

The Church of Saint Anne



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The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 2, 2022

** Parish Office Hours **

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:
8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

(Out for Lunch: Noon until 1:00 p.m.)

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. until Noon;

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.
Noon until 1:00 p.m.

Evenings by Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Weekends: Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8 AM & 11 AM

Weekdays:

Monday & Thursday 8 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:

Consult the Mass schedule in the
bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Parish Telephone Numbers:

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724-872-3486

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724-984-9255



Website: www.stannerostraver.org



*May the Lord bless you and keep you,
May His face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you,
May He look upon you with kindness,
and give you His peace. AMEN.*



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 1

There is no 4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 2

8:00 a.m. Allen Shobe-Ken & Carol Yanik

11:00 a.m. Pete & Jean Zelenko-Ilona Stack & Family

Monday, January 3

8:00 a.m. Helen Bucci-Chuck & Irene Coulson

Please pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Private.

Tuesday, January 4

Mass is celebrated at Holy Family Church, West Newton, at 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 5

Mass is celebrated at Holy Family Church, West Newton, at 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 6

8:00 a.m. Deceased of the Yancich & Damich Families-Matthew Damich

Please pray the Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Private.

Friday, January 7

7:00 a.m. — 8:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Private Adoration

8:00 a.m. Maria & John Gulya
Daughter, Irene Hora & Family

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 8

4:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Pirilla & Seydor Families-Pam & Mitch Seydor

Sunday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Parish Family

11:00 a.m. John Melvin & Pauline Ellin
Michael & Kelly Ellin & Family



Christmas Flower Gifts In Memory of
 ...Maria & John Gulya by Daughter, Irene Hora
 ...Agnese Pancoast by Rose Marie Capul
 ...A.J. Capul by Rose Marie Capul

“BE THE LIGHT”

2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Diocesan Goal: \$53,521.00

Received to Date: \$57,005.00 (over the \$57,000 mark!)

Any amount over and above the Diocesan Goal will be sent back to the Parish.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY participants meet on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Church. All are welcome.

The ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR FLOWERS or SANCTUARY CANDLE may be offered in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please call the Parish Office early in the week for an upcoming week-end.

DISCIPLES OF PRAYER—Do you need someone to pray for you, a loved one, friend, or for your special intentions? Please call the Parish Office for this request.

NEW PARISHIONERS: You are warmly welcomed to the Parish. Register online by using the Parish Website, www.stannerostraver.org, or by calling or visiting the Parish Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Articles must be printed, typed and submitted by Noon on Tuesday.



IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, remember our parishioners who are ill, those who are homebound and all those who need our prayers.

PRAYING THE ROSARY—Please tune in the following channels on the radio or TV at the designated times:

Radio Channel: 106.7 FM

Monday through Friday @ 11:00 a.m. & 11:00 p.m.

EWTN Cable

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.—Rosary and Devotions (after Mass)

Monday through Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday and Saturday: 3:30 p.m. (from Lourdes)

Monday through Friday: 3:30 p.m. (Mother Angelica)

Sunday through Saturday: 9:30 p.m. (Mother Angelica)

Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ EWTN Cable

Sunday through Saturday: 3:00 p.m.

BAPTIZED INTO OUR FAITH FAMILY recently



was Nolan Charles Gruber, son of Frank and Jacquelyn (Bindus) Gruber. Congratulations to the parents, and we ask God’s continued blessings on the family.

