

*The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 6, 2019*

**LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

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

5:00 p.m. – Theodore Kutasinski req. by the Crane family

8:30 a.m. – Lilian Byrne req. by Marie

10:00 a.m. – Mary Polinak req. by Ralph J. & Laura M. Andreotta

**Monday, January 7 – Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest**

12:00 p.m. – Frank Wach

**Tuesday, January 8- Christmas Weekday**

12:00 p.m. – Carmen Liuzza req. by Catherine Haynes

**Wednesday, January 9-Christmas Weekday**

12:00 p.m. – Peter Chipko

**Thursday, January 10- Christmas Weekday**

12:00 p.m. – Sharleen Maka

**Friday, January 11 – Christmas Weekday**

12:00 p.m. –Bill Lenahan req. by his wife, Eleanor

**Sunday, January 13- The Baptism of the Lord**

5:00 p.m. – Thomas Suto req. by Donna, Mike & Jeff Lucas

8:30 a.m. – George Chalissery req. by Monica Profit

10:00 a.m. – MaryAnn Hopley req. by Marie Byrne

11:30 a.m. – Polish Mass



*burns in memory of ...* Bill Lenahan

Requested by: his wife, Eleanor

**Collection for December 22&23: \$3084.00**

**Christmas Collection: \$7781.00**

**Collection for December 29&30 TBA**

**On Line Giving: \$2555.92 (November)**

**Collection from last year: \$2878.00**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE**

**MILITARY:** LCpl Aleksandr Killeen, Airman 1st :

Nicholas DeCore, Air Force Captain Jessica L. Rotile-Rudo,

Kenneth Rudo: Warrant Officer 1, Justin D. Gosden PVT 2

Nick Lisa PFC, USMC

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Irene

Schreiber, Doug Bansch, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoude,

Capt. Adam Cowan, USA, Julio Soto, Ben Marvilla,

Michelle Monslave, Amelia Marie Cayea, Mary Therese

Loftus, Sharon Bauer, Jose Prado, Arlene Berlin, Robert

Nielsen, Marge Vogel, Efrain Gonzalez, Amanda

Villarubia, Mary & Pat Skelly, John Skutka, William

McBurney, Anne Riordan, Linda Hoffman,, Mike Izzo,

Edward Frame, Adam Hayward, Carol Centonze, James

Boyle, Carol Ann Boyle, Jessica Gorman, John Krause,

Ethan Chandra, Jim McNamara, Dorothy Murray,

Louise Kelly, Tom Gorman, Carlos Carbajal, Miguel

Fojas, Victoria Santana, Mary Merz, Joe Maulbeck,  
Joyce Turner, Ariel, James DiStaiso.

**PARISH POLICY –PLEASE NOTE:** All Catholic families living within the parish boundaries are encouraged to register as members. Registration has many benefits, and in particular, facilitates any arrangements for baptisms, marriages, sponsors, etc. Please contact the rectory at 973-627-0422

**CERTIFICATE OF ELEGIBILITY:** All Catholic Churches in the United States require from Catholics serving as a godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation a certificate of eligibility. This document certifies that the godparent/sponsor is a registered member of the parish, attends Holy Mass, approaches the sacraments regularly and contributes to the support of the church via the offering envelope system or online giving.

**PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE BLESSING OF THE HOME AT EPIPHANY:** The family gathers in the main room of the house. The father (or mother) of the family begins by inviting everyone to make the sign of the Cross

**Leader:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Response:** Amen

**Leader:** During these days of the Christmas season, we keep this feast of Epiphany, celebrating the manifestation of Christ to the magi, to John the Baptist in the River Jordan, and to the disciples at the wedding in Cana. Today Christ is manifest to us! Today this home is a holy place!

**Leader:** Let us pray: Lord our God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your Law. We ask in the Name of Jesus who is Lord forever and ever.

**Response:** Amen

Our Father... Hail Mary...

Without words the leader sprinkles those present and the house with holy water. The leader takes the blessed chalk and writes the following inscription on the top door post of the main door of the house, K+M+B+2019. The inscription reminds us of the initials of the Magi (Kasper, Melchior and Balthasar). The three crosses represent the Blessed Trinity. The numbers are the current year of grace.

My dear parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord “Epiphany” means manifestation. And the “Epiphany of the Lord” is Jesus’ manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it’s also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him.

The arrival of the magi to pay homage to the king of the Jews is a significant event. It signified that Gentiles as well as Jews could welcome the good news of Salvation that was made manifest in the Incarnation and birth of Jesus. We learn from the magi that if we choose to seek Christ in all sincerity, we too will find Him – not through our own efforts, but through our willingness to follow the light of His life and teaching. Following their example, we are inspired to worship Him. Like them, we do not want to come empty-handed, but want to bring gifts to our Lord that will show Him how much we love and honor Him.

