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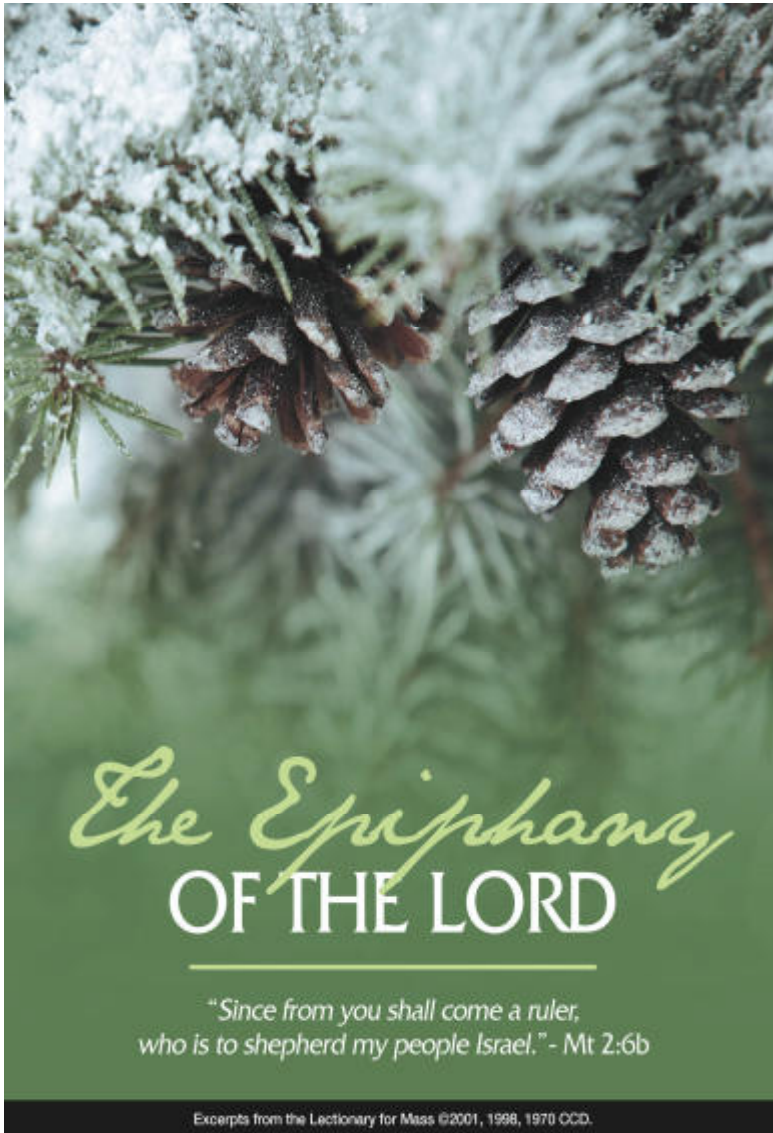
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JANUARY 2, 2022



The Epiphany OF THE LORD

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

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SERVED BY

Pastor.....**Father Daniel L. Blout**
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MORNING PRAYER (Lauds)

Tuesday 8:15 a.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Holy Days: 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday: 9 - 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY

Engaged couples, one of whom must be an active, registered, parishioner, should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the intended wedding; a date should not be set before this contact. Pre-marriage formation is required to prepare for this serious, life-long commitment.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

First-time parents and typically those who last had a child baptized five or more years ago are expected to participate in an infant Baptism preparation session. Please contact the office to request Baptism.

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION



This weekend, January 1/2, 2022 there will be a second collection for Maintenance. Next weekend, January 8/9, there will be a regular collection only.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP



Acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament resident in the tabernacle is burning this week in loving memory of **Steve LoCascio** from Laura Guskiewicz, Kimberly Yokopenic, and Annette Hitchman. Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!

THANK YOU

Saint Benedict Parish extends a warm thanks to all who purchased our \$3,000.00 Christmas Cash Give-A-Way Ticket. The winning number drawn on Sunday, December 26, 2021 during the 7 PM drawing was 280. **CONGRATULATIONS** to Bob Copelli who was the lucky winner.

