

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
Weekend of January 14-15

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

5:00 KAY McMULLIN

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00 MARIE D. CARNEGIE
8:30 BEN ZARRELLI
10:00 FRED & JOHN BUZZARD
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 MARY SULLIVAN
5:00 TERRY WALSH

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00 IMMACULATA PENNETTE
9:00 NED THOMPSON

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 GERALDINE MORRIS
9:00 CHARLES DONOHUE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00 COLLEEN CALLAHAN
9:00 ROSARIO BADER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00 NICHOLAS SOCCI
9:00 MICHAEL & VINCENZA NICOLAIS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00 STELLA POLEDNAK
9:00 GUIDO LAMBRAIA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 BESSIE ALTHOFF
5:00 GUIDO & VELIA ANGELI

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 JOSEPH MASTROPASQUA
8:30 AUGUSTINE APPIGNANI
10:00 JOHN McGOWAN
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 ANNA HELEWA
5:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

Saturday, January 14

5:00 Frank Ponterio Mary Ann Gambardella

Sunday, January 15

7:00 Theresa Zulch
8:30 Kennedy Apoe Evelyn Bilotto
10:00 Roy Hansen John Caban
11:30 Maria Montuori Joan Hughes
1:00 Charles Sullivan Maureen Driscoll
5:00

Sick Relatives & Friends

Susan Pellicchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Margaret Shay, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Julie Hunting, Meghan Clark, Mary DiSalvo, Youlanda Santella, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Matthew Gleason, Jerry Russo, Ethel Thomas, Aurora David, Ruth Irons, Gordon C. Gladden, Ian Torello, Anna Parente, James Parente, John Lewis, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Tommy Baratta, Dawn Meade, Rev. Thomas Blessin SJ, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenney, John C. Marino, Rose Bradley, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Patsy Jackson, Gabrielle Plumy, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Daniel Gomes, Grace Ford Seamans, Christian Pepo, Joan Romano, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Ottimia Paradiso, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Spec. Michael Biggins, Marie Elaine Jerome, Tom Kopf, Bernard D. Nidus MD, Joyce Rusinak, Jeffrey Schnorbus, Barbara Brennan, Venera Delamonico, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Franco DeGennaro, Robert Gaylord

Collection for December 25

Regular Collection \$7,093.00
Christmas \$44,366.00

Collection for January 1

Collection \$6,567.00
Monthly \$2,583.00
Solemnity of Mary \$1,922.00
Christmas \$4,179.00
Christmas Flowers \$3,299.00
50/50 \$485.00

Congratulations to Mr. S. Chakwin on winning the 50/50 drawing.

The second collection today is for Catholic Communications

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the soul of
Ann Montana
Beverly Ziel

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of **Geraldine Morris** requested by Bob Morris.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of **William Franz** requested by his family.

THE EUCHARIST AND THE EPIPHANY

This Sunday the Church celebrates the great feast of the “Epiphany.” The word “epiphany” is a Greek word that means “to reveal.” On this day we recall the visit of the Magi, (the Wise Men) to the stable of Bethlehem to adore the new born Christ child. The Magi came from the East; they were non-Jews. To these mysterious visitors God chose to reveal His Divine Son.

This visit signified that salvation in Christ was not to be restricted just to one particular nation or race but was open to all peoples and nations. The star led the wise men to Christ and as we know, they brought their precious gifts to the infant Savior: *Gold*, because He was a king. *Incense*, for He was divine and *Myrrh*, a spice used in embalming, to signify that He was to die on the cross.

Saint Matthew tells us in his Gospel, “They prostrated themselves before Jesus and did Him homage.” In other words, they adored this little baby in the manger before them. Yet, in reality, there was nothing that was particularly significant about this new born. He seemed like any other child and in fact, the extreme poverty that Jesus was born in to, argued against His divinity and kingship. And yet, the Magi prostrated themselves and worshiped Him.

More than the star in the heavens, it was *the star of faith* in their hearts that enabled these men to recognize in that poor, defenseless baby of Bethlehem the Lord and the true ruler of all the earth. Now fast forward over two thousand years. Today, Christ no longer appears physically to us as a little baby. However, Jesus does manifest His special presence to all of us in a different way in our own time and that is through the Holy Eucharist - the Blessed Sacrament.

