

# Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

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# January 2, 2022 · The Epiphany of the Lord

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St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry 724-836-0175

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#### **Church Hours**

#### Saturday Vigil

4 p.m.

\* Interpreted Mass for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing.

**Sunday** 

8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

#### Live-Streamed

Parish website, Facebook or YouTube. 4 p.m. and/or 10:30 a.m.

Weekday

7:00 a.m. M-W-F

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Noon to 1 p.m. Saturday in the Day Chapel

#### **Private Prayer Schedule**

The church is open Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Access limited to Gathering Space and Devotional Area

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#### FIRST READING

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

(Is 60:1)



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



#### SECOND READING

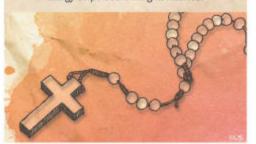
It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)



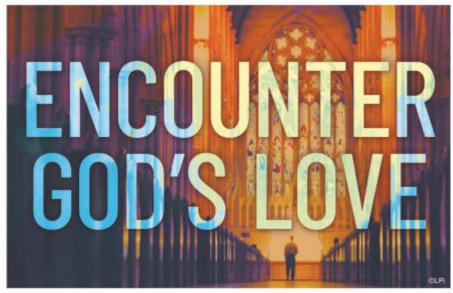
#### GOSPEL

"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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# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



#### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

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.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 1**

10:00 a.m. Timothy Grohal

(Solemnity of Mary) by Norreen Grohal & family

4:00 p.m. Florence & Charles Palangio,

James Sinwell & Dolores Becker

by Rose Marie Sinwell

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 2**

8:00 a.m. Joanne Wass

by Donna & Vince Petroy

10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the DeHennis &

Frelin families by Virginia Frelin

Mario Paulone 6:00 p.m.

by family

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 3**

7:00 a.m. Pauline & Charles Kozak

by Jim & Sue Obringer

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00 a.m. John & Viola Emili

by Jerry & Barbara Emili

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

7:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Hanke &

LeJeune families

by Neil & Sharon LeJeune

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**

4:00 p.m. Paula Steele

by Pat & Chris Cepullio

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 9**

8:00 a.m. Peggy Bell

by Thomas

10:30 a.m. Donald Dlugos

by Jim & Darlene Evans

6:00 p.m. For the parishioners of Our Lady of Grace

& Saint Benedict churches

#### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

We offer to parishioners the opportunity to have the Sanctuary Lamp, indicating the Eucharistic Presence of Christ in the tabernacle, 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. Request forms are available in the Gathering Area of the church and also on the parish's web page.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Jim Ahearn Mildred Andrykovitch Gary Bailey Estelle Dannhardt Flora Fannerella Jerry Feret Pat Feret

Norma Japalucci Joan Ross Donny Sabol Richard Sackett Linda Santone Phil Sinclair Shawn Teamann

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Family members may add loved ones to the prayer list by contacting the parish office. Names will be removed after one month, unless you notify the office.

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

Jake LeJeune - Marines John Petrucci - AF Baylee Gardner - AF CPO Cole Terrell - USN Peyton Smith - Nat. Guard Lt. Col. Thomas Naughton - AF Capt. Thomas Shine - AF CPO Eric Cain - USN

Sean Bialecki - AF Tara McGuire - Nat. Guard Zachary Daigle - Army Nathan Daigle - Nat. Guard Ryan Daigle - Army

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Guard

Staff Sgt. Nicholas Baker - AF

#### ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

#### Suzanne Fox

Adeline Castellano

Sara Chislock

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, continue their journey to new life in the presence of God in the heavenly kingdom.

#### VISITS TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Monthly visits to the sick & homebound by a lay minister of communion are resuming. Homebound ministers may contact Fr. Ignatius at the parish office with any questions.

