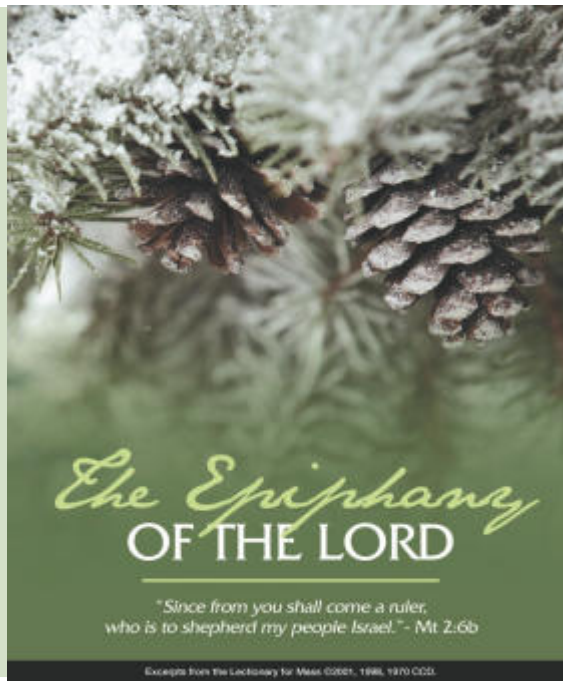


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Saturday, January 1, 2022 - Epiphany of the Lord

9:30am (St. Mary) (Latin Mass - *Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*)

Intentions of Mary Deugaw Sanchez by Kathleen Hepburn

4:00pm (St. Mary) Intentions of Troy Sennhauser by Kerry Williams

5:45pm (St. Patrick) Robert Collins, Jr. by Rosemary "Mom" Collins

Sunday, January 2, 2022 - Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am (St. Patrick) Katheryn Hayes by Mary McKinley

9:30am (St. Mary) (Latin Mass - *Holy Name of Jesus*) People of the Parishes

11:00am (St. Mary) Gisela Gotsch by Mary & Phil Shatraw

Monday, January 3, 2022 - Holy Name of Jesus

7:30am (St. Patrick) Mary Bailey by The Birthday Club

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30am (St. Mary) Frank Murphy by Toni & Tom Coger

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 - St. John Neumann

7:30am (St. Patrick) Gloria Garlough by John & Linda Newtown

Thursday, January 6, 2022 - Epiphany of the Lord

5:15pm (St. Mary) (Latin) Harry S. Ryan by Andrew & Bonnie Chichester

Friday, January 7, 2022 - St. Raymond of Peñafort

12:10pm (St. Mary's) All Souls Intention

12:40pm-6:00pm (St. Mary) Eucharistic Adoration

3:00pm (St. Mary) Holy Rosary

4:30-5:30pm (St. Mary) Confessions

5:30pm (St. Mary) Vespers & Benediction

Saturday, January 8, 2022 - Baptism of the Lord

4:00pm (St. Mary) Riley Basford by Bill & Faye Simmons

5:45pm (St. Patrick) People of Our Parishes

Sunday, January 9, 2022 - Baptism of the Lord

8:00am (St. Patrick) Annette Evans by Ken & Sue Wiklacz & Family & Lois Unz

9:30am (St. Mary) (Latin Mass - *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*)

Thomas McGregor by Friends & Classmates

11:00am (St. Mary) Ginny Grant by Margie & Family

Fr. Joe's Sunday homilies are recorded and can be heard again at <https://soundcloud.com/fr-joe-giroux> or <http://fromemptyhands.blogspot.com>.

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From Fr. Joe...

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is a very ancient one—most likely, even older than that of Christmas on December 25. Since at least the early 3rd century, it has been marked on January 6, and its timing has given rise to such common cultural references as the “twelve days of Christmas” and “twelfth night.” Since Vatican II, in those regions where it is not observed as a holy day of obligation, the celebration of the feast is moved to the Sunday between January 2 and 8. (The traditional Latin Mass, which follows the older liturgical calendar, maintains the observance on the traditional date.) In places where it remains a holy day (such as in Italy and Spain), it is often the occasion for an exchange of gifts with loved ones, rather than on Christmas Day itself.

In modern times, the focus of our Epiphany celebration has become almost exclusively on the visit of the magi to the Christ Child, but from its origins *three epiphanies* (that is, visible “manifestations” of the Lord’s divinity) are commemorated together: to the Gentiles who followed the star to Bethlehem, at Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River, and the miracle of the wine at the wedding in Cana. As you can see: it’s a big day!

