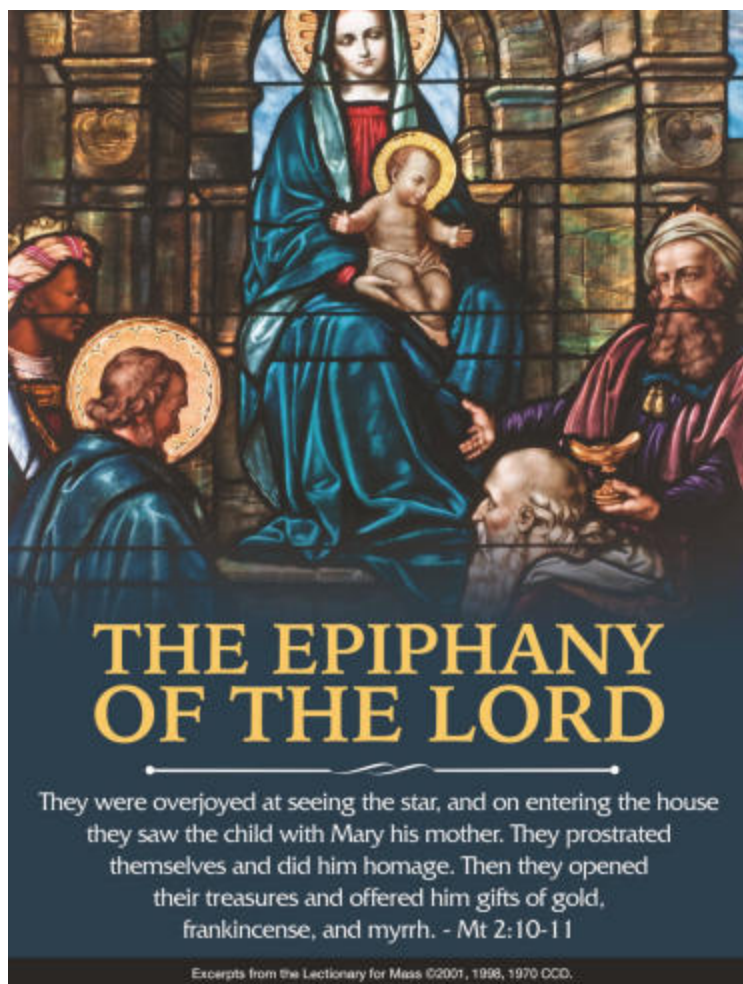


St. Mary of the Assumption

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Sunday, January 3, 2021 | Epiphany of the Lord



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Sacrament of Baptism

**Sundays at 1:00 p.m. by appointment
and after preparation with Mrs. Webster**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

In case of emergency, at any time. Whenever someone is seriously ill, in the hospital or homebound, please notify the parish office.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Bride and groom must meet with the pastor at least one year before date, be registered parishioners and must present a recent baptismal certificate.

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Phone calls to Reserve seats for mass will be taken during normal office hours, from Monday at 8:30 a.m. through Friday at 12:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Mon.-Fri: Open for Private Prayer from 7 am to 11:00 ~ No mass at this time.

First Saturday & Holy Days Only: Mass at 7:45 a.m.

*"One in Mind and Heart, Intent
Upon God" ~ St. Augustine*



MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of January 4, 2021

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

Sally D. Becker

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Joe

Family

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

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Thank You to everyone who continues to support our parish.

Offertory for the week of 12/13/2020

Regular \$ 5570



Calendar of Events

- 01/03 The Epiphany of the Lord
- 01/04 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- 01/10 Baptism of the Lord
- 01/18 Martin Luther King Day ~ Office is Closed
- 01/28 St. Thomas Aquinas



Epiphany

Question:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer:

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

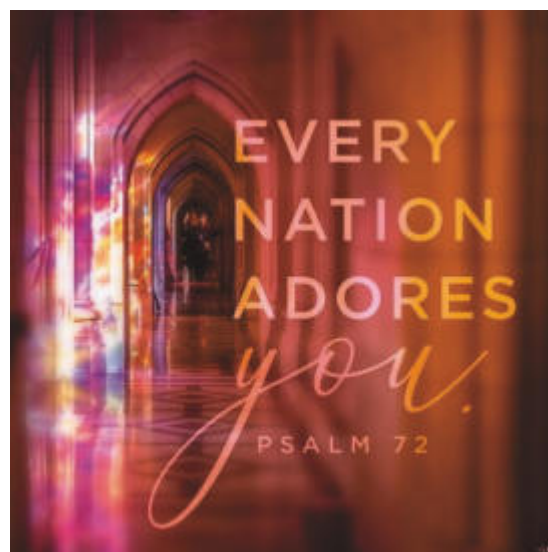


Volunteers Needed

Additional volunteers are needed to assist with the live-streaming of masses. Live-streaming equipment is in the sacristy so volunteers can "participate" in the mass from the socially distanced location.


Basic knowledge of use of a computer is needed, but training will be provided.

If you are interested in assisting in this role, please contact the parish office at 518-237-3131 ext. 20 and speak with Mary.



Please pray for all the sick and suffering and for anyone close to death; for those troubled in body, mind, or heart, and for their care givers in a special way: Carol Travis, Anna Papperman, Alexa Papperman, Marcia Trombly, Margaret Rose DeLucia, Connie Laviolette, Muriel Smith, Patricia Komoroski, Jack Neumann, Mary Beth Woodard, Carol Hervieux-Potts, Althea Alger, Sandee Murphy, Irene Marra, Maria Pascarella, Robert R. White, Judith M Hervieux, Cathy Powers Vanina, Andrew Melville, Christopher Goyette, Brady Sullivan, Bill Dame, Michael Clune, Ginny Grigoliet, Randy Morley, Melissa Rice, Paula Navojosky, Nicholas Muscatiello, William Furlong, Scott McGowty, Peter Fletcher, Father Joseph Getz O.S.A. **Please help us keep our list up to date, and call the office (518.237.3131) with any changes.**





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