



*The Epiphany*  
**OF THE LORD**

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When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem. - Mt 2:1

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“...The prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh,” (MATTHEW 2:11)

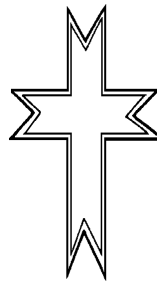
What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold - we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense - represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh - is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

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<b>Mass Attendance ~ December 18/19, 2021</b>		
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>
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**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*Kathleen Bell, Verna Bencie, Craig Bender, Barry Collins, Mike Daulbaugh, , Tony DiBarto, Maria Flauto, Barb Folan, Debbie Giebel, Ava Gilliam, Ken & Nancy Granville, Doris Gregory, Michael Guadagnoli, Dolores Hale, Ray Hejduk, Jeff Helmling, Daren Higginbotham, Cassie Imler, Sheryl Keba, Maria Kovach, Jerry Krakowski, Susan Kravetz, Joseph Lacey, Judy Livingood , Larry & Patrick McClendon, Allyson McGinnis, Margaret McIntyre, Kathy Michalski, David Miller, Ty Morgan, Kevin Murphy, Arthur Murray, David Rutti, Richard Sesso, Roger Slusher, Joseph Sparks, Ada Tarantino, Sandy Usher, Evelyn Volin, Kristin Wavrek, Joan Winkelman, Adrian Winn, Crystal Wooten, .....Our Parish Family continues to pray for all persons. A petition for the sick is included in all Masses..*



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, January 1**  
 5:00 PM ..... Paul & Rita Heroux  
 ..... (Michel Heroux & family)  
**Sunday, January 2 - The Epiphany**  
 8:30 AM .....Aaron Winters  
 ..... (Michael & Theresa Winters)  
 11:30 AM .. Deceased members of our parish

**Monday, January 3**  
 8:30 AM ..... COMMUNION SERVICE  
**Tuesday, January 4**  
 8:30 AM .....Lottie Osika & Wanda Ketcham  
 ..... ( Nancy Duquette & family)  
**Wednesday, January 5**  
 8:30 AM .....Ken Warren (Michael & Theresa Winters)  
**Thursday, January 6**  
 8:30 AM .....Deceased members of the Harold & Margaret Hamilton Family  
 ..... (Jan Doerfler)  
**Friday, January 7**  
 8:30 AM ..... Stephen Kolar (Darlene Kolar)  
**Saturday, January 8**  
 5:00 PM .....Ed & Norma Wilson (Connie Snyder)  
**Sunday, January 9 - Baptism of the Lord**  
 8:30 AM .....Dave Campbell (Bob & Kathy Kravetz)  
 11:30 AM ..... For our Parish Family



As members of the community of Saint Joan of Arc let us welcome **HOLDEN DAVID GEHRING**

who was baptized last Sunday.

Let us pray for him and his family and godparents.

**Scripture Readings for the Week of January 2, 2022**

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13, 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 4:14-22  
**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, 5-6a and 9b, Jn 3:22-30  
**Next Sun:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7, Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10, Acts 10:34-38, Lk 3:15-16, 21, 22

**St. Joan of Arc Parish**  
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**Mass Schedule**  
 Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.  
 Holy Day: 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
 Weekdays: (Monday, Communion Service),  
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

**Confessions**  
*(by Appointment)*

**Office Hours**  
 Monday thru Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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**Pastor: Father Chris Luoni**

Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The three wise men came from the East bearing gifts for the Christ child. These three men, prompted by God, followed a star to find the Christ child and to pay homage to him. They offer for us an understanding of what it means to trust and follow the way of God for there was nothing else for them to follow. As well, they also teach us the meaning of giving ourselves to God as he is the king of our lives. As we begin this year, consider what you will offer to the Christ child to help guide your life in the way of peace, justice and love.

As is the tradition on the Feast of Epiphany, the blessing of the homes in the new year should take place. If you have not already done so, please pick up an Epiphany blessing prayer sheet and a piece of chalk (if you need it) in the narthex. The sheet will direct you in how to offer the blessing for your home. It is a great way to ask God's grace on our ourselves and our homes and put us in the best possible way in our new year.

If there are any available, I invite you to take home Matthew Kelly's book, "Life is Messy." It is a great book that reminds and helps us to understand that in the challenges and issues that we deal with, God is right there in our midst waiting to help us through. He is a loving God who wants us to be happy. We find that happiness when we open up to his way through thick and thin.

A reminder that the Christmas season continues through our celebrations next week with the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. I know that for the secular world, Christmas is long past and we are now on to the next holiday. As Catholics though, we celebrate Christmas for 12 days. Hopefully your decorations, especially your manger scenes are still up so that you can remember and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As winter draws on we can get cabin fever. Why not cure that with an evening of Bunko or Euchre. We will have an evening of Bunko on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and an evening of Euchre on Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow in this bulletin.

A safe, happy and healthy New Year to all!