Coming at the very start of the new year, Epiphany has traditionally been a time for the blessing of homes, recalling that the divine Word has become flesh and made his home here among us. Poland has given the rest of the Roman Catholic world a beautiful custom of “chalking the doors” as a house blessing on this great feast. I’ll be blessing chalk for this purpose at the end of all our Epiphany Masses on January 2/3 and 6, which will be available—along with a brief explanation and prayers—for all who wish mark the feast in this way at home.

As the three wise men followed the star to God’s Son who became man two-thousand and twenty-two years ago, may Christ bless our homes and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen!

Fr. Joe



St. Patrick’s Sanctuary Light the week of January 2nd in memory of James Collins by Mom & Dad

St. Mary’s Sanctuary Light the week of January 2nd in memory of Theresa Logan by John & Sondra Castle

31Club: Prayer for Religious Vocations

- Jan. 3 Faye Simmons
- Jan. 4 Bill & Mandy Sloan
- Jan. 5 Elizabeth Tarbox
- Jan. 6 Jen Balaban, Leo Simone
- Jan. 7 Huguette Domingos
- Jan. 8
- Jan. 9



To the Family & Friends of Mark Cutler

Thank you for your generous gift in our Christmas collection. Like every North Country parish we forward 75% of the collection to the diocese to fund pensions for retired priests. Pension needs for the future as well as obligations for the next year are being met thanks to your generous donation.

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30



By order of Governor Hochul, masks are required in all public indoor spaces in New York State—including churches—beginning December 13, 2021, for everyone over two years of age. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please contact either parish office for Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Light Dedications or Flower Donations. Any one of these is a wonderful way to honor someone with a loving memorial. All will be published in the bulletin.

<http://stmaryspatrick.net>

Confessions: *Friday: 4:30-5:30pm Saturday: 2:45-3:45pm* (St. Mary)
5:30pm (St. Patrick) until Mass

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Parents should contact the pastor.

Marriage: Please call the parish office at least six months in advance and before finalizing a date.

Anointing of the Sick: Please advise the parish office of the serious illness or hospitalization of a parishioner.

Weekday Mass - as published in the bulletin



BROWNBAG SERIES

Lunchtime Discussion via Zoom

The Office of New Evangelization will be running a new Brownbag Chat starting Wednesday, January 5 from noon-1pm via Zoom. We will use the Revive Parishes Series by Bishop Andrew Cozzens on **The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church**. We anticipate running the

series in seven sessions. In each session, we will watch a video together via zoom and then have an informal discussion.

Description of the Series:

The Eucharist is indeed Jesus Christ, and as Catholics, a gift that requires our response. And what a gift it is! In this groundbreaking new course, Bishop Cozzens breaks open the new document published by the USCCB: "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church." This is the perfect companion resource!

If you would like to join us this series of lunch-time chat discussions, please sign up online at <https://www.rcdony.org/brownbag> . For more information, contact Marika Donders at mdonders@rcdony.org



The Potsdam Knights of Columbus will be conducting another bottle/can drive during the month of January. Please drop them off at the entrance of the church, the basement of the church or at Griff's in the SeaComm Plaza; you must tell them that the returns are for the local

Knights of Columbus. Your donations will be sent to the local Knights of Columbus and the organization will decide where the funds may be used. In the past, funds were used for such things as church activities, the Bishop's special programs, Special Olympics and more. We thank you very much for your generosity in our previous drives.



New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way.

THE CHOSEN SEASON 2: discussion

Join the Office of New Evangelization and the parishes of St. Mary of the Fort in Fort Covington/St. Mary in Waddington for a viewing and discussion of the second season of THE CHOSEN, either in-person or via zoom. It is highly recommended that participants have seen season 1 before participating in this second series of 8 episodes. We will watch the video via zoom. If you prefer, you can meet in person at either location St. Mary's Parish Center, Waddington or Fort Covington Adult Center in Fort Covington. Our first session will be January 4, 2022 from 6:30-8pm. Online Registration is required at www.rcdony.org/chosen.

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.

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Collection Report Envelope, Plate & Mail

Due to the early submission dates for the bulletins, the collection reports for December 18 & 19, December 25 & 26 and the January 2 & 3 will appear in the January 9th bulletin.

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