

The Epiphany of the Lord—January 2, 2022

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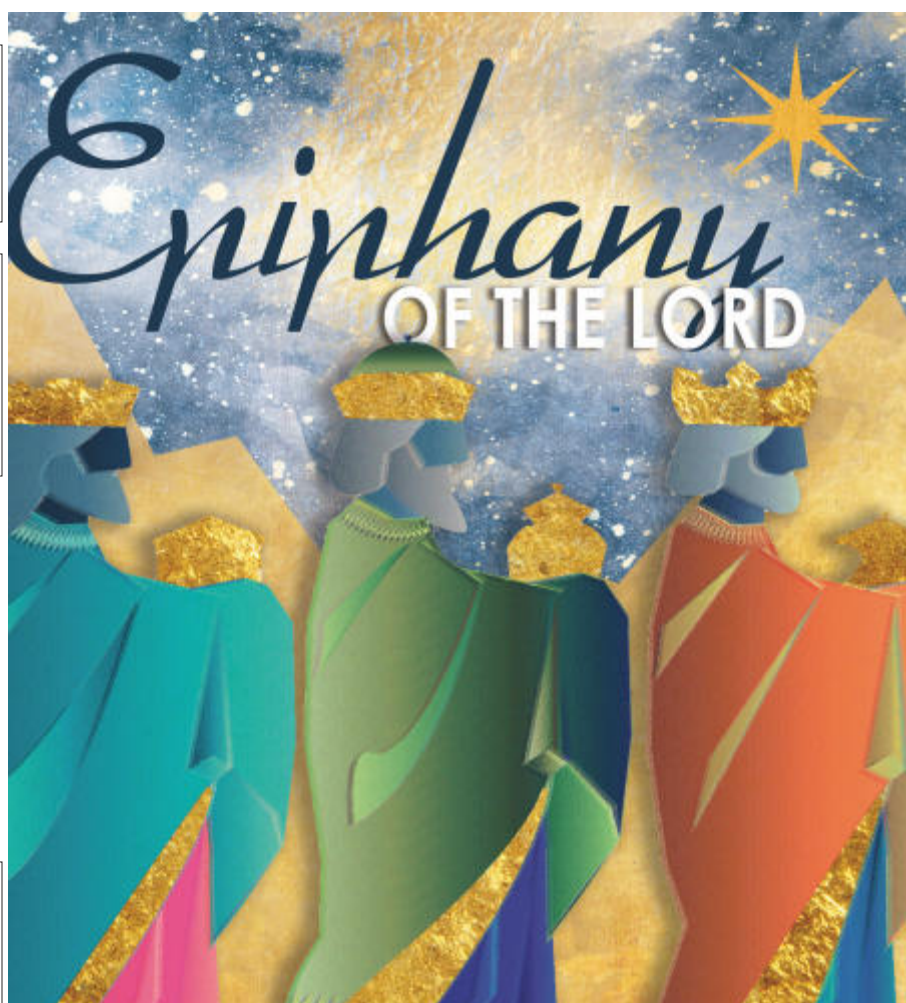
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Daily (M-F) 8:30am (P-Church) & 12:15pm (Chapel)

Saturday 4pm(L) & 5:30(P)

Sunday 9am(L) & 11:30am(P)

1st Saturday of the Month: 8:30am (P-Church)

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 3:15pm (L)

& 4:45pm (P)

or anytime upon request

DEVOTIONS

First Friday-Eucharistic Adoration

9am-12 Noon (P-Church)

HOLY DAYS: 8:30am, 12:15pm, 6pm

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 1, 2022—The Epiphany of the Lord (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

8:30 AM (POP) 1st Saturday: All Father's Living and Deceased
 4:00 PM (LEO) Mary & Thomas DeMunda by Rose and Jessica Conley
 5:30 PM (POP) Nellie Morelle by Mike and Maria Murawski

Sunday, January 2, 2022—The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 AM (LEO) John M. Jesz by Mom and Dad
 11:30 AM (POP) Mark Teoli & James Teoli by Barstys Family

