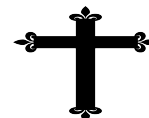


The Epiphany of the Lord
JANUARY 6, 2019



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – January 5

8:00am-† Alex Gullo
5:00pm- † Christopher Roland
7:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Loyola School
By: Nina & Joe Lopez & Family

Sunday – January 6

8:30am-† Dennis Sullivan
10:00am-† Libby Guardiani
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Loyola School
Offered by: OLMC Parish

Monday – January 7

8:00am-† Patrick Steffens
12:05pm-~ For Lisa LaBarbera’s Health

Offered by: Loyola School
Offered by: Mary Guardiani

Tuesday – January 8

8:00pm-† Nicholas
12:05pm-† James Molinelli

Offered by: Loyola School
Offered by: Mary Guardiani

Wednesday – January 9

8:00pm-† Marcella I. Mikos
12:05pm~Special Intentions of Barbara Braisted

Offered by: Family
Offered by: Mary Guardiani

Thursday – January 10

8:00pm- † Ciro Frulio
12:05pm~Birthday Blessings for Jayden Munoz,
& For Thanksgiving & Favor of Munoz Family

Offered by: Frulio Family
Offered by: mom, Susan Ferris

Friday – January 11

8:00am-† Gloria Mayfield Simpson
12:05pm-† Vincent F. Baldassano

Offered by: Cinderella Wonsewitz
Offered by: OLMC Parish

Saturday – January 12

8:00am-† Fanny Mannino
5:00pm- † Charles Pommerenk

Offered by: OLMC Parish
By: wife, Kay Pommerenk

Sunday – January 13

8:30am-† June Fair
10:00am-† Agnes Lattanzio

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Fran & Susan Fele

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine ~

The candles will burn this week for the following intentions

Tabernacle Candle ~

Memorial Candle ~

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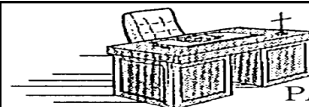


~ **FOR ALL LORD**

~ **SAVIOUR**

May the scene of the three wise men prostrated before the Child of Bethlehem encourage us to do the same and offer our lives. That from the poverty of the manger we can proclaim the greatness of God who looks to the humble and manifests himself to all people. As Saint Ignatius of Loyola suggests, "let us contemplate how the divinity manifests itself in the humble figure of Jesus Incarnate."

"The star of the Lord is not always dazzling, but it is always present: it takes you by the hand in life, it accompanies you. It does not promise material rewards, but it guarantees peace and gives, like the Magi, an 'immense joy'. He asks us, however, to walk." (*Pope Francis*)



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

(They brought gold, incense and myrrh)

This year we celebrate the EPIPHANY or the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentile peoples on their traditional day of January 6th. The tradition is that 12 days after Christmas the three wise men had enough time to travel from distant lands to Bethlehem of Judah. With his visit to the portal of Bethlehem, the Church wants to manifest the openness or universality of the salvation that Jesus brings to all people. Just as the star guided the Magi to Jesus, today the light of Christ in our hearts wants to enlighten all those who surround us so that seeing our good deeds they also glorify God.

The readings seem to predispose us to look at how the grace of God has been spread since ancient times. The prophet Isaiah tells us that a great light will shine on Jerusalem and draw crowds beyond the seas. Saint Paul calls foreigners or Gentiles "co-heirs" and "co-participants" of the Body of Christ. The Gospel of Matthew on its part presents us the pilgrimage of the Magi from distant lands following a star and if all this were not enough, the psalmist encourages us to sing the glory of the Lord that expands to all the nations of the earth.

The light that Isaiah predicts from ancient times is manifested in the New Testament as the revelation of the salvation that Christ offers to all of us who form his Body. The Gospel emphasizes in the light emanating from the star as a symbol of the dawn or birth of a new order for our world. Curiously, that star that illuminates the darkness leads the Magi to worship the Child in the manger, a sign of the humility of God incarnated for the salvation of all.

The gifts or gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, the Church looks at them from the salvific mystery that is actualized in the person of Christ. Gold to signify that Christ is King since gold as much yesterday as today means something precious to the ornamentation of both people and things. Incense means to worship God in the person of Christ. We offer the tasty smoke of incense only to God who lives in heaven. To the two previous gifts is added the myrrh that was used to prepare the bodies for burial. The Church looks at this gift to Christ who assumes human nature and who died for the salvation of all. By the means of the three gifts and their meaning we can affirm with the tradition that Christ is King, High Priest and sacrificial victim.

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

January 6: The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.
Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6

January 13: The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38



RENEW AND REBUILD - Thank you for your prayers and commitments to our Renew and Rebuild campaign. If you have not yet committed to the campaign, we ask you to consider helping us reach our parish goal.

OLMC TOURING TUESDAY - January 8th from 9:00am to 11:00am. Come visit our school and get information regarding registration. Pre-K for all full day program (free). Kindergarten - 8th grade (financial aid information available). For more information, call the school office 718-981-5131.

RAFFLE WINNER - TV Raffle Winner at Mt. Carmel School! We would like to congratulate Giovanni Alexandre of our school. He won the TV raffle that was held to collect funds for the 8th grade trip. The 8th grade thanks you for your support in helping them reach their goal to go on their graduation trip!

LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH - (based on the World Marriage Day Initiative) The Search begins for the Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of New York! To enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York. The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The winning couple will be interviewed and featured in an article in Catholic New York. Winners are determined by how long the couple had been married as of World Marriage Day, February 10, 2019. For further information, contact Joan Brisso at the Family Life Office at 646-794-3190 or joan.brisson@archny.org. Email entries can joan.brisson@archny.org. be sent directly to The deadline for entries is 5:00PM on Thursday, January 24, 2019

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIVES BACK - Our parish could share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, running or not that is donated the Society will give back to our church \$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718 491-2525. Web page: svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN – The Archdiocese is committed to doing all that it can do to prevent children and young people from sexual abuse. Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in The Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford O.P. at (212) 371-1000 x 2949. She can also be reached via email at victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be obtained from the Archdiocese website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

NITE AT THE RACES - On Friday, January 18th The YMAC will be holding "A Nite at the Races" at Sacred Heart School (981 Castleton Ave). The price of admission is \$30 per person and the first race begins at 7:30 PM. There will be a DJ, light refreshments and to RSVP please call 718-442-0058.

ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTION - There will be a second collection this Sunday, mandated by the Archdiocese of New York for Catholic Communications and the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

COLLECTIONS: December 30: \$3,749; Second Collection: \$1,018; Christmas: \$2,345. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*

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**The Blessing of the Home on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

In many places it is custom to celebrate the blessing of the home by writing the numerals of the new year in chalk over the front door, as well as the initials C, M, and B,

representing the traditional names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

Gather the family outside the front door or main entrance of your home.

Begin by singing "We Three Kings" and by praying together the Sign of the Cross.

Then offer the following prayer of blessing:

Loving God,

the doors of our hearts and the doors of our home are open to you

and to all who need warmth and welcome.

(Write the year and the initials C, M, AND B in chalk over the front or main entrance of your home.)

We give you thanks for our home, For the gift of family, and for the blessing of friends.

Keep us safe as we come in and as we go out each and every day.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

