

Collette Noele Bonner and **Wyatt Grayson Bonner** were welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism December 31st here at St. Rose Church.

Caleb Kaminsky and **Mary Joan Fiore** were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony December 30th here at St. Rose Church.

Our Christmas collection was \$48,107.19. Thank you for your continued support.

The quarterly collection for St. Vincent DePaul was \$1,845.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Dear Fr. Barry and St. Rose Parishioners,
Many thanks to all who donated and collected the gifts for the Hope Emergency Program this Christmas season! We appreciate the gifts as well as the Gift Cards. Please do not put any stickers on the back of the cards.
A thank you goes out to Chris and Michael Ryan who delivered them. We were able to distribute gifts to 725+ children and food for 460+ families. We are blessed. May you and your parish family enjoy a Happy, Healthy, and Holy New Year!
Gratefully,

Sr. Lucia Castellini and Mrs. Dianne Vollman
Co-directors

We feel it is important to celebrate anniversaries. If you and your spouse are celebrating your 25th, 50th or 60th anniversary in 2018 please call the office.

You are invited to join Fr. Barry for a **10-day trip to Italy** next fall, October 2-12, 2018 for five days in Florence and five days in Rome with side trips. The brochures are here and we will gladly send you one.

Would you like to remember St. Rose in your will? It is one way to say thank you for the many things for which you have been given.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

2018

Sunday, January 7

Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 **TH** Brian Finn from the Reed Family

10:30 **BW** James Michael Gangloff from the Family

12:00 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

Monday, January 8

The Baptism of the Lord

12:10 Robert Plush

Tuesday, January 9

12:10 Hilda Wedekind (Anniversary Remembrance) from the Mohr Family

Wednesday, January 10

12:10 Douglas Lambers from Bill and Kay Russ

Thursday, January 11

12:10 Lily DeMar from Helen Weartz

Friday, January 12

12:10 George and Clara Rosen (Anniversary Remembrance) from the Mohr Family

Saturday, January 13

12:10 Mary Madill from Margie and Peggy

7:00 **BW** Karl Brumann from Rhonda Ruprich

Sunday, January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **DE** Dan Fleming from Carol Wessel

12:00 **DE** Special Intention for Barbara Trauth from the Rizzo/Mackey Family

Lectors and Lay Distributors for January 13th and January 14th

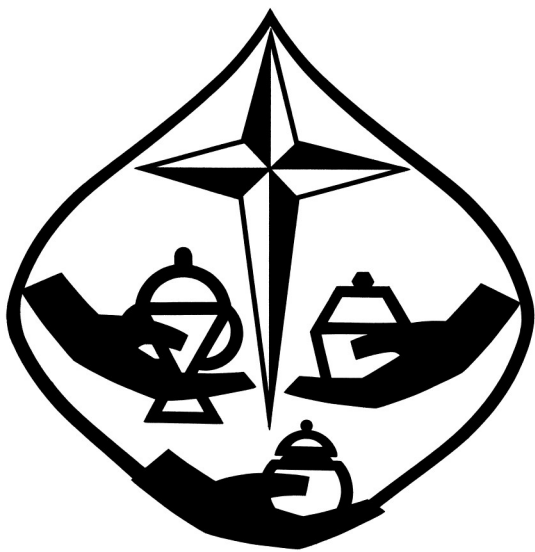
7:00 J. Christmann, R. Crawford, M. Luehrmann, F. McCune, W. Russ, L. Solimine

8:30 Steve Culbertson, Jon Hemmer, Tom Perrino, Michael Trotta

10:30 Rich Creighton, Jerry McCabe, Bob Sheil, Joe Sonnefeld

12:00 Pat Burke, John Flick, Patrick Homan, Barry Savage

Please see attached e-mail. Fr. Barry would appreciate it if you would not park across the street in front of the convent which is a bus stop.



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."...

In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

John 1:35-42

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Opening Prayer

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Today's gospel gives us the familiar story of the "visit of the magi." We have heard it so often that we may miss certain elements in the story. For example, we are never told how many magi there are. We also note that verse 1 states simply that Jesus was born. Only later do we learn about Herod ascertaining from the magi when the star appeared. He then sent them to search for the *child* (not infant). That one word, child, is a clue that the star had appeared sometime earlier. And then we learn that Herod ordered male children up to the age of two to be killed. So Matthew had in mind that the visit of the magi happened while Jesus was a child about the age of two. According to Matthew Jesus was born at home in Bethlehem, where Joseph and Mary lived. The Holy Family settles in Nazareth only after their flight into Egypt. We may be forgiven for mixing up and combining Matthew and Luke's independent versions of the stories. Even the nativity scenes in our home have harmonized these infancy narratives too!

Ultimately, the importance of what Matthew and Luke are telling us about the birth of Jesus rests not in details about where and how the family moved from Bethlehem to Nazareth, or whether Jesus was born in a home or a stable. Instead, Matthew gives us a theological insight into the person of Jesus and the activity of God. The magi are Gentiles who worship Jesus. They prefigure the Gentile mission that the risen Jesus will inaugurate in the closing verses of this gospel (Matt 28:16-20). Ultimately the Gentiles are coheirs with the Jews of the promises of God. We cannot limit God's mercy. It knows no bounds, and includes all.

Closing Prayer

Father, may your holy light illuminate the roads we walk on our journeys to you, as we seek to realize the hope of these prayers, prayers that we offer for all peoples in the name of your Christ. Amen.

For Reflection:

• What "epiphanies" have I experienced in my life that have been most revealing and instructive?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect");
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection";
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out.



And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Readings for the week:

| Sunday Epiphany | Monday Baptism of the Lord | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | 2nd Sunday in Ord. Time |
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| Isa 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-15 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matt 2:1-12 | Isa 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isa 60:1-11 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 5, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Mark 1:7-11 | 1 Sam 15:30 1 Sam 21, 4-5, 6-7, 8-10 Mark 1:21-28 | 1 Sam 2:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mark 1:29-39 | 1 Sam 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mark 1:40-45 | 1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 80:16-17, 18-19 Mark 2:1-12 | 1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mark 2:13-17 | 1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 John 1:25-42 |