

❖ ♦The Epiphany of The Lord ♦January 4, 2026♦ ❖

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today's gospel reads: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His star at it rising and have come to do Him homage".

Today's Feast and today's gospel are among the most popular in the Christian world. Yes, the story of the Magi that we (wrongly so) sometimes called 3 Kings. From the get go, let's ask ourselves: What is our star today? Sometimes, our star is an event in our life, an encounter, a joy (like the birth of a child) or a sad situation (the loss of a loved one). Each of these situations that we mentioned (there could be many others) could light up and become a star in our lives. Because of that, we must raise our heads, stand up, and abandon all our "knowledge/certainties" of the past. Our life is shaken. Someone or something has happened. We don't yet understand, but if we act like the Magi, we will certainly have an answer. The most important gifts from the Magi to Jesus is the pilgrimage that they have made; it's the trust in the star; it's the certainty that they have which is that they lack something in their lives, no matter how wealthy they are. They understand that God is not in their lives and they have to look for Him. The star is still shining today. What is missing is that most of the people don't follow their star. The Magi, who represent each human being, show us the way to The "God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, Begotten, not made, Consubstantial with The Father". Remember: The wise still look for Him.

ROMAN MISSALS PURCHASE

Done. Once again, thank you for your generosity in purchasing the Roman Missals and more.
All purchases were made through BURGESS CHURCH SUPPLY (Church Supply for Religious Goods).

From OLA: Total received: \$1,280
Purchased: 2 Roman Missals: \$447
Cope & Humeral Veil: \$ 1,380

From SML: Total received: \$ 1,810
Purchased: 2 Roman Missals: \$447
2 chasubles: \$943.10
(The Altar & Rosary asked to purchase an Altar Crucifix. It's out of stock, and we ordered it).

Saint Patrick: Total received: \$1,120
Purchased: 2 Roman Missals: \$447
2 chasubles: \$943.10

In January 2026, Rome will publish the New: "Order Of The Anointing Of The Sick And Of Their Pastoral Care". Each sacristy needs to purchase one.

2025 MAKE-UP ENVELOPES

Anyone wishing to add to their 2025 contributions may do so on or before January 5, 2026. Before the end of January 2026 Contribution Statements will be available for all registered parishioners. These statements may be used for tax purposes. Contact the office at 570-563-1622 if you need a statement.

WELCOME

With great joy we welcome this weekend in all our Parishes Fr. John Terry. Fr. Terry just retired from being a Pastor at Our Lady of Hope in Wilkes Barre. Father is now a resident of Villa St Joseph in Dunmore and will celebrate the weekend's liturgy in our Parishes. Let's welcome Father John Terry and make him feel welcome.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
2025-2026 REPORT
12-27-2025**

ST. PATRICK

Goal: \$13,543.00 **Cash Raised:** \$9,627.00
Committed-to-date: \$10,627.00
Goal Reached: 78.47% **No. of Donors:** 57
% of Parishioners: 35.19%

OUR LADY OF THE ABINGTONS

Goal: \$12,599.00 **Cash Raised:** \$5,707.00
Committed-to-date: \$7,837.00
Goal Reached: 62.20% **No. of Donors:** 46
% of Parishioners: 25.27 %

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE

Goal: \$12,667.00 **Cash Raised:** \$10,103.00
Committed-to-date: \$11,171.00
Goal Reached: 88.19% **No. of Donors:** 52
% of Parishioners: 22.71%

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

January 10 & 11

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Nikki Weisenfluh

9:00am (SML) Bob Andrews

11 am (SP) Michele Zajac

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Kathy Tumavitch

9:00am (SML) Len Nash

11 am (SP) Nicole & Greg

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Kevin Jones, Margaret Jones

11am (SP) Lucy Ziman

Shadow – Emma Evans

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Julie Harvatine - jwharv03@gmail.com.

1/11/2026 - Class

1/18/2026 - No class

1/25/2026 - Class

1/31/2026 - 4PM Mass at OLA for 6th grade students

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Kerry Pieretti - redlightgreen343@gmail.com

Jan. 11, 2026 - Class

Jan. 18, 2026 - Class

DIOCESAN WOMAN'S RETREAT

The Bold & Beautiful Woman's age 18+ Retreat will be at Holy Transfiguration Retreat center in Dalton Pa. on January 30 to February 1. This retreat will be led by Annette Bergeon, CEO of Endow, which is one of the only women's organizations that has a study specifically on St. Hildegard. For more information contact the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 ext.1100.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Richard & Carrie Home on the baptism of their daughter, Josie Marie last Sunday at St. Patrick's Church. Please pray for Josie Marie and her family.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

There was a funeral at OLA last Saturday for Albert Davis. Please pray for his soul and the comfort of his loved ones.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (January 6) St. Andre Bessette, Religious

8:00am (OLA)

By

Wednesday (January 7) St. Raymond of Penyafort,

Priest

8:00am (SP)

By

Thursday (January 8) Christmas Weekday

8:00 am (OLA)

By

Saturday (January 10) The Vigil of The Baptism of

The Lord

4:00 pm (OLA) Health & Blessings for Elizabeth

Paradise

By Anthony, Tracey, Tyler, Gaven, Bob & Theresa

Sunday January 11) The Baptism of The Lord

9:00 am (SML) Marilyn Portanova

By Tom & Gert Walsh

11:00 am (SP) Veronica Hay

By A Friend

The Sanctuary Candle at OLA

Burning for Health & Healing for John Sandy

By Tony & Rita Sandy

The Sanctuary Candle at SML

Burning this week for Yvonne Snyder

By SML Social Concerns

The Sanctuary Candle at SP

Burning this week for Dan Spencer

By John & Pat Marrazzo

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,020.00 Loose \$ 178.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,339.00 Loose \$ 25.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,180.00 Loose \$ 117.00

May the Lord reward your generosity. .

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

We are still receiving Christmas Offerings in the mail, so look for the total Christmas offerings in an upcoming Bulletin.

OLA/SP MUSIC MINISTRY THANK YOU

The Music Ministry at St. Patrick's Church would like to thank parishioners for their generous Christmas gifts. It is an honor to be able to worship with such a grateful, active and welcoming congregation, lifting our hearts and voices to God. May God abundantly bless you! Soli Deo Gloria!

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Saint Mary Ann de Paredes: she was known to have scarcely taken an ounce of bread every 8 to 10 days. Her only food intake was Holy Communion each morning.