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### JANUARY 2, 2022

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 6:30 PM  
Wednesday: 7:30 AM  
Thursday: 7:30 AM  
Friday: 7:30 AM  
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM\*

\*Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered from September - May at this Mass.

#### BEREAVEMENT CARE AND CONCERN

Call Karen Edwards at 827-2658.

#### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New parishioners are always welcome! Census forms are available at the Parish Office. Please contact our Administrative Secretary (ext. 2) in the event of an address or phone number change.

#### PRAYER CHAIN

To add a prayer concern to our list, contact Nancy Madden at 827-9774 (day) or 814-493-3841 (evening), Helen Quimby at 827-1437, or Darlene Aul at 827-7343.

#### PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Reverend Walter E. Packard  
Deacon Assistant.....Deacon Kevin Harmon  
Administrative Secretary.....Brenda Lytle  
Religious Education Coordinator.....Kathleen Puleo  
Music Ministers.....Anthony 'T.J.' Parks, Margaret Bernecky  
Maintenance.....Greg Tress  
St. Catharine's Cemetery.....Bob Beauchat

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment only.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM or by arrangement.

#### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Please let us know when a family member or friend is ill, either at home, in the hospital, or at the nursing home.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made six months prior to the ceremony.

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

If you are interested in R.C.I.A, please contact our pastor.

#### FAITH FORMATION

Religious instruction classes for youth take place at the Faith Formation Center on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM. Contact the Rel. Ed. Coordinator (ext. 4) to register.

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Submissions for the bulletin must be dropped off at the Parish Office or sent via e-mail no later than 10:00 AM on Tuesday.

**SOME THOUGHTS FROM FATHER PACKARD...**

Well, we made it! Christmas 2021 is almost a memory and we now have to practice writing a "2" instead of "1" on our letters and documents. It seems that the dates of our Christmas/New Years celebrations made the holiday whiz by so very quickly. Not only that, with Christmas being on a Saturday, we started up with celebrating the weekend the very next day. I have to thank our "Varsity Team" for their presence at our 9:00AM Mass last Sunday to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We only had one Mass last Sunday, but we had a wonderful response to our Sunday attendance. Thank you to those who were in attendance!

I also want to remind everyone that Christmas **is a twelve day celebration!** Even though we see appearances of already discarded Christmas trees on the curbs of our streets, and many of you have dismantled your artificial trees and packed them away for next year, the Church does not officially end the Christmas season until Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> when we celebrate the **Feast of the Lord's Baptism.**

This weekend we gather at worship to celebrate the solemnity of **The Epiphany of the Lord Jesus.** The word "epiphany" means the "manifestation of a divine or supernatural being". The Epiphany of the Lord Jesus Christ manifests the light that God shines on our world, a loving light that is utterly *inclusive*. In our Second Reading in our Liturgy of the Word this weekend, we hear St. Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians proclaiming: **the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise of Jesus Christ through the Gospel.** And so, our God is utterly *inclusive* in his promise of salvation.

And speaking of Epiphany, there is a time-honored tradition of blessing our homes each year on the Feast of the Epiphany. Once again we are distributing printed **Epiphany House Blessings** to be placed above the front door of your home or apartment (over the inside of your door). When you place this blessing above the door, pray the blessing prayer on the reverse side, then attach the blessing above the door. The letters **C M B** traditionally refer to the legendary names of the three Kings: **Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar** (scripture neither names them or says them nor says that there were three of them). This ritual is meant to remind households to gladly welcome everyone who comes to your door and to eagerly seek out Christ every time you leave your home. Another tradition refers to **CMB** as the abbreviation of the Latin phrase: **Christus mansionem benedicat**, which translated means: **May Christ bless this house.** Hang this blessing proudly and answer inquisitive guests' questions about what this sign means in your home! There are plenty of these house blessings to go around, so feel free to offer them to family and friends, or children away at college or living in other locations. Remove last year's blessing and replace it with these new ones. **Let the tradition continue!**

As I mentioned earlier, next weekend the Church will celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus. It's the final day of this year's Christmas season. We will be having a special ceremony to re-dedicate our recently refurbished Baptismal Font. It's very appropriate that we do this on the Feast of the Lord's Baptism. Once again, I want to give credit and show my appreciation to **Gene and Sharon Andrien** for making this project happen at St. Titus Church.

