

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 A.M. People of the Parish

10:30A.M. Adam Drzyzga

12:00P.M. Patrick Connolly

MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH

8:00 A.M. Rev. Salvatore Scocca

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH

8:00 A.M. Michael Gavin

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH

8:00 A.M. Irene Bekker

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9TH

8:00 A.M. Communion Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10TH

8:00A.M Rev. Edward Dillon

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH

9:00 A.M. Healing Mass – Ivan Minogoe

5:00 P.M. William & Robert Rech

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH -The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 A.M. John Kilgus

10:30A.M. People of the Parish

12:00P.M. Joseph Florio

SCRIPTURES:

January 12, 2020– The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: 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. (ISAIAH 42:1-4, 6-7)

SECOND READING: 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. (ACTS 10: 34-38)

GOSPEL: 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." (MATTHEW 3: 13-17)

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-January 5, 2020

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do – are equally precious in His sight.

MASS CARDS We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. **Please note-** offering is \$15.



NEW TO THE PARISH Welcome! Please call (973) 663-0211 & register to become a member of our active parish.

RCIA next meeting Tuesday, January 7th, 7:15pm in the Rectory.

BAPTISMS

are usually performed on the First Sunday of each month at 1pm. To arrange for a Baptism please call the rectory M-F - 973-663-0211.



CYO BASKETBALL Saturday 1//11/2020 – HOME Games—

TEAM	OPPONENT	Home Team	Time
Varsity Girls B	St. Peter B	vs. OLSOS	9:00am
JV Girls A	St. Patrick C	vs. OLSOS	10:30am
Varsity Boys B	St. Therese B	vs. OLSOS	11:45am
Varsity Boys A	Assumption A	vs. OLSOS	1:15pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 
 CCD Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/olsoslh>

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5

Sunday, January 5, 2020– 8:45 AM classes (K-5)

9:00AM 1st Penance Workshop- Grade 2-1parent must attend

10:30AM-CLOW- all student K-5 should attend

Sunday, January 12, 2020– 8:45 AM-classes (K-5)

MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

Sunday, January 5th-6:30 – 8:00 PM – classes

Sunday, January 12th-6:30 – 8:00 PM – classes

HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10

Sunday, January 5th – 6:30-8pm classes

Saturday, January 11 - 5PM Sophomore Presentation of Creed

Please remember in prayer those who are sick:

Lisa Ann Fisher, Marilyn DiGennaro, Anne Nichols, Matteo Montemarano, Linda Mulryan, Joan Elise Butler, Salvatore Maucelli, Gloria Nolte, Mary Ann Miller, Mary Lavin, Dora Lavin, Chris & Barbara Young, Carol Linstedt, Christine Profaca, & all who are ill at this time. **We also pray for the recently deceased:** Annette Maratta, William Black, Dominic Amabile, Bertha Qualantone, Maria Spano, Ada Felter, Antoinette Soriano, Esther O'Dea, Eugene Murphy, Fr. Tim Ryan.



FOOD PANTRY

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 11-11:45AM 1:15-3:15PM call 973-663-0211 for appointment.

Coordinator is Toni Tarighi- Items needed: **SOUP, HOT COCOA, canned meats chili**, brownie mix, **2-in-1 shampoo**, Dish & Laundry detergents, deodorant, TP, tissues.

Refrigerator: milk, eggs, yogurt; frozen foods- all types.

NOTE: Shoprite gift card donations also accepted. *Thank you to Lake Forest Club, and Camp Jefferson for recent donations.*



As we begin this New Year- 2020, we want to

thank all those who minister in our parish:

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers,

Ushers, Choir members, Cantors, Religious

Education Teachers and Aides, and the RCIA Team. Thank you to Mattie & Ed Young and all those who help with the Soup Kitchen in Dover, and to Monica Johnson & Donna Nimmo and all who work with the Family Promise program of Morris County. Thanks to Sasha Roskowski & all who help with our Antioch program.

Thanks to Eric Wilsusen and Jim Beyel, our Trustees. Special thanks to Therese Butler our Music Director. Special thanks to Mrs. Jaye Hedrick, our Director of Religious Education, and to Susan Lavin our CCD Secretary, for their work with the Religious Education Program here at Star of the Sea. Thank you to our Parish Secretary, Patricia Connolly.

VERY SPECIAL thanks to our Deacon, Alberto Totino, for his devotion to and untiring work in our parish.

Thanks to our Custodian, John O'Connor, to our Rosarians, Money Counters, & Fund Raisers; thanks to Toni Tarighi- our Food Pantry coordinator; Sue Sacino coordinator of Vacation Bible Camp, Stephanie Kaulfers who coordinates the Christmas pageant, Joe Mina for handling our Car Wash, Cheryl Kaelblein for assistance in the office, and her continued repairing of our figurines; thanks to Sue Toth for handling our monthly ministry schedule; thanks to Mattie Young and her newly formed Garden Ministry & to Marianne Buccafurni and her Beautification Ministry; to Bob Ullrich for snow removal, to Steve Niziol for directing CYO, and to all the coaches in our CYO program, and to all those who sell our Shop Rite gift cards. Thank you to Claudia Dungan for bringing her art skills to our children and adults with many different classes.

