

JANUARY 8, 2017
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MONDAY

8:30 Grace Carberry req. by Tom & Bridget Manning
 William Melville req. by Jim & Julie Cass

TUESDAY

8:30 Herbert Eisenhardt req. by his wife, Marie Eisenhardt

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Richard Redshaw req. by Betsy Sutherland
 Ann Hilinski req. by Patricia Hajjar

THURSDAY

8:30 Dominic Carton req. by Therese Mazzaferre
 Michael Richard Larned req. by his beloved Family

FRIDAY – Saint Hilary

8:30 Michael Sandy Stafford req. by Felix & Terri McIntyre

SATURDAY

8:30 Charles Krueger (4th Anniv.) req. by his wife, Carol
 5:30 Pat Apgar req. by Janice Schmitt

JANUARY 15, 2017

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 Special Intention for Edna Pietrucha and Family req. by the Scanlon Family
 9:00 Mary Mattos req. by family
 10:30 People of the Parish
 Thomas Hoey req. by Tony & Tricia Pezzulo
 12:00 Amiel Wehrl req. by Anna & Simon
 5:00 Nancy McKiernan req. by Patricia Hajjar

PARISH FINANCES

Christmas	\$ 39,485
January 1, 2017	\$ 10,438
Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	\$ 2,256
Amazon.com – October	\$ 88



**Entering the house
 they found the child
 with Mary, his mother.**

REFLECTION

EPIPHANY

The Magi certainly weren't the first to follow a star. Ancient mariners used stars to navigate the seas. Greeks and Persians and Egyptians saw noble stories and even future predictions in them. Poets invoked their aid in their quest for love. But this star was different. This star led wise sages from the East to a humble carpenter, his wife, and ... the Son of God.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if a bright star could lead us to Jesus? Life would be so much simpler, wouldn't it? We hear so many different paths before us – how can we ever know the right way?

Actually, God has given us something much better than a star: the Holy Spirit, the "Spirit of truth" He is not just a distant star but God himself, living and active in our hearts. So let's practice learning how to hear him.



One important way is through Scripture. More than just a set of stories and teachings, Scripture is "living and effective". That means that the Spirit can take a passage that was written thousands of years ago and bring it to life for you. He can show you God's love more deeply, give you guidance, or console you in a time of trial.

Try listening to the Spirit today. Take one of the readings from Mass, and read it slowly and prayerfully. Try to quiet the distractions in your mind, and keep your focus on Jesus. See if something from this passage speaks to you personally. If it's a good and encouraging thought, it may well be the Holy Spirit! Remain with that thought for a while, and watch as the Spirit opens your heart to Jesus a little bit more.

Remember, the Spirit's goal is not to tell you how to do every little task in life. Rather, he wants to help you recognize Jesus, even in the most unlikely places – just as the Magi did.

***Holy Spirit, thank you for guiding me.
 Help me to follow your lead today."***

From: The Word Among Us

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 1/9/17 TO 1/14/17

Mon.	6:30 PM Knights of Columbus	McKenna Hall
	7:30 PM Women's Cornerstone	Cassidy Hall
Tues.	9:00 AM Scripture Sharing	Library
	7:00 PM Women's Cornerstone	St. Lucy
Thurs.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall

LITURGY

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — "members of the same body and sharers of the promise."

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those serving in the military especially: Richard Fox, John Garlasco, Brian McCarthy, Lt. Daniel Faherty, Joseph Venutolo, Cpl. Marc Vero, Sgt. Jeremy Overstreet, Kevin Michael Kiefer, Michael Krapels, Robert Stumpe, USMC, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Curcio, Staff Sgt. Lena Webb, Spc. Samuel Nolan, US Army, Lt. Jamie Curcio, Navy Reserve, 1ST Lt. Christopher Tantillo; Cpl. Conor J. Brady, USMC, LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1st Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat'l Guard, Brandon Adams, USAF. Please continue to pray for all our servicemen and women.

OLL LEGACY COOKBOOKS ON SALE



Our Lady of the Lake Legacy Cookbooks have been published and are available for purchase at the parish office. They are \$25 each and make great Christmas gifts. They may also be purchased at the Sparta Book Club. Please support this important fundraiser. Thank you.

Join the

Reverend Brown Endowment



BEEF STEAK

Saturday, January 21st

Doors open at 6:45 – 10 pm

McKenna Hall

Tickets \$50 per person

Price includes: All you can eat dinner, Dessert and Beer (BYO optional)

Comedienne Robin Fox

50/50 Raffle

Tickets can be purchased through Reverend Brown or Our Lady of the Lake Parish Office. Please make checks payable to the Reverend Brown Endowment.

Please contact Kristine Carollo with any questions at

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ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE REVEREND BROWN ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH.

LEARN about human trafficking in this country and particularly in your state and area. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

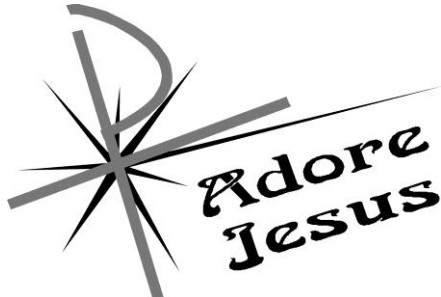
Thank you for the flower donations that reached us after the deadline – your donations are greatly appreciated.