Monday, January 3—Christmas Weekday

8:30AM (P-CH) All Soul's Intentions
NO 12:15PM Mass

Tuesday, January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30AM (P-CH) All Soul's Intentions
NO 12:15PM Mass

Wednesday, January 5—St. John Neumann

8:30AM (P-CH) All Mother's Living and Deceased
NO 12:15PM Mass

Thursday, January 6—Christmas Weekday

8:30AM (P-CH) All Mother's Living and Deceased
NO 12:15PM Mass

Friday, January 7—Christmas Weekday

8:30AM (P-CH) Anita Testa Love Mom and Family
NO 12:15PM Mass

Saturday, January 8—The Baptism of the Lord

4:00 PM (LEO) Nicola, Pina, Maria and Joanna Antonelli, Michele & Michelina D'Amico by Tina D'Amico
 5:30 PM (POP) Raquel "Rocky" Perricelli by Family

Sunday, January 9—The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 AM (LEO) David Tweed (1st Year Anniv) by Sister Jackie/Aunt Rita
 11:30 AM (POP) Mary Archbold by Children



PARISH ACTIVITIES/CALENDAR

Saturday, January 1, 2022

No Bingo

Tuesday, January 4

7:00pm 12 & 12 Al-Non Support Group—(L) #6

Wednesday, January 5

10:30am Al-Non Ray of Hope—(L) #6

Friday, January 7

9am-12 Noon Adoration—(P) Church
Spec. Collection: Solemnity of Mary

THIS WEEK'S TABERNACLE CANDLES BURN FOR

POP Church Candle:
 SVDP PARISH FAMILY
POP Chapel Candle:
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St. Leo Site Candle:
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—Will be held on **Friday, January 7th**, after the 8:30am Mass until 12 Noon at the Prince of Peace Church site.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY—St. Amelia Parish, 210 Saint Amelia Drive, Tonawanda NY. At this most critical time in the history of our country, please join us as we continue to pray our Patriotic Rosary for America and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the whole world and ask for God's blessing and protection. We pray in response to the Blessed Mother's plea! We will meet in the church on the following dates at 6:45 p.m. and begin praying at 7:00 p.m.: Thursday, 1-13, 2022, Thursday, 2-17, 2022 Wednesday, 3-16, 2022. "Where two or more are gathered in My name, there am I." Matthew 18:20

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

SECOND READING:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

GOSPEL:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Monday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Wednesday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday:	St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Saint of the Week

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."



Your continuing generosity is greatly appreciated. It is because of your support that our St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry is able to continue to feed the many needy families in our area. We would appreciate donations of the following non-perishable foods:

Peanut butter, jelly, tuna, spaghetti sauce, SpaghettiOs.

If you know of anyone in need of food, please call our pantry at 957-7146. Monetary donations are always gratefully accepted. Please mail to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society, attn: Treasurer, 1040 Cayuga Drive, Niagara Falls, NY 14304. Our food barrels are located at both parish sites for non-perishable food donations. GOD BLESS YOU for all you do to help these families.

(The Poor Box is the Bread Box for the Poor)



THE SOCIETY OF SVDP

The Society of SVDP Food Pantry would like to thank all the parishioners and friends for their kindness in making the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas a HUGE success for over 310 families receiving food, 370 Angels receiving gifts and gift cards in lieu of turkeys—totaling 275 gift cards!

The monetary donations received enabled us to give our friends an increase in gift cards to give them extras on the table this season.