MORE FLOWER DONATIONS

We add words of thanks to those already expressed for the generosity of the Parishioners of St. Benedict Parish. Your generous spirit is overwhelming. May you be blest abundantly for your contributions to beautify our church during the Christmas season. Additional donations were received in the names of: Thomas A. Ulishney & Mike & Rose Olenchock from Mrs. Judith Ulishney.

Our "Quiet Room"

There is a new room in our church – the **Quiet Room!** It is the same room as used for the Sacrament of Confession, where a large pane of tinted glass has been installed in one of the doors.

The Quiet Room provides a place for people to go when a few minutes of quiet time are needed during Mass. The Quiet Room is not meant to be a place to go to attend the whole Mass, but rather a place to use for a short period of time during Mass.

It may be used by an adult or by a child accompanied by an adult. For example, a parent may find it useful to take their child there for a short time to attend to a particular need, or an adult who is experiencing strong emotions may want to use the room for a few minutes to recompose themselves.

So, please make use of our new Quiet Room during Mass whenever you believe a few minutes there will help you!

PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE...If you have changed your **address, email address or phone number**, please let us know so we can have the correct information on file.

ONLINE GIVING - Forget your envelope? We are now offering Online Giving! Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parish. Simply go to the parish website at www.stbenchurch.org and scroll down and click on the online icon, Support Your Parish. Follow the directions.

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE INFIRM AND IN NEED OF PRAYER:



Gary Bailey
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Carole Bouchat
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Hudson Donahue
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Mary Karazsia
Sandy Kernicky
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Ray Keyser
Marlene Lauer
Bill Lozier
Donna Mikolich
Joseph Mikolich
Ray Novotny
Betty Palinkas
Agnes Passmore
Sheila Ryan
Catherine Rocker
Donny Sabol
Linda Santone
Loreen Vigne
Phyllis Winchell
Roberta Yandrick
Hilary Yeskulsy



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE January 8 & 9

5:30 PM MASS - Saturday, January 8, 2022

Logan Byrd - Server
Tim Rennie - Lector
Rick Yokopenic - Eucharistic Minister
Gene Leonard - Sacristan

9:30 AM MASS - Sunday, January 9, 2022

Owen Teslevich - Server
Julie Teslevich - Lector
Jon Teslevich - Eucharistic Minister
Sue Kosker - Sacristan



A child is a precious gift from God and baptism is God's gift wrapping. We recently welcomed

Elijah Sanner

Son of Bradley & Kristen (Macioce) Sanner

and

Evelyn Lucille Ulishney

Daughter of David & Megan (McGill) Ulishney

into the parish community through the saving waters of Baptism. We rejoice for them and their parents and all who celebrate their newborn lives in the family of God.



THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.

New Year's Blessing Of Time

Lord, You who live outside of time, and reside in the imperishable moment, we ask Your blessing this New Year's Day upon Your gift to us of time.

Bless our clocks and time-measuring devices. You who kindly direct us to observe the passing of minutes and hours. May they make us aware of the miracle of each second of life we experience. May these our ticking servants help us not to miss that which is important, while You keep us from machine-like routine. May we ever be free from being clock watchers and instead become time-lovers.

Bless our calendars, these ordered lists of days, weeks, and months, of holidays, holy days, fasts and feasts -- all our special days of remembering. May these servants, our calendars, once reserved for the royal few, for magi and pyramid priests, now grace our homes and our lives. May they remind us of birthdays and other gift-days, as they teach us the secret that all life is meant for celebration and contemplation. Bless, Lord, this New Year, each of its 365 days and nights.

Bless us with new moons and full moons. Bless us with happy seasons and a long life. Grant to us, Lord, the New Year's gift of a year of love. Amen



NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE....

