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Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate with joy the Solemnity of the Epiphany, the “manifestation” of Christ to the peoples who are represented by the Magi, mysterious figures who came from the East. We celebrate Christ, the destination of the pilgrimage of peoples in search of salvation.

In the First Reading we listened to the Prophet, inspired by God, to contemplate Jerusalem as a beacon of light which guides all the peoples on their journey through the darkness and fog of the earth. The glory of the Lord shines on the holy City and attracts first of all His own children, displaced and dispersed, but also, at the same time, the pagan nations who come to Zion from all sides as to a common homeland, enriching it with their goods (see Is 60: 1-6).

The Second Reading presents what the Apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians, that is, through God’s loving designs the convergence of Jews and Gentiles in the one Church of Christ was “the mystery” made manifest in the fullness of time, the “grace” of which God had made him steward (see Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6).

Twenty centuries have passed since that mystery was revealed and brought about in Christ, but it has not yet reached fulfillment. The Epiphany shows them to us in a state of “pilgrimage”, that is, in a movement of seeking, often somewhat confused, whose point of arrival, in short, is Christ, even if the star is sometimes hidden.

At the same time, the Epiphany shows to us God who in turn is on pilgrimage, a pilgrimage to man. There is not only the pilgrimage of man towards God; God Himself has set out towards us: who is Jesus, in fact, if not God who has, so to speak, come out of Himself to meet humanity? It was out of love that he made Himself history in our history; out of love that He came to bring us the seed of new life (see Jn 3: 3-6) and sow it in the furrows of our earth so that it might sprout, flower and bear fruit.

Indeed, he is the All and the Church exists solely to remain united to Him and to make Him known to the world. May the Mother of the Incarnate Word help us to be docile disciples of her Son, the Light of the nations!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb



St. Mary’s Church will be sponsoring a bus to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life, Friday, January 24.

Arrive by 3:45am for a prompt departure at 4am.

We will have Mass with Cardinal Dolan in Washington, DC.

Cost is \$45 per adult, Children under 12 FREE.

Make your reservations now.

For more information call Nancy at 845-856-4610.

Liturgical Ministers for January 11th/12th, 2020.

Mass	Lector	Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00pm	B. HECKMAN	W. PONDS	M. FEDRIZZI, S. BHIKARRY
8:30am	M. LATINI	W. CARMODY, S. RIORDAN	A. & E. TRUJILLO
11:30am	M. ESLING	D. FISHER	J. ENNIS, DJ PERRIN

We have various announced Mass Intentions available for the 2020 year. Stop by the parish office. Everyone loves the gift of prayer.

Thank you to the generosity from our parish, we were able to have full meals plus extras for over 80 families this year. Thank you all!



Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser
 Help Little Lambs by ordering your favorite Pizza... Just in time for Lent!
 Orders will start Jan. 15 and due by Feb. 10
 Delivery/Pick at St. Mary's Little Lambs School-Feb. 26 in the afternoon, more information to follow

Orders are available on line:
 Go to www.pizzakit.com click

on "Products" then "shop" Fundraiser **ID # 368645** is necessary for Little Lambs to get sales credit. Mary Carver, Director of Little Lambs will also be in the Narthex the weekend of Feb. 1/2 to take orders.



Boy Scout Troop # 173 is having their *Chili Takeout Fundraiser* on the weekend of February 1st/2nd after all Masses \$8 per quart.



Save the Date! Court Madonna #114 is hosting the 2nd annual Family Fun Day! Join us on Sunday, February 9th for an afternoon of fun, games, crafts, face painting, and snacks. Call Gina 917-733-4307 or Rose Jarvies 919-259-6539 to RSVP.

FREE fun for the whole family!

We now have Eucharistic Adoration cards available. For a donation, you can gift a card for birthdays, get well, etc. and spend time with our Lord. They are available in the parish office for an at will offering.

Announced Masses

Monday, January 6
 9:00am Dr. Vincent Funaro, by Robert Boardman and family

Tuesday, January 7
 9:00am Ralph Marino, by Deacon and Joanne Marino

Wednesday, January 8
 9:00am Carol Froehlich, by James Froehlich

Thursday, January 9
 9:00am Carol Froehlich, by James Froehlich

Saturday, January 11
 4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, January 12(Baptism of the Lord)
 8:30am Gloria F. Budakowski, by Pat Long
 11:30am Joseph Cox, by Erika Cox and family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Donald Wolff, Carol Gomillion, David Lisker, Nancy Parsons, Debi Cotugno, Michael Bello, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeannine Lincoln, James Lincoln, Charles Hildebrandt, Maureen Hildebrandt, Walter Szpakowicz, Carmella Balsamello, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, James Roach, Catherine Simons, Brendan Carmody, Joe Formisano, Nico Nicolette, Jaryd Viserta, Steven Gaesser, Kacey Warner, Sandra Ramsey, Lorraine Mannarino, Antonino Mazza, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Mary Lynn Beam, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Mercedes Rodriguez, Jose Brito, Michael Medaglia, Barbara Straub, Tress Loughrey, Sal Careri, Cody Bain, Robert Witherow, Susan Upton, Theresa Fuller, Allen Lynch, Enid Decker, Jackie Mundy, Chris Marion, III, Carmella Balsamello, Barbara Lindsay, Robert Ackerman, Wayne DeMarco, Ryan O'Connor, Elizabeth Brennan, Jerri Kavanaugh, Allan Garcia, Christine Habertzettl, Eric Hildebrandt, Rose Gotthardt, Georgia Gotthardt, John Olenick, and John Hendrix.

We now have Lottery tickets available for the month of February. You can win multiple times a month. Call the parish office for more information. All proceeds go to Church Improvements.

The collection for Christmas was \$17,391.
 The collection for December 28/29 was \$4,662.
 Thank you for your continued generosity.