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Diocese of Pittsburgh

January 3, 2021

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9:00 a.m. Saint Boniface Church

10:30 a.m. Saint Peter Church

11:00 a.m. Saint Cyril Church

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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January 3, 2021—The Epiphany of the Lord

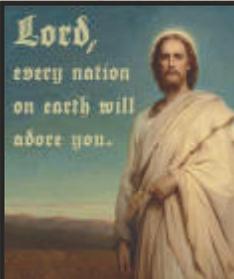
Reading I: Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their

nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.

Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.



Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, every nation on Earth will adore You.*

Reading II: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. 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.

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the

scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*"

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out.

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from Heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in

accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

SAINT MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL, DEFEND US IN BATTLE. BE OUR PROTECTION AGAINST THE WICKEDNESS AND SNARES OF THE DEVIL; MAY GOD REBUKE HIM WE HUMBLY PRAY; AND DO THOU, O PRINCE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST, BY THE POWER OF GOD, CAST INTO HELL SATAN, AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS, WHO PROWL THROUGH THE WORLD SEEKING THE RUIN OF SOULS. AMEN.



This week, the Sanctuary Candles in our church buildings are lit in honor of the

St. Cyril Church: Ed Parrendo (Friend, Dorothy)

From the Desk of Father Nick



With the celebration of today's Feast of the Epiphany, for many the Christmas season draws to an unfortunate close. The trees will soon be taken down, the poinsettias will quickly disappear, and the three kings who have finally found their way to the manger will be scurried off to a storage box until next year.

The real journey of the wise men, however, was not so brief. After following the star to the place where Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus were and laying their gifts before the Lord, they made their way back home fulfilling an important task: making known the coming of the Messiah! Until the wise men arrived, the birth of the Christ was known only to Mary and Joseph, the angels and the shepherds, and those who would have happened upon the manger. The news may have spread throughout Bethlehem, but not much farther beyond that. But the three kings, returning to their far away homeland, spread the news of Christ's birth to the farthest corners of the earth.

As others have continued on since the birth of Christ, the task of the wise men has now become our own. In word and in deed, we must strive each day to make Jesus known in the world to those we meet. Of course, unlike the wise men, we carry more than a message. In fact, we carry the love of Christ himself in our hearts and there is no greater gift we can share.

In order to fulfill this task, we don't need to travel afar like the wise men. Instead, making the love of Christ manifest to others starts in our homes with our families, and among our friends, and in our workplaces. That is why the tradition of blessing houses at Epiphany came to be. The home should be the place that Christ dwells and is made known. From there we go out with our hearts and minds fixed on the Lord and make him known to others.

Consider praying this prayer of blessing in your home that God may dwell therein throughout this year. May your home be a place of refuge for you and all who enter in. May Christ dwell with you so that, enfolded in his love and mercy, you may share his peace with others!

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 live here and all who visit. May we rejoice in good health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that your love at work within us may be shared with all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God bless!

Fr. Nick



Reflection: **Epiphany**

“We come to adore Him”

As this invitation was exchanged among Three Kings in the gospel today, so it should be encouraged among all people today. God reveals His love to all mankind. In no way does God’s love become a monopoly, selective or exclusive to a small group or segment of society. The joy of Christmas becomes more fruitful or meaningful when all are touched by and respond to the Birth of Christ. No one should be left behind or out. In fact, this feast is often considered the Christmas for the Eastern Church.

Epiphany means revelation or manifestation.

The star that guided the Magi to the manger was in the sky, high above any political divisions, ideologies, times, nationalities, races or interests. “Let us come to adore him” also implies that we need to follow the footsteps of the Three Kings to worship together. Without the light of Christ or guidance of His star, we can easily get lost or be misled. Like the Three Kings, we the parishioners of Christ Our Savior Parish celebrate this “Epiphany” when we are able to come together to worship God.

May we may set aside our own egos or inconvenience so that we can adore God together. If our faith has been challenged by such difficulties, we are not different from the Magi, who had to travel years ago from a long distance, asking for directions and overcoming all kind of hostility and fears prior to worshipping God together.

May Christ continue to be the light and the star for our parish vision and unity.

Fr. Dam Nguyen

Mass Schedule for the Week of January 3, 2021

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
Sunday, January 3 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12 	4:00 p.m. (vigil)	St. Cyril	Mary Smigiel	Rich & Darlene
	9:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Dorothy McKeen Parker	Betty Muschar
	10:30 a.m.	St. Peter	Francisco Sanchez	Josie McClelland & Family
	11:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Tom Shaughnessy	Donna Masur
Monday, January 4 Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Deceased Member of Lazzaro & Lebee Family	Bill & Sandy
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Robert Ehrenberger	
Tuesday, January 5 Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Betsy & Joe Cervone	The Bendtsen's
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Living & Deceased Parishioners	
Wednesday, January 6 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Frank Newell	MaryAnn & Joe Protolipac
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Antoinette Schmidt	
Thursday, January 7 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Kyle Struver	
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Ruth Hardesty	
Friday, January 8 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16	9:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Wanda Chovanec	
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Carl Jadowiec & Family	
Saturday, January 9 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Ruth Hardesty	
Sunday, January 10 The Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/ Mk 1:7-11 	4:00 p.m. (vigil)	St. Cyril	Rose Gizzo	The Hamas Family
	9:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Bernice Strahler	Alex & Carol Leonard
	10:30 a.m.	St. Peter	James McClelland	Wife & Children
	11:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Renee Rodrigues	Family



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Raised Episcopalian in colonial New York City, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a merchant. The couple had 5 children. William died in 1803 in Italy, where Elizabeth learned about Catholicism from the family who gave her hospitality. Wars had bankrupted the family's shipping business.

