



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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. - Mt 2:10-11a

**Sunday, January 5**

9:00 AM Parishioners
 11:15 AM Aloysius Bogusko - Nina & E. Evans

Monday, January 6

7:00 AM Joyce Grohowski - Husband & Family

Tuesday, January 7

7:00 AM Thomas Kopinski - Family

Wednesday, January 8

7:00 AM Thomas J. Nardone - Anita & Allen
 Levinbook

Thursday, January 9

7:00 AM Edward Loncoski - Anthony & Louis
 Sepsick

Friday, January 10

7:00 AM Irene Brozowski - Shirley Klauss

Saturday, January 11

4:00 PM Joseph, Frances & Christopher Jacobs -
 Dave & Barbara Jacobs

Sunday, January 12

9:00 AM Parishioners
 11:15 AM Paula Elgonitis - Stella Page

SANCTUARY VOTIVES: World Peace

SACRED HEART CANDLES: In Memory of
 Frank Revitt -By Wife, Geraldine

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$4,743.24
LOOSE:	\$206.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:	\$522.00
DUES:	\$1,286.00

2019 -CALENDARS - They are available. They are found at the Church's doorways. Our thanks to Nat-Gawlas Funeral Home for sponsoring this year's calendars'

EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars on December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set. Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the: "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall between March 22 and April 25. In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday, the upcoming dates were "proclaimed" after the gospel in this way: Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of His return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation. Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord: His last supper, His crucifixion, His burial and His rising celebrated between the evening of the Ninth of April, and the evening of the Eleventh of April, Easter Sunday being on the Twelfth day of April. Each Easter, as on each Sunday, the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death. From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the Twenty-sixth day of February. The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on Sunday, the Twenty-Fourth of May or Thursday the Twenty-first of May. Pentecost, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the Thirty-first day of May. And this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the Twenty-ninth day of November, 2020. Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the Holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and the commemoration of the faithful departed. To Jesus Christ, who was who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - His excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D. D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton and Office for Parish Life wishes to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2020 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14th. The event includes a 2:30 pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your Pastor before March 12th.



FROM THE PASTOR

This ceremony of the blessing of the home and inscription of the initials of the three Magi above each door can be performed by the father of the family. **Prayer:**

Leader (Father of the family): Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

All Pray: The Magnificat. During the Magnificat, the room is sprinkled with holy water and incensed, after this is completed.

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Leader: Our Father..

And lead us not into temptation..

All: But deliver us from evil

Leader: All they from Saba shall come

All: Bringing gold and frankincense

Leader: O Lord hear my prayer.

All: and let my cry come to You

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for the light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee, Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of they rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Leader: Let us pray.

Bless + O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

After the prayers of the blessing recited, each room of the home is sprinkled with Epiphany water and incensed. The initials of the Magi are inscribed on the doors with the blessed chalk. (The initials C.M.B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house".) Example: 20 + C + M + B + 20.

MAGNIFICAT

My soul magnifies the Lord; and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid; For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed; Because He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name; And His mercy is from generation to generation on those who fear Him. He has shown might with His arm, He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and has exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. He has given help to Israel, His servant, mindful of His mercy, even as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His posterity forever.

THANKS - Father Terry, Father Ghezzi and Deacon DeVizia are very grateful for the cards and gifts they have received from our parishioners and friends . And also God bless your support of the parish with your Christmas offerings. These are challenging days for our parish. Your financial support is crucial to maintain and sustain our mission here at Our Lady of Hope. Once again God bless you.