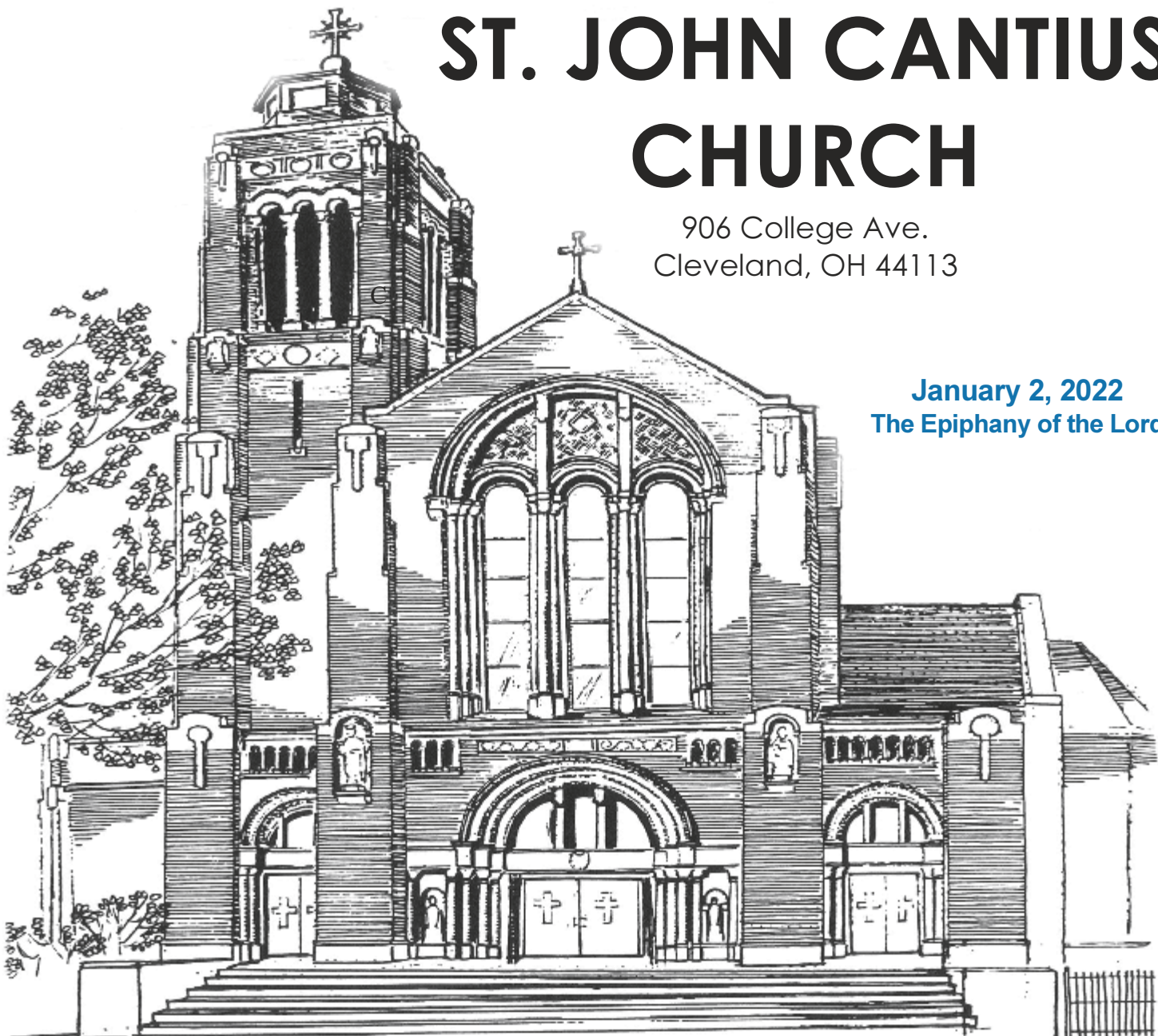


# ST. JOHN CANTIUS CHURCH

906 College Ave.  
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January 2, 2022  
The Epiphany of the Lord



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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday ..... 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

## MASS SCHEDULE

Mon (Miraculous Medal Novena), Tues, Weds ..... 6:30 pm  
Thursday ..... 8:30 am  
Saturday Vigil ..... 4:00 pm  
Sunday ..... 9:30 am (Polish) & 11:30 am

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday ..... 3:15-3:45 pm  
Sunday (Polish) ..... 9:00-9:30 am

**BAPTISM:** Baptisms may be scheduled at most anytime. Please call the rectory and speak with the Pastor to make baptismal arrangements.

