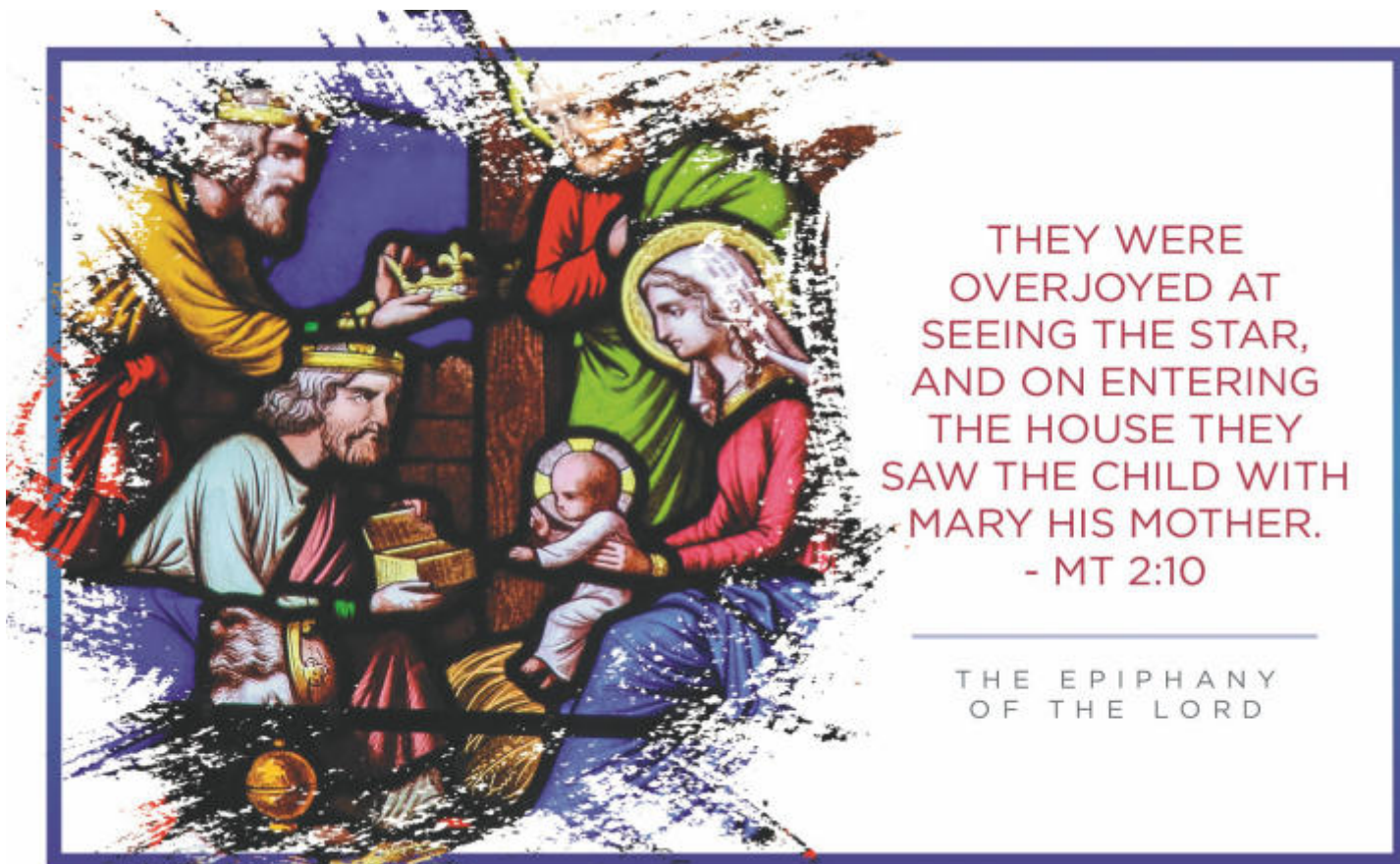


# Church of the Beloved Disciple

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THEY WERE  
OVERJOYED AT  
SEEING THE STAR,  
AND ON ENTERING  
THE HOUSE THEY  
SAW THE CHILD WITH  
MARY HIS MOTHER.  
- MT 2:10

THE EPIPHANY  
OF THE LORD

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## MISSION STATEMENT

We, The Church of the Beloved Disciple, Are Called By Our  
Baptism to Worship God through Liturgy and the Sacraments,  
to Serve Others by Ministering to the Community  
and to Actively Spread the Gospel.

