

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021



In recent years, people's attempt to trace their roots and fill in the branches on their family tree have been greatly helped by the website, **ancestry.com**. There, one can search through a wealth of public records in order to find the who and the where of family origins.

Some among us have taken the time to sit with older family members and record their recollections of people and events that have made their family special and unique. Today, the sacred texts and their authors offer the praying assembly an opportunity to trace not our physical roots, but our spiritual ones — right back to those featured in today's readings. When, at long last, the magi did find Jesus and Mary, they gave gifts worthy of a king. Prostrate, they paid homage to Jesus, their genuine faith contrasting sharply with the lip service of Herod as well as the chief priests and scribes. The leaders of the Jews knew what the scriptures said about Jesus and Bethlehem, but that was not sufficient. Although they knew the prophecies, the leaders were not moved to believe. In the magi, we see knowledge affirmed by faith.

As we remember their story today, let us allow these magi, our spiritual ancestors, to inspire our faith, daring, courage, generosity and willingness to hope in God's promises. An ancient legend attests to their continuing importance. Supposedly, the magi were of three different ages. Caspar was very young, Balthazar was middle-aged and Melchior was a senior citizen. When they arrived in Bethlehem, each entered the home of Joseph one at a time. When Melchior entered, he met an old man, and they spoke together of memory and gratitude. Balthazar encountered a middle-aged teacher and they spoke passionately of leadership and responsibility. When Casper entered, he met a young prophet, and they talked of reform and promise. After that, the three of them entered together with their gifts. There, they met an infant with his mother. Later, they began to understand. Jesus, the Savior, speaks to each of us at every stage of life. The elderly hear the call to integrity and wisdom. The middle-aged hear the call to generosity and responsibility. The young hear the call to authenticity and intimacy.

Today, the call of the Savior is extended to each of us.

What do you hear? How will you respond?

Come,
let us
adore
Him.

Mass Times

Tuesday and Friday
8:30 am in Church

Saturday
4:30 pm in Church

Sunday
9:00 am and 11:00
am in Church

Confessions will be
heard every
Saturday at 3:30 pm

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This N That by Deacon Skip

I hope all New Year's Eve revelers had an opportunity to revel this year. I can't say I was ever much into it. When we were first married Kathy and I would go to one party or another, but as time moved on and especially as kids came along, we spent New Year's Eve at home. I have a bad time staying awake to see the ball drop on Time's Square.

I've never understood it as a holiday. For starts, we don't know on what day or date our world began. To be philosophical about it, our New Year's Day is the day we are born, and every year we should observe New Year's on that date. Quite frankly every day is New Year's Day. There is no reason why I have to wait for January 1 to roll around to become a new me. Today works just fine.

It will be interesting to see what the new year does bring. Hopefully, we will see an end to the pandemic and restore our lifestyles. I can do without worrying about the young ones coming down with the disease. Of course, there was a generation that worried itself over the Spanish Flu, and I remember my mother being worried over polio. The nursery rhyme Ring Around the Rosie is about the black death. For one reason or another, we have had a health scare staring us in the face across many generations. It will be good to see this one gone.

Don't forget the parish pantry. Even of the pandemic goes away, the need will not.

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Scripture Readings for the Week of January 3, 2021

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 4, 2021

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8;
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Saint André Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 7, 2021

Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and
15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 8, 2021

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15,
19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 9, 2021

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and
6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6;
1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11



We pray for our beloved deceased parishioners, family and friends who have passed during the months of September–December, 2020

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.”

Charles Aquilina Sr.	Marilyn Lelek
Ann Berryman	Thomas Libich
Marguerite Boyce	Linda Miles
Lorraine Demsky	Esther Riley
Margie DesJardin	Raymond Sepulveda
Eugene Franckowiak	Marie White
Wanda Jaskula	Norman Wiewiura
Richard Kleczynski	Monica Woltcamp

Acts of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one’s self in prayer with Christ’s sacrifice and worshipping him in his Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

A prayer for Spiritual Communion

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 in 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.

**Ministries Center
(734) 425-9771**



Current food needs: cans of soup, ravioli or spaghetti-Os, macaroni and cheese (box), laundry detergent, paper towels

Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 10am-12pm in the Ministries Building. If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.

