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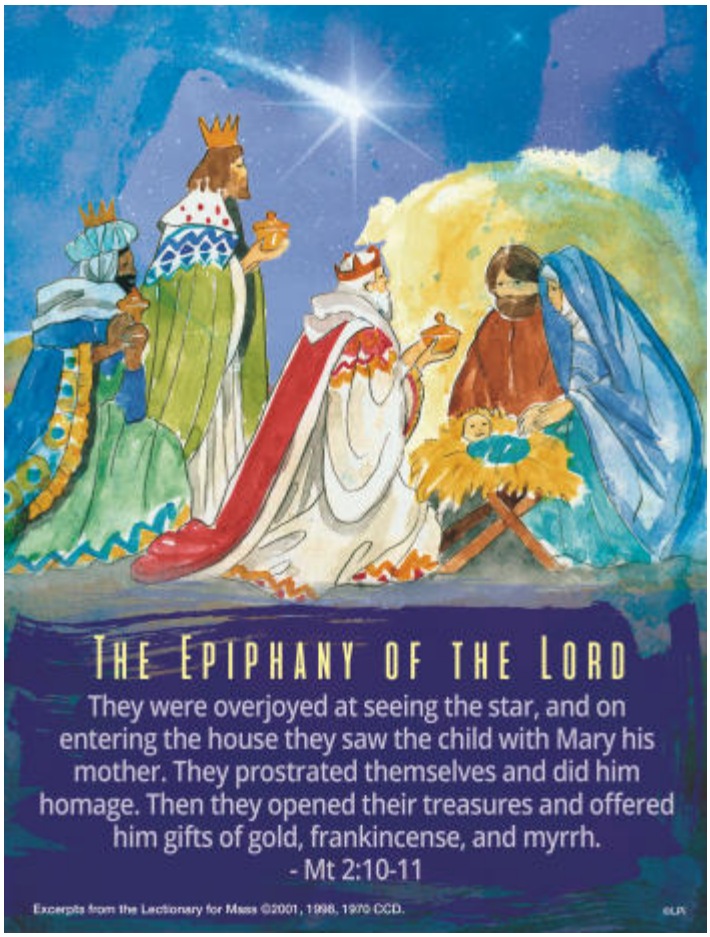
The Epiphany of the Lord



Adult Inquiry for the Church (RCIA)

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Are you already a baptized member of the Catholic Church, but have not completed the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Then the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is for you. The RCIA is a process for unbaptized adults as well as those baptized in another denomination or those who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) to:

-learn more about the Catholic faith;
-enter into the Catholic Church and/or
-complete the sacraments of initiation.

It is also an opportunity for us who are members of the Church to refresh our knowledge of our faith and explore our faith in greater detail.

We will begin our RCIA process in January due to Covid concerns at this time. If you are interested please contact Joyce Bujak at 734-697-3879 (land line) or at bujakjoyce@yahoo.com (with RCIA in the subject line) with your name and phone number/and or email address and we will contact you with registration information.

Join Us!

Parish registration forms are in the pamphlet center between the doors. Complete both sides of the form and turn it in to the parish office. Welcome to our Church!

St Vincent De Paul Giving Tree Update

On behalf of SVDP, a big "Thank You", to our parishioners for their generosity.
We were able to make 53 children happy this Christmas. Again, Thank You!

Parish Mission Statement *- We, the community of Ss. Simon and Jude, a family in communion with Jesus Christ, continuously strive to achieve a unified and active parish through our commitments to compassion, continuous growth and community outreach. We pledge to achieve our mission by establishing open relationships of trust in each other in order to selflessly serve our diverse membership.*

Christmas Flower Remembrances

Thank you for your generous donations for our Easter Flowers. Donations made "*In Memory Of/In Honor of*", are listed in parenthesis.

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Lend a Hand

Our after mass sanitizing groups could use one or two more volunteers--especially after Saturday mass. Please call our coordinator, Johanna Gajda at 734-326-8044.

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The Epiphany of the Lord

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"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." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

This Week in Our Parish

Saturday, January 2, Sts. Basil & Gregory
4:30 p.m. Mass
† Don Murphy, Req. by Joyce Bell
† Marie Wasierski, req. By Orville Bezemek
5:30 p.m. Confessions
Sunday, January 3, Epiphany
10 a.m. Mass
† Sr. Anthonita Porta, Req. by the Parish
Monday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
No Mass
Parish Office and St. Vincent de Paul Open
Tuesday, January 5, St. John Neumann
No Mass
Wednesday, January 6
No Mass
6:30 p.m. Reconciliation Liturgy
Thursday, January 7
No Mass
Friday, January 8
No Mass
Saturday, January 9
4:30 p.m. Mass
† Sr. Gerald Mulvanny, Req. by the Parish
5:30 p.m. Confessions
Sunday, January 10, The Baptism of the Lord
10 a.m. Mass
† Ronald Mazurek, Req. by Kathy Mazurek

Eucharistic Ministers needed! Call Mary Porter at 734-560-1603.

Lectors/Commentators needed! Call Kathy Lancaster at 734-729-5277.

Sanctuary Lamp

†Russ Lozon, req. by Chris Dixon
(December 27 thru January 10)

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021
Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5- [3)]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

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Schedule of Masses:
Saturday afternoon.....4:30 p.m.
Sunday morning .....10:00 a.m.

Baptism
Parents intending to have their infants and children (ages 0-5) receive the Sacrament of Baptism, must first be a registered parishioner. There is an additional requirement of attendance of one class of instruction the Tuesday evening before the scheduled baptism. Baptisms are during the Mass the third full weekend of the month alternating each month between Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please contact the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Reconciliation
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Saturdays at 10 a.m. or by appointment. There is a Reconciliation Liturgy the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., unless there is a holiday conflict. There are additional reconciliation services scheduled during Advent and Lent.

Anointing of the Sick
This is primarily a sacrament of physical healing and spiritual strengthening. The sacrament is administered to those facing serious surgery or illness. If you desire this sacrament, please call the Parish Office. We offer a communal Anointing service in the spring and fall.

Marriage
Couples desiring to marry should contact Fr. Joe by calling the parish office. Arrangements must be made at least nine (9) months prior to the wedding. The couple (or one party) must be a registered parishioner.

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