**God is Good, All the Time.**

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses:

4:30pm Saturday Evening

8:00am Sunday Morning

11:00am Sunday Morning

Daily Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday — 8:00am

Thursday — 6:00pm

Adoration: First Friday of the month following morning Mass

Holy Day Masses: As scheduled in the bulletin

Confessions: Saturday — 3:30-4:15pm or by appointment

The Church is open Monday — Thursday,

9am — 4pm for private prayer



Our facilities are entirely handicap accessible.

## Mass Schedule for the Week

### Monday, January 3

**8:00am (A) Susie Allison —  
Sean and Bernadette Carroll**

1 JN 3: 22—4: 6, MT 4: 12-17; 23-25  
The Most Holy Name of Jesus

### Tuesday, January 4

**8:00am (A) Frank E. Bryer, Sr. —  
Wife Dorothy Ann Bryer and Family**

1 JN 4: 7-10, MK 6: 31-44  
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

### Wednesday, January 5

**8:00am Tommy Jordan — Bill and Judy Jordan**

1 JN 4: 11-18. MK 6: 45-52  
Saint John Neumann, Bishop

### Thursday, January 6

**6:00pm (MM) Andrew William Peck —  
Mike and Dianne Schleigh**

1 JN 4: 19—5: 4, LK 4: 14-22  
Saint André Bessette, Religious

### Friday, January 7

**8:00am In Reparation to the Sacred Heart —  
Maureen Walsh**

Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest  
1 JN 5: 5-13, LK 5: 12-16

### Saturday, January 8

1 JN 5: 14-21, JN 3: 22-30

### Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

**4:30pm In Celebration of the 90th Birthday of  
Marlene Mc Feely — From Her Family**

### Sunday, January 9, The Baptism of the Lord

IS 40: 1-5; 9-11, TI 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7, LK 3: 15-16

**8:00am Edmund Segaty —  
Daughters Amy Segaty and Helen Winger**

**11:00am For the Living and Deceased**

**Members of Our Parish**

## Please be reminded of Bishop Persico's guidelines for attending Mass.

- Please sanitize your hands before receiving Communion.
- Bishop Persico's words at the Town Hall Meeting: 'I really, really encourage you to receive Communion in the hand, out of consideration for people at this moment it would be best to receive Communion in the hand. This is about charity.'

# SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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## *A Blessing of the Home*

The Lord is with you;

And also with you.

Peace be to this house and to all who live, work, and visit here. The three wise men came to Bethlehem in search of the Lord. They brought to him precious gifts: gold to honor the newborn king, incense to the true God in human form, and myrrh to anoint his body, which one day would die like our own.

Let us pray. O God, you once used a star to show to the entire world that Jesus is your Son. May the light of that star that once guided wise men to honor his birth, now guide us to recognize him also, to know you by faith, and to see you in the epiphanies of the daily experiences of our lives.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord — Jesus born of Mary — shall be revealed. And all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

As the Wise Men once sought your brilliant light, O Lord, so may we seek to live and work in your splendor.

O God of Light, bless this house and our community of faith. May this be a place of peace and health. May each member of this community cultivate the gifts and graces you have bestowed, dedicating our talents and works for the good of all.

Make this house a shelter in the storm and a haven of rest for all in need of your warmth and care. And when we go out from this place, may we never lose sight of that Epiphany star.

As we go about our work, our study, our play, keep us in its light and in your love.

