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the APOSTLE CHURCH



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A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

COME EXPERIENCE CHRIST WITH US!

January 3, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

“THE GIFTS OF GOD ARE MULTIPLIED... FOR THOUGH THE GOSPEL ACCOUNTS TELL... ONLY THREE MEN...CAME FROM THE DISTANT EAST... YET WE SEE THE SAME THING HAPPENING ON A FAR LARGER SCALE IN THE ENLIGHTENMENT OF ALL WHO ARE CALLED.”

A Christmas Sourcebook, p.117

Today is the FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY! Epiphany means manifestation, and today's feast celebrates that Jesus was revealed to all the world. The Wise Men represent all the world, for Jesus came to save us all, and not just a select few or group.

The Magi were star gazers, which means that whatever they did was determined by the movement of the stars. But there was something unusual about a particular star that appeared on a special night. It was the star's size and brightness, and these were unlike anything they had previously seen. So, of course, their curiosity was piqued, and they had to follow it. The star led them to the manger, where the glory of God was shown to them in the birth of the Christ child.

Emmanuel has been revealed to all of us. How transformative has his presence been for us? Do we understand the impact that Jesus has made on our lives? If so, do we reflect this impact in who we are as God's people, what we believe, and how we live? The manifestation of Jesus to all the world means that we have been transformed by his presence and are called to live that transforming presence each day. It also means that Jesus has filled our lives with his abiding presence and love, and shown us how to live as a people transformed.

The world waited for a Messiah, and when he arrived, nothing was the same and everything was different. Today we celebrate the glory of God revealed to us in the presence of God's Son. Hopefully, we also can discover the wonder of Emmanuel that attracted the Magi. As we continue through this new year, may we radiate the wonder of Emmanuel for all we meet, for he is God with us, for all people and for all time.

HAPPY EPIPHANY!!!

~ Fr. Joe



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection totals for December 20

\$7,260.00

\$4,963.00 Church Collection

\$2,297.00 Online Collection

*To sign up for Online Giving go to:
www.saintjamestheapostle.org*

**WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD
DONATIONS**

Collection totals for December 27

\$7,695.00

\$5,678.00 Church Collection

\$2,017.00 Online Collection

*Parishioners wishing to mail-in or drop off their
weekly contribution in the Rectory mail slot are
welcome to do so.*



MASS INFORMATION

Vigil Mass ~ Saturday 5:00PM

Sunday 7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 10:30AM ~ 12:00PM

(10:30AM Mass Facebook / YouTube)

DAILY MASS

Weekday: Novena 7:10AM ~ Mass 7:30AM

Saturday: Novena 7:40AM ~ Mass 8:00AM

NOVENA

Monday Evenings ~ 7:00PM

Facebook / Zoom only

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By Appointment



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Due to the ongoing need for social distancing, there are no group baptisms at this time.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated individually.

Please call the rectory to schedule your infant's baptism.



SACRAMENT INFORMATION

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING

THE RCIA PROCESS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where individuals who seek to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or who have never been baptized enter into full communion with the faith.

BAPTISM ~ CONFIRMATION ~ MARRIAGE ~ SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

VOCATIONS

Is God calling you to the priesthood or Religious Life?

Speak to one of our priests or call the Vocations Office 973-497-4365.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Ms. Nancy Caputo, Director ~ Mrs. Colleen Tyra, Administrative Assistant
Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

Today we celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord! The day that Our Savior was revealed to us through the presence of the Three Wise Men.

This Saturday, January 9th is our virtual Reconciliation Retreat for the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Our parents have risen to the challenge of really being the “first teachers” of their children. Please know that we are doing our best to provide you with the tools and support to help you! If there is anything we can do to assist you, please let us know!

We pray that 2021 will bring an end to the pandemic, a renewed sense of caring for each other and the ability to once again, gather in praise and thanksgiving to our Loving God.

Along with Fr. Joe, Colleen and I wish you a New Year filled with peace, happiness and good health!

Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Our virtual retreat is next Saturday, January 9th

The parent session: 10:00AM

The children's session: 10:45AM

(children will need their workbooks handy!)

