

# Church of the Holy Angels

January 3, 2021, The Epiphany of the Lord

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MASSES OF OBLIGATION: SATURDAY 5:30PM SUNDAY 8:30AM & 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS: HALF HOUR BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 9:00AM-4:00PM

OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

Rev. Andrew Stahmer, Pastor

Deacon Thomas Conlin

Sister Teresa Catherine, Pastoral Assistant

Mary Kay Bartol, Secretary

Joseph Fesniak Organist, Choir Director

Joette Foris, Director of Religious Education, Guitarist

Robert Balonis, Maintenance

## FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Charles Kaminsky, Chairman, Mary Ann Daya,

Kathy Nolan, Frank Mirarchi, Peter Avellino

## MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday, January 2

8:00am Marie Kismer  
4:00pm Lois Kemper  
5:30pm Rose Sando

Sunday, January 3

8:30am Veronica Payeski  
10:30am People of the Parish

Monday, January 4

8:00am Linda Ross

Tuesday, January 5

8:00am Marion Valanoski

Wednesday, January 6

8:00am Rita Buggy

Thursday, January 7

8:00am Dora DiFrancesco

Friday, January 8

8:00am Mary Kaminsky

Saturday, January 9

8:00am Thelma Duceman  
4:00pm Christine Jevelle  
5:30pm Ralph Mirarchi

Sunday, January 10

8:30am People of the Parish  
10:30am Theresa Conniff

*Of Your Charity*, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Christine Jevelle**, a member of Holy Angels Parish Family. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

## Parish Mission Statement

*We, the family of Holy Angels Parish, a diverse community of ethnic and cultural backgrounds, are united through the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Word of God to all peoples by following the teachings of Jesus Christ.*

*Working together in wisdom and love we commit ourselves in the following ways: protecting the unborn; fostering faith development in our youth; planting new seeds of evangelization throughout our parish family through prayer, spiritual works, education and outreach activities; ministering to the needs of our aging parishioners; promoting holiness through celebration of the sacraments, worship in liturgy, communal prayer, and our faith traditions.*

*Through these actions rooted in charity and mercy, we pledge to pass on our customs and beliefs to future generations, thus preserving our faith traditions for the greater glory of God and as a sign of Christ's love.*

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jim Nolan, Chairman, Joe Meyer, Vice-Chairman, Jeanne Avellino, Pat Bingaman, Sherry Bozza, Maria Foris, Teresa McCabe, Juliann Wanzie, Kathy Pupo, Jeff Kruleski, Alex Clayberger, Lena Leaveck

## Sacrificial Offering

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Weekend of December 27

Number of registered households	883
160 Sunday Offering (Households)	\$4,423.00
Loose Cash	\$65.00
Youth Offering	\$92.00
Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One	\$30.00
Votive Candles	\$78.00
Thanksgiving	\$70.00
Immaculate Conception	\$40.00
Energy	\$45.00

Amount Budgeted	\$8,333.00
Amount Contributed	\$4,843.00
Weekend of December 27	-\$3,490.00

Improvement Fund	
Previous Balance	\$18,314.00
Weekend of December 27	+\$40.00
Balance	\$18,354.00

Air Conditioner Replacement Campaign	
Goal	\$60,000.00
Donations to date	\$22,616.00
Balance	\$37,384.00

Christmas	
225 Adult Envelopes	\$10,651.00
Christmas Loose	\$1,061.00
Youth Envelopes	\$108.00
Total Christmas to date	\$11,820.00

Diocesan Collections	
Matthew 25	\$10.00
Religious Retirement	\$45.00



### Welcome to All!

This church is our heavenly Father's house, a place of solace and grace, so feel at home here. Enter reverently, pray quietly, sing joyfully, listen attentively, give cheerfully and come back gladly. Remain in the church after Mass for some personal quiet time with the Lord and come early before Mass to pray the Rosary with others. If you ever feel unwelcome-let the pastor know! And if the pastor makes you feel unwelcome, let him know!

