THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 6, 2019

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

Masses

Daily: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am & 5:30 pm, Sat. 8:00 am
Sat Vigil: 5:00 pm Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am, & 5:00 pm

Confessions: Sat., 8:30 - 9:00 am or by appt.

Reverend Thomas R. Lafreniere, Pastor

Rev. Nadeem Yaqoob, O.A.D., Assisting
Rev. Daniel Devore, Assisting
Rev. Lee Smith, Retired
Deacon Frank Bandy

Rev. John Chandler, S.J., Retired
Rev. Melvin Shorter, C.P., Assisting
Rev. Brian Flanagan, Retired
Deacon Gregory C. Quinn

A Catholic Community That Grows Disciples!
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5
5:00 PM † Bill Lynch by Bob & Nancy Anderson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6
The Epiphany of The Lord
7:30 AM For the intentions of our parishioners
9:00 AM † Joan Kelly by Zoi Diamond
10:45 AM † Ricky Maric by Mr. & Mrs. Rodovic
5:00 PM † Natalie Dowling
by Bob & Marianne Dowling

MONDAY, JANUARY 7
8:00 AM † Sgt. Maj. Michael F. Marino,
4th anniversary deceased,
by Lucas and Chloe Azoto
5:30 PM For the intentions of
Ginny & Raymond St. Pierre
by The McMillan Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8
8:00 AM † Dr. Ron Woods, Sr.
by Al & Gina Rhodes
5:30 PM † Miguel David DeLaCruz
by The DeLaCruz Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9
8:00 AM † Lee Ann Cervelli
by her husband and children
5:30 PM † Vincent Arcieri, III by Joy Arcieri

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10
8:00 AM † Mr. P. Massimo
by Maggie & Joe Lombardi
5:30 PM † Fernando Iznaga
by Jose F. & Tery Valdivia

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11
8:00 AM † Steve Nawrocki
by Isabel and Jim Cavalcante
5:30 PM † Frank Gallo by Fay & Gloria Gallo

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12
8:00 AM † Phyllis Reilly by Arthur & Mary Dunn
5:00 PM † Estelle & Alex Silius
by Bonnie Marshak-Chappell

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13
The Baptism of The Lord
7:30 AM † Umberto Lucia by Peter & Phyllis Lucia
9:00 AM For the intentions of our parishioners
10:45 AM † Mrs. Tami Nankervis-Walsh
by her dad, Bob
5:00 PM † Frank Formica
by Bob & Marianne Dowling

MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & CONFIRMATION
Kate Devine
RCIA/ FAITH INQUIRY
Deacon
Gregory C. Quinn
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & LITURGY
Jeanne Clark
DIRECTOR OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES
Jon Niven
FIRST FRIDAY
Exposition & Holy Hour after 5:30pm Mass
DEVOITION TO MARY
First Saturday of the month, rosary and procession to the
grotto following 8:00am Mass. Rosary is prayed
every Saturday after the 8:00am Mass, and
with the Legion of Mary, Tuesdays
after the 8am and 5:30pm Masses.
ADORATION CHAPEL
Open for quiet meditation before the Blessed
Sacrament during office hours. Exposition
every Friday. Located across from the Parish Office.
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. Mass &
Healing Service 3rd Thursday of each month in the Chapel.
HOSPITAL/HOMEBOUND VISITS
If someone is in the hospital or homebound
and would like a visit, please advise the Parish Office.
PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday in the vestibule of the church 9am - 12noon
RELIGIOUS SHOP - 624-1752
Monday - Friday 8:30am - 1:00pm
Saturday 8:30am - 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30am - 12:00pm & 4:30pm - 6:30pm
NEW PARISHIONERS
Registration forms are available on our website,
in the office during the week, and in the vestibule
of the church in the wall rack.
REGISTERED PARISHIONERS
Please help keep our census current by advising us
of any changes of address, phone numbers, and
family additions or deletions.
This week, January 7th, at a glance…

Monday:
8:30 AM Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2 PM Yarn & Rose Knitters
5 PM Sandwich Makers
6:30 PM Caritas Team Leader Meeting

Tuesday:
8:30 AM, 6 PM Legion of Mary
9:15 AM Hospitality Ministry
10 AM Christ Child Society Meeting

Wednesday:
7 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thursday:
7 PM LIFT - Praise, Worship and Adoration

Friday:
9 AM - 5 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday:
9 AM Contemplative Prayer Group
10 AM Baptism Instruction

Sunday:
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship
9 AM Story Keepers
9 AM Family Mass & CIA Session
9:15 AM RCIA
10 AM - 12:30 PM Knights of Columbus Breakfast
5 PM Confirmation I & II and Middle-school Mass, Dinner and Class

Looking forward to, in the near future:
Mondays 5:30 PM - Al-Anon Meeting;
1/16 Book of Matthew Bible Study; 1/18 Legendary Concert; 1/20 and 1/27 Christ Child Society Crib Drive; 1/26 Parish Fundraiser - Casino Night;
2/2 CIA-First Reconciliation

SECOND COLLECTION - This weekend is the monthly collection for our Maintenance and Improvements Fund.