If you have not already picked up your child's activity packet, please call the Religious Ed Office to make arrangements!

Family Faith News!

Our next Zoom Session is next Sunday, January 10th at 9:30AM and 10:30AM

Topic: The Baptism of the Lord!

Families will receive the link to their assigned Zoom by Friday, January 8

MESSAGE FROM FR. JOE

Regarding Attending Mass during Covid-19

Dear Fellow Saint James Parishioners:

It is great to be back together in church for Mass, but things are a little different. Senior citizens and those with underlying medical conditions are encouraged to remain at home and watch the Sunday online 10:30AM Mass, which we will continue to live-stream.

If you do come to church for Mass, please remember the following:

1. You must wear a mask to enter the church and you must keep your mask on at all times while in the church, including during Mass.
2. As you go from the Gathering Area into the church, please use the appropriate door to enter and exit the church.
3. Please observe the one-way aisles, which are marked with blue tape on the floor.
4. You must maintain social distancing while in the church.
5. Half of the pews have been taped off to maintain social distancing. There are pieces of blue tape on each pew where you can sit. They are also on the floor by the back walls for those who prefer to stand. This area is also marked for social distancing.
6. Family members can sit together, but everyone else must sit 6 feet apart.
7. The weekly collection baskets will not be passed from parishioner to parishioner. They will be on the baptismal font. Please drop in your donation as you enter or exit the church.
8. There is no procession of the bread and wine ("bringing up the gifts").
9. Please do not shake hands when sharing the sign of peace. Instead, wave, nod, or bow slightly.
10. There are three Communion stations: one in the center, one by the organ, and one by the ambo. The ushers will direct you to maintain social distance.
11. Hosts can no longer be placed directly on a parishioner's tongue by a priest, deacon, or Eucharistic Minister. You must receive the Host in your hand and place it on your tongue. There is no receiving from the Cup.
12. When it is your turn to receive Communion, approach the priest or deacon, receive the Host in your hand, step aside, raise or lower your mask, and place the Host on your tongue. Immediately replace your mask over your mouth.
13. The candles in the Gathering Area have been turned off and they are taped.
14. There are no printed bulletins. Bulletins are posted online on the parish website.
15. The Worship books have been removed from church. You may bring your own booklet, iPad or iPhone to use during Mass.
16. You will also notice that everything that can be touched has been removed from the church. There is no Holy Water.
17. Once Mass is over, please quickly exit the church so that the pews can be sanitized for the next Mass.
18. If you want to socialize with others whom you may not have seen in a while, please do so outside of church and not in the Gathering Area.

If you have any questions or are unsure of what to do while in church, please ask an usher. I ask your patience as we attempt to navigate through all of this. We realize this is a very different situation for all of us. It can work if we work together. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Stay safe!

Fr. Joe

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

**THE CRÈCHE IN THE SANCTUARY
IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Raffaele & Sabino Battaglia

r/b The Battaglia Family

**THE WREATH IN THE SANCTUARY
IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Matthew Swajkowski

r/b Cynthia & Matthew Vincent & Alison Swajkowski

**THE POINSETTIAS ADORNING THE ALTAR
ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF
The Deceased Members Of Saint James**

r/b Parishioners

Deceased Members of the DelMauro Family

r/b Battaglia Family

**THE POINSETTIAS AT THE SHRINE OF OUR
LADY OF GUADALUPE ARE DISPLAYED IN
LOVING MEMORY OF**

The Zara Family

r/b The Battaglia Family

**THE WREATH PLACED AT THE SHRINE OF ST.
JAMES IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Anne Marie Genninger & Carolyn Nelson

r/b Religious Education Community

**THE POINSETTIAS PLACED AT THE
BAPTISMAL FONT ARE DISPLAYED IN
LOVING MEMORY OF**

The Deceased Members Of Saint James

r/b Parishioners

**THE POINSETTIAS AT THE SHRINE OF
ST. JAMES ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**

The Battaglia Family

r/b The Battaglia Family



**THE CHRISTMAS TREES IN THE SANCTUARY
ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Michael Pierson Bongiovanni, Jr.