Gene spent countless hours working on rebuilding the font instead of having us replace it. We are so grateful for his labors and skill in doing this for us!

With the month of January upon us, each year in January it is St. Titus Church's turn to assist **LOVE Inc.** with supplies needed for them to provide easy to prepare meal items for the weekends. Some of the items we will need to collect include the following: **individual drink boxes, oatmeal variety packs, individual cereals, pop tarts, Chef-boyardee canned pastas. Microwaveable mac and cheese, fruit/applesauce cups, non-refrigerated jello and pudding cups, hot chocolate packets, soup, ramen noodles, instant lunches (no peanuts or peanut butter products). Non-food items accepted include: chapsticks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hats, scarves, gloves, small combs, antibacterial hand wash, and individual tissues.** There will be receptacles in the Gathering Space to collect your donations throughout the month of January. I will continue to provide a list of needed items in the bulletins for the month of January.

And finally, I want to take this opportunity to give thanks to all those who made our celebration of the Christmas season happen at St. Titus parish. My sincere thanks to everyone who sent greetings and other expressions of Christmas over the last few weeks. I thank you very much and am most appreciative! Thanks to all who helped to prepare our House of Worship for Christmas – everyone who helped to create our Church's environment for this beautiful feast; to all who helped with our Christmas liturgies – our **Lectors, Sacristans, and Ministers of Music**, and to all whose presence at worship indicated just how important Christmas is to us! I want to thank in a special way **T.J. Parks**, our Director of Pastoral Music, along with **Maggie Bernecky**, for their special music that enhanced our Christmas liturgies. Thanks to our Cantors: **Bill Stumpf, Marissa and Mariel Hanely.** Thank you to our wonderful Parish Staff: **Brenda Lytle, Kathleen Puleo and Greg Tress** (Greg's father passed away just days before Christmas but Greg made sure that our Christmas needs were taken care of!) And thanks to **Eden Lamey** of McElroy's Flower Shoppe for creating the environment for our Church during Advent and Christmas. And thanks to *all of you* whose presence at Church during Christmas made a beautiful expression of our belief in the mystery of the Nativity of our Lord – the Word made Flesh – our Emmanuel, "God with Us"!

If you haven't received a 2022 Church Calendar, please help yourself to them and place it in your home. We are grateful to the **Gordon B. Garrett Funeral Home** for making these beautiful calendars available to us!

Let us continue to celebrate the days of Christmas. May we act responsibly and sensibly to ourselves and others as we continue to battle the COVID19 pandemic. Thanks for your continued support and presence to St. Titus parish!

Have a good week!  
*Father Packard*

**WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE****Mon. Jan. 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

8:30 AM Judy Lesko (The Family of Kevin &amp; Betsy O'Neill)

**Tues. Jan. 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

6:30 PM Tom Cartney--Birthday (Mary Carol Cartney &amp; Family)

**Wed. Jan. 5 Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

8:30 AM Casey Rogalski (Mark, Susan, Kevin &amp; Tyler Tracey)

**Thurs. Jan. 6 Saint Andre Bessette, Religious**

8:30 AM Frances Schoppert

**Fri. Jan. 7 Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest**

8:30 AM Cecelia Burger (Len &amp; Hazel Spoharski)

**Sat. Jan. 8 Christmas Weekday**

4:30 PM Brian &amp; Gayle Oviatt (Family)

**Sun. Jan. 9 The Baptism of The Lord**

8:00 AM Peggy Weaver (Bill and Karen Edwards)

10:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Titus Church

**PRAYER LIST**

*For our Families and Friends:* Pauline Milberger, Carreena Ewing, Teddy Muir, Nita Ashley, Brittany Johnson, Janet Anderson, Callie, Connie Phillips, Brother Timothy Waid, Pop DeMello, Paul Pennell, Rachel Knupp, Jean Spence, Gina Green, Todd Campbell, Ruth Goodwill, Clint, Clifford J. Kirvan, Jessica & Family, Rita Homer, Ricky Reed, Katelyn Dougherty, Ed Schneider, Colleen Hofmeister, Lori Crawford, Mary Haas, Donna Noel, Mary Anne Kopper, Frank & Cindy Ruppert, Maxine Gollehon, Tom Boyle, Ted Kubiak, Clifford Johnson, Bill See, Mary Perkins, Drake Fellows, Frank Tomaino, Charlotte Randall, Kyle Lukowich, Sherry Lynn Beach, Zach Thompson, Kathy Obert, Steven Gratkowski, Teresa F., Anna Bauer, Alex Kunz, Mike Wakefield, Jim Kocan, Linda Marsh, Sharon Wirkowski, Brud & Nancy Giffin, Lilly Bailey, Pat Maginnis, Loretto Parres, Bill & Robin Amore, Beth Davidson, Valerie Boyle, Margaret Collins, Bill Hensler, Bill Stumpf, Barb Gratkowski, Patrick J. Hynes, Jr., Nancy Prenatt, Patrick Cartney, II, Tom Hasbrouck, Mandy Hanely, Marian Adelman, Sara Master, Harriett Morris, Pat Schneider, Lucille Brown, Robert Caratelli, Mary Hall

**Please call the Parish Office to add or remove anyone from the prayer list.**

***For our Servicemen and Servicewomen:* Brock Benedict, James Moyer, Derek Baldwin, Andrew Baldwin, Casey Bargar, Destiny Nicol, Christopher Macko, Robert Macko, Mathew Longiotti, Luke English, Cory Bemis, Kayla Barrett, Dr. Joseph Shevchik, Travis Pearsall, Caden Mallory, Anna Bauer, Alex Kunz, Andy Ferguson, Michael Avallone, Matthew English, Kasey Sines**

*Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen*

**PRAY FOR PRIESTS:** Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Smith, Rev. Msgr. Charles A. Kaza, Rev. F. Thomas Suppa, Very Rev. Michael T. Kesicki, Rev. William M. Laska, Rev. Chris M. Hamlett, Rev. Msgr. Bruce R. Allison

Ministry Schedule (January 8 & 9)

**4:30 PM**

Lector: Margaret Fiely  
Sacristan: Sue Enright

**8:00 AM**

Lector: William Adelman  
Sacristan: Karen Metzgar

**10:00 AM**

Lector: Bill Stumpf  
Sacristan: Chris Ditty

**OFFERTORY REPORT 12/11 & 12/12**

Envelopes	\$ 4096.00
Loose	\$ 480.00
Candles	\$ 53.00
Christmas	\$ 100.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 476.00
Flowers	\$ 350.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 1178.00
Religious Education	\$ 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6783.00</b>

**OFFERTORY REPORT 12/18 & 12/19**

Envelopes	\$ 4320.00
Loose	\$ 350.00
Candles	\$ 62.00
Christmas	\$ 240.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 120.00
Flowers	\$ 270.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 355.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00
Initial Offering	\$ 40.00
Human Development	\$ 60.00
Religious Education	\$ 85.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5912.00</b>

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/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 4:14-22a

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 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22


or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**—The sympathy of the parish is extended to the Family of **John Tress**, father of Greg Tress and the Family of **Bob Barber**, sister of Alida Burkhardt. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, and may He bless those who mourn them.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**—After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by “another way.” What in your family needs to be done “another way?” Do you need “another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn’t working. Take a tip from some wise men, there’s always “another way.”


**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**—The Epiphany is a feast of kings, camels, and stars. (Mt. 2:1-12) But what does it mean for a married couple today? Take a moment this week to look at a star together. Remember that God’s love for you and your love for each other is bigger than this world and the sky.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn the month of January in memory of **Deceased Members of the Roessner, Erickson & Keating Families** requested by Monica Roessner.



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