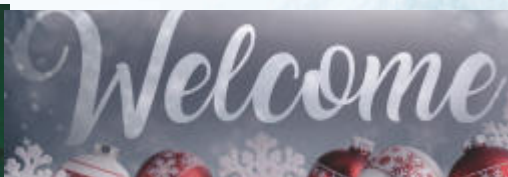
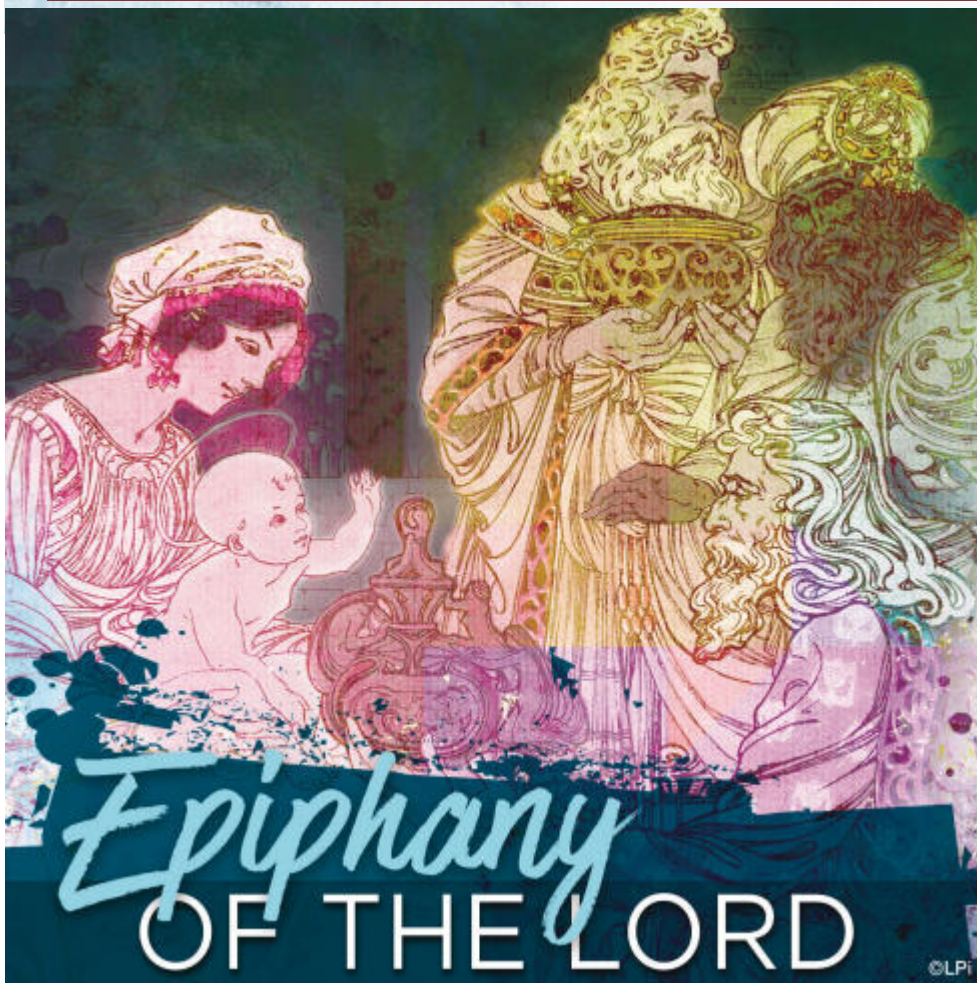


# OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 02, 2022 | EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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### **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

An active, participating member of the Parish, and thus eligible for sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and parish family discount at St. Mary's and Notre Dame, we take into account a family or individual ministry involvement, and Mass attendance. Collection envelopes or online giving receipts are the only way we can determine your attendance. Register by contacting the Parish Office.



## OUR MISSION

*TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST  
BY LIVING OUR FAITH AS A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
IN WORSHIP, SERVICE, AND SUPPORT OF  
ONE ANOTHER.*

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To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, Please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513.

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Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Weekday Mass**

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. (Chapel)

### **Weekend Mass**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

### **Confession**

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.  
or by appointment



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### MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The new Maintenance Committee will hold their first meeting on January 3rd, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. If you wish to participate, please contact Jim Carvelli or Janet Cox in the office. Meetings will be held the first Monday of each month.