Janice Bongiovanni

r/b Deacon Jerry

Tony Graziano

r/b The Family

Bollmeyer & Genco Families

r/b Nancy Caputo

Angelina Crucitti

r/b The Bentivegna & Lefkowitz Families

**THE WREATHS ON THE OUTDOOR
COLUMNS ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**

Joseph & Mary Barbone

r/b The Family

Edward J. Graziano

r/b Colleen McDonald

Viola Morano

r/b Daughter, Marylou Kjelle

**THE CHRISTMAS TREES BY THE OUTSIDE
CRÈCHE ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**

Irene Kareivis & Catherine McCluskey

r/b Kathy & Joe Kareivis

**THE WREATH OVER THE DOORS IN THE
GATHERING AREA IS DISPLAYED IN
LOVING MEMORY OF**

Louis Stiglitz

r/b Marilyn Stiglitz

**THE WREATH OVER THE DOORS INSIDE
THE CHURCH IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**

The Fischer, Ragosa & Dondero Families

r/b Francine R. Fischer





Archdiocese of Newark
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

December 18, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,


As we approach the commemoration of the Savior's birth, I invite you to join me in maintaining our vigilance against COVID-19 and thereby offer a gift of love to our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable. Together we can celebrate safely and responsibly by maintaining safeguarding measures, including wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, and using mobile technology to vanquish this terrible virus.

You can learn more on tips and guidance for how to safely observe holiday traditions like caroling, visiting Santa, or traveling for the holidays at <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/slowing-the-spread/how-can-i-safely-celebrate-the-holiday-season> by the New Jersey Department of Health.

You can also help by downloading the **COVID Alert NJ** app and encouraging family, friends, and neighbors to do the same. COVID Alert NJ is an exposure notification mobile app that anonymously notifies users of potential exposure to COVID-19 while maintaining user privacy and security. It is free and secure, available to anyone 18 or older who lives, works, or attends college in New Jersey; I have one on my cell phone. The app can be downloaded from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store (go to <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/app>). The more people that download the app on their phones, the better we can fight this pandemic. The states of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware have cooperated to ensure all COVID Alert exposure notification apps will work across the region.

May the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, bless you and yours!

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,


Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark

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PARISH INFORMATION




**Most Rev. Elias R. Lorenzo, O.S.B.
Regional Bishop of Union County
will make a pastoral visit to our parish
on Sunday, January 17, 2021.
He will celebrate the 10:30 AM Mass.
Since there can be no reception
following the Mass, he will greet the
parishioners in the Gathering Area.
Masks and social distancing required.**


As is our normal Sunday schedule, the 10:30AM Mass will be live-streamed for families preferring to participate virtually.

Anyone wishing to attend the Mass in-person, you are reminded to follow the social distance markings in our Church and keep your mask over your mouth and nose at all times.

Again, if you or someone in your house is sick, please remain home as a sign of caring for your neighbor.

PARISH INFORMATION



St. James the Apostle Church
JOIN US
**ONLINE ROSARY
& NOVENA**
EVERY MONDAY at 7:00 P.M.

www.facebook.com/saintjamestheapostle/live/



Join us in the Gathering Area of the Church or log on to the Saint James the Apostle Parishioner Face Book Page to join us on YouTube!

Has your child been baptized but not catechized or received their sacraments?



Are they of school age and not yet baptized?

Do you have a special needs child needing catechesis?

Please call or email the Religious Education Office.

Parishioners are encouraged to bring your iPhone and/or iPad to Mass with you to access the weekly bulletin and follow along with the readings and sing the hymns!

To access our parish website go to: www.SaintJamesTheApostle.org

Go to the bottom, right side of the website and click either the parish bulletin or click the USCCB website.