Fr. Chris



**Gospel Meditation**  
**The Feast of The Epiphany**

***We also have a star***

*"After their audience with the king, the Magi set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. The Magi were overjoyed at seeing the star." (MT 2:1-12)*

*The Magi didn't have a smooth trip, but they had resources to fall back on. They had each other. They had a star. They arrived in Jerusalem, and the scribes and chief priest helped them to locate Bethlehem as the place where they should go.*

*And they had the help of God in the dream.*

*The journey we all take to the Lord is a long one and it passes through death. We're on that journey our whole life. Not even the saints - including Mary - experienced a journey that was without difficulties, zig-zags, and unexpected problems and mishaps.*

*What about people who don't have resources to fall back on during this journey? This is what the Church is meant to be - the people and the resources that help us journey to the Lord.*

*The Eucharist is our star. It's where we get the read of Life, traditionally called "the food for the journey." When we fall on our face, we have the sacrament of reconciliation. When we get ill, we have the sacrament of the sick. But most of all we have each other. We are meant to be a community that is always there for each other on the journey of life.*

*The magi ended their journey when they found the Lord. One of the most important purposes of the Church is to help us end our journey in the presence of the risen Lord.*

*We don't live to find the Church.*

*The Church lives to help us find the Lord.*

			
<b>MINISTERS' SCHEDULE</b>			
January 8/9, 2022			
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	Sy. Leavery	L. DiBarto	B. Danner
<b>Eucharistic:</b>	*S. Demich S. Francis Sh. Leavery A. Stankiewicz	*L. Hoffman Dcn. Gies M. Sisley P. Wisniewski	*P. Danner D. Sigan S. Stockard S. Stockard
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### Prayer for Epiphany

*Dear Jesus, though a newborn, the wise men knew your greatness. On a hint from the heavens, they traveled far from their places of comfort so that they could honor you. From their belief in your divinity, they gave amazing gifts, offerings that symbolized your life, power, and even your death. And because of a dream in the night, they altered their well-laid plans to return home in order to protect you. May we be so willing to honor, sacrifice, and obey, all for love of you, as we meditate on the meaning of this day. Amen.*



### SCRIPTURE STUDY

#### At Home with the Word

If you would like to have a richer understanding of the up-coming Sunday Readings, you are welcome to join us at **10am every Tuesday morning in the Parish Council Room** to probe the wisdom of the Scriptures.

These gatherings will be facilitated by our Pastoral Minister Jennifer Lawrence. Questions call the Office.



### Generations of Faith

is our faith formation for the entire parish not just families with children going through religious education. Come to a GOF session and learn what it is all about.

Our next session will be held on Sunday, January 9th at 8:00 AM (starting with breakfast) and Monday, January 10th at 5:30 (starting with dinner).

If you have not registered please register at [stjoanfaithformation.org](http://stjoanfaithformation.org).

For more information please contact Jennifer Lawrence at 330-626-3424 ext. 104 or email: [stjoaneducation@gmail.com](mailto:stjoaneducation@gmail.com)

Would you like to have a Loved One remembered in a weekday or weekend Mass? If so, please call the Office at 330-626-3424 and ask for Amy.

### Registration

Would you like to be a St. Joan of Arc Parishioner? Registration Forms are available in the Narthex for your convenience or go to our website [sjoa-church.org](http://sjoa-church.org) and go to "New Here" drop down box or please call the Office at 330-626-3424.

### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you will need the Statement of your Contributions for the 2021 TAX YEAR, please contact Tina at 300-626-3424 on Wednesday or Friday or email her

### Schedule for week of January 2, 2022

**4-Scripture Study - 10:00 AM**  
**5-Altar & Rosary - 7:00 PM**  
**-Cantor Practice - 7:00 PM**  
**-RCIA - 7:00 PM**  
**6-Adoration - 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

### Two Masses for Life Scheduled January 2022

Each year in January we recall the infamous Supreme decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* that effectively legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States. Our diocese hosts two Masses for Life as a prayerful reminder that we "must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence." Bishop Bonnar will preside at the Masses for Life on:

Tuesday, January 18, at 6:30 PM in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University, 2020 E. Maple St., North Canton

Sunday, January 23, at 4:00 PM at St. Columba Cathedral, 154 W. Wood St., Youngstown.

Each Mass for Life will include a Blessing of Children in the Womb and will be followed by a reception. All are welcome - no reservations needed.

For more information contact [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-2451 ext 272

### Do You Know Someone Who is Expecting a Child?

If you know someone who is expecting a child, invite her and her family to attend one of the Masses for Life:

Tuesday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University, North Canton (2020 E. Maple St.), and

Sunday, January 23, at 4:00 pm at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown (154 W. Wood St.). At each Mass Bishop Bonnar will offer a special Blessing of Children in the Womb. The Mass will be followed by a reception. All are welcome – no reservations needed.

For more information contact: [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451 ext.272.

### 9 Days for Life – Wednesday, January 19 to Thursday, January 27, 2022

*9 Days for Life* is a novena for the protection of human life, surrounding the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions that effectively legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. For more information go to <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>.

### Hope and Healing for those Suffering after Abortion

Jesus came for all of us and knows our pain. There is Hope and Healing from abortion. For CONFIDENTIAL help contact *Project Rachel* of N.E. Ohio at 330-360-0430 or go to <https://hopeafterabortionneo.weebly.com/>.

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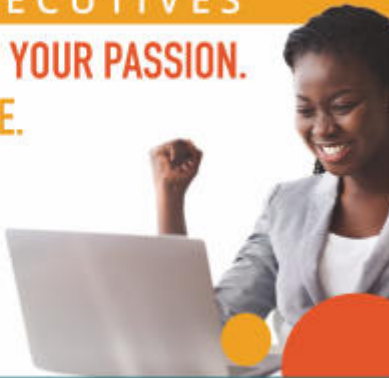
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