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Botticelli, Adoration of the Magi, 1470s. Tempera on panel (43% x 52% in). Galleria degli Uffizi, Florence, Italy.



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OUR MISSION

Saint Noel is a Catholic Community committed to inspiring worship, gracious welcoming, and earnest service, all for building God's Kingdom.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday [Vigil] 5:00 PM • Sunday 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday • 8:30 AM

[No Mass on Thursday]

RECONCILIATION

Saturday • 3:30 PM—4:30 PM

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 1

5:00 PM Eleanor Reilly†

Sunday, January 2

9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Noel

11:00 AM No Mass Intention Scheduled

Monday, January 3

8:30 AM For the Intentions of Lucy Donmoyer

Tuesday, January 4

8:30 AM No Mass Intention Scheduled

Wednesday, January 5

8:30 AM Bob Wollen†

Friday, January 7

8:30 AM Basler Family†

Saturday, January 8

5:00 PM Marjan Kosem†

Sunday, January 9

9:00 AM John & Joyce Garbo†

11:00 AM Parishioners of St. Noel

†denotes deceased

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember to pray for all our sick and recovering parishioners, families, and friends. Hospitals do not notify the parish of admissions. Please call the office if you would like someone added or removed. Names will be left on for three months, unless otherwise notified:

Charlotte Daprano, Tom Kicher, Lillian Ondercin, Marie Vittori, Joan Mihalcik, William Lange, Mary Hanko, Valentina Giovanna Leahy, Jerry Armbruster, Linda Mersek, Rose Drenski, Gayle Miragliotta, Patti Burhenne, Alica Garbo, Leah LaRiche, John LaRiche, Mary Ann LaRiche, Joe Campagna, and Fern Woldman.

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COLLECTION THE WEEK OF

12/5/2021 - 12/11/21

General Fund Collection: \$14,070.75

Catholic Education Fund: \$1,510.00

TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$15,580.75

Social Justice Fund: \$3,809.20

Donations toward the roof: **\$171,740.00**

(to date, since 16 December 2019)

Thank you! May you know the reward of your goodness.

ADORATION OF THE MAGI • BOTTICELLI

Sandro Botticelli's **Adoration of the Magi** containing portraits of his contemporaries as well as a generally accepted self-portrait, was probably executed in the 1470s, early in his career. The scene takes place in a shed with a broken stone wall at the right. New branches emerging from the block of stone, like the peacock, denote rebirth and immortality. Referring to Christ's death, on the other hand, is the traditional morning pose of Saint Joseph, who stands behind the Virgin and Christ under the radiant star of Bethlehem. The elevation and setting of Mother and Child replicate that of the altarpiece itself elevated on the altar in the chapel. The crumbling arches at the far left signify the decline of pre-Christian Rome.

The eldest king, kneeling in front of Mary, bears the likeness of **Cosimo de' Medici** of the Medici family. He holds the feet of Christ, which he covers with a veil in the manner of a priest with the monstrance containing a consecrated Host. Many of the figures bear the resemblance of Cosimo's sons and grandsons, including the second king kneeling in the center with the red mantle. The art historian, Vasari, describes the heads in this scene as indescribable. "Their attitudes are all different, some full-faced, others in profile, some in three-quarters, some bent down, and in various other ways. The expressions of the attendants are both young and old and greatly varied, displaying the artist's perfect mastery of his profession. It is a marvelous work in color, design, and composition." Standing to the far right is a young man in yellow who gazes out of the picture. This is a convention of self-portraiture in the Renaissance, and the figure has thus been assumed to be Botticelli himself.

This altarpiece was dedicated on the feast of the Epiphany. The patron, **Gaspere di Zanobi del Lama**, had made a fortune through business connections with the Medici family and his position as broker for money changers. It was commissioned for his funerary chapel in Santa Maria Novella. The work is now on display in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy.

