



St. Robert Bellarmine Church



JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

VISION

The loving community of St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church is a sanctuary for spiritual growth. We will continue to evolve as a family of faith, touching our parish family, our community and our world through God's love.

VALUES

Loving Community

- The people who make up St. Robert Bellarmine's Parish
- An atmosphere of welcoming acceptance and forgiveness
- A belief in sharing
- An ever present love, compassion and understanding

Spiritual Growth

- The presence of God in of our knowledge and understanding of our Catholic faith everything
- The continuing development
- The enhancement of faith, education and inspiration

Social Responsibility

- The respect and caring for all life
- The tolerance, generosity and compassion to the world community
- The pursuit of justice for people everywhere

MISSION

To use our Vision, Values and Planning Process as a guide to minister to the needs of our Parishioners and Global Community.

MASS SCHEDULE

September–April: Saturday: 5:30 p.m. • Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 12(noon)

May–August: Saturday: 5:30 p.m. • Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 p.m. (Eve before), 9:00 a.m. (on the day)

Christmas: Schedule inside bulletin

Weekdays: 9:00 a.m. (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

RECONCILIATION: Saturday, after 5:30 p.m. Mass and anytime by appointment. Communal celebrations are scheduled during Advent & Lent.

MARRIAGE: Notify the rectory six months in advance
Carol Swart, Wedding Consultant at 330-442-8583

BAPTISM: Contact the rectory for arrangements.

PRAYER CHAIN: For prayer requests please contact Jennifer Soloman at 330-637-3483 or e-mail Jennifer.soloman@championlocal.org

BULLETIN NEWS: Written & submitted by Monday at noon.

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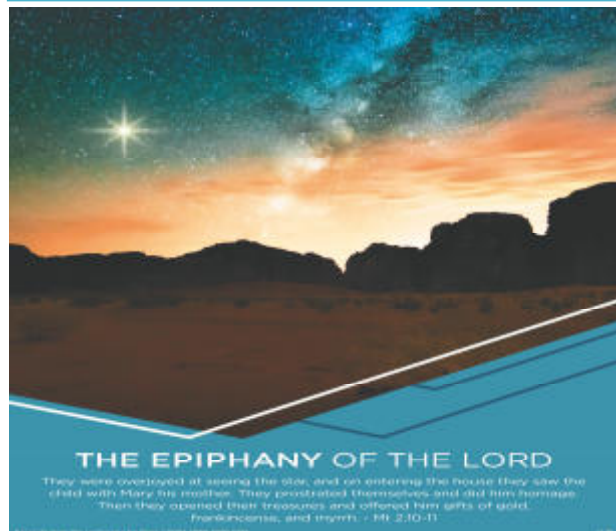
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They were dazzled at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt. 2:10-11

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 1-New Year's Day
 5:30pm Bishop George Murry
Sunday, January 2
 9:00am Corinne Hewitt (Marty & Camille Hancharenko)
 12Noon Joe & Nellie Gesue (Sr. Rita Gesue)
Monday, January 3
 9:00am Madeline Gisewhite (Nan/Rich Challenger)
Tuesday, January 4
 9:00am No Mass
Wednesday, January 5
 9:00am Ed Voytko
Thursday, January 6
 9:00am No Mass
Friday January 7
 9:00am Robert Bakes
Saturday, January 8
 5:30pm Rita Remmik (Family)
Sunday, January 9
 9:00am Lee Seiple (Parish Council)
 12Noon Joe & Nellie Gesue (Sr. Rita Gesue)

Happy New Year!


Father Kish and the parish staff extend blessings to you and yours and also thank you for making our parish a welcoming and spirited place. In this new year of 2022 may we experience a time of peace and good will toward all people! May we find a way to truly awaken our hearts to the Universal Presence of the Mystery we call God in ourselves and all others.