After becoming a Catholic in NY in 1805, the now-poor Elizabeth was abandoned by old friends, but accepted the offer of a Baltimore priest to open a school for girls there. In 1809 she founded the U.S. Sisters of Charity, whose schools and orphanages grew in number. She became the first native-born U.S. saint in 1975 and is the patron of converts.



Saint John Neumann, A native of Bohemia, entered the seminary and was nearing ordination when he departed for the United States. He served as a priest in NY, MD and PA. In 1852, he was named the 4th bishop of Philadelphia. He founded more than 50 churches and greatly expanded Catholic education. John had a fondness for immigrants and knew six languages. His pastoral zeal was evident up to his last moments of life. He collapsed and died at age 48.

For Our Beloved Deceased:



Ruth Hardesty
Wanda Chovanec

*May those who were united with Christ
in a death like His, also be one with Christ in His resurrection.*

Parish Food Bank

The Christ Our Savior Food Bank is located in the garage adjacent to Northside Catholic Assumption Academy on the campus of the Saint Cyril Worship Site in Brighton Heights. It is held on the 2nd Monday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. The Food Bank is hoping to reach more people in need of our help. We have staples such as canned goods, cereals, pastas, and fresh fruits, vegetables, and breads courtesy of the St. Vincent de Paul “Spark of Hope”. Call the parish office with any questions. **Cash donations are accepted in the offertory basket at any time or can be made through a link on the parish website.** Food is collected in the Food Bank bin in the vestibule of each church. Any **in date** food items can be left there. We are unable to use any out of date or opened containers. *Thank you for your help.*



Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the churches for Christmas and to all who organized and participated in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Covid and wintry weather made everything more challenging this year. Your dedication, time, and talents are greatly appreciated!

Thank you!



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2 May all unborn children be protected in law and welcomed in love.

Prayer For The Unborn Child

God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Good Tidings

Deepest thanks to everyone who participated in the Christmas Eve dinner for our senior parishioners. Our amazing meal team produced enough sliced ham, and homemade scalloped potatoes, cornbread pudding and green beans almondine for over 200 meals. (All done with a small group of cooks to be mindful of pandemic guidelines.) Thanks as well to so



many wonderful bakers who donated an estimated 2,000 cookies to be shared in the dinners! The talent, creativity, and love poured into the cookies was evident. We also thank the drivers who, gratefully, only had to deal with rain, but who made it throughout the North Side and North Hills with the packages. And finally, thank you to our seniors - for accepting this gift from your parish family! Let us all continue to keep each other in prayer, and remain as the light of Jesus' love in the world.

Amen!



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Sacraments

Baptism: Please contact Jean DiDonato for information of the requirements, conditions and options for baptisms. Classes for first time parents can be taken before or after their child's birth.

Matrimony: Arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please contact the parish office.

Sick and Shut-ins: The Sacraments are available to those who are unable to celebrate Mass due to sickness or age. To make arrangements for visitation to your home, call the parish office.

Sacramental Sponsor: To be a Sacramental sponsor, one must be a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish.

Stewardship Update

December 20, 2020

Offertory—\$10,451.00

Parish Share—\$1,545.00

Building Fund—\$50.00

Flowers—\$145.00

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2nd GRADE

It's hard to believe that we are in the new year already! We hope you had a blessed holiday season. Second grade at Northside Catholic Assumption Academy has been learning about the sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation of making their First Reconciliation in February. Please pray for the children. We have been working hard on regrouping in addition and subtraction in math and learning about matter in science. We would like to wish our student teacher, Ms. Shaniqua Houston, the best of luck in her teaching career. Ms. Houston has been with second grade since September learning the ins and outs of teaching. We will miss her and her enthusiasm in the classroom. For more information on our preschool through 8th grade Christ centered school, give us a call at 412-761-5043!



Happy New Year to our Parish Family!



Northside Catholic Assumption Academy is looking for someone to help work in our Afterschool Program.

The paid position is Monday – Friday 2:30 – 6:00. Applicant must have all diocesan clearances.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Rosanne Kwiatkowski at 412-761-5043 or rkwiatkowski@ncaacademynow.org

Are you looking for a Christ centered, academically challenging, safe environment, and welcoming school for your child? Come and see Northside Catholic Assumption Academy! We offer full day 3 and 4 year old preschool programs, as well as the traditional half day two or three days a week. Our preschool through 8th grade boasts small class sizes – our largest class is 24 and the smallest is 13. Your child will receive individualized attention so that he or she can thrive! Our teachers are more than just certified by the state and accredited by the Diocese. They are dedicated teachers with an average of 20 years of experience in the Diocese. Our school is supported by the Extra Mile Education Foundation and has low tuition - \$3,600 for one child and \$4,200 for two or more children and generous financial aid. For more information on our school, give us a call at 412-761-5043 or email rkwiatkowski@ncaacademynow.org.



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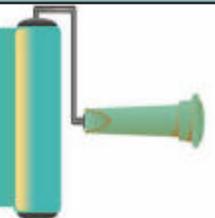


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