

## APPOINTMENTS

### ACOLYTES

Sat. Jan. 12 - 4:00 PM - Jack Donoughe, Rylee Hershey  
Sun. Jan. 13 - 8:00 AM - Mail Linh Do, Trenton Wandersee  
Sun. Jan. 13 - 11:00 AM - Savannah & Makayla Langenbacher

### LECTORS

Sat. Jan. 12 - 4:00 PM - David Andrews, Mark Sloan  
Sun. Jan. 13 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, James Krug  
Sun. Jan. 13 - 11:00 AM - Gary Johnson, Russell O'Reilly

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Jan. 12 - 4:00 PM - Pam Klobuka, Joseph Klobuka  
Sun. Jan. 13 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky  
Sun. Jan. 13 - 11:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Kenneth Gorman,  
Barbara Bundy, Norma Foose, Bill Foose, Bob Olson

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Jan. 12 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Heather Nackley,  
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel  
Sun. Jan. 13 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Helen Miller,  
Fran Semelsberger, Mary Truesdale  
Sun. Jan. 13 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,  
Wendy Campbell, Dolores Capriotti

### SACRISTAN

Sat. Jan. 12 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King  
Sun. Jan. 13 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham  
Sun. Jan. 13 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

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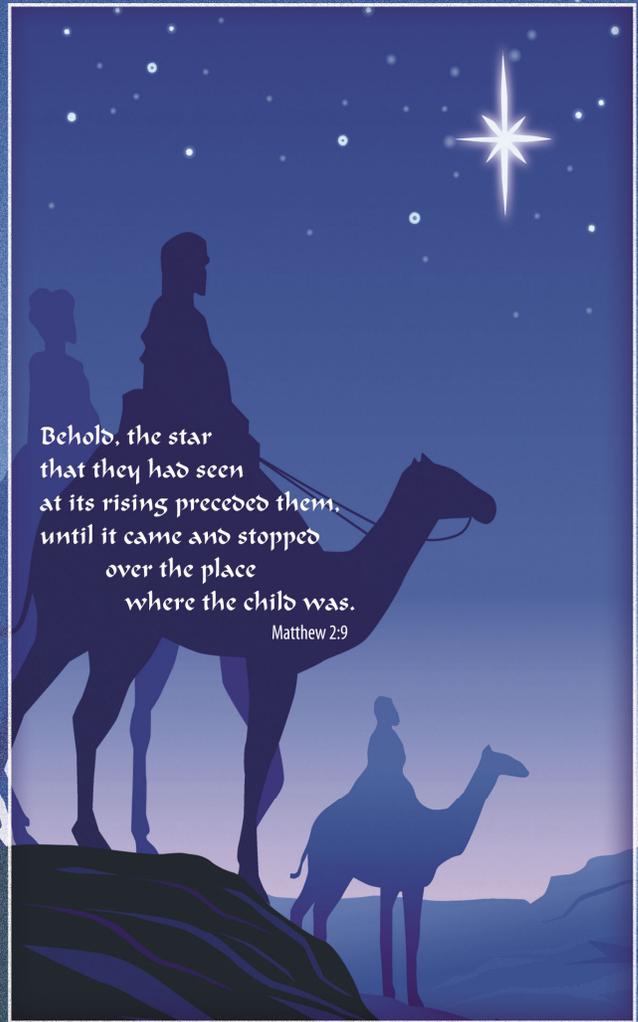
Sat. Jan. 12 - 4:00 PM - Joan Price, Nancy Weimer  
Sun. Jan. 13 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi  
Sun. Jan. 13 - 11:00 AM - Judy Sneath, Dorothy Yingling

## MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY • TUESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY 8:30AM**  
**WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM**  
**SATURDAY - 4:00PM • SUNDAY - 8:00AM & 11:00AM**

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- **Mr. Ken Dunmire** Maintenance



# JANUARY 6, 2019 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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## **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

January 13 - Second Sunday Food Collection  
January 21 - Parish Office Closed  
February 10 - Second Sunday Food Collection  
March 6 - Ash Wednesday Mass & Lenten Soup Supper

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Restore! Repair! Rejoice!** – As the New Year begins, the next phase of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary campaign will commence. Brochures are prepared, and all will be encouraged to participate in this important initiative. Please take a moment to view the pictures posted in the Gathering Space which show the physical needs of our parish. We are grateful to those who have already made a pledge. Stay tuned in the next few weeks for more information.

**Praying the Mass** – On Sunday, January 6, we will begin a six week Adult Ed program on the Mass, with presentations by the noted speaker, Bishop Robert Barron. Don't Miss It!!! There is nothing more central to our lives as Catholics than the celebration of the Eucharist.

