

# Epiphany OF THE LORD



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, January 1**

4:00PM † Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Scaringe by Son's  
 † Rocky Coronato by Kim, PJ, Chelsea and Jarred  
 · Donna Burg (Living) by Anonymous

**SUNDAY, January 2**

8:00AM · Intentions of Fr. Flannery  
 10:30AM † Kim Sgroi by The Family  
 † Mark Flahive by Jack & Karen Graber  
 † Ken Borden (1 yr. Anniv) by The Family

**MONDAY, January 3**

7:00AM † Louise St. Angelo by Nephew Peter Cristo

**WEDNESDAY, January 5**

7:00AM † Jean Kerrigan by Mr. & Mrs. Warren Abriel

**FRIDAY, January 7**

7:00AM · Celebrant's Intention

**SATURDAY, January 8**

4:00PM † Mary O'Grady by Barbara O'Grady  
 † James T. Sheldon by The Family  
 † Phyllis Devine Brennan by Deb & Andy Phelan

**SUNDAY, January 9**

8:00AM † Marguerite DonVito by Nieces, Geri & Deana  
 † James Muscato (4th Anniv) by his wife & family  
 10:30AM † Andrew Stanislaus by The Cole Family  
 † Joann Breslin by Victoria South  
 † John Chimelis by His Wife



**REVELATION OF GLORY**

Our Feast of the Epiphany came to us from the East, both in name and in spirit. The East celebrated Jesus' birth and his manifestation as God and King on January 6<sup>th</sup>. For us, it also celebrates Jesus' manifestation or revealing of himself as God in

the child in the manger and as king to the three kings or Magi who came seeking "the king of the Jews." Today, Jesus tells us that he is here among us as God and King.

What is central for us to remember when we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany is that this feast commemorates the revelation of the glory of the Lord to all people. Yes, it was the kings who came seeking Jesus and who found him. But those kings were from far away and represent all the people of the world. Jesus revealed his glory not just to a few foreign tourists but to everyone.

When we look back to the First Reading, we hear Isaiah describing a vision of the last days of the world. "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come and the glory of the Lord shines upon you...Nations shall walk by your light and kings by your shining radiance."

This brings us back to all of us here today. We don't know who will be around at the last days of the world, but that doesn't really matter because we are living right here and now, and our response right now is what is important.

When we come here for our Eucharistic celebration, we also come to honor God and to offer ourselves under the sign of the Eucharistic gifts. The gifts that we offer represent our recognition of the glory of the Lord and our surrender to that glory.

In every Eucharist we offer ourselves and honor God. This isn't unique to today's Feast of the Epiphany, but today's feast recalls this for us. It reminds us that we, too, offer the gold, frankincense and myrrh of our talents, our gifts and our lives to God. It reminds us to do it consciously and deliberately. It also reminds us that God's glory has been revealed to all of us through those kings so long ago, but God's glory can also be revealed to others through us.

**BLESS YOUR DOOR ON EPIPHANY**



The gospel tells us that the magi found Christ "on entering the house." The door to your home is a holy threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing above the door in chalk the first two numbers of the year + C + M + B + the last two numbers of the year. Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Adolph Adam points out that it may also mean "Christus mansionem benedicat" or "May Christ bless this dwelling." It's appropriate to bless your door in January—janua means "door" and the first month is the door to the new year.

After inscribing the doorway, say this prayer:

**God of Bethlehem and Cana,  
 God of Jordan's leaping waters,  
 in baptism you bring us  
 into your family.  
 You wed us and embrace us  
 as your beloved.  
 May we fill this place  
 with kindness to one another,  
 with hospitality to guests,  
 and with abundant care  
 for every stranger.  
 By the gentle light of a star,  
 guide home all who seek you  
 on paths of faith, hope and love.  
 Then we will join the angels in  
 proclaiming your praise:  
 Glory in heaven and peace on earth,  
 Now and forever. Amen**

**St MARY'S CALENDARS**



Thanks to all at McVeigh Funeral Home for donating our 2022 calendars. We are grateful to McVeigh-Parente Family for their generosity. We have a limited supply at this time due to global shipping delays. More are expected soon.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

