

January 7, 2018

Epiphany of the Lord Solemnity



Magi From The East Follow A Star

The persons who came from the East to pay homage to the newborn *King of the Jews* are shrouded in mystery. The Gospel says nothing about their home country, their status nor their names. The story of the Magi is a symbolic expression of the revelation of God to the whole world. God made the good news of Jesus' birth known to the Magi by a suitable sign, which guided their journey. The story represents the religious quest of all human beings for God. The Magi disappeared as mysteriously as they appeared in the story. God ordered them in a dream not to return to Herod. They departed for their country *by another way*. In a sense all our encounters with the Lord in the celebration of the Liturgy directs us too to return to our daily occupations by another way.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of
Dr. Hugo J. Strieder by his family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, January 10
8:00 a.m. Emma & Robert Lukas
Thursday, January 11
8:00 a.m. Annie Kozelsky
Friday, January 12
8:00 a.m. Ella & August Baranosky, Helen Kubicek,
Ella Migl, Amelia Schumann
Saturday, January 13
6:30 p.m. Sophie & August Kasper
Sunday, January 14
6:30 a.m. The Deceased of the Evelyn & Frank Darilek
Family
9:30 a.m. Willie Bartos

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

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BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

Bulletin Sponsor – January 14, 21 & 28
– February 25
Sanctuary Light – February 25
Altar Flowers – January 13-14, 20-21 & 27-28
– February 10-11

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Altar Society Meeting, 2 p.m., Family Room
– Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
WEDNESDAY – Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass
– Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
– Men's A.C.T.S. Team Meets, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Parish Hall
THURSDAY – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency call the Parish Office at any time.

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Olga Maresh
and for the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.



**The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory the Muehlstein & Anderle Families.**

REFLECTION

The Manifestation of Christ to the World

Epiphany means “manifestation,” referring to the appearance of Jesus. The significance of this day is not just the arrival of the Magi, but also the coming of Gentiles to adore the coming of the newborn King of the Jews. The event recognizes Jesus’ rule over the entire world.

All the readings for today reveal, in a way, a different manifestation of who Christ is for all who believe. The first reading from Isaiah lays before us the image of light, proclaiming that our light has come, that it shines upon us, and that it is a beacon for all nations. In Saint Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul speaks of Christ as the one who gathers all to share in the same promise, the same inheritance, making them members of the same body. The gospel recounts the wonderful story of the Magi, who recognize the “newborn king,” and who come to worship him.

Led by a star the Magi come in search of the infant king. They represent all who search for truth in the wonders of creation and in the wisdom of their own cultures of origin. Because they searched with eyes of faith they were able to recognize the gift of God when they found him, even though Jesus did not conform to their initial perception of a king.

They came from the far corners of the earth. They were Gentiles who followed the light and who found the new king whose reign would bring justice and righteousness into human affairs. They returned home, enlightened by their visit to God’s place of revelation. Their encounter shows that in Christ the light of God is given to all people of goodwill: Jew and non-Jew alike.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan. 7 – Eugene Anderle
Jan. 8 – Margaret Chudej
Jan. 9 – Tony Yanez
Jan. 10 – Cody Bartos, Christina Fojtik
Jan. 12 – James Fikac, Maggie Mejias, Kevin Sturm
Jan. 13 – Michael Darilek, Joseph Wenske

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jan. 7 – Beth & Aaron Gaertner
Jan. 8 – Martha & James Filipp
Jan. 11 – Joyce & Kenneth Hanzel
Jan. 13 – Congratulations Lillian & Steve Fojtik
on your 45th Wedding Anniversary

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D. Resumes
Jan. 8 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Jan. 10 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program; 9-11 C.C.D.
Next Sunday – No C.C.D. (Stock Show)

ORIENTATION

The Epiphany of the Lord: The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The Solemnity of the Epiphany marks the apex of the Christmas Season. The Feast of Epiphany celebrates the universal saving concerns of God, which are shown in Jesus. It attests to the universal scope of Jesus’ mission and God’s all-inclusive plan of salvation. All human beings have worth and dignity; all have value and are intended to enjoy God’s gift of salvation.

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK: JAN. 7-13

Many Journeys, One Family

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. This year’s theme draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another.

Unfortunately, in our contemporary culture we often fail to encounter migrants as persons, and instead look at them as unknown others, if we even notice them at all. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, as fellow children of God, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious or fearful of them. During this National Migration Week, let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as community members, neighbors, and friends.

Prayer

Merciful and Loving Father, we beseech you, open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality and refuge to immigrants who are lonely, afraid, and far from their homes.

Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst, to invite them into our communities as a demonstration of Christ’s love for us. We pray that when we encounter the other, we see in her the face of your Son, when we meet a stranger, that we take his hand in welcome.

Help us to live in solidarity with one another, to seek justice for those who are persecuted and comfort for those who are suffering,

We ask this 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.



Congratulations
Lucy Schoenfeld
on your 100th Birthday, January 7, 2018