#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays: Msgr. Ryan Hall - 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Also by appointment

#### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Church provides certain times and preparation for weddings. Please contact the Rectory at least six months in advance to begin the process.

### **REGISTRATION**

Every family and person within the parish is encouraged to register with the Parish.

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. A required Baptism preparation meeting for parents meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. Godparents are welcome. Please register in advance for the class and Baptism. Godparent Pre-Requisites: Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing, 16 years of age or older, Baptized and Confirmed Catholic.

### ON BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Those seeking information about the Catholic Faith are invited to contact Fr. Valentine at the Rectory at 621-2222.

#### **CARE OF THE SICK**

Please notify the Rectory and Human Concerns Ministries if there is anyone seriously ill so that we can provide spiritual care.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michele Brown Kathleen Capuano Pat Cempa Mary Ann Cifarelli Barbara Coe Rebekah Cole Virginia Connors Emma Cook Kevin Cronin Paul Cronin John Damiano Linda De Stio John Paul DiNonno James Dougherty Eric DuBois Elizabeth Fenamore Natalie Finamore Noel Glen Stephen Grabher Ida Kelly Christine Kenney

Maria Kim Douglas Knehr Anne Krukowski Frank Krukowski Richard Malon Jonathan Mannina Stuey Manzione Freida Navarro Victoria Oxer Justin Paradine Marion Prendergast Gregory Racaniello Jaxon Rivera Roy Rodrigues Charles Strecker Peter Vanatta Clotida Vecchione Jacqueline Verde Anne Wright Mary Wybaillie Anthony



## THE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## **Sunday January 2: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Tom McCormack

by Bill & Debbie Melillo

11:00 a.m. Elizabeth Cocuzzo

by her family

12:30 p.m. Thomas Dredger

by Joan Grau

## Monday January 3: Christmas Weekday

9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving

by Anne Krukowski

## **Tuesday January 4: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

9:00 a.m. For the intentions of Lola Camardi

by The Govoni Family

## Wednesday Janaury 5: Saint John Neumann, bishop

9:00 a.m. For the departed soul of Dr. Randolfo

Magpantay

by Dr. Esmeralda Magpantay

and family

## Thursday January 6: Christmas Weekday

9:00 a.m. Dolores O'Hara

by Richard O'Hara

## First Friday January 7: Christmas Weekday

9:00 a.m. Norma Lucarelli

by Michael Lucarelli

## Saturday January 8: Christmas Weekday

5:00 p.m. John Buonocore

by Phyllis Sofo

## **Sunday January 9: BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Marie Farricielli

by The Dellavecchia Family

11:00 a.m. Gerri LaRosa Cowan

by John Della Ratta

Tom McCormack

by The Abramowitz Family

Lucyan Wierzbicki

by Irene & Family

12:30 p.m. Fred Dimino

by Jo Dimino

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

**FOCUS**: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Today's feast celebrates the revelation of the Messiah to those outside the Jewish covenant. The three Magi were among the first to recognize Jesus as King, and Tradition holds that their encounter transformed them from outsiders (Gentiles) to faithful believers who proclaimed this Good News. God desires salvation for the whole world, and we are commissioned by our baptism to bring others to encounter Christ, so that they, too, might be transformed.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah prophesies in a time when Jerusalem is radiant with God's glory and people from afar will come to bask in the light of the Lord. Paul writes that Gentiles are *coheirs* in the *promise in Christ Jesus*. In the Gospel, the Magi inquire about the newborn Jewish king. Feeling threatened, Herod asks about the child's whereabouts. The Magi follow the star and pay homage to the child in Bethlehem.

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 9, 2022 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

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# Celebrants for the Weekend of January 8/9, 2022

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	Celebrants*	Lector
<b>Sat.</b> 5:00 pm	Fr. Valentine	Schedule
<b>Sun</b> 7:30 am	Fr. Valentine	not available
9:00 am	Fr. Lauder	when bulletin
11:00 am	Fr. Valentine	went to
12:30 pm	Fr. Valentine	print.

<sup>\*</sup> Subject to last minute changes.

## FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

#### PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Parish Sacrificial Giving - Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer: The Magi travelled to see Jesus; this week, how can we encounter Jesus? Take time to attend Mass during the week, or visit Him in an Adoration chapel or let Him show His mercy to you during the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Offertory and attendance information for December 25/26 was not available as of the printing deadline.

## Current Covid Guidelines The Diocesan Office of the Vicar General

The Governor of New York State has included houses of worship in her recent directives. Therefore we ask that all parishioners (two years of age and older) to comply with the requirements to wear masks when participating in any activities on parish grounds. The state requirement is currently in effect until January 15, 2022. We will continue to adapt accordingly as new information becomes available. Your patience and Christian charity towards one another during this difficult time is appreciated.





## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends:

Over the course of the past year, I have met people who have embraced—or rediscovered—the faith under a number of unusual circumstances. Some have been drawn by our beautiful Church at St. Mary's, and the environment of mystery it embodies. Others seek comfort in the midst of tragedy: the loss of a child to substance abuse, a troubled marriage, sickness, and job loss. Still others come because they find here a place of welcome and genuine kindness. I have learned never to look a gift horse in the mouth. Whatever route one takes to Christ, as is the case with the Wise Men from the east, we can only marvel at the workings of grace.