Have a prayer intention or interested in being a part of the "Prayer Line" Group, Please Call  
Mary Shields @ 304-685-8252  
or  
Janet Cox @ 304-641-8696

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY/EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

#### Saturday January 1st

5:00 pm † Joe LeRoy by Jim & Rosanna Funk

#### Sunday January 2nd

8:00 am Our Lady of Perpetual Help

10:00 am † Frank J. Seti by Family

#### Monday January 3rd

9:00 am † Joe LeRoy by Jeff & Joann Barger

#### Tuesday January 4th

9:00 am † Naomi Dorsey by Mary Ellen & Margaret Ann Lydon

#### Wednesday January 5th

9:00 am † Mildred Benincosa by Patricia Reed, Jeff Benincosa & Jan McNemar

7:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

#### Thursday, January 6th

9:00 am † Chris Price by Nick & Donna Fleece

#### Friday, January 7th

9:00 am † Josephine Quinn by John & Judy Dolan

### Church Sanctuary Lamp Shines

For all souls lost to the Coronavirus

### Chapel Sanctuary Lamp Shines

For all who are sick from Coronavirus or other illness

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

#### Saturday January 8th

5:00 pm † Julia Martiska by Evelyn & Family

#### Sunday January 9th

8:00 am Our Lady of Perpetual Help

10:00 am † Joe LeRoy by John & Judy Dolan

### 2022 MASS CALENDAR OPEN FOR SCHEDULING MASSES

### STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY OFFERING

December 18/19	
Regular	\$ 9,809.05
Food	\$ 125.00
Other	\$ 432.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,366.05</b>



Attention: Please write separate checks for the Bldg. Fund

### AMAZON SMILE & KROGER COMMUNITY DONATIONS!

Amazon Smile Donation as of Aug \$102.94(qtr.)/\$181.44(yr)

Kroger Community Donation as of Sept: \$204.81 (qtr.)/\$715.19(yr)

Signing up for these programs helps our church as seen above.

See how to setup for the programs at no cost to you.



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## IN OUR PRAYERS

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\*Melva Roush  
\*Jimmy & Eric Loar  
\*Jacqueline Thomas  
\*Kim Nicholson  
\*Jim Athey

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## FAMILY OF FAITH

There will be Sunday School on January 9th

## RCIA



Friends and Family questioning your Faith? Think they might want to become Catholic?

## RCIA & RCIC REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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### LECTORS

**January 8-9, 2022**

5:00 p.m. Phil Wyatt

8:00 a.m. Rob Garcia

10:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Rawlinitis

### ALTAR SERVERS

**January 8-9, 2022**

5:00 p.m. Avaiah Martin

8:00 a.m. Kristian McLean

10:00 a.m. Kaitlyn Wagner

SCHEDULES AVAILABLE ON MOBILE APP

# PARISH MESSAGE BOARD

## HOLY HOUR



Every Week with the last Wednesday to be offered for an increase in vocations, requested by the Serra Club.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION:

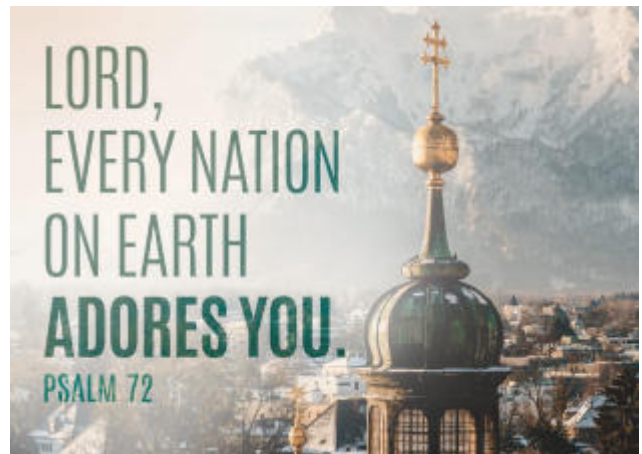
Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of January 1st and 2nd, 2022, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the recent natural disasters that have occurred in Kentucky, leaving severe damage and loss of life. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at

[www.dwc.org/disasterrelief](http://www.dwc.org/disasterrelief).

Proceeds from this collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities agencies on the ground, working in the communities affected by the tornadoes.

As we hold the victims and first responders in our prayers during these critical days, let us also spend time in prayer and discernment as we prepare for this upcoming collection. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering this horrible loss.

Please remember in prayer all those who have lost their lives in the wake of these disasters, as well as all those who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water, especially as we prepare for the Christmas Season.



## ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON | JANUARY 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

# ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

## FOR THE WEEK...

### SUNDAY READINGS

#### First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

#### Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

#### Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

#### Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

**Question:** What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

**Answer:** This is a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled. Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK



#### 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

**Saturday:**

**Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### FIRST READING:

The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time of great joy for Israel when nations and kings would come to Israel praising the Lord. How do you show gratitude to the Lord for the great joys of your life?

### SECOND READING:

It was revealed to Paul that God intended to save all people (Jews and Gentiles) through his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul tried to convey the significance of this revelation to the Ephesians by using the language of "coheirs" and "copartners." What does this language signal to you?

### GOSPEL:

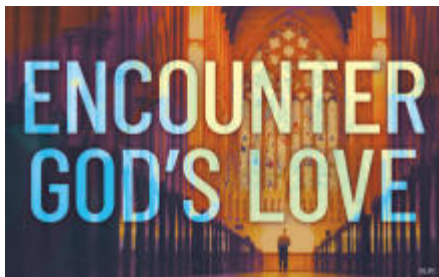
The visit of the magi is one of the most well-known stories from the Gospel infancy narratives. It was an event that manifested God's revelation of His newborn Son to the world. It also foreshadowed the threat that some would experience because of Jesus. How does Jesus challenge the status quo even today?



### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

*Thank you for continuing to wear your mask in Church. Bishop Brennan agrees that wearing a mask is an annoyance but not a grave hardship. We are honoring the Lord's command, "Love your neighbor as yourself" with these safety measures.*



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

EPIPHANY



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: THE WISE STILL SEEKS HIM:

I have a favorite story for the Epiphany. The story developed from an essay by the famous English author G. K. Chesterton. He wrote a wonderful essay on three modern wise men.

The three wise men heard that there was a city of peace, a city where there would never be wars or disturbances. The men wanted to live in that city, but to do so; they had to pass a test. They had to present themselves at the gates of the city with gifts to demonstrating that they belonged there because they were men who would ensure the continual peace of the city. So, they journeyed to this wondrous city with what, they were sure, would be gifts that would guarantee peace and earn them admission into the city.

When they got to the gates of the city, St. Joseph was there to judge their gifts. The first modern wise man brought gold. He suggested that money was the root of all wars. With the gold that he bought, people could buy all the pleasures of the world and have no need to fight. He was convinced that gold would bring peace.

The second modern wise man did not bring frankincense. He brought chemistry. He brought modern science. With his science he could drug the minds of people into a state of perpetual bliss. With his chemistry, he could seed the soil and control the population. People would then have all that they would need so they would never go to war again.

The story was developed to present the third modern wise man bringing a split atom, new myrrh, and a new symbol of death. His message was that anyone who opposed the way of peace would face death. This wise man was the father of nuclear deterrence.

After they showed him their gifts, St. Joseph refused to let any of them enter. "What more could we have brought to demonstrate that we are men of peace," they protested. "We carry with us means to provide affluence, control nature and destroy enemies." St. Joseph whispered something into the ear of each man. Then they turned and went away with heavy hearts.

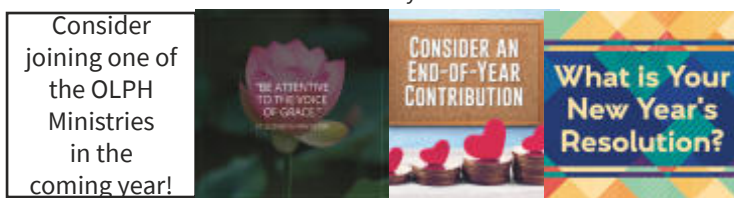
Do you know what St. Joseph told each of them? He told them that they had forgotten the child.

With all our technology, with all our affluence, with the power we have shown to dominate many forces of nature, we moderns are convinced that we are wise. The air no longer holds us to the ground. We can fly in it. The atmosphere no longer holds us to the earth. We can fly through it to the moon and beyond.

The depths of the sea are no longer mysteries. We can put on scuba gear and swim like the fish. We can enter deep submersibles and see underwater animals that have never reached the surface. We are convinced that we can find ways to ensure peace and happiness for everyone. We are convinced that we are wise.

This might all seem good, but we have forgotten the child. Peace only comes through the Prince of Peace. Men cannot create peace apart from God.

"Wise men still seek him," the old Christmas card declares. Are we wise? Do we seek him? We seek peace, but we forget the child. First, we have to find the child. Then we can enter the City of Peace.



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