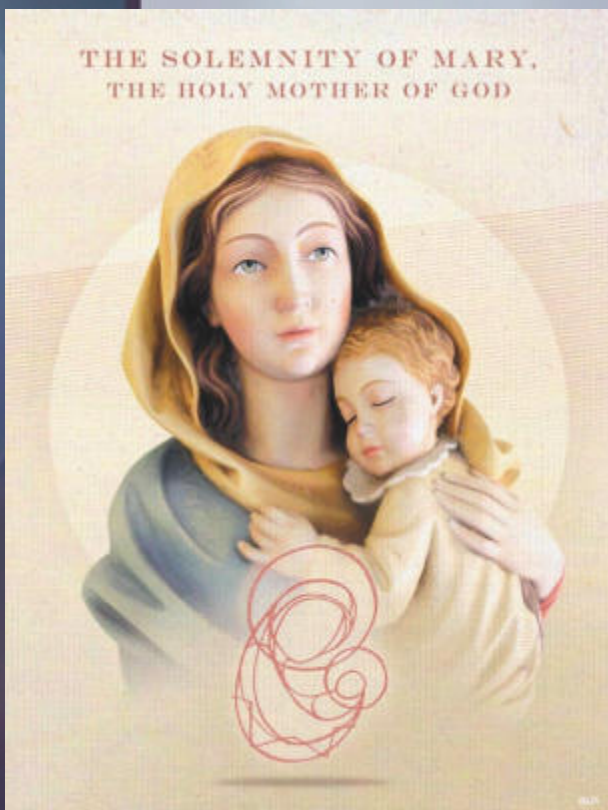




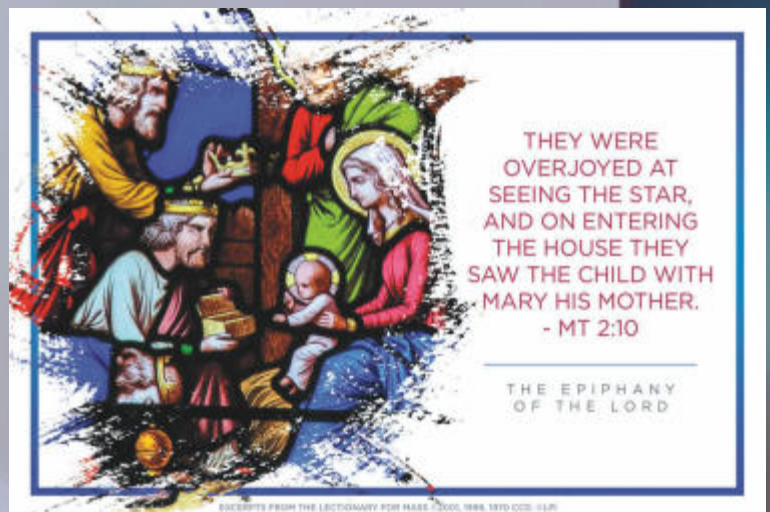
May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love, and may God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

Remember us, O God. from age to age, be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless us at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with bright hope.



JANUARY 1

O Mother of God, you birthed the one who created all. How beautiful the mystery. Help us start this new year with wonder and eternal gratitude.



The "Epiphany of the Lord" is Jesus' manifestation not only to the three Magi from the East, but it's also a symbolic but real manifestation of Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him. These Magi were "wise men" who studied the stars and would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day. God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ - He used a star. They understood the stars and, when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem, they realized that something special was happening. The lesson we can take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the "star" that God is using to call you. It's closer than you may think.



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Saturdays 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

and by appointment

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Sunday 10:30 a.m.

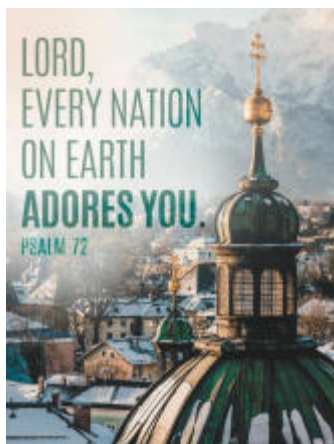
### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m.

and by appointment

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1 - 6

Responsorial Psalm: 72:1 - 2, 7 - 8, 10-11, 12-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2 - 3a, 5 - 6

