

# St. Patrick and St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

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Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord January 2, 2022

#### Reverend Charles A. Sabella, Pastor

Deacon Lawrence D'Andrea

#### St. Rose of Lima Mass Schedule

85 Academy St. Oxford, NJ Sunday: 9:30am

#### St. Patrick Mass Schedule

327 Greenwich St. Belvidere, NJ
Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am and 11:00am
Weekday: Mon-Sat. 9:00am
Confessions: Saturday from 3:00-3:30pm

#### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday 9:30am-2:30pm Thursdays from 9:30am- 12:30pm (908) 475-2559



#### **Adoration and Devotions**

#### **Daily Rosary:**

St. Patrick Church: 8:15 am Mon-Sat., Sun 7:20am

St. Rose of Lima Church: Sun 8:45am

Eucharistic Adoration First Fridays: 9:30am·5:30pm First Friday Purgatorial Masses: St. Patrick Church

You may enroll at any time during the year. Masses will run for one year from the date of enrollment. Donation is \$25 for 12 Masses

To arrange for; Baptism, Marriage or R.C.I.A. Please call (908) 475-2559 ext. 0

Religious Education Office please email: thelisms@gmail.com

#### St. Patrick Church, Belvidere ~ St. Rose of Lima Church, Oxford



#### Mass Intentions

Week of January 2, 2022

#### Saturday 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

(SRL) 9:30AM †Ralph Tuttle, r/The Schmitt Family (SP) 11:00AM †Linda Fregans, r/her children Lisa Chris and Jason (SP)4:00PM †CHRISTMAS NOVENA

#### Sunday 2 Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord

(SP) 8:00 AM †CHRISTMAS NOVENA

(SRL) 9:30 AM †Ralph Tuttle, r/The Lare Family

(SP) 11:00 AM TRaymond Romanczuk, r/his wife Genevieve

#### Monday 3

(SP) 9:00 AM †Ralph Tuttle, r/The O'Connor Family

#### Tuesday 4 Memorial of Elizabeth Ann Seton

(SP) 9:00 AM †Mary Louise McCann, r/Mary Kay Martin

#### Wednesday 5 Memorial of St. John Neumann

(SP) 9:00 AM †Florence Mazurczyk, r/Judy and Ray Radd

#### Thursday 6

(SP) 9:00 AM †Florence Mazurczyk, r/ Rose Indyk

#### Friday 7

(SP) 9:00 AM †Purgatorial Society of Masses

#### Saturday 8

(SP) 9:00AM †Florence Mazurczyk, r/Teresa Rogers (SP)4:00PM †Ray Cooper, r/The English Family

#### Sunday 9 Feast of The Baptism of The Lord

(SP) 8:00 AM †Thaddeus Wheeler, r/Matthew Marciano (SRL) 9:30 AM †Ralph Tuttle, r/Ken and Willa Berkes

(SP) 11:00 AM TFrank DeStefano, r/his wife Mary

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#### Mass Celebrants for Sunday Masses January 2022

Jan 2nd: 8:00am (SP) Father Michael 9:30am (SRL) Father Charles 11:00am (SP) Father Charles

Jan 9th: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles 9:30am (SRL) Father Michael 11:00am (SP) Father Charles

Jan 16th: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles 9:30am (SRL) Father Charles 11:00am (SP) Father Michael

Jan 23rd: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles 9:30am (SRL) Father Michael 11:00am (SP) Father Charles

Jan 30th: 8:00am (SP) Father Michael 9:30am (SRL) Father Charles 11:00am (SP) Father Charles

## Holy Hour

St. Patrick Church
every Thursday evening from
7:00pm-8:00pm
There will be a Reflection
by Father Charles
as well as an opportunity
for confession



### Stewardship of Treasure

December 19th, 25th and 26th

St. Patrick: \$4309, \$8285, \$3681 St. Rose: \$1,597, \$3163, \$1027

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#### **Daily Rosary**

St. Patrick Church: Monday-Saturday at 8:15am Sunday at 7:20am

St. Rose of Lima Church: Sunday at 8:45am

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

St. Patrick Church:

First the Friday of every Month: Eucharistic Adoration from: 9:30am·5:30pm

#### **RCIA**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This process leads one, who chooses to become Catholic, into full membership in the Church. Contact the Parish Office at 908-475-2559

#### For Religious Education

please email Michele Beha at thelisms@gmaill.com

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for additional information about events, teachings, social ministry, prayer groups, etc. Announcements from our bishop, Bishop James Checchio and from the diocese.

#### **Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday 9:30am-2:30pm

Thursdays from 9:30am—12:30pm

St. Patrick Church



Volunteer bakers are needed and greatly appreciated.



### The Sacrament of Marriage

Couples contemplating marriage should contact the parish office to make arrangements to meet with our pastor, Father Charles.

Either the bride or the groom should be registered at either St. Patrick or St. Rose of Lima Church. If you live in our area and have not yet registered, you may call and register with Kathleen.

Please reach out to the parish office if you have any questions. (908) 475-2559

#### The Sacrament of Baptism

Please call (908) 475-2559 ext. 0 to make arrangements for the sacrament of baptism. Baptisms usually take place on Saturday morning Please see our website for diocesan requirements regarding the choosing of Godparents.

#### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Patrick Church on Saturday evenings at 3:00pm or by calling parish office to arrange a time.



First Friday Adoration will take place Friday, January 7, 2022 at St. Patrick Church following 9:00am Mass until 5:30pm All are Welcome and encouraged to come and spend an hour with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

#### We Can with "one Can" Canpaign!

January 2– January 8: Soup/Stew and Crackers

All non-perishable food items are also joyfully accepted and can be at the parish office or on the back porch of Foley House

# The Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord

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# Gospel Meditation



On Epiphany Sunday, we reflect on the Light of Christ – the Light who *is* Christ – which shines on all nations. As we read in Pope Francis's Spiritual Reflection, Epiphany is "the celebration of the manifestation of Jesus, symbolized by light." The liturgy explains in this feast that all nations are invited into the radiance of the saving promise of God. "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you!"

The identity of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, was revealed in stages. After a long period of preparation through the law and the prophets, when Jesus was finally born, a new Light pierced the darkness that covered the world. This Light shone first on Mary and Joseph, then on the shepherds, and then on the Magi, far off in "the east." Today we focus on these Magi, popularly known as "the three kings." They represent the Gentiles, or "the nations."

In their deep longing to find the Messiah, the Magi pursue the Light, guided by the Star of Bethlehem, and they find Jesus in the humblest of surroundings, in a stable with his poor parents, Mary and Joseph. We can imagine that at first this may have been a surprise, even a disappointment. There is no hint of hesitation in the Gospel, however. Rather, we learn that the Magi were so "overjoyed at seeing the star" that they quickly overcame any doubts and entered the unlikely dwelling of the newborn King. It was probably dark in the stable, but interiorly the glory of the Child was revealed to them. They responded by paying him homage, laying their treasures before Jesus, gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which have symbolic meaning: *gold* represents Christ's kingship, *frankincense* his divinity, and *myrrh* his humanity, especially his death.

In today's first reading, Isaiah declares to Jerusalem, "Rise up in splendor! Your light has come!" He foretells the restoration of the holy city. The image radiates with an overwhelming beauty that reflects the glory of God. While Isaiah proclaims that many nations will come together to worship the Lord in Jerusalem, in fact, this prophecy is about much more than the earthly city; it foretells a "light" that will shine on all nations. "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance."

St. Paul reflects on the universality of the Gospel in his Letter to the Ephesians, where he explains that the Gentiles are now "coheirs" with the Jews. They are "members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." How does Paul know this extraordinary mystery? It was made known to him by revelation. And he was given the task of making it known to others, especially to the Gentiles. This was the "stewardship of God's grace" that was given to Paul. Now this task is entrusted to the whole Church. Our mission is to make Christ known to all nations. We are all called – whether we are poor, lowly shepherds or rich, cultured Magi – to receive the gift of salvation in Christ and to share it with others.

The Magi teach us to "search diligently" for the Truth, to humble ourselves before the Lord, no matter where we find him, and to offer him our treasures. They also teach us that finding him changes the whole course of our lives. They were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, that is, not to let their hearts be hardened like Herod's by fear or doubt, so "they departed for their country by another way." Pope Francis reflects on this life-changing experience of the Magi: "Each time that a man or woman encounters Jesus, he or she changes paths, returns to life in a different way, returns renewed, 'by another road.' They returned 'to their own country,' bearing within them the mystery of that humble and poor King."

The "mystery of that humble and poor King" is the Good News that we have received and that we carry into the world. By laying our treasures at his feet, we are set free from any attachment to them, so that we too can be humble and poor, like our King. Our security is not in anything we own or anything we do; it is not in our old ways or in our earthly wisdom. Our new treasure, our deepest security, is Jesus himself. As we offer him our homage, we proclaim: "Jesus, I trust in you!"

What are my treasures that I lay down at the feet of the Baby Jesus?

Having received the gift of salvation in Christ, how do I share it with others?

What impels me to find security in my old ways or in earthly wisdom and not in Jesus himself?

Mary, free me from all my attachments so that I can imitate your humility.

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## Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1. It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day for Peace.

God of heaven and earth, you came to us and took our earthly flesh through the gift of Mary's yes. She is our Mother in faith, as she is your earthly mother.

We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you for the gift of your Son as our brother and savior. Through her self-giving, we have been reconciled to you.

Bless us as we begin this New Year and endow us with the desire and ability to create a world of peace.

We ask all this, through the intercession of Mary to you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



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#### St. Patrick Church

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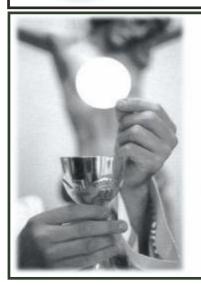
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#### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

#### TOGETHER IN CHARITY COLLECTION

On the weekend of January 8/9, 2022 the annual "Together in Charity" collection will be taken up at all Masses. The proceeds of this collection helps to fund Catholic Charities' Parish Assistance Program, which provides 24 hour / seven-day-a-week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs. In 2021, over 43% of the parishes in the Diocese availed themselves of this program. Please give generously to this collection and contribute to making this a blessed new year for a family or individual in crisis.



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