



Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:30 AM
5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:00 AM
10:00 AM Family Mass
11:45 AM (except in July & August)

Weekdays: 7:30 AM, 12:05 PM

Holy Days of Obligation:
7:30 AM, 12:05 PM, 7:30 PM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated after the 11:45 AM Sunday Mass, or at the 11:45 AM Mass. Please call the Rectory for dates and family orientation.

Marriage: Diocesan Common Policy requires that the Parish be notified one year in advance of intention to marry. Pre-Cana or Engagement Encounter is also required.

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM. Anytime by request.

New Parishioners are welcome and are invited to introduce themselves to the Pastor or to call the Parish Secretary.

ORDINATION AND RELIGIOUS LIFE *Discerning what God is asking of you for your life? Is God calling you to a life of service as a Priest, Deacon or Religious? Please contact the Vocation Office of our Diocese of Paterson: 973-777-2955 or speak to one of the priests or pastoral staff of our parish.*

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Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019

Masses for the Week

Saturday, January 5-Vigil, the Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 p.m. Mass for the people

Fr. Brian

Sunday, January 6-the Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. +Marla Morris

Fr. Julio by Josephine Teer & Jorgen Aaes

10:00 a.m. +Ginny Kostic by Bernice Parrella

Fr. Brian

11:45 a.m. +Ann Gortych by Marjorie Armenio

Fr. Brian

Monday, January 7-St. Raymond of Penafort, priest

7:30 a.m. +Anthony Lacatena, birthday remembrance

Fr. Brian by loving wife, Cathy

12:05 p.m. +Oscar & Rose Padula by Barbara & Pat

Fr. Brian

Tuesday, January 8

7:30 a.m. +Sean P. Moore by Cathy Kennedy & family

Fr. Brian

12:05 p.m. +Lee Juchniewicz & +Mary Steiner

Fr. Brian by Fran Juchniewicz

Wednesday, January 9

7:30 a.m. +Ray Cielo by Fr. Brian & the Parish Staff

Fr. Brian

12:05 p.m. +Frank & Frances Reihl

Fr. Brian by granddaughter, Fran Juchniewicz

Thursday, January 10

7:30 a.m. for the intentions Carla Kipiani

Fr. Matt by Jeryl Maglio

12:05 p.m. +Anna L. Baird by Marylou

Fr. Matt

Friday, January 11

7:30 a.m. +John & Mary Nicosia

Fr. Tom by Anna May McGrogan

12:05 p.m. +Louis Insinga by the family

Fr. Brian

Saturday, January 12

8:30 a.m. +Barbara Wilson by Greg & Trish Frost

Fr. Brian

Vigil, the Baptism of the Lord

5:30 p.m. +Jean Cedio by Henry & Monica Fengya

Fr. Brian

Sunday, January 13-the Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Mass for the people

Fr. Julio

10:00 a.m. +Ginny Ficarra by Janice & Mike DeBenedetto

Fr. Julio

11:45 a.m. +Angie Sereno by Louis & Lee Terraneo

Fr. Brian

Parish Food Pantry

Our parish collects food for the needy every weekend. Please bring nonperishable food and offer it as your gift to those in need.



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**Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— Isaiah 60:1**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 – 5:30 P.M.

LECTOR: Jeanette Hartman

SERVER:

EMHC: Lou Zecca, Bill Wambach, Mary Ann Scharf

GREETER: Fohlinger family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 – 8:00 A.M.

LECTOR: Nancy Pierinelli

SERVER: Natalia Fronc, Jackson Scura

EMHC: Josefina Grundtner, Jean Holt,

Theresa DeSalvatore

GREETER: Mike Basile, Chuck Donovan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 – 10:00 A.M.

LECTOR: Maria Holganza

SERVER: Veronica & Raphael Holganza

EMHC: Dale Tengi, Alice Sujkowski, Rick Bunker

GREETER: Moskal family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 – 11:45 A.M.

