

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 6, 2019



SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019

5:30 P.M. Regina Kunz
Joseph Mazza
Intentions of the Family of Nathan Gainey

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Sister M. Evarista Bullett
10:00 A.M. Vincent Vodola
12:00 Noon J P House

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

8:00 A.M. Jim Quinn

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019

8:00 A.M. Joseph & Gea Giavannone

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019

8:00 A.M. Venancio Tindoc

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

8:00 A.M. Elena Sutula

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019

5:30 P.M. Ann Nolan
Phyllis DeNova

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
10:00 A.M. Ben Glorioso
Teresa Cutro
12 NOON Ida Brown (10th Anniversary)

Pray daily for the safety of our servicemen and women serving their country.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mary Carton	Jacob Hicks	Barry Bach
Ava Rae Nebbia	Matthew Polifonte	William Pannone
Gary Ragusa	Alex Haines	Evelyn Means
George Link	Jerry Jacobs	Michael Soojian
Susan Nichols-Boggio	Kevin Kerrigan	Ryder Sasso
Mike Tidaback	Robert Moreno	Larry Ferry
Frances De Maria	Dorothea King	Jerome Foray
Manuel Esguerra	Frank Michaelson	Norberto Marin
Cenelia Soto	Robert Nebbia	Christopher Berry
Sharon Acquire	Noah Lorencovitz	Jessica Skorubski
Florence Grim	Estella Soto	George Macagnone
	Julieta Amar	

DECEASED: Our Deceased Loved Ones

CHURCH MEMORIALS

Church Altar Candle in memory of Joe Cisco requested by the Cisco Family.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday, December 23, 2018 – \$6,815.00
Christmas Collection - \$21,993.00
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear friends in Christ,

The Church celebrates this Feast of the Epiphany which represents the coming of God to earth in the form of Jesus Christ on the Sunday closest to January 6 so that it receives greater recognition than it would if celebrated on a weekday.



The first reading, from Isaiah, speaks about how light shows us everything. When Jerusalem is filled with light, then the whole earth is filled with light. This is clearly a reference to the presence of Jesus in Jerusalem--not for the author of this passage of Isaiah, but for those

Jewish people who were awaiting the Messiah. They came to believe that these texts referred to the Messiah who would come. For the early Christians, who believed that Jesus was the Messiah, it was easy to see in Isaiah many references to Jesus. This reference from Isaiah can be seen to prophesy that all the earth will come to the Lord. There are many other references in the Old Testament, the Hebrew Scriptures, referring to the Messiah. As soon as one accepts that Jesus is the Messiah, then all of those texts are seen as referring to Him.

All of these reasons for celebrating are good and of value, but we must keep with the true meaning of the Epiphany in mind. The word is from the ancient Greek meaning "manifestation" or "revealing" as in presenting oneself to the world. In this feast, we celebrate the coming of God into our world as Man and making Himself known through the angels, the shepherds, the Magi, the Apostles and finally through the Church; and though He came in this humble way of being born in a stable, He is still God. The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew. In this passage we hear the familiar story of the three men called Magi in Matthew's gospel; but elsewhere they are called "wise men" or "astrologers" and still in other places they are called "kings." It took faith and obedience to their inner conscience to travel to a distant land to worship and give gifts to the child who would be Lord and Savior. Let us not look so much at who or what these three men were,

but rather, let us see what they did out of faith. During this holy season can we imitate the Magi by going out of our way to worship the Christ Child, the Babe of Bethlehem? Something to think about during your prayer time this week.



A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WORTH KEEPING

One day, when a father had just come home from work, his son asked him, "Daddy, how much do you make an hour?" The father was surprised. He answered, "Look,

**ST. FRANCIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #2617
ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE**

St. Francis Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Blood Drive on Sat., Jan 26th from 9am till 2:30pm in the church hall.

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. Sign up sheet will be in the Narthex or sign up at vitalant.com or by calling (201) 251-3703.

