

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2020

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

As I'm writing these words to you, I can't believe it's already December 23, the last full day of Advent! By the time you've seen this bulletin, the Christmas festivities will have passed BUT remember that we are still celebrating the Christmas Season, right up until the Feast of the Baptism of The Lord. I am continuing to play Christmas music to brighten my heart for greater devotion to Jesus!

The Epiphany Feast is a reminder that we must allow many epiphanies to fill our hearts and lives: Being more patient with one another and to reach out to one another with "random acts of kindness". As the saying goes: A little goes a long way!

On this occasion of the Epiphany of The Lord, may we follow the star that led the Wise Men to Bethlehem and continue rejoicing in the birth of our Lord who is Emmanuel, "God with us!"

Have a blessed and healthy and prosperous Happy New Year! God bless you all!

Fr. J. Michael Rafferty, Pastor

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was

used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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AN EPIPHANY PRAYER

**God of all heaven and earth,
from the breath of your love came the creation
of the world.**

**We are amazed at the vast beauty of the night
sky and at the intimate nature of the love you
have for us your children.**

**Be our daily star, guiding our lives to search for
kingdom love.**

**May we always follow your light of truth in all
that we do, Forever trusting, hoping and
believing in your word. Lift our eyes tonight to
see your eternal life shining brightly, leading us
home. Amen**

2019 CONTRIBUTION OFFERINGS

The year-end reports for 2019 from the envelope company and parish pay if you have signed up for online giving, will reflect totals for the year 2019 for envelopes on which parishioners' numbers and amounts have been recorded on the outside throughout the year. Statements will be mailed by the end of January. **Thank you for your generous support!**

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION AND CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY THIS WEEKEND, JANUARY 4th & 5th

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**SACRED HEART CYO BASKETBALL CLINIC
BEGINS TODAY, JANUARY 5, 2020**

BASKETBALL CLINIC

The Clinic runs for 8 weeks: January 5th thru February 23rd, 2020. Please come 15 minutes prior to 1st session to register. Cost per child is \$125.00.

Grades – K and 1st – 1:30pm to 2:30pm
Grade 2 – 2:30pm to 3:30pm

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 5

Monday, January 6

Rel Ed. – 6th Grade 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Rel Ed. – 7th Grade 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Novena – 7:15pm

Tuesday, January 7

CYO – 5:30pm to 9:00pm

Rel. Ed. Grades 3–5 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Choir – 7:00pm – Church Loft

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

Wednesday, January 8

RCIA – Rectory 7:00pm

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8:00pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, January 9

CYO – 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Friday, January 10

SHS- early dismissal 11am

Prayer Shawl Meeting – 1pm Rectory

Saturday, January 11

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

Sunday, January 12

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH

**Day Of Prayer And Penance Here at Sacred Heart for
An End To Abortion and a Greater Respect for
Human Life**

In Solidarity with the March for Life in D.C.

Marking the 47th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, starting at 9:30am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and ending with the Rosary for Life, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction beginning at 3:00pm.

PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Thomas M. Greevy, Jr.

Giuseppa Leni

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ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 18 de enero 2020 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

4th Sunday of Advent - \$12,377.

Last Year's Collection - \$15,237.

Due to Early printing of bulletins further collection

Totals will be in future bulletins



**WASHINGTON D.C.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020**

On the 47th Anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision legalizing abortion, come and walk for the sake of the unborn on Friday, January 18, 2020. Buses leave from St. Francis of Assist in W. Nyack @6am. Adults \$30 / Students \$15

**For reservations call 735-5238, 735-4379, or
420-1226 (para Español). For more info, visit
www.RocklandRTL.org**



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE
FOR THE FIRST TIME**

THERESA MUÑOZ AND JASON TRINIDAD



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Pat Brady, Annette Burbridge, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Gail Curtin, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Rich McDowell, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Frank Salveggi, Janet Schwartz, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.**

**ALTAR MEMORIALS
JANUARY 5, 2020**

**Altar Wines and Altar Breads In Memory of
MR. & MRS. ERASMO CONTE**

**Altar Candles and Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
MR. & MRS. GAITANO D'URSO**



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones
Especially: **Elizabeth Nollido, Cesar Dario and Stanley Gallagher.**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm - Joseph B. Varano

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 THE EPIPHANY

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Maria & Angelo Camillieri

10:00am – Gary Kelchlin

11:30am – Peter Marconi

1:00pm – Special Intention of Anna Kasperska

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

7:00am – The Holy Souls in Purgatory

9:00am – Special Intentions of Rose Celestin

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

7:00am – Nick Dominianni

9:00am – Special Intention Thierry Etienne

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00am – Charles Kavaliauskas

9:00am – Charles & Florence Marsalisi

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00am – Fernando Gentile

9:00am – Veronica Orth

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00am – Shana Marie Thompson

9:00am – James Robbins

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00am – Bernard & Bonnie Wysocki

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Marianne DeRosa

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 Baptism of the Lord

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – Catherine Howard & Fr. John Quinn

11:30am – Palma M. & Henry J. Heck

1:00pm – Carol Stronach

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 22- MICHAEL HECK