The Blanket Ministry would like to thank everyone who attended the small impromptu boutique making it a huge success.

Thank you also to the maintenance dept. for transporting the heavy totes across the street.

Because of our abundance of afghans, many were donated to the Capuchin fathers for the homeless, Angela Hospice and the Felician nuns.

The Blanket Ministry wishes everyone a Blessed Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

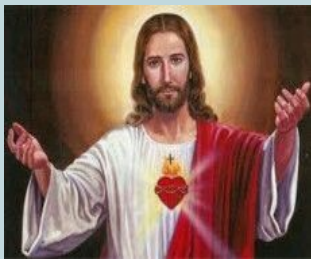


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Worship Schedule		January 9 & 10, 2021	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:30 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS			
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CANDY HENRY DEBBIE SMITT FRANK TOFIL	GAIL COZZAGLIO DAN LOBB JOAN PALMER	DENICE BIELSKI EVIE BURGESS MISSY TAYLOR
LECTORS			
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	GAIL COZZAGLIO	TEREZE AULA
MASS INTENTIONS	+EUGENE FRANCKOWIAK	PARISHIONERS OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH	ANTHONY WISNIEWSKI FAMILY



There will be a one-hour Eucharistic Adoration along with recitation of the Rosary following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on the First Friday of each month

Weekday Masses

January 4-8, 2021

Tuesday, January 5

8:30 am.....CHURCH
DAN IRWIN

Friday, January 8

8:30 am.....CHURCH
DORIS SANTINI
+LORETTA JAMES

Weekend Collection December 26 & 27, 2020

Envelope contributions: \$5,292.00
Loose contributions: 248.00

Total Sunday Offertory \$5,540.00

Budgeted per week \$10,404.00
Below the budgeted amount **-4,864.00**
Total # of envelopes 136
Average envelope contribution \$40.73

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Holy Day \$ 95.00
Utility \$ 100.00
Flowers \$ 45.00
Initial Offering \$ 5.00

TOTAL \$ 245.00

Thank you for your support and may God bless you!
Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.

1/10/21 bulletin will have the totals for the Christmas and Gift to God collections.

We thank everyone for your generosity and continued support of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

Bulletin Editor

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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 12:00 p.m. During holidays articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.

Please Pray For...

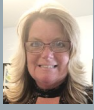
Ainsworth, Karen	Carol and Ronnie	Larry, Bruce	Nantz, Janice	Skorupa, Peter
Ainsworth, Ron	Chicila, Pam	Levoir, Lorraine	Needham, Jim	Sokol, Dennis J.
Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike	Cunningham, John	Luther, Brian	Newman, Theresa	Stacherski, Ann
Altizer, Brynn	Daughtery, Jeff	Lynn, William	Niemczewski, Gordon	Staudacher, Jason
Armstrong, Sean	DeGrande, Colleen	Maddix, Erin	Palucki, Rachel	Summet, Fred
Arsenault, Cathy	DeGrande, Sam	Malek, Thomas	Pardo, Charel	Szura, Samantha
Arsenault, Fran	DiVitto, Rita	Malish, Rosemary	Parker, Sharon	Tetreau, Audrey
Asini, Eloho	Esson, Pat	Malone, Della	Pastula, Shirley	Thomas, Michael
Asini, Margaret	Farr, Viola	Marchand, Susan	Persondek, Cristina	Tomasi, Jack
Bargardi, Carl	Galdes, Julie	Marsh, Bob	Pietszak, Carol	Turner, Sandy
Bargardi, Frances	Gau, Sandy	Mathison, Bonnie	Pryce, Mary Ann	Vaughn, Kelly
Bartlett, Carol	Hamm, Jo	Mathison, Jackie	Radford, Magdalen (Maggie)	Wood, Virginia
Boyak, Carolyn	Hayes, Jacqueline	Mayfield, Sally	Rawlings, Therese	Woodward, Todd
Bufalini, Rose	Henry, Bernadine	McGrath, Jim	Robertson, Michael	Wsocki, Ken
Burdis, Cathy	Herlihy, Patrick	Merritt, Dan	Rodgers, Hiedi	Zonca, Barbara
Burke, Larry	Humphrey, Dawn	Miklousich, Lena	Romanowski, Ronald	Ziolkowski, Norm
Burrell, Fred	Irwin, Mary	Mirabitor, Timmy	Saenz, Carlos	
Burris, Nikita	Jones, Marie	Mocadlo, Audrey	Sanregret, Anna	
Burris Family	Kietur, Deanna	Mocadlo, Jim, Sr.	Serafini, Loreta	
	Koslosky, Alphonse	Mocadlo, Jimmy	Shankin, JoAnne	
	Kusluski, Walter	Murray, Colleen		