JANUARY 2, 2022

SUNDAY & DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 2

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

Monday, January 3

212: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6;
Ps 2:7bc-8,10-12a, Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday, January 4

213: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4,7-8;
Mk 6:34-44 or See 737-742, esp.
Sir 26:1-4,13-16 or 1 Cor 13:4-13;
Ps 128:1-5; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, January 5

214: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
See 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 (722:4);
Jn 10:11-16 (724.10) or 719-724

Thursday, January 6

215: 1 Jn 4:29—5:4;
Ps 72:1-2,14,15bc,17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 7

216: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15,19-20;
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 8

217: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a,9b;
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, January 9

21: Is 42:1-4,6-7; Ps 29:1-4,9-10;
Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16,21-22 or,
in Year C: Is 40:1-5,9-11;
Ps 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30;
Ti 2:11-14,3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16,21-22

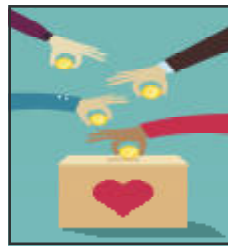
PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, December 19 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

164 Regular Sunday Adult Envelopes:	\$ 5,228.00
Loose:	\$ 142.00
Votive:	\$ 128.75
Christmas Wafers (Oplatki):	\$ 48.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 165.00
added to that previously reported, \$1,375.00,	
total of \$1,540.00	
3 Poverty Relief Envelopes:	\$ 35.00
added to that previously reported, \$889.25,	
for a total of \$924.25	
12 Immaculate Conception Envelopes:	\$ 175.00
Tornado Relief:	\$ 1,004.00
Total:	\$ 6,925.75
Online Giving, 12/14/21 thru 12/22/21:	
37 Regular Sunday Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1,291.00
1 Children & Family Services Envelope:	\$ 25.00
added to that previously reported, \$40.00,	
for a total of \$65.00	
4 Nativity of the Lord Envelopes:	\$ 295.00
added to the online gift of \$20.00, plus the	
amount previously reported, \$470.00, for a	
total of \$785.00	
2 Christmas Flower Envelopes:	\$ 30.00
1 Air Conditioner Offering Envelope:	\$ 30.00
1 Catholic Accent Envelope:	\$ 12.75
Grand Total:	\$ 8,609.50

Sunday, December 26 ~ Feast of the Holy Family

118 Regular Sunday Adult Envelopes:	\$ 3,289.00
Loose:	\$ 125.00
Poor Box:	\$ 80.00
Votive:	\$ 139.70
Christmas Wafers (Oplatki):	\$ 82.00
Tornado Relief:	\$ 450.00
added to that previously reported, \$1,004.00,	
for a total of \$1,454.00	
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 130.00
added to the online donation of \$30.00 plus	
the amount previously reported, \$1,540.00,	
for a total of \$1,700.00	
1 Poverty Relief Envelope:	\$ 5.00
added to that previously reported, \$924.25,	
for a total of \$929.25	
Total:	\$ 4,300.70
Online Giving, 12/23/21 thru 12/27/21:	
35 Regular Sunday Adult Envelopes:	\$ 986.00
2 Children & Family Services Envelopes:	\$ 35.00
Tornado Relief:	\$ 50.00
12 Nativity of the Lord Envelopes:	\$ 1,140.00
Grand Total:	\$ 6,511.75



EPIPHANY PRAYER

For those who seek a Saviour, we lead them to the stable to the One who was born to bring freedom, forgiveness, liberty. For those who seek assurance, we lead them to the light to the One who opens eyes to understanding, God's Word, Truth. For those who seek forgiveness, we lead them to a grace beyond comprehension to wholeness, healing, peace.

REMINDER

The Front Entrance Doors are locked for daily Mass and for private prayer during weekday Church hours. Please use the elevator lobby door at the side entrance to enter the Church for daily Mass or if you wish to pray privately. Please exit through the same door that you entered.

Child Protection Act—As the obligation to attend Mass is lifted and more and more families with young children are present, and because of our support of the Child Protection Act, it is recommended that a parent always accompany a child to the restroom downstairs in the Social Hall.

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FOR YOUR AWARENESS, as activities are being planned for the year, it is appreciated that the Parish Office be alerted if the Conference Room, Social Hall or the Church needs to be occupied for any meetings, events or activities to avoid conflicts. These events are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

TO ACCESS ON-LINE GIVING FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS, visit:

www.stannerostraver.org, select "donate" in the upper right hand corner of the home page, link to osv.hub.com, (Our Sunday Visitor), select the preferred donation box and choose "give now."