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For assistance
Call 1-800-348-2886, Ext. 4 or email OnlineGiving@osv.com

Parish Family Vocations Chalice Program
Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Council 12322

Thank you to this week’s family:
The Carbone Family

Please call the office to sign up for a weekend.

Baptisms
Celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 12:00pm. Parents are encouraged to attend instruction class prior to the birth of their first baby.
Please call the office to register.

Baptism Class is Next Saturday, January 12th

Marriages - Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

Our beautiful Ave Maria Banquet Hall (capacity 325) and our St. Joseph Hall (capacity 175) are available for rental for approved adult receptions and gatherings for occasions connected with church events.
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew’s Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi’s home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

Readings for the Week

**Monday:**  
1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:**  
1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:**  
1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;  
Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:**  
1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;  
Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:**  
1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;  
Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:**  
1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

To prepare for the Readings of January 12/13

**First Reading** — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

**Psalm** — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Psalm 104.

**Second Reading** — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

**Gospel** — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).
A Column by Fr. Tom

The Mass, Part 13 – Did Father Lose a Contact Lens?

After a two-week hiatus for Christmas and New Year’s, we return now to our discussion about the Mass. Before we discuss the final section of the Mass, the “Farewell,” or Concluding Rites, it might be good for us to discuss some of the strange behavior of the priest (and deacon). Well, certainly not all of their strange behavior, but one in particular. Several times throughout the Mass, you may notice the priest mumble to himself, bow for some unknown reason, and maybe even genuflect. When this happens while he’s standing at the altar, it may even look like he’s looking for something behind the altar. Is there some strange vortex back there, or a stagehand feeding him lines?

Well, actually all of these strange movements have to do with one of the three roles of prayer that the priest takes during the Mass. We have talked about two of them already. Since the priest is acting as Christ (in persona Christi capitis) [cf. Looking Through Stained Glass, August 19, 2018, “Holy Orders – When Jesus Calls, We Ought to Listen and Respond”], he sometimes intercedes for us with God, just as Jesus would. For example, this happens most especially during the Eucharistic Prayer, but it also happens during the presidential prayers, such as the Opening Prayer (or Collect) and the Prayer after Communion. Since the priest also is one of the faithful, he may lead us in prayer, such as the “Our Father” or the Creed. Finally, sometimes the priest offers his own prayers to God and these are most often said sotto voce, or in a low voice. Knowing some of these prayers may help us to understand the Mass a little better.

The first time that a private prayer of the priest is said is just prior to the Gospel. If the priest is proclaiming the Gospel, he will say, “Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel.” A similar phrase is used to bless a deacon who proclaims the Gospel. At the end of the Gospel, the priest or deacon who reads it will say, “Through the words of the Gospel may our sins be wiped away,” as he kisses the book.

At the preparation of the gifts of bread and wine, the priest will pray, “Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread [the wine] we offer you: fruit of the earth [the vine] and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life [our spiritual drink].” Just prior to the blessing of the wine, as the priest or deacon adds a drop of water to the wine, he will pray some of the most beautiful and meaningful words that nobody ever hears: “By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.” As the priest prepares for the ablution (washing of hands), he prays, “With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.” As he washes his hands, he prays, “Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.”

Just before Communion, while everyone is singing the “Lamb of God,” the priest takes a small piece of the host and places it in the chalice, saying, “May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it,” and then he prays silently while genuflecting, “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments and never let me be parted from you.” As he receives the Eucharist, he prays, “May the Body [Blood] of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.” Finally, after Communion, as the priest is purifying the vessels, he prays, “What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.”

Now that you know the “secret” prayers of the priest, hopefully they will help you understand his disposition at those moments. Next week, we will discuss the last portion of the Mass, the Concluding Rites.
Join us... for coffee, donuts and fellowship after all Sunday morning Masses in the St. Joseph Hall.

**FAITH FORMATION**

All Faith Formation classes: CIA, Confirmation I & II, Middle-School and RCIA, return today, Sunday, January 6, 2019.

**NEXT WEEK FAMILY MASS**
January 13th at 9 AM

**CIA - Catholics In Action**
1st - 5th grade, Sundays 10:15 - 11:45 AM
Family Mass 2nd Sundays, 9 AM
First Reconciliation Sat., Feb. 22nd

**Middle School, 6th & 7th graders, Confirmation I & II**
Sundays 5 PM Mass followed by dinner and class until 8 PM
Confirmation II RETREAT Feb. 22nd & 23rd

**STORY KEEPERS**
Children infants to age 5 are welcome to come to the Parish Center during the 9 AM Sunday Mass. This program is ongoing and free of charge. Hope you can join us!

**Diocese of Palm Beach**

**Protection of Children and Young People**

The Catholic Diocese of Palm Beach is committed to the safety and protection of all children and vulnerable adults in its care.