LECTOR: George Halas

SERVER: Joseph Palethu

EMHC: Jerry Speziale, Nancy Cataneo

GREETER: Cataneo family

The Diocesan Assessment collection will be taken next weekend. Please make checks payable to Annunciation Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun., Jan. 6: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mon., Jan. 7: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Tues., Jan. 8: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wed., Jan. 9: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thu., Jan. 10: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Fri., Jan. 11: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-18

Sat., Jan. 12: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Sun., Jan. 13: Is 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38;

Lk 3:15-16,21-22

**Remember Annunciation Parish in
Your Will**

The Epiphany

Believe it or not, the season of Christmas is almost over, in fact, it ends on the Feast of the Epiphany, and liturgically, we will be returning to Ordinary Time after the Feast of the Baptism, which means that the season is coming to an end soon. Therefore, I did a little write-up on one of the most controversial and misunderstood “kings” of our day. Enjoy it and I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and will have a happy, healthy and holy New Year!

What is the Feast of the Epiphany?

The feast of the Epiphany, as defined in the *Catechism of The Catholic Church* is the “manifestation to the world of the newborn Christ as Messiah, Son of God, and Savior of the world.” It celebrates those three ways in which Christ manifested, or revealed Himself in His divinity: First, in the recognition and adoration of the magi, guided by a star to Bethlehem, second, by His Baptism in the Jordan River and lastly, by His first miracle at The Wedding Feast of Cana in Galilee. However, it also marks the twelfth day of Christmas and the end of the Christmas season. This is why the night before the Epiphany is commonly known as Twelfth Night, which for many, was and continues to be, a great source of celebration. This was also a time when it would have been appropriate to put on a play, which is probably where Shakespeare got his idea for his play, “Twelfth Night.”

Who were the Magi and did they really exist?

It would almost seem to be foolish to ask such a question, however, there has been much speculation and many assumptions made with regard to these three men that we believe brought gifts to the child Jesus. So, I am going to try and convey what is known about them.

Historically, it is believed that there were three men (though some will say that that number varied) who did, indeed, see a star in the sky and felt inclined to follow it. Their names were believed to be Caspar (a.k.a., Gaspar, Kaspar or Jaspar), Melchior, and Balthasar, and it was believed that they were priests of the Gentiles, that is, the non-Jewish. As a result, some then contend that given that they were priests they were not kings and that this idea of kingship rather grew around the prophetic references in Scriptures as found in Psalm 72:10 “*May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!*” And in Isaiah 60:6: “*All those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.*” And, given the fact that these “three kings” probably came from Persia, that is modern day Iran, and had ancestral origins in Persia, Babylon (modern Iraq), Arabia, India and/or Ethiopia, we can see where the correlation occurred.

The other difficulty that seems to develop is with regard to their following a star, which many will contend varies from a planet, to a galaxy, to any other number of

celestial phenomena. Yet, in order for this to make sense we need first to remember that these “three kings” were known as Magi, that is, those whose belief centered upon the importance of dream interpretation and astrology. For them, therefore, the star was the indication of something important, most likely, as was the case here, the birth of a powerful or influential person, since it was common to see signs in the sky as predictors of something or someone of great concern. How it came about that they realized this to be the case varies, however, the safest assumption is that they were aware of the prophecies circulating at the time, one of which being the prophecy from Balaam, as found in Numbers: “A star shall come forth out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel.” (Num 24:17).

Whatever the reason, as many Fathers of the Church would contend, something caused them to follow this star, and the most likely reason, as St. John Chrysostom, one of the early Church Fathers, explains, was that God called them with something that was familiar to them. Therefore, the larger miracle was not just the appearance of the star, but the way in which God perfectly knew what would draw the attention of the Magi.