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Feast of the Epiphany

(Isaiah 60: 1 – 6; Ephesians 3:2 – 6; Matthew 2:1 – 12)

How well do we know the story of Epiphany? How many of us think of a Christmas-card image of three kings, wearing crowns – much like in our display, here in church – and possibly riding camels, and following a star towards a stable in the distance? In fact, the Gospels simply describes them as “wise men,” doesn’t specify any particular number who arrived, or how they arrived. There are thought to be three because there were three gifts for the Baby. The tradition that the magi were kings dates from around the 6th century; so also their names of Melchior, Caspar and Balthasar. Matthew’s description of the wise men as coming from “the East” probably referred to Babylon (modern day Iraq) or Persia (modern day Iran). Babylon had a tradition of astronomy and the means to study the stars. Yet some of the earliest images of the magi in churches show them in Persian clothing.

The gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh had symbolic meaning. Gold meant Kingship and power. Frankincense, a highly fragrant & aromatic gum that was burned in temple worship to God, symbolized holiness and righteousness. Myrrh, an embalming spice, meant death – thus foreshadowing the execution of Jesus. But the greatest significance of the story is that it highlights that non-Jewish people from across the world recognized Jesus as King soon after His birth. Ironic as it may seem, the Jewish people, who had all the prophets foretelling the coming of the new Messiah, and what would announce His arrival, totally missed the event – only the shepherds recognized His arrival. And then there was Herod – jealous and fearful of a tiny new-born child, so tiny that it could do no harm. The wise men were the first to reveal Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ.

Today’s joyful celebration reminds us that for God there are no foreigners, no outsiders. The shepherds teach us the importance of a quiet stillness and peace that needs to be scheduled into our busy lives so that we can hear the voice of God speaking to us and guiding us. The wise men teach us that Jesus came for all peoples, of all nations, of all races. This was similarly announced by Simeon when the parents Joseph & Mary took the Child Jesus to the Temple for the prescribed Presentation, and Simeon said – *Now, Master, You can let Your servant go in peace. For my own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of EVERY People: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.*

For you and for me the call is to live our lives in such a way that in our words and action to people, and about people, we will never behave in any way except as caring brothers or sisters of one another. It is also a time to focus on healing the divisions of prejudice and bigotry that we all too often create between God’s children. We are in the Season of Peace that celebrates the birthday of the Prince of Peace. This past week, as we celebrated the Holy Day of Mary, under the title of Mother of God, we heard how the Church’s Bishops call us all to be peacemakers in the world, as well as to pray for peace.

Continued in the next column...

At the Epiphany, the Light of a Star guided the wise men to the birthplace of Jesus. They, then, took the message of Good News along the way as they made their ways back home.

We, on our Baptism, received the Light of Christ. May we also be bearers of that Good News to all people – that God is for everyone.

In our lives today this feast of the Epiphany is not just another feast, not just the end of the Christmas story. It carries a message and a challenge for us now. The wise men from the east are the outsiders. They are the strangers. They are not familiar people. They are not what we expected.

The gold represents new wisdom. Are we willing to learn new things, or do we insist on keeping faith only with what is old? Incense speaks of worship and calls us to worship God better than we do, both in liturgy and in life! Myrrh reminds us always of the price we must pay for anything worthwhile. It is hard to change. We resist, but we shouldn’t.

These are questions for the Church to consider on this day of the visit of the Magi. Who has no role to play in Church life? Who is not included? What are we prepared to change? Will we welcome new ideas and new ways? As we challenge ourselves as Church, so we must challenge ourselves as individuals. Our great inspiration in this is no less a person than Saint Paul.

Let us pray for the Conversion of the World and for peace.