Every altar in each Catholic church around the world could be considered as something like a “manger” where Christ is born again sacramentally under the veil of bread and wine at Mass. In reference to the Eucharist, the Church

talks about a “real presence.” The Lord is truly on the altar, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. I don’t know about you, but that certainly awes me and impresses me!

If we knew that the President, the Pope or a great sports figure was coming to our neighborhood, we certainly would go out to meet them and spend time with them. Well, on the altar and in the tabernacle after Mass, we have Jesus Christ with us, the Son of the Living God. Yet so few Catholics even when they have Jesus so near, are as “wise” as the wise men who made a long and perilous journey to glimpse the new born Christ child.

The great Saint Peter Julian Eymard wrote, “Finding Our Lord’s Divinity united to His sacred Body and hidden beneath the Host, the Christian like the Magi, falls down, contemplates and adores...We have found Jesus Christ!”

At the start of this new year 2012, may all of us learn to become truly “wise men” and “wise women” who come to recognize the tremendous gift that is given to us in the Holy Eucharist - the Lord Himself!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome

On behalf of Sacred Heart Church I would like to thank all our wonderful Priests, Eucharistic Ministers, Lector’s, Choir, Altar Servers, Youth Group Members, and Rosary & Altar Society for all their hard work this Christmas. And most of all I would like to thank all the Parishioners of Sacred Heart for their generosity this Christmas. God Bless! Fr Jerome

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CCD -
Classes January 11, 18, 25



MARCH FOR LIFE - Once again Sacred Heart Parish plans to sponsor a bus to the annual March for Life in Washington DC. So, mark your calendar - Monday, January 23. **Plan to come and be inspired!** (Watch the bulletin for further information.)

SACRED HEART TROOP/PACK74- Jan.9 -
General Meeting
Round Table Meeting 7:30 Moravian

FLOWER DONATIONS The following Sundays in January and February are available for donating flowers for the Altar: January 22 and 29, February 5 and 19. Total cost of two flower arrangements for the Altar is \$80.00, and flowers may be donated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate anniversaries or other special occasions, or for special intentions. Please call Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 for further details.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

January 14 & 15

Saturday, January 14th

5:00 PM Regie Delamasa, Patrick Buzzard,
Brendan Wohr, Nick Fortunato

Sunday, January 8th

7:00 AM Noreen Donnelly, Anthony Scanni
8:30 AM Regie Delamasa, Vicky Bruno
10:00 AM Nick Antonacci, Cassidy Zarrelli, Shea
Murphy, Joseph Basile
11:30 AM Michael Dillon, Juan Cruz, Chris
Ferrandino, Michelle Moffett
1:00 PM Matthew Miller, Thomas Laub, Peter
Nagengast, Jackie Sullivan
5:00 PM Emma & Sarah Newgarden

Parish Choir sings today for feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 8, 2012 11:30AM. Don't miss this glorious music liturgy!!

A Million Thanks!!

The musical liturgies of Advent and Christmas provide the opportunities for so many parishioners to help create such beautiful and inspiring music liturgies - voices young and old in Family Choir started the season, later enhanced by the power of Parish Choir and the angelic sweet singing 4th Sunday of Advent of Kids Praise Choir!! Add to the mix the smacks and treats, cakes and goodies, prizes and coffee donated by so many families. Of course, I am so grateful to Parish Choir for their spectacular Midnight Mass offering - in addition to providing strings and Stuart, their musical efforts are heroic and tender - special thanks to Donna Barnard, Theresa Cunningham, Nora Bocignone, John Perry, Diane Blum, Marina's mom, the Folk Group and of course song-leader extraordinaire - Fr. Jerome for his beautiful singing!! It takes a village - and what a village we have at Sacred Heart!! A million thanks!!

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Blessings and Peace in 2012!! Join a Choir!! Fill a jar!!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER "Nations shall walk by your light..." We as Catholics must be a light to the world. Spend a weekend growing closer to your spouse and to God and make your marriage be a "light" shining brighter than ever. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 11-12. Call toll free 877-NYS-WWME ext. 3 for more information.