SUNDAY READINGS ~ January 3, 2021

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/> to receive daily Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the LORD shines,
and over you appears his glory.
Nations shall walk by your light,
and kings by your shining radiance.
Raise your eyes and look about;
they all gather and come to you:
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.
Then you shall be radiant at what you see,
your heart shall throb and overflow,
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before
you,
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.
Caravans of camels shall fill you,
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;
all from Sheba shall come
bearing gold and frankincense,
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén,
porque ha llegado tu luz
y la gloria del Señor alborea sobre ti.
Mira: las tinieblas cubren la tierra
y espesa niebla envuelve a los pueblos;
pero sobre ti resplandece el Señor
y en ti se manifiesta su gloria.
Caminarán los pueblos a tu luz
y los reyes, al resplandor de tu aurora.
Levanta los ojos y mira alrededor:
todos se reúnen y vienen a ti;
tus hijos llegan de lejos, a tus hijas las traen en
brazos.
Entonces verás esto radiante de alegría;
tu corazón se alegrará, y se ensanchará,
cuando se vuelquen sobre ti los tesoros del mar
y te traigan las riquezas de los pueblos.
Te inundará una multitud de camellos y dromedari-
os,
procedentes de Madián y de Efé.
Vendrán todos los de Sabá
trayendo incienso y oro
y proclamando las alabanzas del Señor.

The word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God!

La Palabra del Señor.....

R. ¡Gracias a Dios!



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

R. Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Hermanos:

Han oído hablar de la distribución de la gracia de Dios, que se me ha confiado en favor de ustedes. Por revelación se me dio a conocer este misterio, que no había sido manifestado a los hombres en otros tiempos, pero que ha sido revelado ahora por el Espíritu a sus santos apóstoles y profetas: es decir, que por el Evangelio, también los paganos son coherederos de la misma herencia, miembros del mismo cuerpo y partícipes de la misma promesa en Jesucristo.

The word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God!

La Palabra del Señor.....

R. ¡Gracias a Dios!

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Aleluya, aleluya.
Hemos visto su estrella en el oriente
y hemos venido a adorar al Señor.
R. Aleluya.

Priest / Deacon: The Lord be with you.....

R. And with your Spirit...

Priest / Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew....

R. Glory to you O Lord

Sacerdote / Diácono: El Señor esté contigo ...

R. Y con tu Espíritu ...

Sacerdote / Diácono: Una lectura del Santo Evangelio según Mateo ...

R. Gloria a ti, oh Señor ...

with your thumb, make a little sign of the cross, first on your forehead; then on your lips; then on your heart

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
in the days of King Herod,
behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem,
saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."
When King Herod heard this,
he was greatly troubled,
and all Jerusalem with him.
Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of
the people,
He inquired of them where the Christ was to be
born.
They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea,
for thus it has been written through the prophet:
*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel.*"
Then Herod called the magi secretly
and ascertained from them the time of the star's
appearance.
He sent them to Bethlehem and said,
"Go and search diligently for the child.
When you have found him, bring me word,
that I too may go and do him homage."
After their audience with the king they set out.
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.
They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house
they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.
Then they opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and
myrrh.
And having been warned in a dream not to return to
Herod,
they departed for their country by another way.

Jesús nació en Belén de Judá, en tiempos del rey
Herodes. Unos magos de oriente llegaron entonces a
Jerusalén y preguntaron:
"¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de
nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos
venido a adorarlo."
Al enterarse de esto, el rey Herodes se sobresaltó y
toda Jerusalén con él.
Convocó entonces a los sumos sacerdotes y a los
escribas del pueblo y les preguntó dónde tenía que
nacer el Mesías. Ellos le contestaron:
"En Belén de Judá, porque así lo ha escrito el
profeta: *Y tú, Belén, tierra de Judá, no eres en manera
alguna la menor entre las ciudades ilustres de Judá, pues de
ti saldrá un jefe, que será el pastor de mi pueblo, Israel.*"
Entonces Herodes llamó en secreto a los magos,
para que le precisaran el tiempo en que se les había
aparecido la estrella y los mandó a Belén,
diciéndoles: "Vayan a averiguar cuidadosamente qué
hay de ese niño y, cuando lo encuentren, avísenme
para que yo también vaya a adorarlo."
Después de oír al rey, los magos se pusieron en
camino, y de pronto la estrella que habían visto
surgir, comenzó a guiarlos, hasta que se detuvo
encima de donde estaba el niño. Al ver de nuevo la
estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en
la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y
postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus
cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra.
Advertidos durante el sueño de que no volvieran a
Herodes, regresaron a su tierra por otro camino.

