

The Epiphany of the Lord



Dear Parishioners,

While the world around us has moved on to the next holiday, our celebration of Christmas continues. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast commemorates the manifestation of God through Christ to the whole world, symbolized by the arrival of the Magi from the east. The Magi were led to Christ by following the light of the Star of Bethlehem. As we begin this new year, the world is very dark. Let us pray that others in this world that is so often filled with the darkness of doubt, despair and sin may be led to Christ by the light of our example.

Our celebration of Christmas continues even beyond this weekend. Next Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which will mark the end of the Christmas season.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for all of you; please keep me in yours.

In Christ's peace,
Fr. Caruso

Here is an excerpt from Bishop Lucia's recent letter
Dear Diocesan Family,

I write you an urgent message after learning that some of the faithful...do not feel it safe to attend Holy Mass because some fellow congregants are refusing to wear masks. I find this to be an unacceptable situation and one lacking severely in the Christian virtue of charity for one's neighbor.

How can we safely encourage Catholics to assemble for the Eucharist celebration in the midst of a pandemic...May 22nd of this year, the Diocese of Syracuse issued instructions and requirements for the resumption of public worship in our parishes. At that time, I directed that **Masks must be worn at Mass.**

I hope...this important matter will help alleviate unnecessary anxiety for all those wishing to attend Mass in the parishes of our Diocese. I do not want to keep anyone from receiving the Sacraments, but in this time of souring infection rates I must instruct that if a person refuses to wear a mask...they are not permitted in the church for public gathering.

Most Rev. Douglas J. Lucia



More Good News From CAP

Pandemic Music Classes at CAP: Still Singing, Dancing, Composing, Listening, Reading Music and Learning New Things!!

To be sure, teaching music safely in compliance with Covid-19 regulations has been a big challenge. Under NY State law, children can only sing, or play wind instruments, when masked and socially distanced 12 feet apart. In addition, classes have not been able to meet in the music room. Instead, students have stayed in their classrooms, and I have come to them.

This fall, CAP students have been studying famous orchestral pieces, such as The Four Seasons by Vivaldi and Danse Macabre by Saint-Saens, writing and drawing in their music journals, composing songs and rhythms inspired by seasonal themes, and practicing their rhythm reading skills. Some days we have even been able to go outside to sing, when the weather has allowed!

Right now, I am working on putting together a short video showing the children practicing the Christmas songs they would normally be presenting in our annual Christmas Concert. Hopefully, when you see the video, you will be able to experience the precious holiday joy and spirit these beautiful children have expressed.

Belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!

Eden Skowronski
CAP Music Teacher

**THANK YOU MUSIC STUDENTS AND
MS. SKOWRONSKI**

Vocations

“They prostrated themselves and did him homage (MT. 2:10-11).” In addition to bringing their gifts, the magi humbly laid *themselves* down before the Lord in worship. Are you being called to lay down your life in loving service to the Lord? Call Fr. Jason Hage at 315-470-1468 or write: vocations@syrdio.org.

This Week We Remember...

Monday: *January 4*

9:00 am

Special Intentions for Vincent Caracci/Joanne

12:00pm

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Tuesday: *January 5*

9:00 am

Josephine Formica/Maryann Panto

12:00pm

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Wednesday: *January 6*

9:00 am

Lee Martorelli/Joanne Licitra

Angelo Borreggine/Wife, Frances

12:00pm

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Thursday: *January 7*

9:00 am

Jenny Leone/Cheryl Giarrusso

12:00pm

Bruce Johnson/Sue Slack

Friday: *January 8*

9:00 am

Michael Ronnell Williams/Joe Ruggeri

12:00pm

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Saturday: *January 9*

4:00 pm

John Pascarella, Ann/Esther and Henry

Salvatore & Maria Calabrese, Ann/Connie, Carlo & Family

Robert Fletcher/M/M Alberto Fabrizi

Doris Spinoso/M/M Alberto Fabrizi

Maria Laura Pallotta and Antoinette Carapella/Frank & Sue

Benny and Terry Cimino/Son, Joseph

5:30 pm at St. John's/Holy Trinity

Ralph Smith/The Smith Family

Guiseppe Migliore/Family

Vincent Abbatiello/Family

Estachio and Giovanna Bruno/Family

Sunday: *January 10*

The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 am

Maria A. Salvatore/Roseann and Stanley Sobon

9:00 am at St. John's/Holy Trinity

Thomas Gibbons/Jerry Mott

Continued

11:30 am

Angelo Borreggine/Wife, Frances

Tina and Santo Nitopi/Louis and Madaline Argiro

Antoinette M. Sacco/Children

V. James Magnarelli/Pat and Fran

Connie Carioti, Ann/Marie, Ron and Granchildren

5:00 pm

For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

SJ/HT Collection:

December 20th \$3,601.00

We will report the December 27th Collection in next week's bulletin.

Thank you to all those parishioners who have faithfully been mailing their envelopes because they still cannot attend Mass. If you have been away or have been unable to attend Mass, please remember to send your donation to the Parish Office. We appreciate whatever you can do during these unusual times.



Bread and Wine
For Masses Celebrated During The Week
In Loving Memory Of
Dorothy Yaizzo
Requested By
Betty Jane Toia



Padre Pio

Devotional Candle Burning
For the Intentions for
James E. Ready
And
Aileen Kilcommons

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
Weekend of January 9-10

4:00 pm OLP/St. P.	R. Fabrizi
5:30 pm St.J/HT	C. Schotthoefer
7:30 am OLP/St.P.	M. Iannettone
9:00 am St.J/HT	P. Minnoe
11:30am OLP/St.P.	F. Brice
5:00 pm OLP/St.P	Fr. Caruso



Our Hearts are full....again!!



