

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



# Saint Mary of the Assumption

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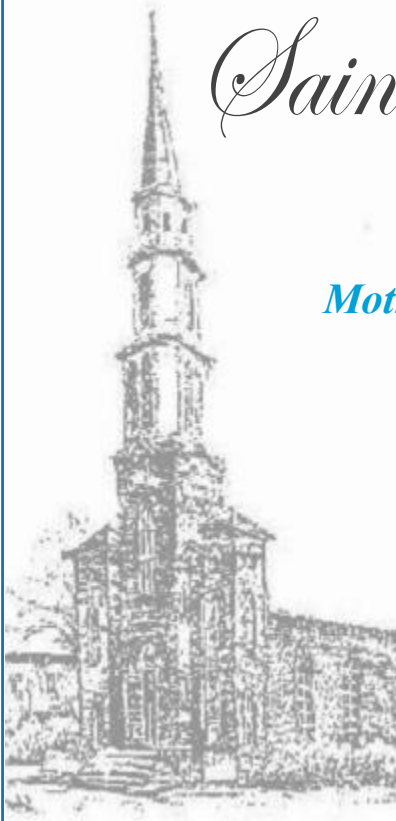
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### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022

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#### **CONFESSION:**

Confessions are available Saturdays from 4:00pm - 5:00pm, or by appointment.

#### **BAPTISM (UP TO AGE 7):**

English: Second Saturday of the month at 12:00pm.

Spanish: Third Saturday of the month at 12:00pm.

\* Parents must meet with a priest at least two months in advance.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

Our program is for baptized children ages 6-17 who are not currently enrolled in Catholic school. **(Begins Sept, 2022):** on Sundays from 10:15am -11:30am at St. Mary's High School. Parents

must register their children at the rectory and supply a recent copy of their baptismal certificate.

Classes are in English only.

#### **1ST CONFESSION & 1ST HOLY COMMUNION:**

Children complete these two sacraments in level two of our religious education program.

#### **CONFIRMATION:**

Children make their Confirmation in level eight of our religious education program.



#### **RCIA: (Begins Sept, 2022):**

Unbaptized adults or children ages 7+ may take classes for two years to prepare for their Baptism, Confirmation, and Communion.

Baptized adults ages 16+ may take classes for several months to prepare for their Communion and/or Confirmation. Those interested must speak with a priest.

#### **MARRIAGE:**

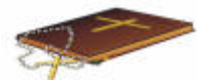
Couples who want to be married in the Catholic Church must meet with a priest at least one year in advance to make arrangements and prepare for their sacrament.

#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Anyone whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age may be anointed by a priest. Please call the rectory to make arrangements. If there is an emergency (someone is in danger of dying), please leave a message on extension 100.

#### **VOCATIONS:**

Anyone discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life is invited to speak with a priest or call the Vocations Office at (973) 313-6190.



#### **CONFESIONES:**

Las confesiones son los sábados de 4:00pm - 5:00pm, o por cita.

#### **BAUTISMO (Hasta los 7 años):**

En inglés: Segundo sábado de cada mes a las 12:00pm.

En español: Tercer sábado de cada mes a las 12:00pm.

\* Los padres deben reunirse con un sacerdote al menos con dos meses de anticipación.

#### **EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:**

Nuestro programa es para niños de 6 a 17 años, bautizados, que no asistan a escuela católica.

**(Comienza sept, 2022):** Son los domingos de 10:15am a las 11:30am en la Escuela Secundaria de Santa María. Los padres deben matricular a sus hijos en la oficina

de la parroquia y suministrar una copia reciente de su fe de bautismo. Las clases son únicamente en inglés.

#### **PRIMERA CONFESION Y PRIMERA COMUNION:**

Los niños reciben estos dos sacramentos en el segundo nivel de educación religiosa.

#### **CONFIRMACION:**

Los niños hacen su confirmación en el nivel ocho de educación religiosa.



#### **RICIA: (Comienza sept, 2022):**

Adultos o niños no bautizados edades de 7 en adelante pueden tomar clases por dos años para prepararse para su Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Comunión.

Adultos bautizados edades de 16 en adelante pueden tomar clases por varios meses para prepararse para su Comunión / Confirmación. Los interesados deben hablar con un sacerdote.

#### **MATRIMONIO:**

Las parejas que desean casarse en la iglesia católica deben reunirse con un sacerdote al menos con un año de antelación para hacer los arreglos y prepararse para su sacramento.

#### **UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS:**

Cualquier persona cuya salud se vea seriamente afectada por enfermedad o ancianidad puede ser ungida por un sacerdote. Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia para hacer arreglos. Si se trata de una emergencia (alguien está en peligro de morir), por favor deje un mensaje en la extensión 100.