SOLEMNITY of MARY

This solemnity is the most ancient liturgical observance of Mary in the church's calendar. It honors Mary as **Theotokos** or "**Mother of God,**" the title accorded her at the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today we honor Mary as first disciple of Jesus, woman of faith and courage and we remember that her cousin Elizabeth called her "*blessed among women.*" We, too, are *blessed* when we recognize the ways that God is present in our lives as Mary did.

RCIA meets this Wednesday evening (Jan. 5th) at 6:30 pm in the parish hall.

CCD resumes on Sunday, January 9th.

 **Welcome and congratulations to Kennedy Patricia Perisa,** daughter of Dr. Michael and Marion who was baptized at St. Robert Church.

ST.ROBERT CHURCH WEBSITE

We hope you check out our new Website at strobertcortland.org. The Special Ministry schedule has been added.

The Week Ahead

SUN 01/02 Mass: 9:00AM
 No CCD
WED 01/05 Quilters-10AM-Noon
RCIA-6:30PM
SUN 01/09 Mass: 9:00AM and Noon
CCD, K-8; 10:10-11:30AM

PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, Holydays, December 19.... \$ 7,133.00
Christmas.....\$ 3,120.00
Maintenance.....\$ 725.00

Thank you,

A warm Welcome to all who have come to worship with us this Christmas Season. Christmas presents all of us with the opportunity to renew friendships, to celebrate with family and to give thanks to our God who has blessed us so richly.

Epiphany

Feast of Light

On this day, Lord Jesus,
 your light shines in our midst.
 You are the Light of the World,
 the Light in our darkness,
 always with us, throwing light on our path,
 ever showing us the way.
 On this great feast of Light
 when the Magi came guided by a star,
 they offered you gifts.
 We offer you the gold of our trust in you,
 the myrrh of our compassion
 and the frankincense of our devotion to justice.
 Help us to carry your light
 into all the dark places in our world. Amen.

THOUGHTS OF THE EPIPHANY-The echo of the refrain of the Christmas Carol, O Come All Ye Faithful, keeps us aware that we, like the wisemen, should declare "O Come Let us Adore Him, Christ the Lord". In glorifying God's Mystery we should also be prepared to follow God's will for our lives even when it feels uncomfortable. We also must be willing to go where God leads us.

STATEMENTS- If you would like to have a statement of your contributions for 2021, please mark the card that is included with your January/February monthly envelopes. We will only be mailing year end contribution statements to those who request them. Please return the card to the church by Jan.16th. If we do not receive a card from you, we will not mail you a statement.



The Epiphany of the Lord

Historians tell us that it's unlikely that this story of the magi actually happened but more important for us is why Matthew made this story part of his Gospel. He gave us lots of hints. First of all, he borrowed key details from Isaiah's prophecies. *Isaiah assures the people who have been in darkness that the light of God's glory will shine on them and that their faith will attract people from afar who will come bearing gifts.* **Matthew portrays Jesus as the fulfillment of these ancient hopes.** He describes how the Magi questioned King Herod about prophecies re a king who was to come. Herod, frightened, called in the chief priests and the scribes who, foreshadowing future officials' attitudes about Jesus, quoted prophecies but exhibited no curiosity to see how they might be fulfilled in their own lifetimes.

Thus Matthew's Gospel begins with Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us, endangered among his own people yet revered by representatives of the Gentile world, the non-Jews. **He ends his Gospel with Christ's command to make disciples of all nations and we see that today's first reading and Gospel share a vision and hope for the unity of all people.**

As we begin the new year of 2022 in uncertain times, like the Magi, can we be willing to walk together as one? More than time or money, these magi had self-confidence and a desire for more meaning in life. Their attitudes urged them to read the signs of the times and to venture into the unknown. They humbly believed there was more wisdom in the world than they had yet discovered. These travelers, unafraid to seek knowledge from afar, were moved by a holy disquiet and thus they set off in a caravan that became the first Christian pilgrimage.



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QUOTE – I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Maya Angelou

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
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