**Thank you to all who participated in our
Calendar Raffle!**

Congratulations to the following winners:

Date	Prize	Ticket Number	Name of Winner
Dec. 25, 2018	\$500	520	The Reid Girls
Dec. 26, 2018	\$25.00	424	Ileen Viviani
Dec.27, 2018	\$25.00	694	Erynn & Chris Norton
Dec. 28, 2018	\$25.00	381	John Dondero
Dec. 29, 2018	\$25.00	158	Jesusa Moore

Dec. 30, 2018	\$50.00	403	Casandra Valenten
Dec. 31, 2018	\$200	675	Jean & Gary Chucka
Jan. 1, 2019	\$25.00	241	Kristen Bernius
Jan. 2, 2019	\$25.00	330	Amelia Murino
Jan. 3, 2019	\$25.00	615	Joyce Seifried
Jan. 4, 2019	\$25.00	437	Lillie Mae O'Donnell
Jan. 5, 2019	\$25.00	184	Mary Trentacosta

son, not even your mother knows. Don't bother me now, I'm tired." The child insisted, "Daddy, just tell me please! How much do you make an hour? "The father finally gave up and said, "Twenty dollars." Smiling now, the boy asked, "Okay, Daddy, could you loan me ten dollars? " By this time, the father was very annoyed, and yelled, "So that was the reason you asked how much I earn, right? You were just looking for money. Now go to sleep and don't bother me anymore! "

Later that night, the father thought about the way he had responded to his son's question and started feeling guilty. Perhaps his son needed the money for something important. Finally he went to the boy's room and gently opened the door. "Are you asleep, son?" The boy whispered, "No, Daddy. Why?" The father said, "Here is the money you asked for earlier."

"Thanks, Daddy!" replied the boy as his father handed him the ten dollars. Then he reached under his pillow and pulled out another ten dollar bill. Holding out the two ten dollar bills to his father, he said, "Now I have enough! Now I have twenty dollars! Daddy, please could you sell me one hour of your time?"

Parents, one of the most precious gifts you can give your children is your time; it demonstrates your love very clearly and gives your child a sense of self-worth. No material gift can do that. Children, whether you are only young or an adult, offer the gift of your time to your parents. Have dinner with them on Sunday instead of going out with your friends, make a visit to the hospital or nursing home; if they are too far away to visit, call them. Resolve this year to share something with your family that money cannot buy; share your time. It is very special a gift that only you can give.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us.

KIDNEY NEEDED

Fran Ferraro is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need or talking about it, brings amazing results. So, in your conversations, you may want to bring this topic up because you never know whose ears that this story falls upon, might be the lifesaving ones. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God bless you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Just a few reminders:

Classes resume as follows...

10th Grade (refer to calendar)

1/6/19 – Class interviews

1/20/19 – Mass & Retreat; 1/20/19 – Practice;

1/24/19 – Confirmation – 7:30 PM

9th gr – Jan. 13th, 6:45pm

6-7-8th – Jan. 6th, 6:45 pm

1st – 5th – Jan. 7th, 4:15 pm

**THE BIGGEST LIE IN THE
HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY**

A big "thank you" to all the volunteers who distributed the parish gift book at the Christmas Masses. Our donor appreciated your giving the time on such a busy and holy day.

A Wish...

Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous new year by believing.
Believe in yourself. And believe that there is a loving Source - a Sower of Dreams - just waiting to be asked to help you make your dreams come true.

"May Light always surround you; Hope kindle and rebound you.

May your Hurts turn to Healing; Your Heart Embrace Feeling.

May Wounds become Wisdom; Every Kindness a Prism.

May Laughter infect you; Your Passion resurrect you.

May Goodness inspire your Deepest Desires.

Through all that you Reach For, May your arms Never Tire."

May Godspeed good health, adventure, and the faith to trust in the Lord always!

A Blessing...

May your New Year be a time of peace, joy and serenity!

May each day bring you closer to Christ and more loving to those in your family!

May each week see you advancing in the practice of faith, hope, and charity!

May each month give to you the aid, comfort and strength you need from God!

May the march of the new seasons make you appreciate and be grateful for all the good things you enjoy!

May the end of the New Year find you happier, healthier, and holier than you have ever been!

AMEN!