Tradition has drawn different associations with the gifts that the wise men brought to Jesus.

In truth, we have nothing to give Jesus that is not already His; everything that we have and are is a gift from God. We have nothing to offer Him other than ourselves; we have nothing to bring Him other than our love and worship. Yet these are the gifts that He desires the most, the gifts that are truly fit for the King who gives Himself completely to us so that we can be united with Him forever in eternity. Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Reflect, today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what you are called to do. You are called from the foreign place of this world to seek out the Messiah. What is God using to call you to Himself? When you discover Him, do not hesitate to acknowledge the full truth of who He is, lying prostrate before Him in complete and humble submission.

God Bless,  
Fr. Pawel

**Thank you:** A sincere thanks to all of you who remembered me at Christmas. Your generosity is truly appreciated. May God bless you in the New Year! Fr. Pawel

**“On behalf of the Sacred Heart Confirmation Class,** we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Parish family for their love and support as we received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We would also like to thank the church members for the VERY generous support to the Gift Card Angel Project. We donated 25 Gift Cards to Rockaway Social Services and 22 Gift Cards to the Dover Fire Families. We are truly blessed and grateful for the love, prayers, and generosity of our Parish community. The members who take care of the church, the choir, and the Women’s Group are very supportive, and we are truly grateful.”

**Baptism:** Arianna Elizabeth Martinelli was baptized at Sacred Heart of Jesus on Sunday, December 23, 2018. We welcome her into our parish community and congratulate her parents and godparents. Please pray for her and her family.

**MSZA PO POLSKU:** Polish Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart of Jesus next Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Please join us with your family & friends as we worship God in the Polish Language.

**Women at the Well:** The Women at the Well meet the FIRST SATURDAYS of each month. Our next gathering is January 5, 2019 at 6:30 pm. These evenings are meant to serve as spiritual and social refreshment for women. The evening begins with a potluck dinner, followed the Rosary, quiet prayer and ending with dessert and socializing. Registration is required by emailing Jennifer Nelson & Faith Rose at [wellwithmysoul17@gmail.com](mailto:wellwithmysoul17@gmail.com) with your name, parish and email address. This group is open to those outside the parish as well. Bring your Rosary and a friend!

**Please be advised that all the "Senior Events"** are open to everyone 55 and over from St. Cecilia & Sacred Heart Parishes!

**January 15<sup>th</sup>:** Regular Meeting 11 am set up; 12-1 social hour, coffee & cake 1-2pm meeting, bingo & cards afterwards.

Don't forget about the St. Cecilia Seniors Adventure of The Seas on May 17, 2019

For more info: Call Alice Koller @ 973-627-8558

**Respect Life Corner:** The Little Sisters of the Poor are an international congregation of Roman Catholic women religious founded in 1839 by Saint Jeanne Jugan. Together with a diverse network of collaborators, we serve the elderly poor in over 30 countries around the world. Call us at 973-942-0300 or Email us at

[twomothersuperior@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:twomothersuperior@littlesistersofthepoor.org)

Continuing the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan, our MISSION is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself. Our VISION is to contribute to the Culture of Life by nurturing communities where each person is valued, the solidarity of the human family and the wisdom of age are celebrated, and the compassionate love of Christ is shared with all. Our VALUES: Reverence for the sacredness of human life; Family spirit; Humble service; Compassion; Stewardship For more specific information: <http://www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org>

**Loyola Jesuit Center MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT** An Invitation To Personal Discipleship February 1 – 3, 2019 Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Lakes Council #3359 is hosting an Ignatian Silent Retreat for all men of the parish (18+). Non-KofC members welcome. For details please contact Damiano Servidio at [dservidio@fordham.edu](mailto:dservidio@fordham.edu) or go to [www.kofc3359.org](http://www.kofc3359.org).

**LOYOLA DAY OF PRAYER** – An Experience of Ignatian Prayer Sunday, January 20, 2019  
2:00pm – 5:00pm Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ Cost: \$20 Includes Reconciliation and Mass  
Led by: Helen Beairsto, RC Register at [www.loyola.org](http://www.loyola.org)

**LOYOLA DAY OF PRAYER** – Ignatian Spirituality Tuesday, January 22, 2019: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ Cost: \$40 Includes Breakfast, Lunch, Reconciliation and Mass  
Led by: Rev. George Collins, S.J. Register at [www.loyola.org](http://www.loyola.org)

**Help Wanted:** Divine Mercy Academy, a PreK3 to Grade 8 elementary school located in Rockaway has an opening for a Part-Time Technology Teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Please send your cover letter and resume to Mrs. Annie Mitchell, Principal - [principal@dmrockaway.org](mailto:principal@dmrockaway.org) For further information, please email the principal or call the school office at 973-627-6003.