Finally, the gifts that the Magi brought, gold, frankincense, and myrrh, as, again, depicted by the Fathers of the Church, were symbolic of the life Christ lived. Gold was the symbol of His kingship, frankincense the symbol of His deity (given the solemn nature with which it is treated in the bible as well as the association of incense to prayers rising to Heaven) and myrrh, which was used for embalming, to be the symbol of Christ’s death. Incidentally, it is because there are three gifts mentioned that, it is believed, there were three Magi.

So, in the end, we actually know more than we thought about these three men, and though we cannot verify everything, it is probably a safe bet to go with the Fathers on this one, that three magi did exist, did bring gifts, and have served for us as an example of those who seek to find to Christ and bring Him our gifts as well, that is, our prayer, our adoration and our very lives.

I would be remiss, however, if I did not mention that on the Feast of the Epiphany it is a common practice to have your house blessed. In fact, if you have ever walked into a house and have seen the letters, usually written in chalk over every door, + 20 + C + M + B + 19 + that is what it means, it consists of the date that it was blessed, in this case it would be 2019 and the CMB is both an abbreviation of the first names of each of the Magi, and the Latin: “Christus mansionem benedicat” which means “Christ bless this house.” While there is no official reason for its origin, it might be tied to the fact that the three Magi went to visit the house of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and we intercede on their behalf to visit our house and to bless it as well, especially as we begin a new year.

Fr. Brian

BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF REVELATION

We will continue our adult Bible Study by revisiting the study on the Book of Revelation. Sessions will begin on Monday, Jan. 21st at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 22nd at 10:00 a.m. in the community room. The cost of the book is \$25.00. Those who purchased the book when we offered this Study in the winter of 2016 do not need to purchase a book again, but we ask you to please sign up so we know how many will be in attendance. Sign-up sheets are at both entrances to the church. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you will need a book.

Memorial Donation

The Sanctuary Camp was donated in loving memory of +Sergio Iannetta by the VanNote family.

Please Pray for Our Sick

Dear Father of love and mercy, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need: Deacon Joe Crowley, Dave Murphy, Jay Frost, Angelina Schmitt, Evelyn Boissonneault, Bernadette Jaros, Raymond Vena, Sr., Dora Sanasardo and Fran Juchniewicz.



PLEASE NOTE

The option is always there for all to receive the Eucharist under both species, but given these extraordinary times, if you should choose not to, this is perfectly acceptable. All parishioners should be attentive if they have a cold to refrain from receiving from the cup.

The same holds true for shaking hands during the sign of peace; if you have a cold, just acknowledge those around you verbally.

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Gr. 1-6 Rel. Ed. 8:45 a.m.

Society for the Poor mtg. 11:00 a.m. classroom 6

Knights of Columbus mtg. 11:15 p.m. classroom 7

Epiphany Concert 2:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

Youth Ministry mtg. 7:00-8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

Staff mtg. 3:00 p.m. rectory

Pastoral Council mtg. 7:30 p.m. community room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

Women's Bible Study 9:45-11:45 a.m. rectory

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m. church

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

Appreciation Party 7:00-11:00 p.m. community room

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

Confession 4:00-5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

Gr. 1-6 Rel. Ed. 8:45 a.m.

Gr. 7-8 Class 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Gr. 10 ACRE evaluation

Annual Epiphany Concert & Carol Sing

Sunday January 6, 2019

2:00pm



Featuring:
The Parish Choir
Cantors and Musicians

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Celebrate the Christmas Season
in Song
From Advent through Epiphany!

Light Refreshments in the community room
following the concert

Notification of Hospitalization Illness or Impending Surgery

Hospitals are required to observe confidentiality and privacy laws and are no longer able to inform parishes of admissions of parishioners. It is now necessary for either the patient, him/her self, or a family member to notify the parish of his/her hospitalization. Arrangements then can be made for the parish priest to visit the patient.

