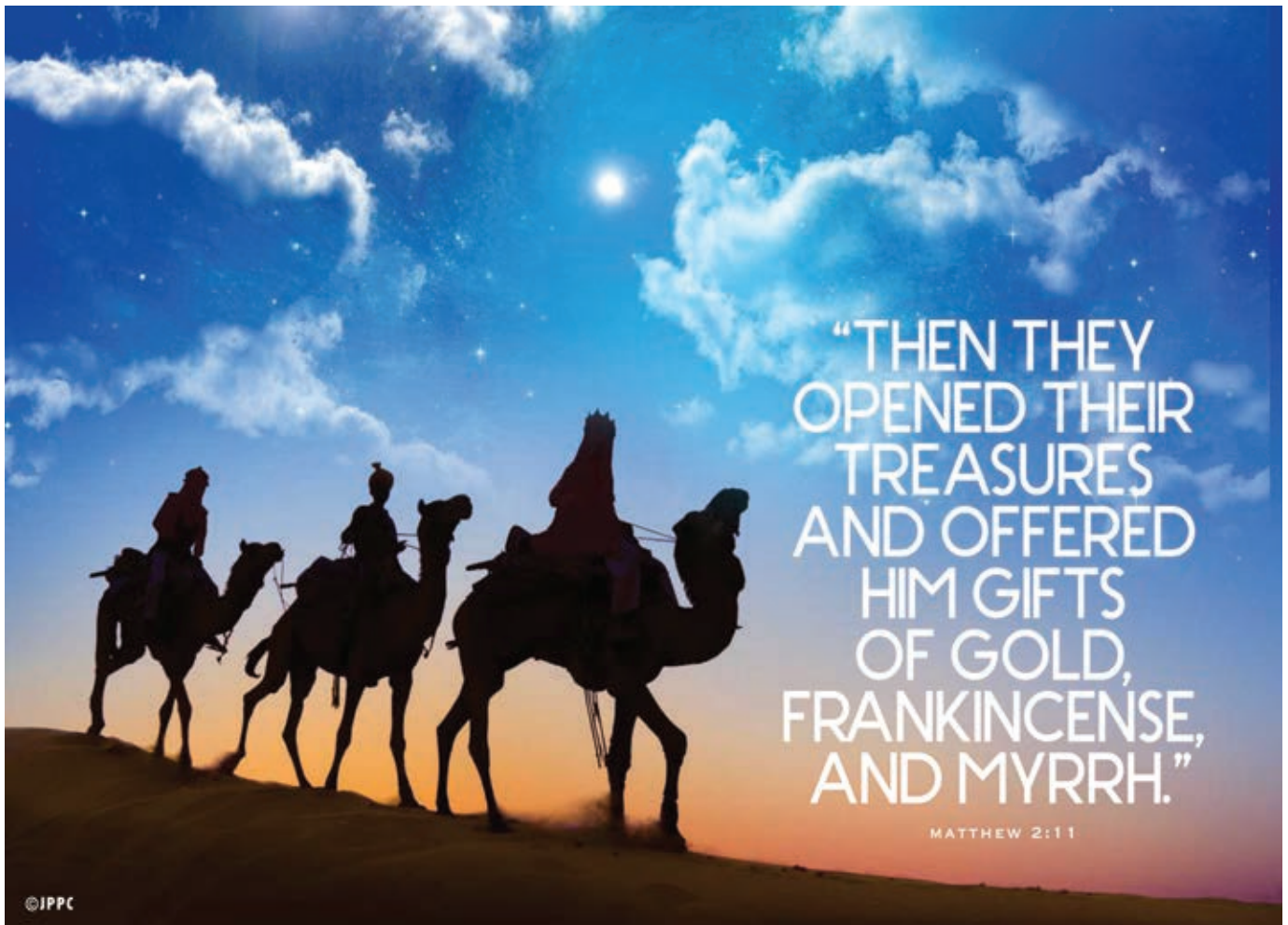




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January 3, 2021
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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WEEKDAYS

MONDAY through FRIDAY 8:30 a.m.

WEEKENDS

SATURDAY EVENING 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

ST AGNES

SUNDAY
MISA EN ESPANOL 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

HOLY DAYS 7:00am & 7:00pm.

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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*January 3, 2021
Altar Flowers*

This is a beautiful way to honor your loved one. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.