### Active Parishioner Status

We receive many requests for parishioners to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and to rightfully enjoy the number of services offered at Holy Angels Parish. Part of the request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member"

An "Active Member" is:

1. Properly registered on the parish rolls.
2. Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
3. Participates in parish activities/ministries when possible.
4. Uses the parish envelope system for donations.

These are the main factors that will be considered in making the determination that someone is an "active member." Other criteria are also taken into consideration when requesting a sponsor certificate.

### Couples Planning Marriage

For couples who are planning to marry, please check the availability of our church prior to arranging venues.

### Adoration at the St. Pauline Center

Fridays and Saturdays 10:00AM- 4:00PM. Chairs are spaced 6 ft. apart and masks are required. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### Vigil Lights

January 3 thru January 9

Sanctuary Light: *In loving memory of Jenny Fodor by Sandy*

St. Anthony: *In loving memory of Mary Orrego by Jennifer*

St. Anne: *In loving memory of Fr. Robert Berger by Cathy Lacroce*

St. Casimir: *Special intention*

St. Theresa: *Special intention*

St. Kateri: *Special intention*

St. Marziale: *In loving memory of Elaine Duran by husband, Michael*

Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of Helen Thomas by husband, Clem*



### PREP

PREP UPDATE... please note the change!

The opening date for Holy Angels PREP CLASSES is January 10 for grades 6-8, and January 11 for Grades 1-5. All students will receive a revised schedule for the year at our next class.



### Spaghetti Dinner

Holy Angels Activity Center

Sunday, January 31, 2021

11:00AM-1:00PM or until sold out

Dinner includes: Spaghetti, 2 meatballs, 1 piece chicken parm, salad, dessert.

Donation \$10.00

Take-out Only!

### Additional Christmas Flower Memorials

*In loving memory of*

Barbara Kahler, David & Sam Katchick, Edna Peek.

### Container Donations

With the amount of take-out dinners we are having, the expense of containers cuts into our profit. We would appreciate any donations of the 3 compartment Styrofoam containers or a monetary donation and we will purchase the containers for you!

### Winners of the Twelve Days of Christmas

December 10, 072-Elaine Zanuch

December 11, 437- unclaimed

December 12, 708-unclaimed

December 13, 072-Elaine Zanuch

December 14, 704-Mandy Kruleski

December 15, 988-Rena Balonis

December 16, 970-Rose Pisarz

December 17, 742-Lisa Mirarchi

December 18, 287-Millie Smith

December 19, 835-Jeff Zlocki

December 20, 505-Rena Balonis

December 21, 479-unclaimed

December 22, 862-Earl Bush

### A Few Reminders

**\*Masks are to be worn as face covering the entire time parishioners attend Mass or any other liturgical event in the parish including sacramental Confession. They are not to be lowered at any time while in the church except to receive Holy Communion. It is not acceptable for parishioners to lower their face masks while sitting in the pew.**

\*Social distancing is to be strictly enforced. The measure of 6 feet between individuals and family groups is to be maintained while seated and moving.

\*Groups are NOT to gather outside of our churches for social time. Face masks should be worn until a person has left the church property and distanced himself or herself from other congregants.

### Contribution Records for 2020

If you would like a copy of your contribution record for the calendar year 2020, please submit a self-addressed stamped envelope either thru the collection or drop off at the parish office in the box on the front porch.

### Save-the-Date - Diocesan Men's Conference!

Please mark March 20, 2021 on your calendar for the *Annual Diocese of Harrisburg (Virtual) Men's Conference*. **Theme:** Catholic Men: Called to be Defenders of the Faith!

**Speakers:** Dr. William Donohue - President of the Catholic League, The Most Rev. Ronald Gainer, Fr. Frederick Miller, Fr. John Szada, Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, and Mr. Tony Devlin. There will also be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction led by Bishop Gainer, as well as outstanding music. This conference is one of the largest annual events in the Diocese every year. The cost this year is just \$10 per man. It is open to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. If you are not able to watch it live streamed on March 20, you'll still want to register since all registrants receive a link to the conference several days after its completion. Online registration will be available on the Diocesan website shortly. If you are a man in the Diocese of Harrisburg, you do not want to miss this conference!