Feasts celebrated this week –

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821)
Tuesday, January 4

Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, SC, was a Catholic religious sister in the United States and an educator known as a founder of the country’s parochial school system. She was a convert to Roman Catholicism and the foundress of the Sisters of Charity. She is also the first person born in the United States to be canonized a saint. She is proclaimed to be the patron of bakers, countesses, death of children, falsely accused, the homeless, nursing services, tertiaries, widows and young brides.

St. John Neumann (1811-1860)
Wednesday, January 5

John Nepomucene Neumann CSsR was a Catholic priest from Bohemia. He immigrated to the United States in 1836, where he was ordained, joined the Redemptorist order, and became the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. In Philadelphia, Neumann founded the first Catholic diocesan school system in the U.S. He was the first American man to be canonized a saint and is the patron of sick children and of immigrants.

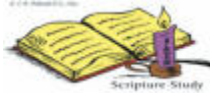
WITH MUCH GRATITUDE—The Rostraver Food Bank is grateful to those who so generously donated to the Food Bank during the Thanksgiving season. The monetary donations totaled \$1,968.00. Thank you for being generous to such a worthwhile cause.

JANUARY 2, 2022

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY—"CHOSEN"

Sessions will continue this Thursday, January 6, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please contact the Parish Office, 724-872-3555, or Laretta Stanley, 724-787-1989, for more information.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN EACH SUNDAY DURING THE 11:00 A.M. MASS**

All children ages 5 through 11 are invited to participate in this beautiful ritual of proclaiming God's Word with Children appropriate to their understanding. They are sent in a group with their leaders before the readings and return to their families after the Creed. No sign-up is necessary.

A **Youth Mass** is planned on the last weekend of every month at the Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m. This Mass gives the students the opportunity to participate in the various liturgical ministries as lectors, servers, ushers and greeters and to accept other responsibilities. This monthly Mass will alternate between St. Anne and Holy Family churches. The next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday, January 30, at 11:00 a.m. here at the Church of St. Anne. We commend the students for taking a role in active ministry in the Church.

FAITH AND FOOD COOKBOOK—The Diocese of Greensburg's first clergy cookbook, *Faith and Food*, is a collection of more than 40 personal or family recipes submitted by bishops, priests and deacons from the Diocese. These books can be purchased online at

www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/cookbook

or by mailing a \$40.00 check to Clergy Cookbook, 725 E. Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, PA 15601. Please include name and shipping address. Books will arrive in January. Proceeds benefit the International Priest Program Endowment.

FAITH FORMATION

Please refer to our website, www.stannerostraver.org, for information on 2021/2022 classes and sacramental preparation schedules. Classes resume:

- Today, Sunday, January 2,
 - for grades 1, 2 & 3;
- Tomorrow, Monday, January 3,
 - for grades 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you are interested in seeing if the Catholic Faith is right for you or if you need to "catch-up" on your sacraments, please contact Director of Faith Formation, Angela Ehrhardt, in the Office of Faith Formation, 724-872-3486 or aehrhadt@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2021: Should you require a statement of you contributions for the year 2021 for income tax purposes, please call the Parish Office, and it will be mailed to you.

VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE FOR LENT will be held on **Wednesday, March 16**, from **12:00 Noon until 6:00 p.m.** Some appointments were made at the recent blood drive; however, those who would like to donate may call 412-209-7000. You may also visit

<https://donateblood.centralbloodbank.org> and select "Donor Login" if you have donated before. If you have not donated before, choose "New Donor." At the "Schedule your Appointment Today" screen, scroll down and enter Group Code G0040250.

NEEDED—WEB CONTENT CREATOR FOR OUR PARISH—As the Diocese is migrating the content of parish websites from SharePoint 2007 to SharePoint 2013 in the very near future, there is a desire to train someone for this position. Those interested may talk to Father Dave or call the Parish Office, 724-872-3555, for more information.

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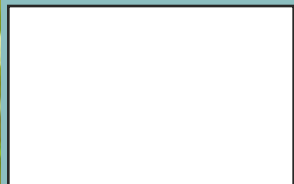
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