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1 - 12

Reflection: Today, the church celebrates the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord in the Christmas season. This feast marks the celebration of three kings, also known as three wise men from the East, who are traveling to Jerusalem to visit and worship baby Jesus and present their gifts of gold, frankincense

and myrrh to their Lord and Savior. Actually it is the feast which tells us that it is Jesus (baby Jesus) who makes himself known to the people of all nations beyond boundaries of the chosen people, Israel. In today's Responsorial Psalm, we respond, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." Yes, the magi who visit Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem represent the nations of the world who are hungry to find their king and savior. Prophet Isaiah, in today's First Reading, is prophesying of the great joy and light emerging in Jerusalem which casts away the darkness which has covered the earth. This super light is the LORD who shines and brings forth his glory. "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." In today's Second Reading, Paul is writing to the Ephesians, "that the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." Unlike in the past where salvation was confined within one nation, with the coming of Jesus, who is the light of justice, his light permeates in the lives of people from all the nations of the world who come into Jerusalem and asks King Herod, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." It is amazing grace to see how Jesus is coming to break all the boundaries whether languages, cultures, peoples and times. He comes to rule and establish one kingdom under God. When I visited the shrine of Our Lady of Medjugorje back in 1996, the great miracle I experienced was to meet thousands of pilgrims from all over the world gathering together to worship God in their various native tongues. Everyday more than 12 holy Masses were said in the parish church of St. James in different languages of the world. Priests from all nations were hearing confessions from the pilgrims in different languages: English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Ukrainian, Swahili, Spanish, to mention but a few. It was a huge gathering from all over the world unified by one faith honoring Jesus, Blessed Mother, and one Catholic Church. For me it was the Epiphany of the Lord. "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." Yes! Amen! Fr. Severine.

Holy Hour: Every Thursday 6PM - 7PM.  
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## MASS INTENTIONS—BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

Saturday, January 1, 5:15PM: George and Anne Chase—Family  
 Sunday, January 2, 7:30AM: Carl J. Dantonello—Dawn Firenstein  
 Sunday, January 2, 9:15AM: Steven O'Donnell—Hilde Prior  
 Monday, January 3, 8AM: Harold Thompson—Sandy Kane  
 Tuesday, January 4, 8AM: Margaret Quinn—Blessed Sacrament Altar and Rosary Society  
 Wednesday, January 5, 8AM: Carmella Sweeney - Blessed Sacrament Altar and Rosary Society  
 Thursday, January 6, 8AM: Michael Snyder—The George Snyder Family  
 Friday, January 7, 8AM: Bruce Dickenson—The Donald and Mary Ellen Warren  
 Saturday, January 8, 5:15PM: Gregory Hopkins—Sister and Family

Many thanks to the carolers at our Christmas Caroling event last week, and special thanks to Amy Harmon for getting the idea going! A new tradition here at Blessed Sacrament during the Advent season!



Hospitality (coffee and donuts) will resume Sunday, January 9, 2022 after the 9:15AM Mass in the back of Blessed Sacrament Church. Free will offering is appreciated. Join in fellowship with others in our parish after the holidays!



There are no Faith Formation, Confirmation, First Penance, and First Communion classes on 1/2/22. Classes resume on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

The Blessed Sacrament community would like to CONGRATULATE the Blessed Sacrament Outreach Food Pantry (especially their volunteers) for receiving a special recognition and appreciation as a HUNGER HERO from the Food Bank of Central New York. They are recognizing the Outreach Program and Food Pantry for their outstanding contributions and appreciate their service to the community. The Food Bank acknowledges the Outreach/Food Pantry for all they do in furthering the hunger-relief mission.

Collection for December 13:  
\$7,688.00.



We pray for:  
 Greg Regulbuto,  
 Kara Horvath,  
 Alex Helwig,  
 Elizabeth Bucher, Carl Price, Anika Johnson, Anna Ciccarelli, Kathleen Naughton, Abby, Sarah, Gerard Zutant, Mike, Mary, Larry, Kimberly Penny, Karen Ballog, Shari Rustay, Ann Folger, Sonny McCarthy, Missy DiPaulo Angotti, Margie McKeon, Carolyn Armstrong, Susan Moro Campbell, Terri Close, Ann Cook, Mary Extale, John Fortino, Mary Anne Garrett, Mary Gersbacher, John Gersbacher, Elizabeth Gilbert, Mary Griffin, Mary Ingalls, Yang Juan, Cole Malone, Grace McNamara, Giavanna Regulbuto, Jean Suits, and Elizabeth Walrath.



Children's Liturgy of the Word is held during the 9:15 a.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament. Each week we will share readings and engaging activities that are great for children in Kindergarten through 4th grade. Covid protocols: hand sanitizing upon entering and leaving the chapel; sitting 3 feet apart; and all in attendance must wear a mask.