#### **VOCACIONES:**

Cualquier persona que sienta el llamado al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa debe de hablar con un sacerdote o llamar a la Oficina de Vocaciones al (973) 313-6190.

**ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH, ELIZABETH, NJ**



**Saturday, January 1: Mother of God**

9:00 AM + People of the Parish

10:30 AM (Español) + People of the Parish

**Sunday, January 2: The Epiphany of the Lord**

9:00 AM + Rev. Charles Reinbold

10:30 AM (Español) + Carlos Peralta

Carmen Moreno

12:00 PM (Español) + Rosario Meneses

Luis Barco

Victor Zhispon

**Monday, January 3: Holy Name of Jesus**

7:00 AM + Ana Martitni

Helen Kraus

Joseph Manfredi

Arturo Muñeton

María Muñeton

Julio Sanchez

**Tuesday, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

7:00 AM + Msgr. Joseph Granato

**Wednesday, January 5: St. John Neumann**

7:00 AM + Rev. Peter Funesti

**Thursday, January 6: St. André Bessette**

7:00 AM + Rev. Eugene Diurczak

**Friday, January 7: St. Raymond of Peñafort**

7:00 AM + Peter & Binnie Bosch

Evelyn Bosch

**The Mass Book for 2022  
is now open**

Please come to the parish  
office from

**10:00am to 12:00pm  
and 1:00pm to 4:00pm**



**El Libro de Misas 2022  
está abierto**

Por favor, vengan a la oficina  
parroquial de

**10:00am a 12:00pm  
y de 1:00pm a 4:00pm**

**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE**

In Memory of Luis Barco

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

In Memory of Luz Mary & John Carvajal

**ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES**

All Souls in Purgatory Morales Family



**Readings for the week of January 02, 2022**

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

**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

**Next Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk  
3:15-16, 21-22



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**THE PARISH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

## **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.

*Rev. Manuel D. Ríos, KCHS  
Pastor*

## **La Epifanía del Señor**

Aun en estos tiempos, la humanidad continúa buscando la estrella, esa estrella que muchas veces se pierde entre la injusticia, el odio y la discriminación. Sin embargo, hay que seguir el camino y alzar los ojos al cielo para encontrar el centro de su luz. “Levántate y brilla, que ha llegado tu luz y la Gloria de Yavé amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60,1). La Gloria de la Manifestación de Jesús en su Evangelio y en la Eucaristía se hace presente entre nosotros en la Liturgia de hoy. El Papa Francisco nos explica acerca de la belleza de esta celebración. “La manifestación de Jesús, simbolizada por la luz: Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque llega tu luz; la Gloria del Señor amanece sobre ti”. Él nos exhorta al movimiento, a no quedarnos ahí fijos como estatuas sin hacer nada. También, nos explica sobre la participación de los magos del Oriente y lo que ellos representan. “Los Magos, venidos de Oriente, representan a todos los pueblos lejanos de la fe judía tradicional: se dejan guiar por la estrella y se enfrentan a un largo y arriesgado viaje; se postran ante Jesús y le ofrecen regalos simbólicos: oro, incienso y mirra; la búsqueda del Señor implica también la generosidad del corazón” (1/6/2019). ¿Qué le estoy ofreciendo a Jesús en esta etapa de mi vida? ¿Qué tipo de manifestaciones he tenido de Dios a lo largo de mi vida? Pidamos, en esta Eucaristía, que la luz de Cristo se manifieste en estos tiempos turbulentos y oscuros que experimentamos en el mundo entero. Sigamos vigilantes, caminemos por sendas nuevas, sigamos el ejemplo de los Magos. Ellos, regresaron a su país por otro camino.

*Rev. Manuel D. Ríos, KCHS  
Párroco*

Tenemos intenciones disponibles para el Pan y el Vino que consumimos durante la misa, así como la Luz del Santuario y las velas de la Capilla de Adoración.

La donación es de \$10 y la intención es por una semana



We have intentions available for the Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Light and for the Adoration Chapel.

The donation is \$10 and the intention is for one week

## YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2021

The envelopes for your Christmas offering will be at the entrance of the church.

**Please be generous.**



## SU OFRENDA DE NAVIDAD 2021

Los sobres para la ofrenda se encuentran en las entradas de la iglesia.

**Por favor sean generosos.**

## FOOD PANTRY

Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> after each Mass we will be distributing food from our Food Pantry the last Sunday of each month.



## DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS

Domingo 30 de enero, después de cada misa, se distribuirán alimentos en la Despensa de Alimentos el último domingo de cada mes.



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