



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - January 8, 2017



They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ~Matthew 2:11b

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday - January 7

8:00am- †
5:00pm- † Noel Santos
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday - January 8

8:30am- † Aldorah Williams
10:00am- † Dolores & Gregory Zukowski
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday - January 9

8:00am- † Marcella I. Mikos
12:05pm- † Anthony Ancona, Jr. & Elvira Ancona

Tuesday - January 10

8:00am-~Special Intentions of Chris Binns & Family
~Special Intentions of Joe Scalici & Family
12:05pm~Special Intentions of Omar El-Fashny & Family
~Special Intentions of Dean Cammarata & Family

Wednesday - January 11

8:00am - † Herb Lopez
12:05pm-† Citro Frulio

Thursday - January 12

8:00am- †
12:05pm- † Charles Pommerenk

Friday - January 13

8:00am- †
12:05pm- † Msgr. Augustin J. DiBlasi & Harley

Saturday - January 14

8:00am- † Alexander Lee ~10th Anniversary~
5:00pm- † Stephen Ficara

Sunday - January 15

8:30am- † Ismael Ortiz Jr.
10:00am- †



Offered by:
Offered by: Santos Family

By: children & grandchildren
Offered by: Cappucci Family

Offered by: Family
Offered by: Theresa Tortorella

Offered by: Narcisa Pons
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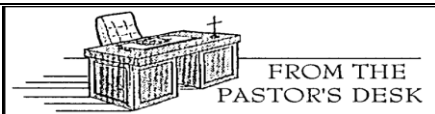
Offered by: Joan Fortunato
Offered by: Frulio Family

Offered by:
Offered by: wife, Kathleen

Offered by:
Offered by: Family

Offered by: Manaluz Family
Offered by: Nina & Joe Lopez

Offered by: Torres Family
Offered by:



The Feast of the

Epiphany of the Lord is not about three wise men, three magi or three kings. It is about who Jesus is and what he came to do. Epiphany means ‘manifestation’ or ‘revelation.’ We celebrate the Feast of the Manifestation, or Revelation, of Jesus to the world. Jesus is revealed to be the Savior of all peoples. God had promised God’s chosen people, the Jews, that they would one day receive a Messiah – one who would be the source of salvation for the people of Israel. How the Jews understood what that Messiah would do and the type of salvation the Messiah would offer was complicated, but the Jewish people lived with the hope of one day receiving a Messiah. Within the prophetic tradition of Judaism, the Jewish people were often challenged to accept that when the Messiah came, the Messiah would draw all nations to Israel. God willed the salvation of all peoples so that the salvation offered by the Messiah would not be limited to the Jews but would be available to all. In Jesus, God fulfilled God’s promise. God gave the Jewish people the Messiah, for which they longed, but Jesus would prove to be a Messiah very different from the Messiah that many of them desired and that most of them anticipated. And in Jesus, God’s offer of salvation was now available to all peoples not just the Jews.

As Christians, we have come to recognize Jesus as our Messiah, the Anointed One of God, in whom we find our salvation – the way to the everlasting life that is God’s desire for us. We recognize that the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus are the source of salvation for all people and that the Church, the Body of Christ on earth, is essential for the unfolding of God’s plan for the salvation of all people. We do not presume, however, to place limits on whom God can save. We simply rejoice that in Jesus we have found the Messiah and we hope that the witness of our lives will draw others to place their faith in him. We are to incarnate Christ in our lives so that our lives become an Epiphany for others – a revelation of Christ to our world.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine ~ †
Tabernacle Candle ~ † *Stanley & Marcella Mikos*
Memorial Candle *Offered by: Family*
Memorial Candle ~ †



Liturgical Minster’s Schedule JANUARY 2017

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Tom Ventrudo (*carry Gospel Book*)
E. M.: Cinderella Wonszewitz & Peg & Tom Ventrudo *Sub:* Linford Smith

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Victoria Garay & Samuel Torres (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Ceferino Albarracin
E.M.: Delmeter Carey, Joan Fortunato & Samuel Torres *Sub:* Maria Oliveras

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Thelma Washington (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Alexis Crowdell
E.M.: Theresa Contardo, Emmanuel Fode & Dianne Murphy *Sub:* Crescencia Pascua

SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcsi.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

TODAY: Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Next Sun: 2nd Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 1:1-13
John 1:29-34



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Friday, January 6, after the 12:05 p.m. Mass. Adoration will conclude at 1:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES on SATURDAY, JANUARY 7th - **Please note the new time: 12:00pm to 2:00pm.**
Classes: January 7th, January 28th, February 11th and February 18th. 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

CONSIDER A CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILD or GRANDCHILD – Our Lady of Mount Carmel + St. Benedicta School is part of the Catholic Regional School of Staten Island. It offers a warm welcome to all families seeking to provide a faith-based education for their child. Financial assistance is possible. Visit the school on Tuesday, January 9th, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. or on Tuesday, January 31st, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please call in advance: 718-981-5131.

PRAYER FOR NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK Jan.8 – 14: Merciful and loving Father, we beseech you, open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality and refuge to migrants who are lonely, afraid, and far from their homes. Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst, to invite them into our communities as a demonstration of Christ's love for us. We pray that when we encounter the other, we see in her the face of your Son, when we meet a stranger, that we take his hand in welcome. Help us to live in solidarity with one another, to seek justice for those who are persecuted and comfort for those who are suffering. This we pray in the name of the One which himself was once a refugee, Christ our Living Lord. *Amen.*

HELPING NEW YORKERS IN CRISIS - NYC Well is your connection to free, confidential mental health support. Speak to a counselor via phone, text or chat and get access to mental health and substance misuse services, in more than 200 languages, 24/7/365. We're here to listen and help with problems like stress, depression, anxiety or drug and alcohol misuse. For you or someone you care about. Adults and youth. Teenagers can use this service. Phone: 1-888-NYC-WELL (1-888-692-9355), Press 2.
Text: Text "Well" to 65173
Chat-on-line: <https://nycwell.cityofnewyork.us/en/>

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – Thursday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Charles, 200 Penn Avenue (Penn and Hylan Blvd.). The preacher will be Bishop Victor A. Brown, Senior Pastor of Mt. Sinai United Christian Church. *All are welcome!*

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER OF STATEN ISLAND – A rich variety of programs of prayer and reflection are offered at the St. Joseph Retreat Center located at 850 Hylan Blvd. Visit their website, sjretreatcenter.org for current information regarding pricing, new programs, and overnight stays at the Center. You can also call their main office for information: 718-720-1097.

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF HAWTHORNE VOCATION DISCERNMENT – Weekend of March 10-12, 2017. We invite young women who are discerning a religious vocation to join us for a weekend of sharing in our life of prayer and apostolate. Reservations are required. For information or reservations, please contact: Sister Alma Marie (845) 745-1319 or vocationdirector@hawthorne-dominicans.org. We are a congregation founded to provide care and support to those diagnosed with terminal cancer.

NEW WORLD PREP CHARTER SCHOOL – OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CHARTER SCHOOL – Save the date for their Open House – Saturday, February 4th – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – 26 Sharpe Avenue. NWP is a small, public college preparatory middle school serving 6th to 8th grade students. Founded to respond to the academic, social and emotional needs of non-English speaking households, as well as students from throughout the North Shore Community. Visit: www.newworldprep.org or call 718-705-8990. Admission is by lottery. There is no cost to attend the school.

WEEKLY OFFERING: January 1: \$6,241.00 *Thank you for your generosity!*

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM - The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.