“Share the Wealth” is a raffle for Blessed Sacrament School & Church Capital Improvement & Parish Operations. Tickets are \$75 each and only 750 tickets will be sold! Tickets can be purchased online by going to the following website: <https://www.bscstvsyr.org/> click on Share the Wealth or [https://blessedsacramentsyracuse.weshareonline.org/BlessedSacramentAnnualSharetheWealthRaffleandSpringFlingDinner\\_1](https://blessedsacramentsyracuse.weshareonline.org/BlessedSacramentAnnualSharetheWealthRaffleandSpringFlingDinner_1) or calling the rectory at (315) 437-3394. Tickets are also available in the pews of Blessed Sacrament Church. Any tickets purchased prior to January 10, 2022 will be entered into a separate drawing to win 1 of 5 free tickets!

Top prize is \$10,000. Total Payout is \$20,750.

1st Prize (1) \$10,000 / 2nd Prize (2) \$2,500 / 3rd Prize (5) \$1,000 / 4th Prize (10) \$75 (Dinner Attendees Only)

The drawing will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at the Parish Center. For those attending the Spring Fling dinner your ticket not only covers the dinner but will be included in a separate drawing for the 10 winners of the 4th prize at \$75.00. RSVP for the dinner is required by May 30, 2022. Guest are \$10. “Share the Wealth” tickets make a great gift for the holidays, for birthdays, or for any special occasion. Tickets may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory. Checks should be made out to Blessed Sacrament. Additional tickets or any questions about the raffle please contact the rectory at 315-437-3394.

## MASS INTENTIONS—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

Saturday, January 1, 4:00 pm—Ernestine Lanza, req. by Caroline Blaine  
Sunday, January 2, 10:30 am—Maryanne & John L. (Jack) Hines, req. by the Family  
Monday, January 3, 12:00 pm—Nancy Egerbrecht, req. by the Altar Rosary Society  
Tuesday January 4, 12:00 pm—Jerry Griffin, req. by Terry & Dan Lindsley-Barton  
Wed'day, January 5, 12:00 pm—Rick Kline, req. by The Brewster Family  
Saturday, January 8, 4 pm—Anne L. Martin (Birthday Remembrance), req. by The Family  
Sunday, January 9, 10:30am—Anne Martin, req. by The Vieau Family

ALTAR SERVERS: 1/8 & 1/9: 4pm- Adult Servers; 10:30 am- Youth Servers  
LECTORS: Sat 1/8 4pm—Kathy Deaver; Sunday 1/9—10:30am—Alia Koudagge  
GREETERS: 1/9: 10:30am – Reda Nephew

ALUMNI/PARISH NEWSLETTER: We are putting together the next issue of our Newsletter and hope to get it out February 1st. If you wish to receive the newsletter electronically, please let us know by emailing your address to [rbjames22@verizon.net](mailto:rbjames22@verizon.net). This will help us keep up with today's technology and cut down on the copies we will need. Thank you for your continued assistance.

Thank you to all of our Christmas Angels who contributed wrapped gifts to share with others this Christmas Season.

## EVANGELIZATION PRAYER

St. Vincent de Paul, Holy patron saint of our parish, which was founded as a visible beacon to those seeking respite, solace and care, intercede in the name of those in need. Implore His divine assistance in the continuation of the mission of this church to spread His loving message, provide relief to the needy and console the troubled. Our dedicated saint, Apostle of charity, instill in us your same commitment to carry out your mission in whatever capacity the Lord instructs. Help us to be an inviting and welcoming parish open to all seeking a spiritual home and zealous in our outreach. May your caring spirit always remain in our hearts, on our lips, and in our actions. Amen.

Altar Rosary Society will meet on Tuesday, January 4 at 6:30 pm in the church hall.

Legion of Mary will meet on Wednesday, January 5th at 12:30pm in the church hall.

Have you felt the invitation to follow Jesus Christ as a Catholic priest? Are you at least 18 years of age? COME & SEE— JANUARY 2-4, 2022. Fellowship / Great talks on priesthood / Adoration, prayer, Sacrament of Reconciliation / Be inspired! Christ the King Retreat House, Syracuse NY. Register at [vocations-syracuse.org](http://vocations-syracuse.org)



COFFEE HOUR WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 AFTER THE 10:30 AM MASS. Join us for fellowship with your parish family! Thank you to all who volunteer and make our Coffee Hour happen. We still need volunteers to pick up donuts and to host the Coffee Hour. Please call the rectory at 315-479-6689.

Remember, for just \$5.00 you could be the next winner. The January drawing will be held on Sunday January 30. The December raffle winner will be announced in next week's bulletin. The drawing has not yet taken place as of the writing of this bulletin. Thank you for your support!



