Michael McKilligan / Req. by Laura & John Walker

For the People of Most Holy Rosary Church and the Unborn

Sunday - 1/9 - Baptism of the Lord

9:30 AM - +Edward S. Chicuorka - Anniversary / Req. by Virginia Chicuorka

+Charles Colonna - Birthday Remembrance / Req. by Family

New York State has instituted a mask mandate in all public places effective December 13 to January 15. It is being done as a safety precaution. Bishop Lucia expects that all parishes in the Diocese of Syracuse will cooperate with this important public health matter and comply with the mask mandate.

Therefore, Bishop Lucia expects us to wear masks during Mass and during any indoor, church-related event.

TRUST IN GOD ~ DON'T BE AFRAID

As always, if you do not feel well, please do not enter the Church.

We continue to offer the right side of the Church for those who wish to continue to observe safe distancing.

Inside the Church, the holy water dispenser is on the right, and hand sanitizer is available on the left.

You may attend in your car. Tune your FM radio to 93.5 to hear the Mass (or bring portable radio). Communion will be brought to you.

Please come to **9am daily Mass or Morning Prayer.**

There is plenty of room.

Confession: Fridays, 9:30am (or by appt in the Church)

Church of the Holy Family's schedule:

Mass: Tues. - Fri. - 9am (cancelled on the day of a funeral)

Saturday Vigil: 4pm / Sunday Mass: 8am & 11am

Confession: Saturday, 3pm

Friendly Reminder: Daily Masses are cancelled when there is a Maine-Endwell school closure due to inclement weather.

**Wise
Men
Still
Seek Him**

A special thank you to the Vicari family for donating a majority of the poinsettias that adorn our sanctuary. What a wonderful way to wish the Savior a Happy Birthday!



**READ YOUR BIBLE AND
HAVE A BLESSED DAY!**



Our Giving

Weekly Goal: \$4,950.00

December 19: \$3,202.00

Christmas: \$2,689.00

December 26: \$1,856.00

Online: \$ 999.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass & Candle intentions:

Please email or call the office with your 2022 requests. Offerings can be dropped in the lockbox, in the Church collection or mailed. Thank you!

Bulletins, Holy Water & calendars are in the boxes hung on the rectory.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Ministry Schedule for next weekend

Saturday, 4pm, Jan. 8 at Holy Family

Lector - Karen Taylor

Sunday, 9:30am, January 9

- Sacristan - Doris Rovente
- Videographer - Isabelle Alfarano
- Altar Server - Elizabeth Alfarano
- Ushers - Jim Bishop, Bryan Takacs
- Lector - Anna Alfarano
- EM - Fr. Rumble, Dc. Jim, Jean Krichbaum

CATECHESIS:

There is no class today.

See you next weekend - January 9.



The Rosary is prayed before Mass each Sunday at 9am. Please join us! Group prayer is powerful!

We will resume watching The CHOSEN on Wednesdays in the hall from 6-7:30pm. Join us and see Jesus through the eyes of those who know Him.

A Wonderful New Year's Resolution

Please Consider an Hour a Month of Adoration:

"God is the friend of silence. We need to find God, and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness.

The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life." ~ Mother Teresa

Please join us for the next Holy Hour/Benediction & Reflection on Tues, 1/18 at 6pm. A Rosary will also be prayed for the United States.

There is a Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet this weekend, January 2 from 8:30-11:30am in the hall. Come and enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, ham, home fries, fruit cocktail, coffee, tea, hot chocolate & juice. Adult - \$8, Child 5-11 - \$5, under 5 - Free



MHR has raised **\$22,950** toward our 2021 HOPE Appeal goal of **\$24,135**. Thank you to all who have pledged their support to the ministries, programs and services that benefit so many throughout our diocese. **The campaign has ended, but you may still make a donation to help us reach our goal. Thank You for prayerfully considering a gift ~ you are the salt of the earth!**



2022 CHURCH COLLECTION:

2021 donations have closed. Donations that are in 2021 envelopes will be applied to 2022. Thank you for your understanding. If you need a church donation letter for tax purposes, please contact the office.

March for Life! One-Day Pilgrimage for Adults and Families in Washington, DC, January 20-21, 2022 sponsored by the Syracuse Diocese Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry

In honor of the late Michael McKilligan (one of MHR’s biggest advocates for the unborn), parishioners of Most Holy Rosary Church who sign up for this diocesan, 24-hour bus trip to the March for Life will be paid for! Please forward to the office your registration confirmation email in order to be reimbursed. (mhrmaine@syrдио.org)

The bus will pick you up in Binghamton at midnight (the location will be announced in the next bulletin). The trip includes Mass with Bishop Lucia at the National Basilica, participation in the March for Life with the diocesan group, transportation, meals and a diocesan scarf.

To register online: march4lifesyracuse2022.eventbrite.com

For more information, contact Jennifer Brown at (315)472-6754, ext. 7 or email familyrespectlife@syrдио.org



Be A Voice for the Voiceless!



Congratulations to Ann Marie & Rich Stone, parish volunteers and Most Holy Rosary’s 2021 Immaculata Award Recipients!

Seen here with Bishop Lucia (left) and previous MHR priest, Father Bill Jones (right).



Regarding the 2022 monthly Prayer Warrior List:

Next weekend, we are starting over with “those who need our prayers”. If you want an existing name to remain on the monthly list, please contact the office. Thank you ~



TUITION ASSISTANCE for Catholic Schools of Broome County: Apply Now For The 2022-2023 School Year. To be considered for any Tuition Assistance, an application must be completed. The deadline to complete the application is February 15. For more information and application information, contact the Office of Admissions at 607-231-4149. csbsaints.org



HONORING ST. JOSEPH

According to Carmelite Discalced Secular Provincial Statutes (30), “In imitation of St. Teresa, Secular Carmelites will strive to honor St. Joseph in a special way on his Feast Day.”

This is the 14th article in our series.

CARMELITE STUDY GROUP:

The inaugural gathering of the Carmelite Study Group will be on Sat., 1/8/22 at 10AM in St. Joseph’s hall, Endicott. The Group’s first study will be Lectio Divina and the Practice of Teresian Prayer by Sam Anthony Morello, OCD. For questions and book orders, please call 729-5982 and leave a message with best time to call.



A Family Perspective from the Office of Family Life Education:

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by “another way.” What in your family needs to be done “another way?” Do you need “another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn’t working. Take a tip from some wise men, there’s always “another way.”

The Sanctuary Candle burns to remind us of the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and in loving memory of

Edward G. Chicuorka
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