**"Because you never know what's going to happen next."** A survey was made among school children asking them why they enjoyed reading Harry Potter novels and watching Harry Potter movies. The most common answer was, "Because you never know what's going to happen next!" This same sense of suspense and surprise prompted us to watch the seven episodes of the *Star War* movies. The same desire for epiphany with the thrill of suspense and joyful anticipation prompted adults to watch James Bond films and encouraged the great explorers like Marco Polo and Christopher Columbus to make risky and adventurous journeys. It is the same curiosity which led the Magi to follow the star of Bethlehem. An element of suspense marked every moment in the journey of the Magi, who never knew what road the Spirit of God was going to take them down next. Today's readings invite us to have the same curiosity explorers and movie fans have, so that we may discover the "epiphany," or manifestation, or Self-revelation, of our God in every person and every event, everywhere.

**The triple reactions:** The Epiphany can be looked on as a symbol for our pilgrimage through life to Christ. The feast invites us to see ourselves as images of the Magi, a people on a journey to Christ. Today's Gospel also tells us the story of the Magi's encounter with the evil King Herod. This encounter symbolizes three reactions to Jesus' birth: hatred, indifference, and adoration: a) a group of people headed by Herod planned to destroy Jesus; b) another group, composed of priests and scribes, ignored Jesus; c) the members of a third group -- shepherds and the magi -- adored Jesus and offered themselves to Him.

### NOVEMBER 2020 REVENUE OPERATING INCOME

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
<b>Ordinary Income</b>	\$23,440.00	\$95,945.78
<b>General Fund Raising Activities</b>	-	\$28,047.99
<b>Extraordinary Income</b>	\$5,259.00	\$21,593.00
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	\$28,699.00	\$150,446.77
<b>Non-Operating Income</b>	\$2,953.00	\$22,413.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$31,652.00	\$172,859.77

Non-operating income refers to debt reduction campaign, capital fund income and withdrawal from savings.

### EXPENSES OPERATING EXPENDITURES

<b>Salaries</b>	\$10,733.07	\$53,633.35
<b>Employee Benefits</b>	\$5,340.21	\$26,704.68
<b>Purchased Services</b>	\$17,632.39	\$75,799.61
<b>Other Expenses</b>	-	\$993.50
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	\$33,705.67	\$157,131.14

<b>Non-Operating Expenses</b>	\$3,903.00	\$20,066.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$37,608.68	\$177,197.14
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditures</b>	(\$5,956.67)	(\$4,337.37)

Non-operating expenditures relates to deposit to savings, payment on debt, capital expenditures (building) and transfer to perpetual care. These funds are not used to pay "ordinary" expenses.



# Dear Padre,

**A friend who is a fundamentalist insists Epiphany happened exactly as it says in the Bible. I say there's no way it could have. Who is right?**

Catholics believe each book of the Bible needs to be appreciated according to the principles of its own literary genre. We don't look to the Gospels for modern critical history or unbiased biographical/reportorial fact-telling.

The four Gospels were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Each Gospel writer uses human skill to craft a true story, presenting the saving mystery of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection so that readers may come to know Christ, share his life, and be saved.

Every story in the Gospels is shaped to communicate saving truth, but not every story is told as a direct "just the facts, ma'am" report of sequential events. So there is a saving sense in which, yes, the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in Matthew 2:1-12. And there is a more literal sense in which, no, the Epiphany probably did not happen exactly as it's recounted.

What is most certain is the Gospel's saving message of the birth of our true king, the light to all nations, before whom we offer homage and who, when we encounter him, will change our lives and send us home in a new path.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR  
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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

As we begin the New Year, may we discover anew that faith demands worship....For worship involves making an exodus from the greatest form of bondage: slavery to oneself. Worship means putting the Lord at the center, not ourselves.