How do we ever measure or express the incredible generosity that our wonderful parishioners have shown our school children...again!!!

Thanks to you (through our Christmas fund)... Santa delivered at least 2 gifts for each child under the tree. In addition they received warm, beautiful mittens knitted by our Parishioner Frances Ward and beautiful cozy blankets by our Parishioner Joanne Licitra. These packages were all beautifully wrapped, personalized and sent discreetly along to their homes.

We have so much gratitude too for the generous anonymous monetary gifts from some wonderful Parishioners for a few of the neediest families.

All the students left for Christmas break in excitement with gifts from their classroom parties and of course with prayers and blessings from all!!! Thank you for being such a wonderful, special part of the magic for these beautiful children!!!

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

(from the Office of Family Life Education)

The Holy Family. In last week's gospel Mary and Joseph were not "perfect" parents. If you have ever been "amazed" and "astonished" at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you "didn't understand" your children or felt "anxious" about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

Let the morning bring me word of
 your unfailing love,
 for I have put my trust in you.
 Show me the way I should go,
 for to you I lift up my soul.

Psalm 143:8 NIV

Let us Pray



Please remember in your prayers the sick of our two parishes and all those in hospitals, nursing homes and the home bound.

Christopher Aldrich, Vincent Aldridge, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Margaret Brigandi, Lena Campanino, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Rosemarie Capriotti, Cheryle Cacchione, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Joni Uva DelGiorno, Peter DiBello, Gen DiMento, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Aaron Doty, Dan Fahey, Marilyn Ferretti, Beverly Frey, Ellen Gangemi, David Gehres, Gladys Graham, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Mattia Kinslow, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Madge Maffei, Peggy Miccinelli, Annette Montgomery, Bill Moran, Michael Morga, Jean Padden, The Pavia Children, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Samuel and Sue Wilson.

Reminding all our parishioners who will be going to warmer climates: please notify the Parish Offices (315-422-7163) in advance so that your envelopes can be stopped until your return to the area, then we can reactivate the mailings. This should be a large savings in paying out the return postage fees. This worked very well in the past and we are hoping for the same good response. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Bishop Grimes Community. Many blessings for happiness, peace and good health in 2021!!

Visit us at WWW.BISHOPGRIMES.ORG OR

Download the BG APP.

Now enrolling for the 2021-22 school year, contact the enrollment office for more information.

315-314-7157 or SCOLLINS@SYRDIOCESE.ORG



Happy Belated Birthday Wishes to **DJ Scarfino (our parish's DIY guy)!!** Hope your birthday was fun filled, you surely deserve a fun day!!

**Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
2021 MASS BOOK OPEN**

The 2021 Mass Book is open for your Mass Intentions. There is a \$10 donation for each Mass intention; \$25 for Bread and Wine, \$10 each for Sanctuary Lamps (there are 2), \$10 each for Eucharistic Angels (there are 2), and \$10 for the Padre Pio Candle, these intentions will be for the whole week. Your requests may be made during our office hours M-F from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. You may also send a note with your Mass Intentions and the date you request along with your donation in a plain envelope, address it to Parish Office, attention Maryann or drop it in the Collection at Mass.

REMINDER: The policy put forth by the Diocese is that one Mass will be offered for the people of the parish each week. The Mass intention will read "For All Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter."

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with HIM and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."

(Mother Teresa)

Something to think about now that we are spending so much time at home.

Please remember in your prayers...

Please pray for all health care workers of our parish serving in this crisis of Covid 19. That God helps to guide their decisions and to keep them safe as well. We pray for, **Dr. Patrick Abt, Alisa Albanese, PA, Gia DeMichele, Claire Dwyer, Nurse, Christopher Jacques, EMS, Lynda Keller, Nurse Ross Mathewson, Nurse, Joseph and Rita Nicoletti, Nurses, Robert C. Palucci, Nurse, Dr. Alyssa Toia, Stacy Toia, Nurse, and Lauren Townley, Nurse.**

Serving our Country

Always keep in your prayers all our brave servicemen and women. **Anthony Cangemi, Richard L. Cooper, Jack McAndrew, Matthew McAndrew, Bryan M. Oakes & Rob Smith. Thank you for your service.**

**Cookbooks are in and mostly distributed
Many, many thanks to Thomas J Pirro**

Thank you to everyone that worked on and purchased our new cookbooks. We think they turned out beautifully and hope everyone is pleased. We sold almost 500 and will be printing more in the next couple weeks. So if you didn't get one and want one we hope you will call and order...**and**...spread the word!!!

With a great deal of love and gratitude we want to thank our incredible cookbook sponsors Thomas J Pirro Funeral Home. As Parishioners and Business affiliates, they are ALWAYS there for us in support and need and they certainly have demonstrated that again in a huge way!! Thanks to them, every dollar raised from our cookbooks will be put to our church and school!!! The Pirro family has been part of the Our Lady of Pompei Parish through generations and they have always been a wonderful, special and integral part of our parish family!! Thank you from the very bottom of our hearts!!! Your kindness and generosity is absolutely overwhelming!!!!

Our cookbook committee was fantastic and I want to thank each and every one of you!!! Even in these most difficult times you were there for whatever was needed!!!...Thanks committee.....

Father Daniel Caruso

Lucy Paris

Merci Bilotti

Patty Marco

Christina Nicoletti Ciereck

Cindee Musumeci

Maryann DeMichele

Rita Nicoletti

Louise De Girolamo

Janet Petraghani

Beth Fazio

Colleen Rosenthal

Marie Felice

Mary Linda Raccuia

Rita Fox

Connie Smithers

Lauri Gildemeyer

Betty Jane Toia

Maryann Iannettone

Jamie Wallace

Sandy Laurenti



Love you all...Lucy