We ask your prayers for the

## spiritual comfort and restoration of health for:

Lee Aragoni, Sandra Betts, Desiree Landers, Madeline Duda, Anne Marie Drury, Roseanne Vrolyk, Catherine O'Donnell, Nora Libertone, Charles Pontius, Hannah Sloan, John Ferguson (brother of Sue Overton and Linda James), Theresa Santillo, Kristen Berg (granddaughter of John and Carm Fitzgerald), Kara Horvath and Marian Brooks. Please pray for the Scullen family and for the repose of the soul of our faithful parishioners, Nancy Egerbrecht and Paul Delaney. Please include in your prayers John Baird, husband of 1963 alum Pauline (Dardino).

## THOUGHT FOR THE YEAR

Submitted by Bob James

The great thing about walking with God in life is that there is always the opportunity to start anew. God always offers us a new day and a new dawn, no matter what has gone before. At the start of the New Year, why not take a moment to thank Him for last year, ask His forgiveness for where we have failed and dedicate this new year to Him - to serve Him and love Him afresh.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022

*Dear Parishioners: I would like to wish you a happy and successful 2022. It is my prayer to each one of you that God's blessings will be with you and all your loved ones throughout the year. I am taking this opportunity to THANK YOU for your love and faith in God and the Church. THANK YOU for your continued support of the mission of our parishes and the church at large. I appreciate all your sacrificial giving of money, time, and talents throughout 2021. Your generosity has supported your parishes to share the love of God to many people near and far. May God reward you for your continuous generosity. I love you all. Fr. Severine*

## March for Life - January 20-21, 2022

*Join this one-day pilgrimage to Washington, DC for adults and families! This 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. The bus will pick up passengers in four locations, Utica, Syracuse, Cortland, and Binghamton. Cost: Adults \$50. Young Adults (18-25) \$25. Maximum Family Rate: \$125. For more information, contact Jen Brown at 315.472.6754 Option 7 or email [familyrespectlife@syrдио.org](mailto:familyrespectlife@syrдио.org). Pre-registration is required. Register online at [march4lifesyracuse2022.eventbrite.com](http://march4lifesyracuse2022.eventbrite.com).*

## FR. SEVERINE AWAY

*Dear Parishioners: If everything goes well, I will be traveling to Tanzania to visit my family for one month from January 13 to February 10. Keep me in your prayers as I travel during this time. I would like to THANK all the staff of our parishes and all brother priests who will be serving your pastoral needs during my time away. May God bless them and strengthen them as they minister to your pastoral needs. Thank you for the support you have always given to me in my ministry to you. I do appreciate it, and you will always be in my prayers.*

*The NYS Discernment Retreat has gone Virtual! - After consultation with the Vocation Directors across New York State, we have decided to host a virtual retreat instead of an in person retreat this year due to the recent surge in cases in our region. This virtual retreat will take place on Sunday, January 2nd from 1pm until 5:30pm over Zoom. Please email [vocations@syrдио.org](mailto:vocations@syrдио.org) to receive the Zoom info.*

*From Christ the King Retreat House: Winter Blues and Barbecue. Thursday Jan. 27. 6 pm- 8 pm Beat the winter Blues and enjoy a barbecue in the middle of winter to lift your spirits. To further recharge your spiritual life, enjoy inspirational speaker Adam Eichelberger. We will renew our promise to God this winter by learning from St. Paul how to change our minds to match our hearts. Offering: \$30 includes barbecue dinner.*

## The Third Option - A program to build better marriages - January 2022 Schedule

*"UNDERSTANDING EXPECTATIONS CAN TRANSFORM YOUR MARRIAGE." Online, Sunday, January 2, 2022, from 7:15 to 9:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Stephanie Stewart for more information or to join the meeting at [ssewart@syrдио.org](mailto:ssewart@syrдио.org) or (315) 472-6728. A Hope Appeal funded program.*

*"RE-DEFINING THE POWER STRUGGLE: Getting on the Same Team." Online, Sunday, January 16, 2022, from 7:15 to 9:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Stephanie Stewart for more information or to join the meeting at [ssewart@syrдио.org](mailto:ssewart@syrдио.org) or (315)472-6728. A Hope Appeal funded program.*

*"COPING WITH CONTROL ISSUES: It Doesn't Have to Be This Way." Online, Sunday, January 30, 2022 from 7:15 to 9:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Stephanie Stewart for more information or to join the meeting at [ssewart@syrдио.org](mailto:ssewart@syrдио.org) or (315)472-6728. A Hope Appeal funded program.*



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