*January 3, 2021
Sanctuary Light
In Memory of
James A. Bishop, Jr.*

*Req. by
Bonnie, Carol, Jamie & David*

December 19th & 20th Offertory:

Collection: \$ 8,631
Online Giving: \$ 4,932
Less Average Expenses: (\$12,500)
Balance: \$ 1,063

Thank you for your generosity!



**Knights of Columbus
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**Zoom Meeting:
January 7th at 8:00PM**

The Rosary Altar Society **Upcoming Events:**

- ◆ Praying the Rosary: January 2nd at 4:30PM

If you are interested in joining, please contact Vicki Casey—President 609-397-9265



Please join us at St. John's every Monday morning at 8:00am for the Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION PRAYERS

Please join us every First Friday following the 8:30AM Mass for meditation prayers in devotion to our Blessed Mother and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



*Commemorative Candle for
St. John Paul II*

This is a beautiful way to honor your loved one. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Let us remember all those who have asked for our prayers especially the sick and suffering of our parish.

Juan P. Lopez, Nancy Guttierrez, Edwina Gill, Rose Korney, Grace Emma, Michael Hughes, Beverly Fresco, Gregory Maloney, Diane Worthington, Alfonso Smullen, Mary Holcombe, Elaine Joiner, Efigenia Avalos, Gary Davila, Walter Rzeszutek, Ruth Yolanda, Nelly Lozano, Yuri Gil, James Malagrino, Tom Carty, Michele Studley, Joseph M. Waters, Lawrence Miele, Jim Oehlers, Jonathan Perez, Richard Molnar, Bob Furlow, Blaine Fresco, Luke Touhill, Simon Santiago, Gary Becker, Kay Cuccinotta, Chris Taylor, Pamela Bhagroo, Jim Machinga, Derek Bruehl, Marianne Cooper, William Taulane, Vincent McGinnis, Marta Pena, Robert Abitz

"Jesus, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon me."

Turn to your Guardian Angel in 2021

My dear Holy Guardian Angel,
As the new year begins,
I implore your continued vigilance over my life.
Keep me from physical and spiritual harm,
increase my trust in your presence,
and remind me to turn to you when my well-being is threatened in any way.

Our Guardian Angel self-study program is growing. If you'd like to join us, please visit "Faith-Guardian Angels" on our parish website for information and an application.

<https://www.parishofsaintjohn.org/guardian-angels>

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Mass Schedule Week of January 3, 2021

Saturday, January 2, 2021

5:00PM Kathe Losch
Req. by Norb & Alice Rosso

Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:00AM Irena Kolakowski
Req. by Stan & Susan Polomski
9:30AM Deceased Members of the
McCabe & Twele Families
11:00AM Loved Ones Remembered
In the Memorial Stars

St. Agnes

9:30AM - No Intention -
11:00AM For the People

Monday, January 4, 2021

8:30AM James A. Bishop, Jr.
Req. by Bonnie, Carol, Jamie &
David

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

8:30AM Roma Buontempo
Req. by John & Clelia Esposito

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

8:30AM John Nuthig
Req. by Bob & Mary Zetterstrom

Thursday, January 7, 2021

8:30AM Dan DiSalvi
Req. by Sister Marie Conaughton

Friday, January 8, 2021

8:30AM Jack Kelly
Req. by Carol Bishop

Saturday, January 9, 2021

5:00PM Dale Errico, Sr.
Req. by Wife Barbara & Family

Sunday, January 10, 2021

8:00AM Dan DiSalvi
Req. by Linda Santini
9:30AM Kevin Nakashima
Req. by Bert & Michale Johnson
11:00AM Dan Esposito
Req. by John & Clelia Esposito

St. Agnes

9:30AM - No Intention -
11:00AM For the People

TOGETHER IN CHARITY COLLECTION January 2nd & 3rd, 2021

This weekend, January 2/3, 2021, the annual "Together in Charity" collection will be taken up at all Masses. The proceeds of this collection helps to fund Catholic Charities' Parish Assistance Program, which provides 24 hour / seven-day-a-week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs. In 2020, over 48% of the parishes in the Diocese availed themselves of this program. Please give generously to this collection and contribute to making this a blessed new year for families or individuals in crisis.

Clothing Ministry Announcing St. Anthony's Closet

In response to the pandemic, the coat drive will be handled differently this year. As a way to safely supply coats to those in need, please follow the instructions below.

THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED:

If you are aware of someone in our Parish or local community who does not have a winter coat or a child that outgrew their winter coat, please email the following details to: Barbara_durning@yahoo.com:

- ◇ Gender, adult or age of child, and size
- ◇ Contact information: name and phone number or email of the person picking up the coat.

THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE COATS:

Anyone willing to purchase a new coat for those in need, please email your contact information to: Barbara_durning@yahoo.com. You will receive an email with the details of the coat that is needed to be purchased after we have obtained the requests.

A Clothing Ministry volunteer will be outside of Church after weekend Masses to collect the purchased coats. If you are interested in helping with the exchange of coats, please email Barbara.

God bless you all for your generosity!

2020 TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like a contribution statement for 2020, please fill out the form below (Please PRINT) and return it to St. John's Parish Office or place it in the offering basket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Envelope Number: _____

Weekly Reflection

January 3, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

From boyhood I have always loved the Epiphany story, perhaps because the magi manage to bring a touch of the exotic and color to the nearly monochrome stable scene of the first Christmas. More than that, their very arrival after a presumably long dangerous journey has always underscored the attractive power and authentic divinity of the baby Jesus. Also, the stark contrast the gift bearers make with the humble homespun couple and their newborn has always struck me with how God acts in ways that challenge our expectations.

Of course, we should not be surprised how often God does this, thoroughly upsetting our ideas about "how things ought to be." When our notions clash with His, urging us to ask for Him to change His decision, He simply refers to His prior admission that "My ways are not yours" and the added codicil "Learn from Me." To that we add the vexing question for the Jews at that time: "Why does Yahweh allow these gentiles to receive a warm welcome from God when we are His chosen people?" A hard pill for them to swallow as they heard this story.

Inevitably we come to think about our personal failure in at least one aspect of our lives. One would think that after all this time, all these centuries since the Bethlehem event, and the clear teaching of the grown up Nazarene, we would still be guilty of racial prejudice. And what about this awful habit of practically naming ourselves "God's selected ones" all the time forgetting the petty betrayal of Him involved in our every sin? One could analyze that each sin of ours is like a spike of rough straw chafing an infant's skin. Or more heinous, like a thorn crowning a condemned God-Man's sacred head.

We have our work cut out for us, as in our imaginations we rise up from our knees behind the wise men when they stand up. We know they won't be going back to Herod with any report. Nor will they take the same route home. Nobody who has seen Christ goes away the same. They will have learned without any words from the Holy Infant what it takes to be truly wise. All of this is what makes the Epiphany celebration wonderful. Our Eastern rite brothers and sisters celebrate this day more than Christmas. It is the day our God revealed Himself as Someone available to everybody and not to just one race.

When I find myself tempted to join the growing number of cynics in the world beyond my front door, I can recall this scene for comfort. It has adorned many a Christmas card; been added to literary fiction in Henry Van Dyke's story of "The Other Wise Man," and immortalized in music as the subject of Menotti's opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

In my mind I see the weary camels shaking the tiny bells in their livery. I hear rustling silk in the apparel of the extraordinary travelers from the East. I smell the aroma of incense competing with the stink of the stable. And I see the look of delight on that tiny Face which I believe with all my heart to be my God's countenance.

May that same God love you throughout this New Year and give you His peace.

Saint of the Week

John Neumann, Bishop

After attending a diocesan seminary, John Neumann came to the United States from the Czech Republic. Soon after his arrival he was ordained a priest and served European immigrants on the frontier. He joined the Redemptorist Order and established many schools. Later, John was named bishop of Philadelphia. He encouraged religious orders to settle in the area. He also built a number of new parishes and began building a cathedral. His feast day is January 5.

John's message today: John Neumann's goal was to have a school in every Catholic parish. This was very nearly realized by the middle of the twentieth century. While the numbers of schools has fallen in the years since, the need for educating our children in their faith remains as strong as ever.

Consider how you could use your talents in the Faith Formation program in your parish. Could you teach a grade? Be a classroom helper? Coordinate instruction schedules?



The Next St. John's Food Drive for the Delaware Valley Food Pantry is on January 3rd & 4th after all Masses

All monetary donations will be given to the **St. John's Outreach Ministry** of our Parish. **Please be generous in your giving**

"None of us can think we are exempt from concerns for the poor and for social justice."