Because of privacy laws we do not publish the names of the sick in our bulletin or announce them at Mass unless the patient or a family member gives us permission to do so.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered upon request prior to a scheduled hospital admission or before any elective surgery. Please call the rectory 973-694-5700. All calls are kept confidential.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Couples for Christ: Alex & Carmela Enriquez—973-685-9738

Eva May's Trips: Eva May 973-696-5427

Family Fun Committee: Steven Pierinelli – 973-433-7093

Knights /Columbus: Mike Basile, Grand Knight 201-452-1032

Prime Timers: George Halas, Vice-President 973-633-8655

Society for the Poor: Joanne Tamaro 973-628-1556

Women's Bible Study: Alice Sujkowski – 973-790-8535

Pastoral Council Members: Anna Maria Bock, Anne Cilvick, Deacon Joseph Crowley, Maeghan Fengya, Trish Frost, George Halas, Karen Marron, Eva May, Pat O'Connor, Ann Marie Reidel, Elise Rossbach, Rich Rossbach, Paul Veltri, Joanne Zimak.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Elise Rossbach 973-930-4767
 erossbach@optonline.net

Meetings: The Youth Ministry will be meeting on Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 7th.

Antioch XV Follow-Up

Our next Antioch follow up meeting will be combined with our youth ministry meeting on Monday, January 7th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Antioch room.

Antioch XVI Team

Antioch XVI Team will meet every Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., beginning Sunday, January 13th.

Service: Souper Bowl of Caring
 Saturday, February 2nd and Sunday, February 3rd. Join us after each weekend mass to help raise funds for our local food pantries. Volunteers will receive Confirmation service hours.

Frozen Food for the Working Poor

Volunteers are needed to help distribute aluminum pans, lids and recipes to our parishioners after each mass the weekend of Saturday, February 2nd and Sunday, February 3rd. Please see Elise to sign up. Volunteers will receive Confirmation service hours.

Frozen Food for the Working Poor

Volunteers are needed to help collect frozen meals after each mass on Saturday, February 9th from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Please see Elise to sign up. Volunteers will receive Confirmation service hours.

Events: Antioch XVI
March 29, 30 & 31, 2019
Save the date!

Now it's even easier to use your phone to give to the church.

Go to www.abvm-wayne.org and sign up for Online Giving. Simply click on "create an account". Then, enter the needed information, and submit. You will get an email with a verification link to finish setting up your account. If you do not see the email, check your spam folder. It's that simple to give anytime and from anywhere using a computer, smartphone or tablet.

RELIGIOUS ED SCHEDULE

January 6

Grades 1-6: 8:45-9:50 a.m. class, 10:00 a.m. Mass
 Grades 7-8: No Class
 Grade 9-10: No Class

January 13

Grades 1-6: 8:45-9:50 a.m. class, 10:00 a.m. Mass
 Grades 7-8: 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Class only)
 Grades 9: No Class
 Grade 10: 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Class/Acre)

January 20

Grades 1-6: No Class
 Grades 7-8: No Class
 Grades 9-10: No Class

If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Peggy Zanello at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either the Diocesan response Offices: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818, ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818, ext. 248.

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan website: www.patersondiocese.org.

Serving in Our Military

With gratitude, we remember our veterans and we also pray for the safe return of our loved ones who now serve us faithfully both here and in foreign lands.

As a visible reminder of their sacrifice and our love, we would like to begin publishing a prayer list of the men and women who are actively serving. This list will be published regularly in the bulletin.

If you wish to include a family member who is actively serving in the military, please call the Parish Office at 973-694-5700 and provide us with the individuals name and rank. You may also email the information to trish23@optonline.net.

Please keep in your prayers

- ~CPL Axsel Consten, Marine
- ~Chastity Consten, Air Force
- ~Staff Sgt. Ross Devine, Special Forces
- ~Matt Doss, US Army
- ~Sam Oswald, Air Force
- ~Ensign Matthew La Sala
- ~John Thompson, Air Force
- ~Master Sgt Rick Van Eyeke, Marines
- ~Staff Sgt. Christopher Whitehead, US Army