

# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



## 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

# Mass Intentions

## January 2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Monday, January 3	8:30 AM	St. Mary	Helen Hasay, by Bernard Piasecki
Tuesday, January 4	8:30 AM	St. Martha	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers, by Michael & Rebecca Micca
Wednesday, January 5	8:30 AM	St. Mary	For The People
Thursday, January 6	8:30 AM	St. Mary	No Mass
Friday, January 7	4:00 PM	St. Mary	Edwin Tarnowski, Dan Piorkowski & Family
Saturday, January 8	4:15 PM	St. Mary	Seth Zimolzak, by Mom & Dad
Sunday, January 9	8:00 AM	St. Adalbert	Helen Wilkes, by Robert & Maryann Shemanski
	9:45 AM	St. Martha	Lawrence Auchus, by Maryann Sivilich

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** At St. Martha every Tuesday after the 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass until 9:00 p.m. Assigned Eucharistic adorers and substitutes are needed for all hours. Please contact Rebecca at 570-256-7329 to sign up for a specific hour or to be a substitute. **HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS** on **January 11th**, 9 - 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to participate in this prayer ministry for the sanctity of priests and for an increase of holy vocations.

**HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP:** Meetings are held the First Monday of each month unless noted. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 3rd**, at 1:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Please submit names of those suffering from serious illness who are homebound, in hospitals or in nursing homes to Gloria Handzelek 570-542-5694, Ann McElligott 570-864-2331 or Mary Lou Zaleski 570-736-6336. All members of Holy Spirit Parish are encouraged to pray for those whose names are on our Prayer List, to pray for Pope Francis and the healing of Holy Mother Church, and to attend our prayer meetings. The Scribe is Barbara Yacoboski 570-542-7447 and the Prayer Group Leader is Paulette Monchak 570-542-7242.

### CANDLES/FLOWER REMEMBRANCE

**St. Adalbert Candle for Joseph:** Birthday Blessings for John Farrell, by Family

**St. Adalbert Tabernacle Candle:** In Loving Memory of John Krupinski, by Wife Norma

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### PARISH HAPPENINGS

**FUNDRAISER LOTTERY CALENDARS:** The Church of St. Adalbert will once again be selling Fundraiser Lottery Calendars. There are still a few calendars left to purchase. Each calendar is \$20.00 and good for 4 months, beginning January 2022. Please call the Parish Office at 570-736-6372.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** The Religious Education students from St. Martha's will present their annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, January 2 at 9:30 a.m. (fifteen minutes before Mass). **Rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, December 29 at 6:00 p.m.** All children of the parish are welcome to participate. For more information, please call Rebecca Micca at 570-256-7329.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The annual Children's Christmas Party at St. Martha's will be held on Sunday, January 2 following the 9:45 a.m. Mass. All families are welcome to attend. Hot food and drinks will be provided.

**ST. MARTHA'S MEN'S ASSOCIATION:** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 6 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Martha's hall. New members are welcome. The next Men's Club Rosary is scheduled for Sunday, January 9 at 9:15 a.m.

**2022 Calendars:** We have not received our 2022 calendars yet this year. As soon as they are delivered they will be placed in each worship site.

**The SMMA 2022 "MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD"** is available for eligible St. Martha students. Our Scholarship Selection Committee will accept applications (available in the Sacristy) from current year eligible students until February 28, 2022. The Committee will decide the winner(s) before our March meeting. The decision of the Committee is final. The scholarship checks for \$500.00 will be awarded no later than the graduation of the student(s). If you have any questions please see any member of the Selection Committee. Thank you to everyone who supports our SMMA fundraisers. Without your help we couldn't help these deserving young people of our Parish. If you would like to donate money to increase the scholarships, please see President Jim Howanitz.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Goal—(28,000.00) OUR PARISH IS AT \$14,055.00 (\$13,945.00)** We are grateful to the 145 parishioners who supported the 2020 Annual Appeal to date. If you have not yet given your support, please: 1) Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card. 2) Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or give online at [DioceseofScranton.org](http://DioceseofScranton.org).

**SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS:** There is a great need for socks for the homeless who are living in shelters and especially for those who are living outside in tents. The socks should be men's socks. White crew socks are preferred (size 6-12) as many of the homeless have infected sores or blisters on their feet. Also needed is men's deodorant and men's body wash. The items can be left in the Church entrance and marked homeless. If you have any questions, please call Bernie Baluta at 570-332-8542. Thank you and God bless you for your kindness.

## THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## WHAT HAPPENS TO A CONSECRATED HOST IF IT ACCIDENTALLY FALLS TO THE GROUND?

This is a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).



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