Priest / Deacon:

The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

El Evangelio del Señor
R. ¡Alabado seas, Señor Jesucristo!



My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Gospel Reflection:

Matthew 2:1-12

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet.

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 ~ SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-38

GOSPEL: Mark 1:7-11

HYMNS

Gathering Hymn: To Jordan Jesus Humbly Came

Communion Procession: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise


Hymn of Sending Forth: Instrumental

HYMN OF GATHERING


The First Nowell




1. The first No - well the an - gel did say Was to
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing
 3. And by the light of that same star Three
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er
 5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full
 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing



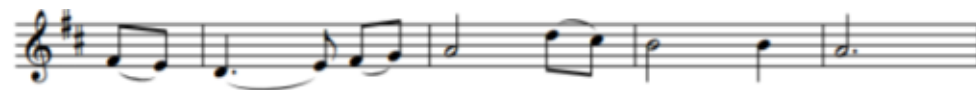
cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In
 in the east be - yond them far; And
 wise men came from coun - try far; To
 Beth - le - hem it took its rest; And
 rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee, And
 prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord, Who




fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a
 to the earth it gave great light, And
 seek for a king was their in - tent, And to
 there it did both stop and stay Right
 of - fered there in his pres - ence Their
 made the heav'ns and earth of naught, And



cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.
 o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.
 with his blood our life has bought.



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well!



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English carol, 17th C.
 Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL, Irregular with refrain; English carol; harm. from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

HYMN DURING COMMUNION PROCESSION

We Three Kings of Orient Are



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense
 4. Myrrh is mine: its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts, we trav - erse a - far Field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown him a - gain; King for - ev - er,
 owns a De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais - ing,
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia,



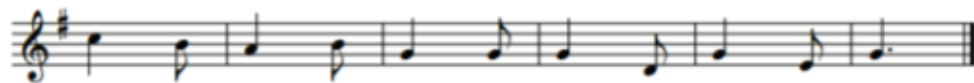
Moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 Ceas - ing nev - er, O - ver us all to reign.
 Glad - ly rais - ing, Wor - ship - ing God on high.
 Bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Sounds through the earth and skies.



O star of won - der, star of night, Star with



roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to the per - fect Light.

Text: Matthew 2:1-11; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.
 Tune: KINGS OF ORIENT, 88 44 6 with refrain; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891

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HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

Joy to the World / Al Mundo Paz



1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let
2. Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let
3. No more let sin and sor - row grow, Nor
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And

earth re - ceive her king; Let ev - 'ry
us our songs em - ploy; While fields and
thorns in - fest the ground; He comes to
makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries

heart pre - pare him room And heav'n and na - ture
floods, rocks, hills and plains Re - peat the sound - ing
make his bless - ings flow Far as the curse is
of his right - eous - ness, And won - ders of his

sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
found, Far as the curse is found, Far
love, And won - ders of his love, And

heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
as, far as the curse is found.
won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; tr., anonymous
Tune: ANTIOCH, CM with repeat; arr. from George F. Handel, 1685-1759, in T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833

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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Feast Day, January 3.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Feast Day, January 4.

Who was the first person born in the United States to be declared a saint? Who opened the first American Catholic parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage? Who founded the first native American religious community of women? The answers to all these questions are the same: Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton.

Elizabeth's Episcopalian parents handed on to her their own faith. Her mother and stepmother taught her to pray and read Scripture. Her father, a doctor, taught her to love and serve the poor. As a young girl, Elizabeth took food to the poor near her home. After she was married, she and her sister-in-law Rebecca visited the poor and sick in slums.

Elizabeth was prepared for New York high society. At the age of nineteen she married handsome William Seton, the son and business partner of the owner of a wealthy shipping firm. No one could have guessed the plans God had for her. Will and Elizabeth were devoted to each other. They loved their five children—three girls and two boys.