Fr. Ignatius and Fr. Dan will provide Anointing of the Sick or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, if requested. If you or your loved one are in need of this spiritual care, please contact the parish office.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Parish Support — December 19, 2021

Offertory (from mail & collection basket): \$ 8,959.00 **Online Giving:** 6,247.00

\$ 15,206.00

Parish Support — Weekend of December 24-26, 2021 Christmas (includes Online Giving): \$18,559.00

Children & Family Services (includes Online): \$2,546.00

December 26

Sunday Offertory (from mail & collection basket): \$ 5,904.00 Online Giving: 5,334.00 \$ 11,238.00

#### MASS BOOK OPEN

Our parish office has opened the Mass Book for 2022. Mass Request forms are available in the Gathering Area of the church and also on the parish's web page. Intentions must be submitted in writing using the Request Form and must include the Mass stipend of \$10 per Mass. PLEASE READ THE GUIDELINES printed on the back of the form. No Mass requests will be accepted over the phone.

#### 2022 Lenten Fish Fry

A general information meeting is scheduled in Shepherds Hall on Thursday, Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m., to discuss the upcoming Fish Fry. *The meeting is open to all parishioners*. This is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer, make new friends and provide your valuable input. Please mark your calendars to attend!

#### PACK-A-BAG FINAL REPORT

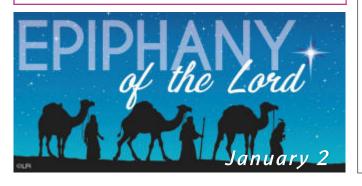
We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who provided prayers, gift cards and encouragement to our adapted Pack-a-Bag program this year. Through your generosity, and additional help from the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Our Lady of Grace, we were able to provide \$25.00 Shop 'n Save gift cards to all of the 206 families who are clients at the food pantry at Our Lady of Grace. With all of the challenges that we, as a nation, have faced during the past two years, we were truly happy that we were able to provide this extra Christmas surprise to our clients. Thank you to Fr. Dan, Fr. Ignatius, and the parish staff who provided additional support. We pray that you all receive God's richest blessings during 2022!

#### Flowers on the Altar

If you would like to donate flowers to decorate the parish altar for a particular weekend in memory of someone or in honor of a special occasion, please call the Parish Office to make sure that date is available and to give



us the appropriate information. Your memorial or special occasion will be listed in the bulletin for that particular weekend.





God of heaven and earth,
you came to us and took our earthly flesh
through the gift of Mary's yes.
She is our Mother in faith,
as she is your earthly mother.

We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior.

Through her self-giving,
we have been reconciled to you.

Bless us as we begin this New Year and endow us with the desire and ability to create a world of peace.

We ask all this, through the intercession of Mary to you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



#### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



This past month, Caritas Internationalis (the official humanitarian and develop-

ment organization of the Catholic Church) launched a campaign that puts two important papal encyclicals into practice to care for our common home and people living in poverty. This campaign, titled "Together We," is about Integral Ecology — the fact that we are all connected to each other and to our Common Home, the earth. The inspiration and motivation behind the campaign title reflects the ambition to put the Papal Encyclicals of "Laudato Si" and "Fratelli Tutti" into practice as one human family. The campaign aims to bring people together to carry out new actions and initiatives, especially at the grassroots level, which combat poverty, restore dignity to the excluded, and protect nature in the spirit of Integral Ecology. This will be our way of responding to Pope Francis' invitation to create a new kind of solidarity. Please visit <a href="https://www.caritas.org/TogetherWe/">www.caritas.org/TogetherWe/</a> to get involved.

#### Liturgical Ministers Jan. 8-9

#### 4 PM Mass

EM: Toni Herroscheck
EM: Carol Teacher
EM & Sacristan: Kristen Sepesky

Lector: Dave Karr
Servers: Needed
Teen Servers: Needed

8 AM Mass EM: Needed EM: Needed

EM & Sacristan: Nancy Anderson

Lector: Needed Servers: Needed Teen Server: Needed 10:30 AM Mass

EM: Joe Dlugos EM: Susanne Mayhugh EM & Sacristan: Needed

Lector: Janice Lantz Servers: Dlugos Teen Server: Jody Dlugos

6 PM Mass
EM: Needed
EM & Sacristan: Needed
Lector: Needed
Servers: Needed

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Teen Server: Needed

**Vendor fair at St. James Parish, Apollo** — 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, \$15 per table (\$20 w/electric). Information: Linda at 724-882-8776.

Rummage sale Jan. 8 at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift — A rummage sale will be held Saturday, Jan. 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 9, noon-1 p.m. Many new items will be available, and Christmas items will be 50% off.