A special Thank you to Mike Nimmo, Bill Davis, Larry Poggi, Joe Tremmel, Bob Kaelblein & Bill Craig for Christmas tree help, and fixing & maintaining the parish's many odds and ends; & thank you to all those who generously volunteer their time to serve our parish. May the Lord bless you all, Fr. Chris

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Each Year on January First we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God. We begin each year by reminding ourselves of Mary's wonderful role in God's plan of salvation. God has seen fit to send his Son into the world, to be born of a simple village girl from Nazareth. "Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart."

Openings are always important. The opening game, the premiere of a movie, the first night of a show, all take on special meaning. As we begin this new year, let us give it special meaning. What has transpired recently?

We have celebrated the coming of our God in human history, as one with us, Emmanuel. He has answered our need, our urgent request for a savior. Not only that, he remains in us through His Spirit dwelling within us. We know a loving God, who generously has saved us and because he is kind allows us to call Him, "Daddy". It is interesting that the scripture leaves the word in the original, before translating Abba as Daddy.

We begin a new year, aware of how we are and who we are. A great inheritance awaits us as we begin 2020 with our plans to unite us with God's design. Like Mary, we treasure what has happened in history and to us. Like Mary, we begin the year, grateful for what was, eagerly looking forward to what can be as we too reflect, ponder and weigh how special it is to launch this new year of grace. May we conform our lives to the plan of God and see His hand present in all that will occur.

May this New Year bring to you and yours good health and lots of happiness. May the Lord give you His peace.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Father Chris*



The Twelve Days of Christmas

This carol began in England as a catechism song for the young Catholics. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember. During the years 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly, and so this song which has baffled many in its relationship to Christmas, now makes sense.

1. Partridge in a Pear Tree – Jesus Christ, Son of God.
2. Turtle Doves – the Old and New Testaments.
3. French Hens – Faith, Hope and Charity- the Theological Virtues.
4. Calling Birds – the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists.
5. Golden Rings- the first 5 Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", the history of man's fall from grace.
6. Geese A-laying- the six days of creation.
7. Swans A-swimming – the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord, & the seven sacraments.
8. Maids A-milking- the eight beatitudes.
9. Ladies Dancing – the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.
10. Lords A-leaping – the ten commandments.
11. Pipers Piping – the eleven faithful disciples.
12. Drummers Drumming – the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.



The Journey of the Magi

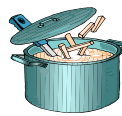
Today the Glory of God shines upon us as we join "the Magi from the East" who lead us on a journey to find the newborn king. Our Gospel recounts their journey: "... We have seen His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage."

They left all to follow the light of the star. The journey to reach the place of Jesus' birth was challenging and they faced many obstacles along the way. It took a long time and the star they followed was not always visible. They questioned whether they were going in the right direction and whether the road actually led to the newborn king.

We are all someplace in the Magi's caravan on our life's journey. We search with eyes of faith for the Lord's presence in our lives. Sometimes the journey toward a fuller relationship with Christ may also be hidden for a time. However, if we believe that God is guiding us as the star guided the Magi then all we need to do is continually place our trust in His indwelling presence. He is within us, among us, around us. At times perhaps you can see that star on some dark night. It may have been shining in someone's eyes, twinkling in some kind word of a stranger or friend, burning in the words of Scripture, or blazing in a blinding insight. If we believe that God is guiding us as the star guided the Magi, then all we need to do is continually extend our love to others as we journey through our lives.

Like the Magi, may we continue to look for the star that will lead us to Christ and rejoice when we behold it!

*Blessings of Peace,
Mrs. Jaye Hedrick*



SOUP KITCHEN: Our parish is responsible for the noon meal on the fourth Friday of each month at Trinity Lutheran Church, East Blackwell Street, Dover (973-366-2821). We serve again on Friday, January 24th and we will be serving between 150 to 190 meals that day. If you can help serve, cook a meal or donate some food please contact Ed Young at 973-270-3512. Thank you.

NOTE: Ed is looking for more volunteers. Thank you.

THE OUTDOOR NATIVITY is a beautiful reminder of that First Christmas when Jesus was born in a stable. It was donated by fashion designer Dennis Basso in memory of his parents. The figures are by Fontanini and are made in Italy. The figures are beautiful. Take a moment to pause and pray as you pass by the nativity during these days of Christmas.



NOTE: FOR YOUR SAFETY, DURING BAD WEATHER WHEN WALKWAYS ARE SLIPPERY, PLEASE USE THE RECTORY BACK DOOR. It has no steps and is safer.

Rosary Society PAMPERED CHEF™ January "Fundraiser:
 For the entire month of January we have the opportunity to raise as much as 15% of sales through The Pampered Chef. This is a new fundraiser which we hope will be a success for our parish.
 Party page is- www.pamperedchef.com/party/OLSOSRosary
 Express checkout www.pamperedchef.com/express-party-checkout/#partycode?partycode=034194. Any questions contact Pamela M. at 862-217-1461.



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Thanks for all your help.