For more information on Diocesan policies and procedures for reporting abuse, safety education programs and resources, as well as to view the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please go to www.diocesepb.org and click on Offices/Safe Environments or use the direct link www.diocesepb.org/safe-environments.

The Diocese of Palm Beach Victim Assistance Coordinator, Lorraine Sabatella, can be reached at 561-801-0999.

**ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS**

**5PM BAND NEEDS YOU!**

Do you play an instrument? Can you sing? Have you wanted to join a group of great musicians to give glory to God? Join us!

Contact Jon Niven at 626-1873 or jon.niven@paulcross.org

We play each week at the 5pm Sunday Mass and would love all instruments and vocal ranges! Please contact Jon Niven to arrange an audition!

Did you replace your old laptop with a tablet this Christmas? **CPU Ministries** will gratefully accept your laptop for refurbishment and distribution to the needy in Haiti. Drop your donation at the office during regular business hours.
BABY ITEMS NEEDED FOR
“THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY CRIB DRIVE”

On the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade on January 22nd, we want to make a positive contribution to unmarried, pregnant women, so that we might support them as they prepare for motherhood. In our church, on the weekends of January 19-20 and 26-27 you will find a portable crib in which to place the following items needed for layettes: NEW or hand-knitted blankets, NEWBORN size sweaters, NEWBORN caps and booties, NEWBORN onesies, undershirts, hooded towels, receiving blankets, NEWBORN or size 1 disposable diapers and Ivory soap bars. Local members of The Christ Child Society, a national volunteer organization, will make and distribute the layettes to needy mothers. The layette consists of NEW and handmade clothes, diapers and accessories needed by the newborn. Anyone interested in joining the local chapter of The Christ Child Society should call Anne Kroha at 561-694-2697.

A Bereavement Group will be starting a 12 week group in Jan. for anyone who has lost a spouse, a child, a parent, a sibling or other significant person in your life and is in need of help working through the pain and grief of such a loss.

Jack Land, Ph.D. (561-827-5130) will lead the group. Please call for a personal interview, or ask a friend to call if you believe he or she would benefit from a caring, gentle, Christ-centered approach to the loss of a loved one. Meetings will be from 1 – 2:30 PM in the All Saints Room beginning on a date and day to be determined.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Our Catholic schools, founded by parish churches, dioceses and numerous religious orders to serve generations of Catholics, exist as a treasure of the Church in America. The Catholic School system is the largest private school system in the United States and around the world the Church operates the largest nongovernmental school system.

The week of January 27 – February 2 we will celebrate National Catholic Schools Week to recognize the great accomplishments of our Catholic School system. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2019 is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” The Church is most grateful to all the religious men and women and lay teachers who have given so generously of themselves to education generations of Catholic students in mind, body and spirit.

On the weekend of January 12 and 13 the Diocese of Palm Beach will have a second collection to support the mission of our Catholic schools. Last year, through your generosity, we were able to raise $145,600 to provide tuition assistance to those in need. We ask you to once again join us in giving the gift of faith to a student wishing to attend a Catholic school in the Diocese of Palm Beach.

Thank you very much for your faithful support, your prayers and your gifts to help the students at our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Palm Beach.

With gratitude for your continued generosity and every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach
ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS PARISH
Proudly Presents

A NIGHT OF TRIBUTES

Johnny T
The Man of Many Voices performs his timeless tribute to the 50’s & 60’s and Motown!

Atilio Marinelli
This amazing tenor from Argentina blends opera and pop for a spectacular program of great music!

Chris Ruggiero
This upcoming star appeared in “Doo-Wop Generations” on PBS and performs with the Duprees!

OUR LADY’S GROTTO
BRICK PAVERS

Our Lady’s Grotto is paved with bricks. If you would like to have a memorial brick, one for a special intention, or a gift for any occasion, consider giving this lasting remembrance. The donation is $50. Your brick is inscribed with your custom message. The maximum space is 3 lines per brick and 12 spaces per line. Stop by or call the Parish Office.

The ADORATION CHAPEL is open during office hours. Come by yourself or as a family to spend some quiet time in prayer.
January 6, 2019

Your donations assist the poor in many ways. Thank you for dropping your dollar bills and loose change in the poor boxes. God bless you!

2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch Group
For reservations and information, contact Annette Law Beverly 561-389-0985 or annette.beverly@gmail.com
requests a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister. Names will remain on the prayer list for two months, unless notified.

PLEASE NOTE: Please call the Parish Office if you are being admitted to the hospital or know of someone in our parish who requests a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister. Names will remain on the prayer list for two months, unless notified.

PLEASE PRAY for the men and women in our armed forces stationed overseas, for the military commanders who lead them, for President Trump and his advisors and for...

Merciful Father, You desire the welfare of all your children. Stretch out Your protecting arm over our men and women in the service. Shield them from every danger to body, mind and soul. Comfort them in loneliness, sustain them in hardship, give them the courage they need to fulfill their duty and so do Your will in all things. Bestow on our leaders and the leaders of the world the wisdom and prudence which will bring peace and justice to all.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen. Mary, help of Christians, pray for us.