



## The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2020

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH

5:00PM Henry Hugh Sweetman & Ann Sweetman-Fox  
req. by Sweetman Family

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Albert DeMarco req. by Vanacore Family

11:00AM Irmgard Alders req. by Father Tom

### MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH

9:00AM Libby Manion req. by Barbara & Steve Banyacski

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH

9:00AM Henry Mische req. by John & Cathy

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH

9:00 AM Presler Family req. by Vanacore Family

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9TH

9:00AM Libby Manion req. by George & Marie Rusk

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10TH

9:00AM No Mass

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH

5:00PM Nunzio Pelella req. by Pat & Family

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH

8:00AM Anthony Mancinelli req. by Nancy & Ed Gurnee

9:30AM People of the Parish

11:00AM Joseph M. Rodelli, Sr. req. by Family

### WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

We ask your prayers for *Charlie Weed* who was recently buried and *Mary Noonan* who recently passed away. May God grant them His eternal rest and give peace and comfort to their family and friends.



### WE ASK YOUR HEALING PRAYERS FOR...

healing prayers for all in our parish who are ill or recuperating from an illness. We also ask your prayers for family members who may be caring for spouses or parents who are elderly and unable to live alone.

### TITHING REPORT

Because of the Christmas holiday, the past two weeks' bulletins had to be sent in before we had the amounts of the collections to report to you. The missed weeks are as follows:



Dec. 21/22: Total \$4267. 122 envelope users contributed \$2739; non-envelope users, \$1528. Monthly Collection: \$2384

Christmas Masses: \$12,230.

Dec. 28/29: Total \$3597; 106 envelope users contributed \$2079; non-envelope users, \$1518.

Your offerings for the past few weeks have been extremely generous and we thank you for all of generosity in helping us to pay all of our bills.

We would like to welcome all of our visitors and those of you who have "come home for Christmas and/or the New Year" to St. Mary's Parish to celebrate this most joyful time of the year! It is so good to see so many of you here with your families!

If you would like to continue to worship with us throughout the year or if you are new to the area and are seeking a church to attend, please take home a bulletin with our information on the cover.

We sincerely hope that you will continue to join us and become an active member here. Please call the rectory office at 845-236-4340 if you would like to register.

### DIVINE MERCY MEETING

On the first Sunday of each month, the Divine Mercy Group will meet in the side room of St. Mary's Church. The Chaplet will be sung at 7:40.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung every first Saturday before the 5:00 Mass.

The second Sunday of the month, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited in Our Lady of Mercy.

For more information on the organization's Mission Statement please contact, Jovita Kanz at [friends06@icloud.com](mailto:friends06@icloud.com)

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE

We hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Religion Classes will resume Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

It was so wonderful to see all the families with their children at our Christmas Masses. We hope that parents will continue to bring their children to Mass to help them grow in the Richness of their faith. It won't be too long before we will have our 2nd Graders receive the Eucharist for the first time. Let your children see the miracle the Christ Child has given us as they attend Mass and observe all who receive the Eucharist.

### A FEW REMINDERS:

No Religion Classes on Monday, January 20th

Parents of children receiving First Reconciliation will meet in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, January 22nd, while their children are attending class.

Any questions? Please call the Religious Ed. Office at 236-7791.



**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 5, 2020**

**“God’s secret plan, as I have briefly described it, was revealed to me, unknown to men in former ages, but now revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets. It is no less than this: in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are now coheirs with the Jews, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise through the preaching of the gospel.”**

This great day in the life of the church, tells us more than the jealousy of a threatened king, the ardent search of the wise men from the east, and their discovery of the Savior and Mary His Mother. The event has allowed so many rich traditions to develop to enhance our faith. The number of visitors with three gifts for royalty, priesthood and eventual anointing in death, the star directing them like a GPS, and the humility of these rich visitors coming before the infant.

The message to use Paul’s words is ‘no less than this’. I am included as a coheir, I have life in the Lord because He is my Savior. I am sent, like them on a different route to bring my experience of Jesus Christ to others. It is no less than this. May I offer the gift of self, the richness of my faith, and travel the journey with others in this new year.

I would like to thank \_\_\_\_\_ all of you for your Christmas cards, gifts, good wishes and all the tasty goodies you gave me this holiday season. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are so very much appreciated - there aren’t enough adequate words to express my gratitude. I once again would thank all in our parish who made this Christmas and New Year celebrations so beautiful. God bless you and your families with happiness and good health throughout this year and always.  
Fr. Tom

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS and MINISTRIES**

A New Year and a New Beginning has started. We continue to try to build our community. Won’t you consider joining one of the existing groups? Or, better yet, perhaps you have an idea to start a new group? Think about it. A community happens only when people get involved!

**Our Prayers and Squares Ministry**

continues to meet every Wednesday morning – their ministry includes making lovely white Baptism Blankets for children receiving the Sacrament and other items as needed. Thanks to Tina Schembri and all the other women who gather each week for prayer, quilting and laughter.



On Tuesdays a small group meets in the Rectory to share in prayer and scripture reading. This group has been meeting since Msgr. Dugan began the “*Small Church Group Ministry*”

Pat Pelella has been leading a spring and fall *Bible Study Program* in the Rectory (watch the bulletin for her next offering)

Our *Music Ministry at St. Mary’s and Our Lady of Mercy* have been active for several decades. We now find ourselves in great need of new members. If you can play an instrument or if you just like to sing, won’t you join us? All you need to do is be willing to join in. Please call the Rectory Office (or speak to any member of the group after Mass) Remember, when you sing, you pray twice!



Our *Sunday Liturgies are always in need of Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers.* If you would like to participate, please call the Rectory or speak to Fr. Tom

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**



**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

This reading is a brief passage from the Songs of the Suffering Servant. The Servant will establish justice on the earth and open the eyes of those who live in darkness.

**Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38**

In this reading, Peter gives his first sermon to pagans. Asked by a Roman centurian to preach the Gospel to his household, Peter is initially astounded by the request, but after a dream, Peter preaches and baptizes the entire household.

**Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

After initially protesting his unworthiness, John baptizes Jesus. After the baptism, the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus and a voice said, “This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him.”



**Did you know that** *the Knights of Columbus was founded 138 years ago by Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut?*

The Knights of Columbus was named in honor of the explorer Christopher Columbus. From the moment it was founded, the Knights of Columbus has been made up of Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action. For more information about the Knights, please contact Grand Knight Dane Mannese at (845)264-3636 or at palletguys@aol.com.

**Happy New Year - Make 2020 your best year ever**

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