**FUNERALS:** We request that you first contact your funeral director before contacting the parish. This will insure that your requested date is available for both the funeral home and the church. After the date has been chosen, the funeral director will contact the parish with all the details to set up the funeral. Finally, a representative from the parish will contact you about planning the Mass or parlor service for your loved one..

**WEDDINGS:** Wedding arrangements are made by contacting the pastor. There is a 6 month minimum wait from the day you contact the pastor and your actual wedding date. This allows for proper wedding preparation and instruction. Please call the pastor if you wish to inquire further about details on having your wedding at St. John Cantius.

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**LITURGY SCHEDULE**  
**ROZKŁAD MSZY SW.**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2**

9:30 a.m. † Mieczyslaw Wojcik  
 11:30 a.m. † Jim Hulsebus

**MONDAY, JANUARY 3**

6:30 p.m. † Melvin Lakota  
 Novena following Mass

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 4**

6:30 p.m. NOMASS

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5**

6:30 p.m. † John Moysey

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6**

8:30 a.m. Atonement

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 7**

NO MASS

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**

4:00 p.m. Parishioners of S.J.C.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9**

9:30 a.m. † Richard Czernek  
 11:30 a.m. † Alexander Sutowski Jr.

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**FROM THE PASTOR**

This weekend the church celebrates the “Epiphany”. The word itself means a manifestation, an insight, a vision etc. The feast is also known as the Feast of the Three Kings. It is for sure, a complex feast. Originating in the Eastern Church and formed by the mentality of a people whose thought processes differ from our own. The Epiphany is like a rich Oriental tapestry in which various themes and images are woven and interwoven — but not simply to be seen as a past historical event. Epiphany is a never ending nor exhausting experience of Jesus Christ that changes lives.

The Gospel narrative today expresses this same type interwoven mystery. On the day of Christ’s birth, the first to receive the Good News were Jewish shepherds in the fields. Now, at the Epiphany, pagan astrologers, wise men from the East, the Magi, come searching for a “newborn King of the Jews” by following the light of a star. This event fulfills Isaiah’s prophecy announced in the First Reading. The contrast of King Herod to the Magi is remarkable: the leader of the Jewish people, Herod, refuses to accept the news of the Jewish king’s birth and plans to kill him by slaughtering all male babies under the age of 2 (the Holy Innocents) hoping one of those killed will be this Jewish King. The three Magi on the other hand, have travelled far searching for this king and eventually find him prostrating themselves in worship before him. Their gifts symbolize their belief: gold, the most precious of metals, is a suitable gift for a king. Frankincense, used in worship, symbolizes the child’s divinity. Myrrh, used in preparing a body for burial, symbolizes Jesus’ humanity. We recall how after Jesus’ death his body was anointed with “myrrh and aloes” (Jn 19:38-42).

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen had a very interesting application of today’s feast of the Three Kings in his sermon on the Magi and the Slaughter of the Innocents. He points to the last line of today’s gospel which reads “They returned back (3 Kings) to their home country by a different route.” Archbishop Sheen explains, “For no one who experiences Jesus Christ with a good will ever return the same way he came.” Three pagan kings find the truth, change their lives so much that can never go back the same way they came. May that same living experience of Jesus Christ continue to change you every single day of your life so you too can never be the same.



## IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember the sick and infirm of the parish in your prayers: Craig & Sam Bak, Barbara Bak, Barbara Byers, Walter & Carol Buczek, Delores Cass, Eileen Chase, Susan Daly, Roseanne Ewazen, Edward Falkowski, Ann Kilbane Friedl, Stella Fryger, Lloyd Gordon, Mieczyslaw Janczura, Anne Kalas, Diane Kearsy, Stella Kobak, Josephine Kohut, Fran Kopack, Henry & Rita Kozlowski, Ted Kusek, Theresa Lipka, Barbara Lishko, Larry & Pam Makowski, Greg Masevice, Edward Pieciak, Lou Potokar, Joyce Resek, Betty Ryba, Stanly & Victoria Ryncarz, Barbara Skalski, Jessie & Chris Stachurski, Albert & Irene Stepnowski, Joshua Szymczak, Janice Tkacz, Roberta Virzi, Virzi Family, Emilia Wojcik, Hettie Wojtonek, Edward Zubel, and anyone we may have omitted.

## FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

Herod was frightened of Jesus. He feared Jesus would replace him and he would lose control. In families fear appears when we are threatened by what is out of our control. We fret but it does no good. Give these situations to the Lord and let Him lead us like He led the Magi.

### **PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF HELEN PELCZAR (POLISH STIGMATIC FROM OUR PARISH)**

Lord Jesus Christ, since early childhood you led your humble servant, Helen Pelczar, on the difficult and thorny path of Your Cross. You likened her to You by marking her body with five piercing wounds. By sharing your suffering she could plead for the conversion and salvation of many. We humbly ask for the grace, that our Holy Church may swiftly recognize her holiness and honor her on your altars. May she become our model in life and an intercessor with you Jesus, crucified for us. Sorrowful Mother, whom Helen loved and honored, intercede for us.. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be... Servant of God, Helen Pelczar, pray for us!



# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## ZIARNO SŁOWA BOZEGO

Gdy Jezus narodził się w Betlejem w Judei za panowania króla Heroda, oto Mędrcy ze Wschodu przybyli do Jerozolimy i pytali: gdzie jest nowo narodzony król żydowski." W tym czasie, kiedy narodził się Chrystus Pan, po całym ówczesnym świecie, od Rzymu aż po Chiny, rozpowszechniła się wieść, że naród żydowski da ludzkości Zbawiciela, co tak pięknie wyraził prorok Izajasz w urywku, który był dzisiaj czytany. Nie trzeba więc dziwić się, że uczeni astrologowie przybyli z dalekich krajów do nieznanej im ziemi judzkiej. Jakaś niezwykła gwiazda skłoniła ich do poszukiwania i uczczenia nowo narodzonego Króla. „Gdzie jest nowo narodzony król żydowski! Ujrzeliśmy bowiem jego gwiazdę na Wschodzie i przybyliśmy oddać mu pokłon”. Od przeszło dwóch tysięcy lat powtarza Kościół te słowa Mędrców i napomina nas, abyśmy nie stracili z kręgu widzenia jedynej gwiazdy, która może rozjaśnić nasze ciemności i oświetlić nasze drogi. Gwiazdą tą jest Jezus Chrystus, który świeci nam już dwa tysiące lat jako nie zachodzące słońce naszego życia. Pierwotną nazwą dzisiejszego święta jest nazwa: Objawienie Pańskie. Przypomina nam ono, że Bóg w ludzkim ciele objawił się na ziemi. Cóż bowiem może być bardziej interesującego od tej historii, która rozpoczęła się od wydarzenia w betlejemskiej stajni. Od chwili objawienia się Boga na ziemi na niebie naszego życia świeci już tylko jedna gwiazda – Jezus, niedostępny towarzysz na naszych życiowych drogach. Jeżeli On będzie naszą mocą, żadne cierpienie nie może nas załamać. Jeżeli On będzie naszą drogą, nasze życie nie będzie błędzeniem po manowcach. Jeżeli On będzie naszym światłem, nie zagubimy się w ciemnościach. Kto szuka Jezusa, znajdzie Go. Nasze chrześcijańskie życie jest pielgrzymowaniem w świetle betlejemskiej gwiazdy, a naszym chrześcijańskim obowiązkiem jest odpowiedź na Boże objawienie wiarą, miłością i oddaniem.

## HUMOR: Sunday's Dinner

A young couple invited their pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having. "Goat," the little boy replied. "Goat?" replied the Pastor, "Are you sure about that?" "Yes," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mom, 'We might as well have the old goat for dinner today and get it over with.'"



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