Pope Benedict XVI offers a great reflection on the Epiphany from both sacred and secular viewpoints. Pagan astronomers and their Christian counterparts (e.g. Kepler) found evidence that the planets Jupiter, Saturn, and Mars had come into alignment around the time of Jesus' birth. This "star" was interpreted by the adherents of Roman religion and Judaism as heralding a new age of peace and prosperity, a "golden age" ruled over by a king born about this time. Was this newborn king Jesus? When the Magi arrive at the court of Herod, his scribes pinpoint Bethlehem as the Messiah's birthplace. They even quote an unlikely prophet, Balaam the Moabite soothsayer, who prophesies: "A star shall advance from Jacob, and a staff shall rise from Israel." Note that the Magi are Gentiles, not Jews, in search of Christ using the scientific tools at their disposal, and come to a deeper understanding of God's ways. We read this gospel in light of the prophecy from Isaiah ("dromedaries from Midian, Ephah and Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense") and Psalm 72 ("The kings of Tarshish [=Spain], Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute"). All of which is to say: just as God prepares Israel for the coming of the Messiah through the events of its history, he prepares the rest of the world for the same event by planting within the soul the desire for truth. Benedict compares the Magi to figures like Socrates, who goes "beyond conventional (pagan) religion toward the higher truth."

But "that was then; this is now." What does the Epiphany of Our Lord mean for contemporary Catholics? One of the great experts on Catholic liturgy (Pius Parsch) connects the Epiphany of Christ to the Mass itself, because various details of the former are echoed in the elements of the latter. As baptized Catholics, we share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal dignity of Christ. Along with the three wise men, we approach Jesus and offer ourselves to him along with our gifts. Like gold, we are purified by Christ; like frankincense, we become a fragrant "oblation" (burnt sacrifice) to God; like myrrh, we testify to the death of our Lord. Jesus accepts these, and presents us with his own Body and Blood, and so we delve ever more deeply into the mystery of divine life. Like the Magi, we discover the signs of the presence of God in the material world, but advance in holy wisdom as Jesus reveals himself.

Today's artwork is "The Adoration of the Magi" (c. 1480) by the Florentine painter, Sandro Botticelli. It would be a mistake to interpret this sumptuous image as an exercise in mere extravagance. The artist expresses a very important idea. The magnificent structure in ruins (classical antiquity) is not a stable but a rich symbol that a new era has come. The human search for goodness, beauty, and truth that has reached its destination—its fulfillment—in Christ. Let us pray that our own longing for happiness and perfection may lead to the same end.

Faithfully,

Fr. Valentine

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH CHOIR REGISTRATION FORM (Please fill out and return to the Rectory)

Name:

Telephone:\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_

Voice (check): Soprano \_\_\_\_ Alto \_\_\_\_ Tenor \_\_\_ Bass\_\_\_\_





## REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVE



Lord, hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their self-forgetting acts. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war. Amen.

CAPT Brendan Echausse COL Daniel Friend PV1 Joseph M. Friend CDR Christian R. Foschi PFC Steven Hyyti CAPT David Jacobs SK1 John D. Klick PFC Michael P. Lanciki CAPT Eric W. Lipp

LCpl Caitlin Lyons LT Dennis Mackin Cpl Tommy Mozer SGT Julio Ortiz II LCpl Jonathan Peres SSGT Jonathan Porto PVT Michael Starczewski SPC Luke Whitting RCT Jordan J. Williams

# Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protector against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
And do Thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



# A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.





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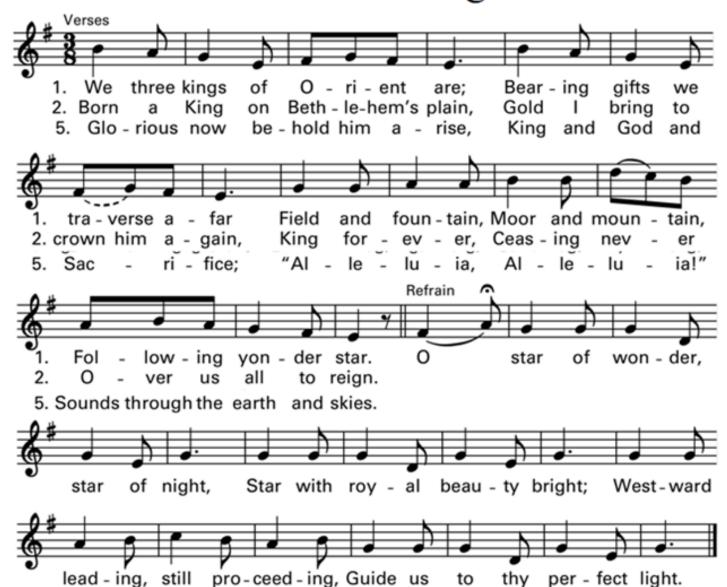
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# Processional Hymn We Three Kings





Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1–11.

Text and music: Carols, Hymns and Songs, 1863; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820–1891, alt.

## Responsorial Psalm



Lord, ev' ry na-tion on earth will a- dore you.

# Offertory Hymn: The First Noel



# Communion Hymn What Child is This?

Text Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent; verse 6, alt. Music Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.