EPIPHANY HOMILY, JANUARY 6, 2020

## Calendar

**Monday**  
JANUARY 4  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
Religious  
1 Jn 3:22-4:6  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday**  
JANUARY 5  
St. John Neumann,  
Bishop  
1 Jn 4:7-10  
Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday**  
JANUARY 6  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 4:11-18  
Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday**  
JANUARY 7  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 4:19-5:4  
Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday**  
JANUARY 8  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 5:5-13  
Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday**  
JANUARY 9  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 5:14-21  
Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday**  
JANUARY 10  
Baptism of the Lord  
Is 55:1-11  
1 Jn 5:1-9  
Mk 1:7-11

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

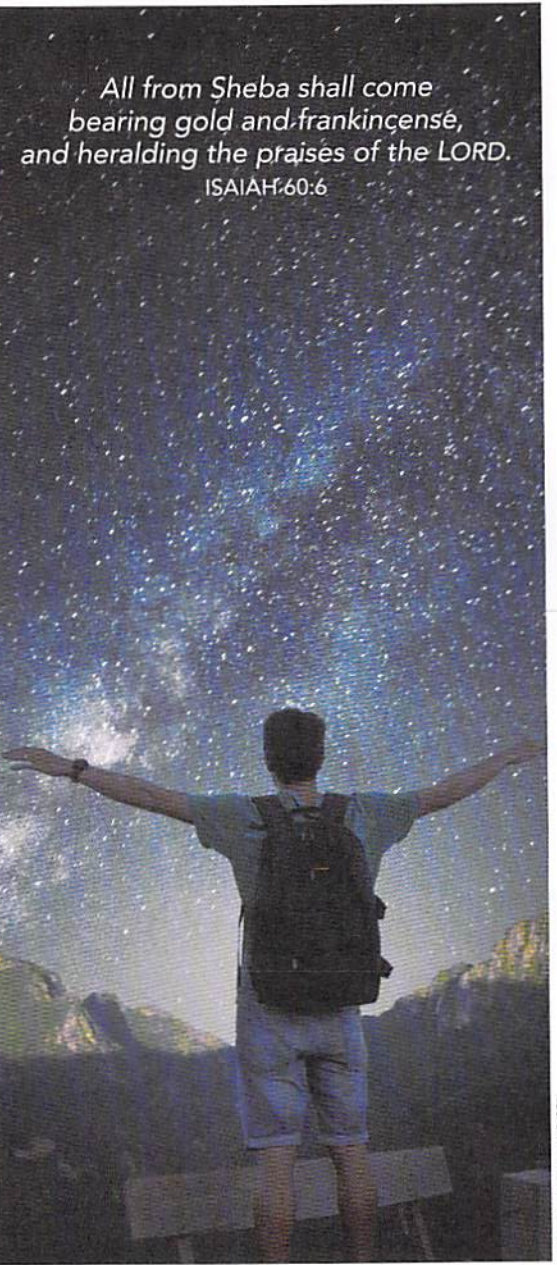
## Do You See What I See?

Today's Gospel answers this question quite definitively: No! Not everyone saw the guiding star in the sky. Not even those who, presumably, knew the prophecy found in the reading from Isaiah. That ancient prophet announced to the people of Jerusalem: "Your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1). In fact, he promised them they would be so embraced by that light, they themselves would shine brightly with its radiance. But when the time came, not everyone saw it. Or, having seen it, they did not recognize it.

The people of Jesus' time were not ignorant of these prophecies. They knew what they meant and to whom they referred. Consequently, when the stargazers who saw the light inquired about it, those to whom they inquired knew where to send them. So what was the problem? Why were those men in Jerusalem not excited about the star? Very simply, a new king meant a rival king, and those who had power weren't eager to relinquish it.

We know that not everyone in Israel rejected Jesus. Shepherds had already thrilled at this birth. Someone in Bethlehem had opened his home to this child and his parents. Now we add to them the stargazers from another country. It seems the invitation to come to him is extended to all: political and religious leaders, the unsophisticated and marginalized, the established homeowner, the foreigners in their midst. They are all asked: "Did you see what I saw? What do you think of him?"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



All from Sheba shall come  
bearing gold and frankincense,  
and heralding the praises of the LORD.  
ISAIAH 60:6

## FOR Reflection

- ★ How open are you to new thinking?
- ★ God's invitation is offered to all. Is there any group of people you might have marginalized?