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*For a Child is born to us, a Son is  
Given us; upon His shoulder  
Dominion rests. They name Him  
Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,  
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:5*

## **HOPE CAME DOWN**

Hope came down to earth  
On wings of love,  
When Christ our Savior  
Left His throne above  
To become flesh  
And dwell with mortal men;  
Born in a cattle stall  
In obscure Bethlehem.  
Love came down to earth  
So long ago,  
To free us from the curse  
And set our hearts aglow.  
We follow on through storms  
And dark of night,  
Led by the Star  
Forever shining bright.  
Love built bridges  
Linking heart with heart,  
Crossing ocean depths,  
Glad tidings to impart.  
With joy, we celebrate  
Our saviour's birth;  
For love still spans the gulf  
From Heaven to earth.

*Regina Wienczek*

## **LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019**

Maria Invernon & John Minnett

### **LECTORS**

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest & Brenda McWeeney

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Bill Boswell

10:00 A.M. Chris Marren & Debbie Griffin

12 NOON Armando Haro & Mary Avella

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Karen Cisco & Lynn Magnini

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul & Hatima Omolon

10:00 A.M. Melissa & Annie Rivera

12 NOON Debbie Ackerly & Ronnie Caropreso

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Diana Szczecinski & Sean Moebius

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Reid

Hayden Whitaker-Currie

10:00 A.M. Scott & Steven Bracken

12 NOON Jon-Karlo & Joseph Villacis

## Message Of Hope For A Lost World From Albert Einstein

Albert Einstein, one of the greatest thinkers to have ever lived who perfected his Theory of Relativity, may have kept his most precious message of hope for a lost world for his children in a series of extraordinary private letters.

The content of these private letters only made public by his family recently demonstrate a profound spiritual insight by a legendary 20th century figure known for his brilliant scientific deductions, not his spiritual insight.

In the late 1980s, Lieserl, the daughter of the famous genius, donated 1,400 letters written by Einstein to the Hebrew University, with orders not to publish their contents until two decades after his death. The following sensational extract is one of them which was written to Lieserl Einstein.

“When I proposed the theory of relativity, very few understood me, and what I will reveal now to transmit to mankind will also collide with the misunderstanding and prejudice in the world. I ask you to guard the letters as long as necessary, years, decades, until society is advanced enough to accept what I will explain below.

“There is an extremely powerful force that, so far, science has not found a formal explanation to. It is a force that includes and governs all others, and is even behind any phenomenon operating in the universe and has not yet been identified by us.

“This universal force is love.

“When scientists looked for a unified theory of the universe they forgot the most powerful unseen force.

“Love is Light, that enlightens those who give and receive it. Love is gravity, because it makes some people feel attracted to others. Love is power, because it multiplies the best we have, and allows humanity not to be extinguished in their blind selfishness. Love unfolds and reveals. For love we live and die.

“Love is God and God is Love.

“This force explains everything and gives meaning to life. This is the variable that we have ignored for too long, maybe because we are afraid of love because it is the only energy in the universe that man has not learned to drive at will.

“To give visibility to love, I made a simple substitution in my most famous equation.

“If instead of  $E = mc^2$ , we accept that the energy to heal the world can be obtained through love multiplied by the speed of light squared, we arrive at the conclusion that love is the most powerful force there is, because it has no limits.

“After the failure of humanity in the use and control of the other forces of the universe that have turned against us, it is urgent that we nourish ourselves with another kind of energy...

“If we want our species to survive, if we are to find meaning in life, if we want to save the world and every sentient being that inhabits it, love is the one and only answer.

“Perhaps we are not yet ready to make a bomb of love, a device powerful enough to entirely destroy the hate, selfishness and greed that devastate the planet.

“However, each individual carries within them a small but powerful generator of love whose energy is waiting to be released.

“When we learn to give and receive this universal energy, dear Lieserl, we will have affirmed that love conquers all, is able to transcend everything and anything, because love is the quintessence of life.

“I deeply regret not having been able to express what is in my heart, which has quietly beaten for you all my life. Maybe it's too late to apologize, but as time is relative, I need to tell you that I love you and thanks to you I have reached the ultimate answer! “.

Your father Albert Einstein.”