In Memory of:

Macchia Family
Donation
The Lost Service men in All Wars

Requested by:

Louise Macchia
Mrs. Rosemarie LoMarro
Anonymous



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DOGMA TEAM/YOUTH GROUP

Dogma Team meets every Monday at 6:30 PM. See everyone Monday, Jan. 9th, 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Youth Room.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume on January 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM in Cassidy Hall. We will take "A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother, Mary." All are invited to join us for this Seven Session DVD series, with follow-up discussion and refreshments.

RENEWAL OF CORNERSTONE

April 2017

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

The Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2017

"I am sure you have heard of the ministry God in his goodness gave me in your regard. 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 co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise through the preaching of the gospel."

While we recall the visit of the Magi, detailing facts of a star, gifts and a hateful king, the real meaning for us is given by St. Paul. We learn three things today, we are: 1) co-heirs, 2) members, 3) sharers.

An heir receives a benefit, members gain the status of belonging and sharers enjoy a common life. This details who and what we are as 'missionary disciples.' It was not always so. The visitors from the orient represent all who believe and follow today. Jesus is the Savior of the world, of Christians, Jews, Muslims, all humankind. With reverence they brought gifts, symbolic yet real. We bring the gift of self, offering our gratitude for His coming, our desire to follow Him more closely. Like the Magi, we go to our streets and neighborhood, our barrio and homes, willing to bring our experience of Christ's presence to others.

**Did you discover the Christ this Christmas?
Be the star to reveal Him to others.**



VOLUNTEER

APPRECIATION NIGHT

All Parish Volunteers and their spouses are invited to join us for fun, food, and fellowship on

Friday, January 20, 2017

At 7:00 PM in McKenna Hall.

Please RSVP by January 13, 2017 by calling the parish office (973) 729-6107 or email to: info@ourladyofthelake.org.

REVEREND BROWN OPEN HOUSE

Reverend George A. Brown Memorial School is a thriving National Blue Ribbon School committed to academic excellence. We invite you to visit our school to learn more about our community.



REVEREND
GEORGE A. BROWN
MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Open House

9:00 am Tuesday, January 31st

7:00 pm Tuesday, January 31st

For more information please visit our website at:

www.revbrownschool.org

To make an appointment please call

973-729-9174

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Mr. James McGovern	Deacon
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Laurie DiCianni	Confirmation Coord.-Youth Minister
Krzysztof Kowalewski	Music Director
Ellen Ormond	Secretary/Bookkeeper
Joanna Mattos	Secretary
Denise Aldana	Social Ministries

Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 5:30 P.M.
Sunday 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 A.M. and 12 Noon
5:00 P.M. (except June, July, and August)

Weekday Masses 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day Masses

8:30, 9:30 A.M. (except August 15th), and 7:00 P.M.

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 and at 6:30 P.M.

Novena

Miraculous Medal Devotions: Saturday 8:30 A.M.

Eucharist Adoration:
Thursday 9:00 to 7:00 P.M.

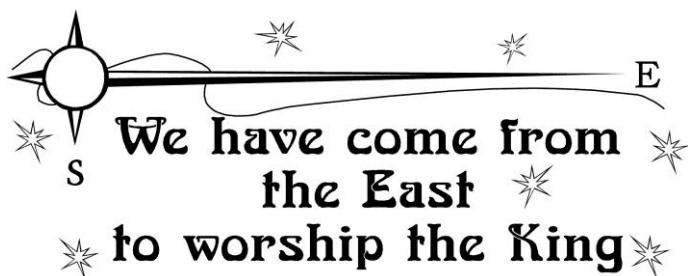
For information on Baptisms, Marriages, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Visitation of the Sick, Parish Membership, please call the parish office at (973) 729-6107.

New Parishioners - Welcome!

Won't you please register at the Parish Office
Monday - Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Or find our registration form on our webpage

www.ourladyofthelake.org



NATIONAL PARKS 2017 MEETING

For any of you who have signed up or are considering signing up for Our Lady of the Lake's trip to the National Parks, mark Sunday, **January 22**, on your calendar.



There will be a meeting at the Parish Center in Cassidy Hall, 294 Sparta Avenue, Sparta NJ, at **1:30 PM**.

Bill and I will be there to answer any questions you might have.

Refreshments will be served.

Judy Bosworth

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BUS TO MARCH FOR LIFE



Due to low response, Our Lady of the Lake parish will no longer send its own bus to the March for Life in Washington, DC. However, the Don Bosco Council Knights of Columbus of Our Lady Queen of Peace parish in Branchville is sponsoring a bus to the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 27, 2017, which we are welcome to join. Following Mass at 5:30 AM, the bus will leave from Queen of Peace parking lot at 6:00 AM and will return at approximately 10:00 PM. Come and experience the largest peaceful march on Capital Hill. Join hundreds of thousands of enthusiastic people who give witness to the great gift of life. Cost is \$25 per person. Seating is limited, so please reserve your seat now by calling the OLQP office at (973) 948-3185 and by sending your check made out to KofC Council 7784 to the attention of Jen Durson at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 209 US Route 206, Branchville, NJ 07826.