***Thank you and God Bless you!
You are the BEST!***

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 2, 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. ©LPi

**FATIMA SHRINE'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
BENEFIT AND BASKET AUCTION**

Sunday, January 16, 2022

- 5:00pm—Wine Tasting
- 5:45pm—Hors d'oeuvres
- 6:30pm—Dinner

Tickets: \$50 Only 300 Tickets available
Proceeds to Benefit Shrine's Renovation

Dinner catered by the Como Restaurant

Basket Auction Previews:

Friday, January 14: 11am-7pm

Saturday, January 15: 9am-6pm

Sunday, January 16: 9am-3pm

Cafeteria specials! Friday, January 14th:

Friday Fish Fry! \$10.25

Eat-in /take out 11am/7pm

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**START THE NEW YEAR ON THE RIGHT
FOOT: WAYS TO STRENGTHEN
FAMILIES**

1. Pray for all families who are hurting because of lack of communication and misunderstanding within the family.
2. Decide one thing you can do to help one person in your family today.
3. Remind one person you meet today that he/she is a special gift from God to family and friends.
4. Give someone in your family five extra minutes of your TOTAL ATTENTION. (Be with that person without doing another task, e.g. washing dishes, reading paper, texting.)
5. Write a thank-you note to someone in your family. Thank that person for the love which you have experienced from him/her.
6. Thank God for your own family.
7. Tell someone in your family, "I love you because....."



**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION
FOR THE WEEK**

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world.

There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. @LPi

Per the Diocese of Buffalo and New York -COVID-19 Update-Mask Mandate—At this time, masks are mandated for all participants in liturgies held in Catholic churches and worship spaces located in the Diocese of Buffalo regardless of vaccination status. Masks should be worn not only when entering and exiting churches and worship spaces, but throughout the duration of the liturgy, even when seated. Thank you.

Lifelong Faith Formation



Faith Formation Schedule

There are **NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** during New Year's week. Classes resume as usual on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

Feast of the Epiphany

This weekend we celebrate the **Epiphany**, the coming of the Wise Men to worship baby Jesus. The word Epiphany actually means "to manifest" or "to reveal" something that had once been hidden. It's kind of like the moment when you tear back all the wrapping paper on a gift to reveal your favorite present inside. Of course, the Wise Men didn't tear back any wrapping paper around Jesus. Instead their visit, guided by the star, revealed who Jesus really is—true God and true King of all creation! This special feast is important because it reminds us that Jesus is our King, who saves us. The gifts the wise men brought had special meaning. God shows that Jesus is our king. Frankincense reminds us that Jesus is truly God and answers all our prayers and myrrh reminds us that Jesus suffered, died and was buried for us. Second, this feast reminds us that Jesus came for ALL people, not just people of a certain city or state, skin color or ethnicity. Jesus came for everyone, including us!

We Need Donations

The time is drawing near for our Faith Formation February Fair to be held on **February 6, 2022** in the parish center. We will begin working on assembling baskets on **Sunday, January 9 at 10 AM**. If you are interested in helping, contact Belinda or Sr. Joanne at Faith Formation. We are in need of the following items:

Gift Cards and Gift Certificates

Theme Baskets to Raffle

Items to place into baskets

Men's Basket Items

If you can donate something or know someone who owns a business and could ask them to donate, it will be greatly appreciated. If you'd like to donate something, contact Sr. Joanne or Belinda in the faith formation office. Thank you in advance for helping to make our event a success.

Essay Contest

The Catholic Communication Center sponsors a yearly essay contest for students in grades 3 through 8. The topic for this year is: Describe a moment when you felt close to God. The prize is \$100, a Bible, the religion teacher receives a \$100 prize and \$100 for a classroom party for the winner. If your child is interested or you know of someone who may be interested, please contact me. Entries are due to them by March 31, 2022.

Good News to Share!

Presently, there are **11 YOUNG people** who have made their Confirmation assisting us in various capacities at Faith Formation. This is a source of pride and joy for our parish. Please pray for the young and encourage them in any way you can. What a JOY we experience by their presence!

Save Time and Help a Worthy Cause!

We can help you make holiday clean up a little easier. Bring your returnable bottles and cans to church, faith formation or to the Empower store located at 4701 Military Road. We'll redeem them for you and it will benefit our Faith Formation program. Our account number at the Empower store is #64. Thank you for helping us to make a difference with our young people by enhancing our programs.

Reminder to ALL Confirmation Candidates

Sponsor sheets and saint names and papers are due at the end of January. You may turn them in as soon as you finish but no later than January 31.

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