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2020-June 30, 2021

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty families	Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Loving memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	Angel Danny P. Pepera
In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Burdis	My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess	In loving memory of Joseph Potter
Deceased and live members of the Butka & Wojtkowiak family	Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families
Loving memory of Coach Dave Cain	In Memory of Richard & Eleanor Reed
Loving Memory of Herman Cain	In loving memory of Kathy Rodgers
Special Intention DAK	In loving memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski
In loving memory of Gorny & Kushnir family	Deceased members of Szuba-Balawajder family
Loving memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	In loving memory of Jerome Tesarz
In loving memory of Bob & Ann Hoelscher	Deceased members of the Ulivi & Preville family
Kapanke-Omilian Families	Memory of Bob, Millie, Judy, Collette Warner
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family	Loving Memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber
In memory of Madeline, Frank & Michael Mangold	In loving memory of William E. Wilson
In loving memory of Aline Mele	Loving Memory of Mitchel Yount
In Loving Memory of John R. Mondro	In loving memory of Mary Zarzycki
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan	
Deceased members of The Musolino & Wilson Families	

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Amber	Ainsworth, Raymond	McGaw, Douglas	Meadows, Erin
Angelovic, Adrian	Angelovic, George	Miller, Maj. David C.	Mondoux, Ian
Ardinger, Stephanie	Baumgardner, AJ	Moody, Samantha	Murray, Daniel
Becker, Justin	Bregand, David	Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong	Ohannesian, Brandon
Brozek, Timothy	Campbell, Mary	Pastula, Michael Thomas	Persondek, Michael
Canfield, Chaz	Chokr, Jamel	Porcaro, Jeff	Preba, Danny
Cinka, Jonathan	Coatsworth, Michael	Rosa, Brian J.	Rosa, Douglas J.
Comment, Scott	Dempsey, Joseph	Rousseau, Philip	Sheko, Destiny
DiCicco, Bill	Dwyer, Tyler	Smith, David	Smitt, David
Ellsworth, Justin	Fisher, Bob	Spiczka, Cathy	Spiczka, Greg
Gentilia, Anthony	Goudeseune, Russell	Sparrow, Justin	Spohr, Raymond
Griglio, Matthew	Kashou, Christopher	Squires, Derek	Szerszen, Michael
Laichalk, Robert	Logan, Jonathon	Steenburg, Patrick	Waldo, Michael
Logan, Sean Patrick	Logan, Jeff	Tesarz, Ian Michael	Wiertella, Jonathan
Masiarak, Luke	McHale, Sgt. Shawn	Webb, Brian	
McCarville, William E.	McGahan, Wade	Witt, Christopher	



RELIGIOUS FORMATION

I cannot adequately express how proud I am of our middle schoolers and high schoolers who participated in the Advent Service Projects. There were over 100 kits that were distributed to the young people in parishes in our area through the joint efforts of the CYT (Catholic Youth Trek) and WAYMC (Wayne Area Youth Ministers Coalition). With over a dozen children from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, working in the safety of their own homes, we were able to create: fleece tie blankets for kids at St. Christine's and Kids Hope, door decorations for the residents of Heartland Nursing home, Christmas cards with candy canes for the veterans and for the homeless, condiment packs for Crossroads Soup Kitchen and scarves for the homeless. Even in a world that is locked down, our kids still reach out to help others! What a great message they send to all in serving those most in need, just like Jesus did! May God bless them abundantly for their compassion and concern for others!!