Virtual Bible studies to start in January

Two new virtual Bible studies will be offered over the Zoom platform beginning Jan. 4. "The Acts of the Apostles" will be held Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. and "Samuel 1 and 2" will be held Fridays from 9:30-10:45 a.m. There is no cost, but registration and a workbook are required. The studies are offered through Journeys Online Spiritual Ministry. For more information or to register, contact Molli Vassar at 724-366-9552 or molli.vassar@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN CLERGY COOKBOOK AVAILABLE

The Diocese of Greensburg's first clergy cookbook, *Faith and Food*, is a collection of more than 40 delicious personal or family recipes submitted by bishops, priests and deacons from the Diocese. *Faith and Food* can be purchased online at www.DioceesefGreensburg.org/cookbook or by mailing a \$40 check to: Clergy Cookbook, 725 E. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg, PA 15601. Please include name and a shipping address. Books will arrive in January. Proceeds benefit the International Priest Program Endowment. To date, more than 30 international priests have served in parishes throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. Each has provided spiritual and pastoral leadership for a term of five years before returning to their home diocese.

VENDOR FAIR

A vendors' fair will be held **Saturday, Jan. 8**, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the **St. James Parish Center, Apollo**. All vendors are needed. Cost is \$15 per table (\$20 with electric). For information, call Linda at 724-882-8776.

Report for December 25 & 26, 2021

<i>Adult</i>	\$	1,408.00
<i>On-Line-Giving</i>	\$	2,005.00
<i>Loose</i>	\$	47.00
<i>Automatic Withdrawal</i>	\$	250.00
Total Offertory	\$	3,710.00
<i>Maintenance</i>	\$	50.00
<i>Children/Family Svcs.</i>	\$	985.00
<i>Christmas</i>	\$	10,315.00

**Saints & Special Observances
For the Week of January 2, 2022**

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Monday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Wednesday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday:	St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 1, 2022 - Mother of God
 9:00 a.m. +Elizabeth Shinsky (Ernest & Irene Miscik)
 5:30 p.m. +Joan Komarinski (Roberta Kubic)

Sunday, January 2, 2022 - Epiphany of the Lord
 9:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of
 St. Benedict & Our Lady of Grace Parishes

**Tuesday, January 4, 2022 - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,
 Religious**
 8:30 a.m. +Helen M. Novotny (Frank & Esther Novotny
 & Family)

Thursday, January 6, 2022 - Christmas Weekday
 8:30 a.m. +Charles Delss (George & Marlene Lauer)

Saturday, January 8, 2022 - Christmas Weekday
 5:30 p.m. +Mary & +George Yerina (Children)

Sunday, January 9, 2022 - The Baptism of the Lord
 9:30 a.m. +Steve LoCascio (Kathy Milyak)



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FINANCIAL BLESSINGS



Fiscal Year 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

Report for December 19, 2021

<i>Adult</i>	\$	<i>2,629.00</i>
<i>On-Line-Giving</i>	\$	<i>780.00</i>
<i>Loose</i>	\$	<i>160.00</i>
<i>Automatic Withdrawal</i>	\$	<i>510.00</i>
<i>Total Offertory</i>	\$	<i>4,079.00</i>
<i>Candles</i>	\$	<i>154.00</i>
<i>Christmas Flowers</i>	\$	<i>55.00</i>
<i>Christmas</i>	\$	<i>390.00</i>

In order to meet our ordinary expenses entirely from our Sunday collection, St. Benedict needs approximately \$3,515.00 per week in the regular collection.

Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Benedict Parish

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Fr. Dan Blout, Jerry Davis, Rick Hoffman, Bill Mohler, Sue Leonard, Tim Rennie & Randy Strayer

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SANCTUARY LAMP

We are offering the opportunity to have the Sanctuary Lamp (the candle next to the Tabernacle indicating the Eucharistic Presence) burn in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion. The donation for memorializing the Sanctuary Lamp for a week is \$10.00. You may call the parish office to make arrangements.

Please remember in your prayers the men and women who have chosen to bravely risk their lives for others, including all healthcare workers, police officers, armed forces, first responders, their families and their loved ones.

God has a reason for allowing things to happen. We may never understand His wisdom, but we simply have to trust His will. Circumstances will either direct you, correct you, or perfect you. Those who leave everything in God's hand will eventually see God's hand in everything. I am thankful for my struggle because with it I would not have stumbled across my strength.

Readings for the Week of January 2, 2022

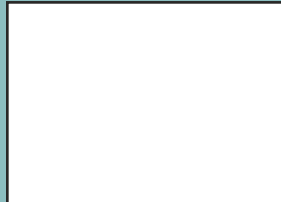
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/ Lk 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

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