Laurelville Retreat Center will offer a winter youth camp Jan. 14-16 for ages 8-17, open to individuals and church youth groups. The camp will feature winter activities, worship, music and Bible lessons. Cost is \$135 and includes two nights in a cabin and meals. For information, visit <u>Laurelville.org</u> or call 724-423-2056.

The Catholic schools of the Diocese of Greensburg are accepting applications for substitute teachers. Please send a current resume to the Office of Catholic Schools at CatholicSchools@dioceseofgreensburg.org. For information, call 724-552-2594.

**Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill speakers available** — The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill offer speaker programs to parishes and organizations. Topics include prayer, human trafficking, the pandemic and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. For topics or to schedule a speaker, contact Sister of Charity Colette Hanlon at 203-809-1574 or <a href="mailto:charlon@scsh.org">chanlon@scsh.org</a>.



Did you know, because of your generosity to our St. Vincent de Paul, local children who are food insecure receive a bag of food for over the weekend?

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#### THE LEGION OF MARY

Invites you to pray the Rosary every Thursday, 10 a.m. in Shepherds Hall.

#### ALL ARE WELCOME!

Many graces are given by our Blessed Mother when we pray the Rosary! A short meeting will follow the Rosary.



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# **DISCIPLESHIP & EVANGELIZATION**

# SACRED STEPS TO SACRAMENTS

#### **Preparation for Baptism**

First-time parents and typically those who last had a child baptized five or more years ago are expected to participate in a Baptism preparation session. Due to covid-19, the prep session will be offered online. After contacting the office to request Baptism, you will be provided with the information to complete the online preparation. Both parents are expected to participate in the prep session.

#### First Reconciliation & Communion

Our next Sacrament Prep sessions will be held on *Monday, Jan. 31, and Tuesday, Feb. 1, from 6:30-8 p.m.* in Albanese Hall. Please choose the night that best fits your schedule. A parent must attend with their child. Contact Kelly Dembiczak at the parish office, Ext. 17, with questions or concerns.

#### **Confirmation**

If you have a teen currently in 8th grade or above who has not yet received this Sacrament or is not currently in preparation for this Sacrament, please contact Katrina at the parish office, Ext. 16, to be included in the 2021-2022 preparation group.

#### Sacraments for Adults who were Baptized Catholic

If you are an adult who has not received one of your Sacraments of Initiation — First Eucharist or Confirmation — you are invited to join other adults from the parish who will be completing their Sacraments of Initiation during the 2021-2022 academic year.

#### **Sacraments of Marriage**

Prior to setting a wedding date, please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance so that all of the formation and paperwork can be completed.

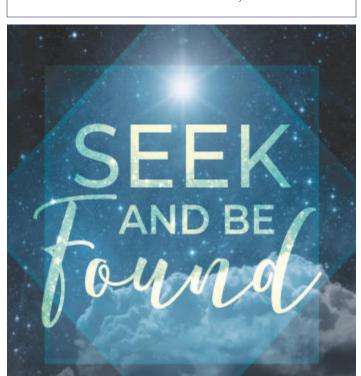
# January Children's Ministry

**January 9 & 23** 

Grades 2nd-5th: 9-10:15

a.m., Shepherds Hall

Grades PK-1st: 10:15-11:30 a.m., Albanese Hall



# DID YOU KNOW?

We have opportunities for everyone to grow in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Children's Ministry For children in Pre-K thru 5th grade

Meets 2x per month

Fulfills pre-requisite for Sacraments for those not attending Catholic School

Youth Ministry For teens 6th-12th grade

Meets weekly

Fulfills pre-requisite for Confirmation for those not attending Catholic School

Young Adult Ministry For young adults 18 yrs old (graduated) thru 39 yrs old

Meets 1x per month

Gathers with young adults from our area parishes

Adult Ministry For all adults who want to grow in their faith Gathering times vary by series and groups

Consists of Fall and Lenten series, Mom's Group, Men's and Women's Groups

All ministries will be resuming in Fall 2021!

Check out the parish website for the most up-to-date information!

For Children's Ministry contact Kelly Dembiczak at x 17

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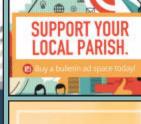
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