**LIFT 2021-2022 Schedule**

January 9/11	Teaching Session
January 23/25	Intergenerational
February 6/8	Teaching Session
February 20/22	Intergenerational

**Theme: The Creed—I Believe in God**

March 6/8	Teaching Session
March 20/22	Intergenerational
April 3/5	Teaching Session
April 24/26	Intergenerational

“One Sacred Community” by Mary Southard, CSJ,  
courtesy of [www.MinistryOfTheArts.org](http://www.MinistryOfTheArts.org)

**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?

**Sunday’s 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)

**Saint of the Week Examples of our Faith 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.” ©LPi

**Marriage Moment** 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.

**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.”

**Seventh Annual 138 Women’s Conference**

**Say Yes!** to the 7th Annual 138 Women’s Conference. The conference will be held from 8:30-12:30 on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This year’s conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendeby, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch. Visit our website at [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com) for more information and to register."

***Prayer Opportunities On Line:*** Please look at schedule weekly in the Bulletin, website, Facebook and Parish App to keep current. Join us as you can for the Rosary at Noon or Evening Prayer. If you have question or concerns, please contact the Parish Secretary or Deacon Owen (ext. 110).

***Topic: CBD Evening Prayer for the week of January 3rd***

***Every day, 3 occurrences***

***January 3rd, 5th and 6th***

Meeting ID: 846 9388 9873      Passcode: 346735

***Parish Book Club News:***

Our first book of 2022 will be "Coach Wooden's Forgotten Teams" by Pat Williams with Jim Denney. Besides being one of the greatest college basketball coaches of all time, Coach Wooden ran scores of summer youth basketball camps. He imparted his coaching and teaching skill to thousands of athletes and impacted hundreds of camp counselors. His wisdom and life lessons are inspiring. This is a one-of-a-kind book. Join us by purchasing this book at most bookstores or online. We will meet January 19 at 11:00 AM on line. How to connect is below. Hope to see you.

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You are invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic: CBD Book Club**

**Time: Jan 19, 2022 11:00 AM**

Meeting ID: 893 3603 3774      Passcode: 592101

***Engaged Couples: Plan Ahead for a Happy, Healthy Marriage***

The Marriage and Family Life Office is hosting an Engagement Encounter weekend this January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide engaged couples the tools for a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here's what folks have loved in the past: Time as a couple to focus on their relationship, a community that prays and has fun together, a non-judgmental atmosphere, the chance to set a good foundation for their marriage, and the opportunity to retreat from busy wedding details and enjoy each other. Learn more or register at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!



**Angel Tree Thank You!**

Thank you to our amazing parish for supporting all our community needs over the Christmas season. Your generosity allowed us to make Christmas brighter for children in the Grove City area. So many young lives were affected by your kindness and love. Your support didn't stop there. We also were able to give each cottage at George Junior Republic a large gift box filled with games, snacks, blankets and more!! Again thank you, thank you thank you!!!

### *Gospel Meditation - Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture*

#### **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. ©LPi

#### ***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. ©LPi

### *Everyday Stewardship - 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 ©LPi

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Envelopes Used: 70 Online Givers: 35**Yearly Budget: 535,176.00****Weekly Budget: 11,149.50****December 19, 2021****Our Total — 5992.00****Offertory — 4496.00****Loose — 346.00****Monthly — 850.00****Sister Parish — 65.00****Capital Needs — 300.00****Religious Retirement — 1155.00****We have only met 54% of our budget!****Thank you so much for your continued generous support!**

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**New to our Community? Join our Parish!**

Welcome to our parish! Please contact the parish office for an appointment to register. We hope you will become a part of our parish family!

**Mission of Friendship/Sister Parish** For over thirty years, the Church of the Beloved Disciple has shared its resources with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Colonia, Mexico, which is located within the Archdiocese of Yucatan. We continue to offer them our heartfelt prayers and affection.

**Sacramental Preparation** For all Sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Penance, Marriage and Holy Orders; or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), please call the parish office for information and assistance.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick** We are pleased to visit the sick or home-bound and administer the sacraments. Please contact the parish office to make the staff aware of your need. NOTE: Due to privacy laws effecting hospitals and care facilities families are asked to make our parish office aware of an admission so we don't miss visiting the sick.

**Stewardship** We ask that all families commit to sharing their time, talent and treasure to express their love of the Lord and His Church. All parishioners have something to offer to our Church; every gift is valued and appreciated.





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