Everything went well until 1803, when Will Seton's business went bankrupt and his health failed. The Filicchi family in Italy invited Will, Elizabeth, and their oldest daughter Anne to visit so that Will could recuperate in the warm, sunny Italian climate.

The journey was rough. Because there had been an epidemic in New York before the Setons left, when they landed in Italy the police quarantined them in an old fort. If after six weeks they did not come down with the disease, they would be able to enter Italy. Will, already ill, had to lie in the cold, damp room. Elizabeth cared for him as well as she could, but a few weeks after they were freed, Will died.

The Filicchis, who were Catholic, helped Elizabeth. Finally, she realized that God was calling her to become a Catholic. She went to a priest to learn about the truths of the faith. Later, she and her children became Catholics. Because of their decision, her family and many friends turned against her, and she found herself on her own.

To support herself and her children, she opened a Catholic boarding school for girls in Maryland. Women came to help Elizabeth, and the school grew. Soon it seemed obvious that God was asking Elizabeth to dedicate her life completely to him. She and the other women began a community of religious women known as the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's. Elizabeth Seton received the title of "Mother," head of the community. They followed an adapted version of the Rule used by the Daughters of Charity founded in 1633 in France. After Mother Seton's death, her community grew into several independent new congregations of Sisters of Charity in the U.S. and Canada. In 1850, the remaining Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph's joined the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul of Paris, France.

Elizabeth raised her children. Her two sons entered the navy. Anna became a nun but died at an early age, as did Rebecca. Catherine became a Sister of Mercy and worked with those in prison.

Today thousands of Daughters of Charity carry on Mother Seton's work. They serve in hospitals, homes for the aged, and schools.

Source: www.LoyolaPress.com

Saint John Neumann. Feast Day January 5.

As a boy, John Neumann lived in Bohemia, which is now part of Czech Republic. He studied hard, for he wanted to be a missionary priest in America. By the time he was twenty-four, he had learned six languages and had completed his studies for the priesthood. He was not ordained, however, because his bishop thought there were enough priests in his country. So John Neumann decided to leave for America, hoping to be ordained there. He said goodbye to his parents and brother and sailed for the United States. When he arrived, he had one suit of clothes and one dollar in his pocket. Three weeks later, the bishop of New York ordained him.

Father John's first work was with the German-speaking people in mission parishes near Buffalo, New York. He was not considered very handsome, and some people disliked him and his ways. Priests at that time traveled on horseback and went long distances to care for people in neighboring towns and villages. People laughed at the clumsy way Father John rode. Because he was short, his feet did not reach the stirrups. Children made fun of him. John remained silent, however, and continued going about teaching religion, visiting the sick, and training teachers.

Father John felt the need for community life, so he entered the Redemptorist Order. He was the first Redemptorist to make vows in the United States. He became the superior of the American branch of the order. When Father John was forty-one years old, he became the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. Still, some people did not welcome him. They did not care for his accent and his plain style. Besides these people, John had to deal with an anti-Catholic group that was burning convents and schools. Because John felt he wasn't capable of doing his job, he asked for a smaller diocese, but he was told to stay.

John started Catholic schools in his diocese, for he believed it was very important for children to be educated and taught the ways of Jesus. In eight years Philadelphia's two Catholic schools grew to one hundred schools. John brought many teaching orders to his diocese. He published two catechisms and many articles.

Bishop John Neumann died of a heart attack while he was walking down the street.

Throughout his life, John Neumann went about his work quietly and humbly. No special honors were given him. He was even unpopular. Only after his death did people begin to talk about their humble, good bishop who worked so hard for God.

ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS



Catholic Charities received a payment of **\$1,468 as a result of your donations from June 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020**. These funds combined with monies from parishes throughout the Archdiocese enabled Catholic Charities to provide 72,685 nights of shelter to 1,342 to homeless individuals and families (FY 19/20). Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.



THE PRAYER CORNER

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose..."



INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

At the *General Intercessions* we pray for the sick. Our prayers for the sick are very important, especially in critical times of sudden illness, surgery or worsening condition. We will continue to pray for and mention the names of the sick. When the condition improves, please call the Rectory so that the name can be removed from the list.

