

Epiphany OF THE LORD



January 2, 2022



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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 1 — Solemnity of Mary*

No Mass

Sunday, January 2

8:30 AM † Frank & Consetta Manderino & Family by Melvin Nickolich

10:30 AM † Angela Lancas by Family

Monday, January 3

8:00 AM † Metro Petrosky by Flo Petrosky

Tuesday, January 4

No Mass

Wednesday, January 5

No Mass

Thursday, January 6

8:00 AM † Andrew Terensky by Wife, Patricia

Friday, January 7

No Mass

Saturday, January 8 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Teresa Trozzi by Phil & Art Trozzi

Sunday, January 9 — The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM † Virginia Quattro by Family

10:30 AM † Watson Family by Family

***Mass for the Solemnity of Mary will be held at St. Sebastian on Saturday, Jan. 1 at 9:00 a.m.**

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 12; 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — January 8 & 9, 2022

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi	J. Dudas	M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	A. Pastella	D. DeFelices
10:30 a.m.	J. Sacco	J. Elias	E. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, January 3 — Team #6 — M. Smith

"...but upon you the Lord shines."

Each of the readings for this celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord echoes both the joy and gratitude that arise when God's light appears in the midst of human cares. Isaiah in the first reading speaks of a people reflecting the joy and enthusiasm of the return to Jerusalem and Judah after some seventy years of exile to Babylon. Epiphany is from a Greek word which means "manifestation." This reading is filled with references to light, splendor, radiance and glory. God is Light, not only for his own people but also for all nations. The Epiphany is about the universality of salvation, as exemplified by the pilgrim journey of the magi as told in the gospel. Isaiah speaks to us about the joy that can be found when we are able to recognize the light that God brings to the problems of life.



St. Paul in the second reading addresses a community of people who were distraught over many challenges that confronted them in life. They were exposed to many different religious cultures and "mystery cults." It was difficult to stay true to the message of Jesus. Paul gives us a clear statement on the church and its mission. He looked at the Gentiles as being on equal footing with believers coming from Jewish backgrounds and did not have any problem viewing them as "co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise of Christ Jesus through the gospel." Like Isaiah, Paul gives us a strong example of the universality of salvation. The gospel presents us with the all too familiar story of the Three Kings or the Magi. For centuries now people have been fascinated with the story of the Magi. Eastern Rite and Orthodox churches celebrate the Epiphany, rather than Christmas as the time of gift-giving in imitation of the Magi bringing gifts to Jesus. The star, along with the manger, has been the most popular image on Christmas cards. Ultimately this feast points to the wonder of God's plan for all people. It deals with life and all of the divisions we are faced with in our world as well as in our hearts.

Like Isaiah, it is light that guides the Magi to the Christ child, bringing them into the presence of God. These Magi are not ordinary men. The Greek word "magi" refers to a priestly cast known for their wisdom and ability to interpret dreams and decipher astrological phenomena. The gifts that they brought; gold for a king, frankincense which is a symbol of prayer rising to God and myrrh, a symbol of one who will die, suggests that these men have received a special revelation or epiphany from God as to who the child Jesus was. The Magi's journey symbolizes for us our own human experience, our journeys both physical and spiritual. In celebrating this feast today we all give witness to a universal truth based on the experience of all people and their quest to find God. Their journey reflects our own lives, our own stories, our own gifts which we bring to God.

Salvation is meant for all, if we are willing to follow God's signs of the gift. Although we may not abandon everything in life just to follow a star, the story helps us to recognize that in our daily living God does lead us. We just have to have the faith and insight to recognize that guiding light. If we walk by faith following our own stars in life who knows what might be at the end of our journey.

2022

Happy New Year!

May you have good health, good experiences, and good company.

Stewardship

Weekly Collection Dec. 20

Votive Candles:	272
Utility & Energy:	25
Accent:	85
Advent:	20
Christmas:	2,780
Christmas Flowers:	165
Solemnity of Mary:	20
End of Year Gifts:	525
Children & Adult Collection:	4,710
Online Collection:	1,315
Total Collection:	\$9,917
Children & Family	75
Eastern Europe	17
Total Collection:	\$10,009

Due to the bulletin deadline, last week's collection will be listed next week.

Tax Statements

It is that time of year when we start to think about gathering all of our "stuff" for taxes. If you would like a letter with your contributions for 2021, please let us know and we will get one out to you.

Groups

Epiphany Ladies will meet next **Sunday, January 9** at 11:30 (after the 10:30 Mass). It's been a long time. We look forward to seeing everyone. This will be a brief meeting just to get back on track and reorganize. All women are invited. Suggestions and new ideas as we go forward into the new year are appreciated.

Around the Diocese

Spread the News!

The 12 Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools now have millions of dollars in tuition assistance available! Become a **TOP Student** today. Visit www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org or call 724-552-2565.

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.DioceseofGreensburg.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.

Daily Readings

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

Faith

Feast of Epiphany



Epiphany marks the 12th day of Christmas and we celebrate this great feast day with the same awe and wonder that led the Wise Men to the baby Jesus. Coincidentally this feast day lands at the beginning of yet another new year affording all of us the opportunity to reflect not only on our lives but also to look at the coming new year with anticipation and hope. We have all seen too many people suffer and even die over the past year and a half, and we certainly could use a little hope in our lives. As we embark on a new year, we should start off recognizing just how blessed we are in life. If we become more aware of our blessings, it is much easier to deal with the difficulties of life. Nobody knows what tomorrow will bring, but as long as we work together sharing the goodness God has given us, we will always have success. I just want to say how grateful I am to all of you for the love and support that you share. I hope and pray that this New Year brings all of us many blessings and much good cheer!

Happy Feast Day!
Fr. Mike

Chalking the Door

We will have blessed chalk in baskets in back of the church. Please take a piece to bless your home this year. Epiphany is the traditional time to bless our homes in remembrance of the hospitality of the Holy Family to the Wise Men, and asking for protection and blessing on the home and all who enter.



The home blessing is done by writing on the door or door frame with chalk the symbols **20+C+M+B+22**. The 20 and 22 represent the current year. The + reminds us of the cross on which Jesus died. The C, M, and B stand for the traditional names of the Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, as well as an abbreviation for the Latin phrase "*Christus mansionem benedicat*" which means "Christ bless this house."

Pray together:

Make the Sign of the Cross
Read Matthew 2; 1-12

Pray:

"Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others
may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Chalk the door, doorframe or plaque with:

20+C+M+B+22

Pray the Our Father

Sing an Epiphany song such as *We Three Kings of Orient Are*, *Come All Ye Faithful*, *God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen* or *Go, Tell it on the Mountain*.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation: Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

Baptism, Marriage, Ministry of the Sick, please call the office.

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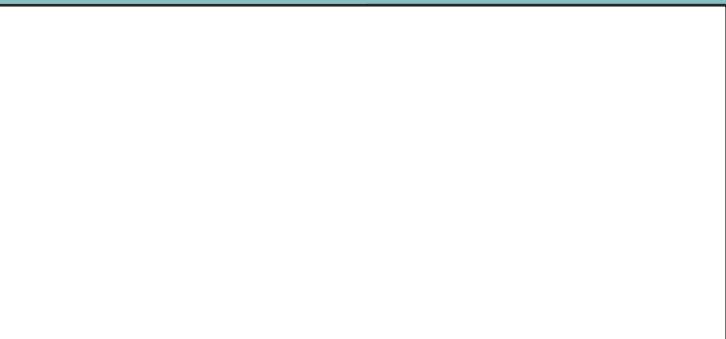
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