We are looking for some volunteers to help count the weekly collection on Sundays. Several of our counters are headed south for the winter and others have some health issues. The commitment is once a month for about 3 hours on a Sunday morning. Training available. Call Holly in the office if you can help. Your assistance would be much appreciated.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts January 18 and continues thru January 25. This year's theme is "We saw His star in the East, and we came to worship Him" There will be an ecumenical Service of the Word on January 19th at 12:15PM at the Pastoral Center. You may like to pick up a copy of "Christain Unity: The Next Step" by Fr Kenin Mackin, OFM. For more information go to: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/worship-and-background-material-for-the-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022>

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL**

Blessed Sacrament School has a new opportunity for individuals and small businesses to become a "Blessed Sacrament Angel" who would help a student with a portion of their tuition, and in exchange, the Angel would receive updates on their student's progress, attend concerts, school masses, graduation and a special luncheon. Contact Maureen Daurio, principal, at 518-438-5854.

**FABULOUS FEBRUARY FUNDRAISER**

Blessed Sacrament Parish is sponsoring its' annual fundraiser for their school. A \$10 donation provides 28 chances to win cash in daily drawing. If you would like more information and/or a chance to participate contact Barbara Collen at 518-482-3375.

**THANK YOU THANK YOU**

Just as we welcome the coming of our Savior into our hearts this Christmas we in St Mary Outreach want to thank you for all that you do to help us welcome Jesus in the people we meet each day in your Food Pantry, A special thank you is in order for our volunteers - those who staff the pantry each day, and those who respond to our emergency calls for help. Thank you for your donations. Remember – every dollar you donate to the Regional Food Bank on behalf of St Mary's purchases seven times the amount food we could purchase otherwise. (You can either mail a check directly to the Food Bank or drop a check made out to the Food Bank in our collection and it will be sent directly to the Food Bank.) Thank you and may you have a blessed New Year.

*Sister Mary Ellen*

**ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE TRANSPORTATION**

Join us at the March for Life Friday, January 21, 2022! Get your bus ticket ASAP! Contact the parish buses ASAP. Albany/Capital District contact Barbara Fraterrigo, [pbfrat@hotmail.com](mailto:pbfrat@hotmail.com); (518) 456-3998. South & West of the Capital. District contact Paul Wenner: [paul.j.wenner@gmail.com](mailto:paul.j.wenner@gmail.com); (607) 652-4055. If you need financial help with a bus ticket - contact the Knights of Columbus/Nick Wallace: 518-634-2028; cell: 518-649-5998; [njwallace52@yahoo.com](mailto:njwallace52@yahoo.com)

**BE A PRAYER PARTNER WITH POPE FRANCIS**

For those who have made the commitment to pray every day for the monthly intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis: For January he asks that we pray for **FOR TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY**: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**NEW DIOCESAN COVID PROTOCOLS**

Having conferred with Fr. Flannery, we share the following: Our Bishop has issued a mandate requiring face masks be worn by everyone entering and attending mass at St. Mary's. The Bishop states "since a vaccine verification requirement would be difficult, if not impossible, for churches to implement, we believe the mask mandate is the most efficient option for parishes of the Diocese of Albany. While we realize that this may not be convenient or comfortable, we want to do all we can to ensure the safety of those who celebrate, assist at and attend Mass throughout the remainder of the Advent and Christmas season. This mandate is effective December 13, 2021 through January 15, 2022, at which time we will reassess its effectiveness based on public health conditions."

Respectfully, we ask that all (over 2yrs old), including those who have been fully vaccinated to properly wear a mask whenever we are inside church. In addition, we encourage the use of hand sanitizers and ask that all continue to follow the directions of the ushers. The church continues to be completely sanitized after each mass in order to provide a safe environment.

At this time, we will not be checking vaccination status, reintroducing 6 foot social distancing or gathering of information for contact tracing. Therefore, the wearing of masks is that much more important to maintaining a safe environment.

Unless you are arriving with a group or are part of a family we ask that you choose your seating in order to maintain a respectful distance from others and when receiving communion. Ushers will be glad to assist you in locating appropriate seating (this may include seats upstairs).

**BISHOP'S APPEAL 2021-2022**

The Diocese has revamped the annual Bishop's Appeal with a new name and a new logo. In addition the annual campaign now begins in the Fall each year and conclude in June 2022. In the coming weeks you will receive a appeal request from Fr Provost as we continue our campaign to reach our \$110,000 assessment. Call Holly for information. Be sure to mention Historic St. Marys when donating!



**Diocesan Appeal**

**Welcome New Parishioners!**

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