January 2, 2022

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"Since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

MASS	SCHEDULE
Coturdo	Evening 5.00 DM

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY Schedule: Monday—Friday Monday and Friday 12 Noon Tuesday and Thursday, 8 AM Wednesday, 6 PM

SAT, JAN 1 5:00 PM SUN, JAN 2 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD Vicki Morandini † (Richard Pitts Agency) EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Patricia Burnett † (George Berlin) Joseph Zello † (Carolyn Agnew)
MON, JAN 3	HOLY NAME OF JESUS
12:00 Noon	<u>No Mass at OLQA</u>
TUE, JAN 4	SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON
8:00 AM	Marion Derby † (David & Betsy Beachy)
	<u>No Mass at OLQA</u>
WED, JAN 5	SAINT JOHN NEUMAN
6:00 PM	<u>No Mass at OLQA</u>
THU, JAN 6	SAINT ANDRÉ BESSETTE
8:00 AM	No Mass at OLQA
FRI, JAN 7	SAINT RAYMOND PEÑAFORT
12:00 Noon	<u>No Mass at OLQA</u>
SAT, JAN 8	CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
5:00 PM	Pat Gilfoyle † (Jerry & Claire Waldron)
SUN, JAN 9	BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:00 AM	Parishioners
10:30 AM	Marlane Trautmann † (Family)

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

BY 3:00 PM, Monday



Please phone the Church Office 814-382-7252 if you have family members or know of someone in the hospital, seriously ill, or elderly, and are confined to their homes. It is important that all of our sick be anointed by a priest, on a regular basis.

SACRAMENTS OF MARRIAGE & BAPTISM Call Parish Office for information RECONCILIATION

By appointment Wednesday ONLY until further notice

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Call the Parish office for information (form on back of bulletin)

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Individuals interested in learning about the Catholic Church and/or becoming Catholic, please contact the Parish office.





SUN, Jan 2	9 AM NO CLASS FAITH FORMATION	
	10:30 AM Live-Stream Mass (youTube or olqachurch.org)	
MON, Jan 3	OFFICE CLOSED	
FRI, Jan 7	OFFICE CLOSED	

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

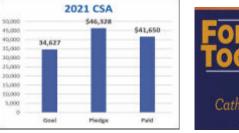
One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



FORWARD TOGETHER 2021 Catholic Services



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Offertory, Dec	19 = \$2,333.00
*CSA	\$170
*Cemetery	\$10
*Back Packs	\$15
*Samaritans	\$100
*Christmas flowers	\$80

not included in "Offertory"



JEFFREY MADDEN, #024, was the lucky winner of week #19 of our "**300 Club**" for \$100. Congratulations, Jeffrey!

DEBBIE DAVENPORT, # 213, and MIKE STEINKIRCHNER, # 129 were both 300 Club winners in honor of the parish feast day in the amount of \$250 each. Congratulations

Epiphany Question:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer:

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday



nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact? ©LPi

JANUARY 2, 2022

PLEASE REMEMBER YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT EXTRAORDINARY ALTAR JANUARY SERVERS **MINISTERS** LECTORS USHERS **GREETERS B** Slevin SAT 5:00 PM H Morini D Haylett B Greco L Slevin P Greco SUN P&P Karastory M Hornfeck T Sovisky B Semian 8:00 AM S Treacy J Treacy R Garnet P Simonetta C Dickey G Ellis S Uzelac 10:30 AM SUN J Kullen K Slywczak S Simonetta V Leap OFFERING Jan 2 Jan 9 Jan 16 Jan 23 Jan 30 Office Staff J Elwell R Bullock J Elwell Office Staff COUNTERS M Staahl J Smock L Helch



For more information, or an appointment contact Amanda Sovisky, 814-382-7252 religious.education@olqachurch.org



"And St. Francis said: "My dear son, be patient, because the weaknesses of the body are given to us in this world by God for the salvation of the soul. So they are of great merit when they are borne patiently". "The Little Flowers of St. Francis of Assisi"

Birthday Blessings

Jan 4: Barbara Greil, James Harakal, Karen Ittel

Anniversary Blessings

If you find an error in any of these listings, please call the office

Jan 3: Shannon Brancato

Sharon Pelly

Jan 6: Adele Smith

Jan 8: Karen Reilly

Jan 5: David Baer, David Conroy

Jan 4: Bill and Paula Greco (47)

to update your records. Thank you

Jan 7: Joseph Brancato, William Deem,



OLQA Altar Rosary Society

ARS invites all the women of the parish to join us on **January 9 from 2-4 pm** in the social hall for a showing of **"Queen Esther**." This original production was done at Sight and Sound theatre in Lancaster this

year. There will be a brief intermission for light refreshments per CDC guideline. Feel free to bring a comfortable chair (our regular folding chairs are provided). This is a reenactment of the Old Testament book that is sure to take us back in time and rediscover our faith formation.

Knights Korner

In honor of March for Life in Washington DC on January 21, 2022, the Knights of Columbus will again be selling carnations at all masses

the weekend of January 8 and 9. Proceeds benefit pro-life causes.

At our last flower sale a young tike asked a good question "*Why don't we hand out hot dogs rather than flowers?*"

Though we agree with this future CEO that food sales might make us a better profit, Council 6037 feels a simple flower, with it's uniqueness in so many ways, is a perfect Pro-Life example of what God can create that mankind can never duplicate. Sadly, just like a

fetus in the womb, the fragile flower is totality dependent on the length of it's lifespan by being either in the care of someone that wants to nurture it, or someone who can toss it in the trash



without a second thought.

<u>Readings for the Week <http://www.usccb.org/</u> bible/books-of-the-bible

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SUN, Jan 9	CLASS WELCOME BACK	
SUN, Jan 16	NO CLASS	
SUN, Jan 23	CLASS	
SUN, Jan 30	CLASS	

SAMARITAN CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR KIDS PROGRAM



A huge thank you to all of you who sponsored a Samaritan Christmas Gifts for Kids angel. There were a total of 125 children in 50 families in the Conneaut Lake/Linesville areas (ages 13 and under) who benefited from this program this year. Many of Our Lady Queen of America Church parishioners as well as our religious education class took angels and purchased a bag full of gifts for each child. There were a number of other local churches that provided gifts as well: Lighthouse Community, Trinity United Methodist and Fallowfield United Methodist as well as the Conneaut Lake Middle School. Hartstown Presbyterian Church's youth group provided new toys for older children. Presbyterian Church of Conneaut Lake and Hartstown Presbyterian Church made financial donations to the program. Volunteers helped out Tuesday through Friday, arranging the bags of gifts, and sorting the many new and used toys, blankets, books, and socks (over 500 pairs were collected by the CLES and the CLMS students!). On Thursday of that week, the day of the distribution of the gifts to the parents, even more volunteers came to help out. Many of the families expressed how much this program helps them and here are a few examples: "Thank u soooo much for all u do and have a very blessed holiday season" and "Thank you folks so very much!!! You have no idea what this will mean" and I just want to say thank you to you wonderful amazing people! I appreciate all you do!" Many others expressed their gratitude on Thursday when they picked up the gifts for their children. The Samaritans wish to thank all who participated in any way to make this year another successful Christmas gift-giving program. May God bless you all and may you have a safe, healthy and happy new year.