Last week, on the feast of the **Holy Family**, one of the few paintings Michelangelo ever painted was featured on the cover of the bulletin. Having forever considered himself a sculptor above all else, Michelangelo despised painting. Around 1503, he was commissioned to depict the Holy Family, the "**Doni Madonna**." It is a powerful triad compressed into a tight foreground space. Mary sits on the ground, a reference to her humility and her role as the closed garden. She twists

WEEKLY READINGS

(S) Solemnity • (F) Feast
(M) Obligatory Memorial • (m) Optional Memorial

2 Sunday: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (S)

Is 60: 1-6
Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2: 1-12

3 Monday: Christmas Weekday; The Most Holy Name of Jesus (m)

1 Jn 3: 22 — 4:6
Ps 2: 7bc-8, 10-12a
Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25

4 Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (USA) (M)

1 Jn 4: 7-10
Ps 72: 1-4, 7-8
Mk 6: 34-44

5 Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop (USA) (M)

1 Jn 4: 11-18
Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13
Mk 6: 45-52

6 Thursday: Christmas Weekday; St. Andre Bessette, Religious (USA) (m)

1 Jn 4: 19 — 5:4
Ps 72: 1-2, 14-15bc, 17
Lk 4: 14-22a

7 Friday: Christmas Weekday; St. Raymond Penyafort, Priest (m)

1 Jn 5: 5-13
Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20
Lk 5: 12-16

8 Saturday: Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5: 14-21
Ps 149: 1-6a, 9b
Jn 3: 22-30

9 Sunday: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (F)

Is 42: 1-4, 6-7
Ps 29: 1-4, 9-10
Acts 10: 34-38
Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22



sharply back toward a herculean Christ, who seems to be supported by Joseph. The massive chiseled appearance of the draperies is as characteristic of his paintings as it is of his sculptures, and their sharp edged quality is enhanced by strong color.

In the background, a young John the Baptist gazes toward the Holy

Family, and five nude youths pose by a wall. The energy inherent in the poses, draperies, and monumental forms of Mary, Christ, and Joseph contrasts sharply with the languid background nudes. These have been variously identified in light of Neoplatonism, juxtaposing paganism with Christianity, and as an image of salvation. However, the iconography of the work has remained elusive. Some have even proposed, that since Michelangelo preferred the human form to nature, the upright nude youths take the place of any need for trees or landscape. This piece is also featured in the Uffizi, Florence.

In 1505, Michelangelo was summoned to Rome by Pope Julius II, to design and carve his monumental tomb. The original plan called for a free-standing, three-level structure with some 40 statues. The fate of Michelangelo's venture changed when after spending eight months choosing Carrara marble, the pope demanded the artist's attention turn to the Sistine Chapel: four years of painting in wet plaster to fresco the world's most famous ceiling. The tomb wasn't completed until 1545, but on a much reduced scale. The most famous sculpture associated with the tomb is his figure of Moses.

Fr. Terry

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD. AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

Our deepest sympathies to **Jim** and **Norma Mlinac** upon the death of Jim's brother, **Andy Mlinac**. Please keep these individuals and their loved ones in your prayers.

WORSHIP AID

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today's Missal (TM)
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ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

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PSALM 72

LORD, every nation on earth will adore you.

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WHAT CHILD IS THIS

COMMUNION CHANT • TM #90

THE FIRST NOWELL

SENDING FORTH • TM #89

WE THREE KINGS

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for the 2022 calendar year are available for scheduling. Please stop by the parish office, **Mon – Fri, 8 AM to 4 PM** to schedule a Mass for your loved ones, both living and deceased.

SYNOD • 2021-23

COMMUNION • PARTICIPATION • MISSION

The Lord, your God is in your midst ... he will rejoice over you with gladness ... he will renew you in his love (Zephaniah 3:17).

The Synod to which Pope Francis has invited us, offers the opportunity for a real moment of prayer and opening to God in our midst. Each listening session calls us to gather, listen, and discern what it means to be Church and where the Holy Spirit is calling us. Today, we announce the opportunity for two listening sessions to be held on **Wednesday, January 12** at:

9:30 AM — 12:00 NOON

6:00 PM — 8:30 PM

All are welcome to join us at either time for this chance to listen in a spirit of prayer, and dream about the Church we are called to be. The information gathered from these sessions will help us discern how we can move forward together as a parish community, as well as a diocesan and universal Church.

Please **RSVP** by **Jan. 4**, by logging on at:
<https://stnoel.breezechms.com/form/fb6ad3>

Each session will begin with light refreshments. If you are unable to attend on Jan. 12, but would still like to be involved, please, still RSVP and select that option.

Continue to keep an eye on our bulletin, emails, website, and Facebook page for more information on the Synod process at St. Noel. If you have questions, please contact **Michele** at mbaetzold@stnoel.org or **440-946-1128**, opt. 3).

*** If you are concerned about gathering at this time, additional opportunities will be offered between now and the end of March, as parishes have been offered an extended deadline.**



CHRISTUS MANSIONEM BENEDICAT

20 + C + M + B + 22

MAY CHRIST BLESS THIS HOUSE

The feast of the manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated on the twelfth day after Christmas, January 6. In the dioceses of the United States, this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. If a priest is not present, a parent (or another adult) may lead the blessing. Here is an abbreviated version of the blessing for families to use in their home.