**Our Trip to the Passion Play** – There is still room for a few more pilgrims on our 2020 trip to the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. If you are interested, please call our parish office! This truly will be an opportunity of a lifetime! In addition to the Passion Play, we will be visiting religious sites in Krakow and Prague.

**Resolutions for 2019:** Each January, roughly one in three Americans resolve to better themselves in some way. The Bible doesn't mention making resolutions at the beginning of a new year—but it does urge us to examine our lives regularly, and to seek God's help to become better persons every day. The Bible says, "Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord" (Lamentations 3:40). St. Paul reminds us that in Christ, "we are a new creation." Here are some thoughts on the New Year 2019 and the promise which it holds:

"For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice.  
And to make an end is to make a beginning." — **T.S. Eliot**

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every New Year find you a better man."  
— **Benjamin Franklin**

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." — **Edith Lovejoy Pierce**

"We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives...not looking for flaws, but for potential." — **Ellen Goodman**

"And now let us believe in a long year that is given to us, new, untouched, full of things that have never been, full of work that has never been done, full of tasks, claims, and demands; and let us see that we learn to take it without letting fall too much of what it has to bestow upon those who demand of it necessary, serious, and great things." — **Rainer Maria Rilke**

"Well, we have a whole new year ahead of us. And wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all be a little more gentle with each other, a little more loving, and have a little more empathy, and maybe, next year at this time we'd like each other a little more." — **Judy Garland**

"The newness of this day is divine." — **Lailah Gifty Akita**

"Here is a precious message for the New Year from the old year: Be an octopus in the New Year and hold the life tightly with six arms!" — **Mehmet Murat ildan**

"Treat every day like it's a new year, *because it is.*" — **Temit Ibrahim**

"The New Year is a painting not yet painted; a path not yet stepped on; a wing not yet taken off!  
Things haven't happened as yet! Before the clock strikes twelve,  
remember that you are blessed with the ability to reshape your life!" — **Mehmet Murat ildan**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Religious Education Schedule

January 6 - Class Resumes 9:15-10:45  
January 13 - NO CLASS  
January 20 - Class in session 9:15 - 10:45

**ADULT ED PROGRAM ON THE MASS:** This Sunday, January 6, we begin a six week Adult Ed program on the Mass, with presentations by the noted speaker, Bishop Robert Barron. Adult Ed meets in the school cafeteria between the Sunday morning masses, from about 9:15 - 10:45. All are welcome to join us.

**PARISH CENTER AND CHURCH SCHEDULING:** Our Parish Center has been a great addition to the parish for committee meetings and classes. However, we do ask that you contact the parish office at 942-5503 before scheduling a meeting to make sure another group has not already reserved it. It's also a good idea to call and ask the staff to check the master calendar before using the church, gathering space and day chapel or the school cafeteria or gym - just to make sure that they are not already in use. We do have some groups that meet in those places on a regular basis. Thank you.

**CALLING ALL BINGO PLAYERS!** Holy Trinity Bingo program supports Holy Trinity Students! Bingo nights are every Tuesday and Friday. Doors open at 5pm with early bird games at 6pm - regular games start 7pm. Admission package only \$35 which includes: 18 cards, all 24 regular games, 5 cards for all jackpots except blitz. Early bird and bonanza games sold separately. Visa and Mastercard credit and debit accepted. Located in the St. Rose of Lima basement – 6th avenue and 56th street.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** The Magi were led to the Savior by the light of the star. May we, as baptized Catholics, lead others to Jesus by the light of our Faith.

### Stewardship at St. John's

Offertory for December 23 - 25

Envelopes	\$ 5,402.00
Loose	\$ 511.00
Parish Development	\$ 50.00
Catholic Education	\$ 900.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 60.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 21.00
SubTotal	\$ 6,944.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,604.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,548.00</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>\$ 8,492.00</b>

## ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the sick. If you know of someone in the parish who is ill or has passed away and in need of prayers, please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at [gabby.reeder@gmail.com](mailto:gabby.reeder@gmail.com) to add their name to the prayer list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered.