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 2013, Ch.4, #201

January 3, 2021 - Epiphany of the Lord

"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

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Epiphany of the Lord

Theme: The mystery of the incarnation - Jesus is a gift to all humanity.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you listen to this familiar story again today, what one word or thought really struck you? What image do you take away from this reading?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

Question for Youth: The star guided the Magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?

Question for Adults: How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?

MERCY CORNER

Jesus, the Human Face of God's Mercy

The grace that was revealed in our world is Jesus, born of the virgin Mary, truly human and divine. He has entered our history and shared our journey. He came to free us from darkness and grant us light. In him was revealed God's grace, mercy and tender love. Jesus is God's love and mercy incarnate. He is not simply a wisdom teacher or an ideal for which we strive while knowing that we are hopelessly distant from it. He is the meaning of life and history, who has pitched his tent in our midst.



JANUARY, 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	8:00AM Perpetual Novena		2:00PM Book Club - Zoom	8:00PM Knights of Columbus Mtg		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	8:00AM Perpetual Novena			7:00PM Evening Prayer		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>					Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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CONFESSIONS

St. John's ~ Saturday: 3:30- 4:30 P.M. or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

BAPTISMS

Celebrated the first Sunday of the month beginning with the 11:00 Mass, please call the Parish Office for additional information: 609-397-3350.

All paperwork must be completed prior to scheduling a baptism.

MARRIAGES

The bride or groom must be an **active-registered member** of St. John the Evangelist Parish with weekly Mass attendance and involvement in the life of the Parish for one year before the marriage preparation process. Please call the Parish Office for more information. According to the Common Policy of the five Latin-rite (Roman Catholic) dioceses of New Jersey, there must be twelve months of marriage preparation for each couple who desires to be married in the Church. **Please do not make any wedding arrangements** (including reception hall) **until** you have met with the pastor and he has approved the wedding date with you.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When necessary, contact the Parish Office 609-397-3350 ext. 2.

HOSPITALIZED FAMILY

If you have a hospitalized family member, let the parish know so that we can visit and take the Eucharist. Please call the parish office.

DIocese OF METUCHEN

*Please see website for more information:
Diometuchen.org*

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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 72:1-2, 3-4, 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 4:14-22

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

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609-397-3350 ext. 2
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609-397-8713

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609-460-4762

HORAS DE OFICINA

Lunes a Juaves ~ 9:30 AM – 3:00 P.M.

HORARIO DE MISA

Misa en Español ~ Domingos—11:00 A.M.
St. Agnes en Stockton

EDUCACION

Educación Religiosa para Niños: Por favor llamar a la oficina de Estudios Religiosos (en Inglés). Se requiere que los niños asistan regularmente a estas clases para poder recibir sus sacramentos. Se requiere también que todas las familias participen regularmente en la Misa. Por favor llamar a la directora de Estudios Religiosos para más información, al 609-397-3350 ext.3
Educación Religiosa para Adultos: Por favor comuníquese con el Padre si le faltan algunos de los sacramentos.

CONFESIONES

St John's ~ Sábados: 3:30 – 4:30 P.M.

BAUTISMOS

Español: Durante la Misa en español o cuando sea necesario. (Los padres deben estar registrados en la Parroquia y se requiere que asistan a una clase de preparación antes del bautismo. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para hacer los arreglos necesarios.)

MATRIMONIOS

Contactar la oficina parroquial 1 año antes de la boda. El novio o la novia debe estar registrado (a) como miembro de la Parroquia por lo menos por 1 año antes que el día de la boda sea confirmado. Se requiere que los novios participen en Pre-Cana o Encuentro de Comprometidos. Para más información, por favor llamar la oficina parroquial.

SACRAMENTO DE UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

Cuando sea necesario, contacte la oficina parroquial.

FAMILIARES HOSPITALIZADOS

Si tiene algún familiar hospitalizado, hágalo saber a la parroquia para que lo podamos visitar y llevarle la Eucaristía. Pueden llamar al Padre al 609-397-3350, ext. 2 o 609-460-4762.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Lunes: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Sal 2:7-8, 10-11; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Martes: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 71:2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Mc 6:34-44

Miércoles: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 71:2, 10-11, 12-13; Mc 6:45-52

Jueves: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Sal 71:2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lc 4:14-22

Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lc 5:12-16

Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6a y 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Domingo: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Is 55:1-11; Sal 28:1a-2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10 o Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Hch 10:34-38 o 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mc 1:7-11

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