COMMUNION AT MASS

If you cannot walk up the aisle to receive Holy Communion and do not want to sit in the first pew, please let one of the ushers know and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will come to you at the end of the procession and administer the Body & Blood to you.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

A reminder that during the Covid-19 restrictions, the Eucharist can only be received in the hands. It is good to remind ourselves of the reverence needed when we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

When we approach the altar please remove any gloves beforehand.
Remember to bow slightly without being ostentatious and reply "Amen".
If communion runs out, please wait in line for the Minister to return.

The ushers are available to assist you during the reception of Holy Communion and before / after Mass.

A Prayer for Persons Suffering from the Coronavirus

*Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus.
May those who are infected receive the proper treatment
and the comfort of your healing presence.
May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded
from the onslaught of the virus.
Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones.
Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure,
that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health.
Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes,
and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.*

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A TIME TO BAPTIZE



A TIME TO WED



A TIME TO HEAL

Franco Amato, Pat Anelli, Ginnie Attanasio, Monina Avella, Joyce Bauman, Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Arlene Boja, Leo Brady, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Lucia Cocuzza, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Richard Delany, Anthony De Santis, Carmela DeSarno, Victoria Egner, Rick Ellmer, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Anita Giaimo, Martin Gignac, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, Eddie Jenna, Irene Kurpieski, Dana Kelley, Art Kistler, Maryann Leach, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Angie Mazzarisi, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Julie Mohnhunn, Andres Montero, Mario Morelli, Timothy Morgan, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Berit Phair, John Reiss, Gary Ruzich, Anthony S., Jack Silbert, Todd Sitomer, Debbie Staib, Davis Stewart, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Filomena Vairo, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Kay Winski, Joseph Yobbi, Mary Yobbi

A TIME TO DIE

Asislo Martinez, Mary Hansbury, Regalado Malabanan, Joan Audrey McElroy,
John Montana, Sr., Rev. Joseph Quinlan, Bill Shrul, Alberta Tavaska,
all who have died from Covid-19

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, PFC Paul Devine, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, 2LT Andrew Kerwin, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1Lt. Stacia Rogacki, 1Lt. Steven Rogacki, LCPL Nick Wheeler



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, January 3

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Francis Congema ~ *Capron Family*

7:30AM

Sr. Joanne Jankowski ~ *Inneo Family*

9:00AM

Ronnie Fusco ~ *Mother, Carmela*

10:30AM

Eleanor McCusker ~ *Barbara Weber*

12:00PM

Rev. Thomas Roberts ~ *Arlene*

MONDAY, January 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30AM

Anthony LaSalle ~ *Janet Petino*

TUESDAY, January 5 Saint John Neumann

7:30AM

Carmen Francisca Barrio de Gonzalez
~ *Mary Alice Zavocki*

WEDNESDAY, January 6

7:30AM

Maria Rose Ferreira ~ *Daughter, Maria Gomcia*

THURSDAY, January 7

7:30AM

Louise Davis ~ *Marie Madden & Family*

FRIDAY, January 8

7:30AM

For the People of Saint James

SATURDAY, January 9

8:00AM

Jane & Herb Boutot ~ *Maggie Keffer*

SUNDAY, January 10

Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

7:30AM

Christine Leone ~ *Husband, John*

9:00AM

Manuel Ageitos ~ *Marvin & Elvira Dakerson*

10:30AM

Lore McDonald ~ *Carmela Fusco*

12:00PM

Rudy Pedicini ~ *Family*



DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS ~ *Spiritual Offerings*

To have a loved one remembered, please call the Rectory Office

Sanctuary Lamp ~ Bread & Wine ~ Flowers By the Tabernacle



SANCTUARY LAMP

For the People of Saint James



BREAD

Mildred & Vincent Genco
~ *Great-Granddaughters*
Charlotte & Vanessa

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Under the Guidance of the **Holy Spirit** as a
Welcoming and Diverse Community,

We, the **Parish of Saint James the Apostle**

Invite All to Worship as We Celebrate the Eucharist,
Proclaim the Good News of **Jesus Christ** and Serve the
Needs of One Another,
as We Help Build the **Kingdom of God on Earth**.