Baby Adam  
Baby Aiden  
Cari Ann  
Judy Baird  
Jen Buda  
Robert Cole  
Millie Grace Capon  
Mary Lee DeStefano  
Michael DeStefano  
Jim Duffy  
Helen Fornwalt  
Leann Frazier  
Dianna Green  
Ken Hartman  
Boni Javier  
Brian Kopp  
Sara Litzinger  
Sherri Maffettone

Bryson Miller  
June Miller  
Barbara Moore  
Mary Oricko  
Ron Peschock  
Bob & Mary Rajnish  
Allison Recker  
Olga Romerowicz  
Mike Rudolph  
Sylvia Santoni  
Anne Showalter  
Dianne Stultz  
Tim & Dina Temofonte  
Patty Teufel  
Lois Werfel  
Noah Wills  
Amber Yasolsky  
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*Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these  
and all people in need:*

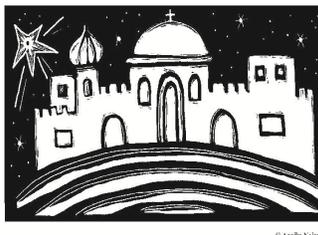
HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

**Norma J. Belin - Mother of Denise Imler**  
*May she rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.*

**EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING:** The feast day of Epiphany (which you may hear referred to as the Twelfth Night, or Three Kings Day) celebrates the coming of the three kings, who visited Christ from the East. The feast also is a time for a Catholic tradition, the chalking of the doors. The phrase that is chalked above the door this year is 20 + C + M + B + 18. The letters 'C', 'M', and 'B' have two meanings. In honor of the magi, they represent the initials of the three kings: Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar. These three kings visited the Christ child in His first home in Nazareth. But the words also abbreviate a Latin saying: *Christus mansionem benedicat*. Translated, this means: "May Christ bless the house." Chalking the door of the home is a practice celebrated by Catholics for centuries throughout the world. However, the practice doesn't appear as much in the United States. That doesn't mean you can't adopt the tradition with your family this year! The easy ceremony reminds Catholics that their year is dedicated to God.

### **Liturgical Reflection...**

Today we join the three men from the east who have come to acknowledge the presence of divinity on this earth. The infant child is indeed the Eternal Word of God. And this divine gift is just not for God's holy people Israel. The Savior has arrived on this earth for the redemption of all peoples. These foreign travelers stand for all of us who are not members of God's chosen people Israel. Nonetheless, God has sent his Savior Child for the redemption of all people. 2019, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.



The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 6, 2019

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— Isaiah 60:1

### **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

#### **Sunday January 6 - The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*  
11:00AM-Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by  
Sam & Beth Britz

#### **Monday January 7 - Christmas Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for *Jimmy Nguyen Family*

#### **Tuesday January 8 - Christmas Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for *Cleo Parks* requested by  
Rich & Joyce Lowe

#### **Wednesday January 9 - Christmas Weekday**

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00PM-Evening Prayer & Communion Service  
6:45PM-Rosary

#### **Thursday January 10 - Christmas Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:30AM-Morning Prayer & Communion Service

#### **Friday January 11 - Christmas Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:30AM-Morning Prayer & Communion Service

#### **Saturday January 12 - Vigil of The Baptism Of The Lord**

3:00 PM - Confessions  
4:00PM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

#### **Sunday January 13 - The Baptism Of The Lord**

8:00AM-Mass for *Angeline Capriotti* requested by  
Jane Altemas  
11:00AM-Mass for *Anne Lee* requested by  
Marian Monios & Family

**FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL:** After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by “another way.” What in your family needs to be done “another way?” Do you need another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year. It’s time to change what isn’t working. Take a tip from some wise men, there’s always “another way.”

#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS TO BE INSTALLED AT BG:**

Olivia Butler, 11th grade Bishop Guilfoyle student and Girl Scout Ambassador is currently working towards achieving her Girl Scout Gold Award. The Gold Award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, recognizing girls who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through take-action projects that have sustainable impact in their communities and beyond. Olivia is currently designing and will soon be installing Stations of the Cross outside of Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School. In addition to the Stations themselves, Olivia is creating and printing multi-lingual booklets to be used by all members of the community as they prayerfully wind their way through the Bishop Guilfoyle Stations of the Cross. Olivia hopes that this project will provide the community with a place for prayer and reflection.

To learn more about her project and how you can make a donation towards the project please contact the Bishop Guilfoyle Business Office at 814-944-5226. Donations can be made out to Bishop Guilfoyle and sent directly to the Business Office, Attention: Stations of the Cross. All donations are greatly appreciated. Each donor will receive a special thank you card acknowledging their donation and appropriate for presenting as a gift during the Christmas season.

*Those making a donation of \$150 or more may choose to have the Stations of the Cross placed in recognition or honor of a family member, friend, or group. All such honorees will have their names included on one plaque placed adjacent to the Stations of the Cross.*

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 -- 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 -- 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16





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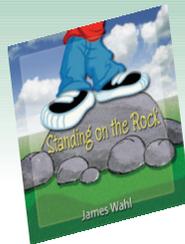
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