Begin with the Sign of the Cross, and all pray in silence for a moment. Then, the leader prays:

O Lord, Almighty God, bless this house, that it may become a shelter of health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to the commandments, and thanksgiving to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Upon this house, and those who dwell herein, may your blessing remain forever. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The leader takes the blessed chalk (or the sign prepared with adhesive) and all proceed to the entrance of the home. While all look on, the leader reads the corresponding words as the numbers, crosses, and letters are inscribed (or as the sign is affixed).

The final inscription on the lintel (molding) should read:

20 + C + M + B + 22

LEADER: The three wise men: Caspar
(**C** is inscribed on the lintel)

Melchior,
(**M** is inscribed)

and Balthasar
(**B** is inscribed)

followed the star of God's Son who became man two-thousand
(**20** is inscribed on the left)

Twenty-two years ago.
(**22** is inscribed on the right)

May Christ bless our dwelling,
(**+** is inscribed after the **20**)

and remain with us throughout the new year,
(**+** after **C**)

and grant that our comings and goings
(**+** after **M**)

will be in search of truth.
(**+** after **B**)

The leader continues:

Almighty God, incline your ear. May you bless us and all who are gathered here. Send your holy angel who will defend us and fill with grace all who live here.

May the Lord ✠ bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

A suitable hymn may be sung, i.e.: We Three Kings

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We served 208 people in December. **Currently, we need “chunky” soup, pasta sauce in jars, and jelly.** Bring your donations directly to the parish and place them on a bench in the hallway off the narthex. You can support the pantry online at: <https://stnoel.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/SocialJusticeCollection>. Thanks to all who have donated.

GED

The AERC resumes again this week. Please keep our students and tutors in your prayers. Contact **Anthony** if you're interested in learning about this ministry.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Our first Neighbor to Neighbor meal of **2022** is scheduled for **Thurs., Jan. 6**. Winter coats and other outerwear will be available. Dinner is served at **6:00PM** and any parishioners are warmly invited to join their community neighbors for a delicious meal.

DISASTER RELIEF

Catholic Charities, USA serves those throughout our country impacted by natural disasters. We remember our brothers & sisters in Kentucky and the surrounding states. To donate financial assistance, visit [CCUSA Disaster Relief - Campaign \(catholiccharities.us\)](https://catholiccharities.us).

PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer shawls are available for anyone in need of comfort and the loving embrace of God. Come to the parish office to obtain a shawl for you or someone you love.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of altar servers for all of our weekend liturgies. Altar serving is open to anyone age 10 (or in 4th grade) and older: kids, teens, and adults. All are welcome. Serving is a wonderful way to fully participate in liturgy. Parents, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, why not consider serving with your child? Parent/child server teams would be a wonderful way to grow in faith with your child and a beautiful symbol to the parish. If interested, please call the parish office, **440-946-0887**.

DIVORCE RECOVERY FOR CATHOLICS

Struggling with separation or divorce? Join us for Divorce Recovery for Catholics, an 8-week support group program that will meet via Zoom Saturday mornings from **10 AM - Noon**, beginning **Jan. 8** and concluding on **Feb. 26, 2022**. At the 4-week point, the group will determine if they will continue to meet on Zoom or switch to in-person at St. Noel Parish in Willoughby. Sessions focus on relevant topics, provide valuable information and direction, and the tools for coping with this life-changing experience. Being part of a group provides the opportunity to share experiences, support, and encouragement. Registration is required. Please visit our website, Divorced-Separated.net to register or contact **Karen** at kjubeck@st-gabriel.org or **440-352-8282**. Please note the **Jan. 6, 2022 Holiday Helps Meeting at St. John Vianney Parish has been cancelled**.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT GRATITUDE

Your generosity to the 2021 Christmas Project is overwhelming. You gave **\$12,743** in gift cards and monetary donations that made the Christmas Season brighter for **46 families (198 people)**. On Fri., Dec. 10, families referred by our food pantry, produce distribution, and community members picked up envelopes of gift cards to Giant Eagle and Walmart, enjoyed a coffee bar that included doughnuts donated by **Patterson Fruit Farm**, and took home bags of fresh apples, bananas, and oranges donated by **Mario Fazio's Restaurant**. Thank you to these businesses and to our entire parish family for being a source of light and love at this holiday time and all year round!



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