

Saturday, January 2, 2021 4:00 pm - Roy & Monica Karl (The Karl Family)

Sunday, January 3, 2021 9:30 am - Rita T. Keaty (Tom & Linda Keaty)

Monday, January 4, 2021 8:45 am - Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021** 8:45 am - Albert Walcutt (*The Major Family*)

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 8:45 am - Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

**Thursday, January 7, 2021** 4:00 pm - Jean Susman (*The Trask Family*)

Friday, January 8, 2021 No Mass

Saturday, January 9, 2021 4:00 pm - Gerry Brousseau (Deacon Bob & Marilyn Schwartz)

**Sunday, January 10, 2021** 9:30 am - Albert Walcutt (*The Gaydos Family*)



#### **Daily Scripture Readings**

#### January

- 4 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 / Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- 5 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44
- 6 1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52
- **7** 1 Jn 4:19 5:4 / Lk 4:14-22a
- **8** 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16
- **9** 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30
- **10** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 Mk 1:7-11



# Dear Parish Family,

As we begin a New Year, the Solemnity of the Epiphany calls us to be people of hope. Certainly, that theological virtue has been tested over the last 10 months with the Coronavirus. Still, today's readings emphasize the need to embrace that virtue perhaps more than ever. The prophet Isaiah (60:1-6) proclaims,



Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.

Despite the thick clouds of the past year God has always been with us – Emmanuel. God will be with us in 2021, always ready to heal us and draw into His marvelous light. The Gospel reinforces this with Matthew's (2:1-12) account of the Magi making a journey to pay homage to the newborn King.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

The Gospel describes the reaction of the Magi upon reaching our Blessed Lord, our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph:

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

These men possessed a hope that drove them onward until they found the One who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1817) tells us that "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit."

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the reason for our hope. For this we can be profoundly thankful. I am also thankful to all those who so generously support our parish! I am grateful for your generosity this Christmas and all throughout the year. I would also like to thank all those who helped to make our Christmas liturgies so beautiful. We have truly gifted and generous people who share their time, talent and treasure in service to God and His people. My sincere thanks to all!

Finally, I pray that you and your loved ones experience a healthy, safe and spiritually fruitful New Year. God bless you.

Fr. Dan Redmond

## **PSR News**

Thank you to the families who brought gifts to the altar during the offertory procession on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The toys will be taken to the Geauga County Job and Family Services. They will then be given to children for their birthdays during the course of the coming year.

PSR classes will resume on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> for Grades 1 - 4.

# Religious Education

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration is available the first Thursday of every month from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. The next opportunity for in person Eucharistic Adoration will be this Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please observe all Covid19 requirements.



As a reminder, Eucharistic Adoration is available 24/7 on the parish website under the *Prayer Tools* tab.

## **Pro-Life News**

Science fiction that has become reality... Cloning, tracking devices, changing identities, spying, abortions on demand and up to birth, chips, artificial intelligence, GMO foods, cyber hacking, using body doubles and germ warfare. The new administration has stated policies that will overturn every pro-life law and more. A shocking new report from the *National Catholic Register* describes how scientists at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania recently used scalps from aborted babies to create "humanized mice" to study the human immune system. The work was funded by the National Institute of Health (NIH) and supported by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID).

#### Prayer on the Epiphany of the Lord

All heads of the household are encouraged on January 3rd, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, to gather all who live in their home together and say this prayer:

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Loving Father today we gather as family to ask Your blessing upon us, and where we live. May our home be protected from harm. And may all who live here be kept free from sin, protected from physical danger, and enjoy good health. Loving Father, we pray for your help in making each member of our family grow stronger in their faith in you, more focused on obtaining their place in heaven, and more kind and loving towards each other and towards all we meet. Help us Father throughout the coming year to remember to say this prayer together and to do all that we can to live up to what we have asked of you and promised to each other. Heavenly Father, we ask you to please hear this prayer because together we ask it in Jesus' name ....Amen.

#### **Legacy Giving To St. Patrick Parish**

As this New Year begins, let us perhaps make as one of our first resolutions the passing on of our Catholic heritage to both our family and our parish. A planned gift to St. Patrick Church makes you an eternal steward of our church. For more information contact Fr. Redmond. You can also contact Mary Lou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation at (216) 696-6525 x4070 or mozimek@catholiccommunity.org for a confidential conversation and additional planning resources.



Thank you for your continued support of our parish ministries and operations during this very difficult time.

# In a special way, we pray for:

Fr. Joesph Mecir, Fr. Doug Koesel, Mrs. Dorothy Kraynik, Jim Ellis, Cliff Radie, Carmen Giorgi, John Husek, Diane & Les Long, Val Novak, Bill Skoch, Eleanore Spisak, Fr. Steve Spisak

and all those suffering from the coronavirus.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Amen.

