

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord



Saturday, January 5

5:30 pm For Thomas Dugan by Monteverde Family

Sunday, January 6

9:00 am For Gregg & Margery Tonkin by Rich & Marianne Nyman
11:00 am For Raymond Anthony McCarthy, Jr. by Monteverde Family

Monday, January 7

8:45 am For Piotn Nowak by Fr. Marcin
10:45 am Mass at Heath Village –Faith Chapel

Tuesday, January 8

8:45 am For Fr. Edward Collins

Wednesday, January 9

8:45 am For a Special Intention for Fr. Javier Bareno by Corry Family

Thursday, January 10

8:45 am For

Saturday, January 12

8:45 am For Lori Ann Liskiewicz by Kelly Fleidner & David Book

Sunday, January 13

9:00 am For
10:45 am Mass at Heath Village Health Care Center
11:00 am For Sharla Jones Davis by Kerry Connollon

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

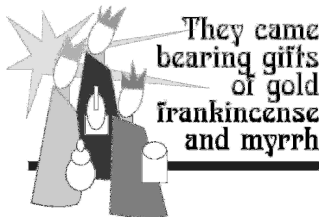
Altar Breads & Wine: In loving memory of Aeneas and Genevieve Corry by Corry/Benardone family

Sanctuary Lamp: In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone by Corry/Benardone family

Mass Candles:

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
January 12, 13 2019**

**NEW SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED
NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME**



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, January 7

8:45 am Mass
CEC K-5

Tuesday, January 8

6:15 pm JYM
8:00 pm K of C Meeting

Wednesday, January 9

8:45 am Mass
9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, January 10

8:45 am Mass

Friday, January 11

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, January 12

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
5:30 pm Mass
Knights of Columbus Roses for Life sale

Sunday, January 13

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass
Knights of Columbus Roses for Life sale
St. Mark's Pot Luck Luncheon immediately following 11am mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2017
December 23, 2018: \$2,067 Christmas 2018: \$8,095 Online for December \$9,872	December 24, 2017: \$1,451 Christmas 2017: \$11,448 Online for December: \$10,210
Supermarket Gift Cards: Figures not available.	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

By supporting St. Mark the Evangelist, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season.

Signing up is easy! Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **NJ484**, or **text the word ENROLL** to (Text-to-Give Phone Number).

Already using Faith Direct? Log in to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account, or text a dollar amount to (Text-to-Give Phone Number) to make a one-time gift today!

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.
God Bless You, Fr. Marcin

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Jesus came for everyone. **Today we celebrate what we call the Epiphany of Jesus that is the revelation or manifestation of Jesus for everyone.** Jesus was revealed by the Father to the world as its Savior when the light of a star guided the wise men from the East to worship him, when the Father spoke from heaven at Jesus' baptism declaring Jesus to be his beloved Son, and when Jesus performed his first miracle at Cana.

Today we celebrate the light of a star leading and revealing Jesus as the Savior of the world to wise men. The body language of the wise men before Jesus spoke of their attitude. They prostrated themselves before Jesus. They worshipped him, and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh; gold because Jesus is king, frankincense because Jesus is divine and myrrh prefiguring his Passion.

There is another attitude in today's Gospel, the attitude of Herod. He does not have an attitude of reverence and respect for Jesus. Herod pretends that he is just as respectful to Jesus as the wise men. He tells them, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." However his thoughts were not thoughts of homage, he merely wanted to trick the wise men into telling him where Jesus was so that he could have him murdered. Herod did not want to lose power and control to somebody else, so he rejected the baby Jesus even though Jesus would be no threat to his kingly power. Herod's problem was not Jesus but Herod himself, and some peoples' problem is not Jesus or the Church but rather that they have rejected Jesus and the Church, particularly by their lifestyles.

The baby Jesus was surrounded in Bethlehem by those who worshipped him but in Jerusalem there was a crowd of liars. They said one thing but meant the opposite. Truth was lacking. In our own time we see this being played out in many walks of life but it is easier to see it in the world of the media and politics.

Anytime I decide that I know better than Jesus or the Church then I have set myself up as a modern day Herod. The faith of the Church is bigger than the faith of any one person. When I celebrate Mass

I say the words and prayers of the Roman Missal, not my own words, because the prayers of the Roman Missal reflect the faith of the Church which is bigger than my own faith. I do not have the authority to change the words and prayers of the Roman Missal because if I did then I would be subjecting you to only my faith instead of sharing with you the faith of the Church.

The good news of Epiphany is that Jesus is the revelation of God as one who offers himself to us in love. Jesus is the epiphany of the invisible God in all the events of his life: as a helpless child in a manger, as a young man dying on the cross -- the ultimate revelation that God's glory is love. This feast reminds us that each Sunday's liturgy with its gospel reading is an epiphany of the Lord to be reflected upon in the quiet of faith. Epiphany is the revelation of the purpose of the Incarnation: that God and we, God's sons and daughters, might enjoy each other in the embrace of love.

God has spoken to us, the Word has become flesh. Let us allow God's word to sink into our hearts. The epiphany of the Lord is visible in every celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus reveals himself and identifies himself as the bread of life.

Be wise! Follow the trail of the wise men. Go to Bethlehem. See Jesus and your search will be done.

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE HOME FOR THE NEW

YEAR

How to do it??

The entire family gathers at the main entrance of the home.

Leader: peace to this house

All: And to all who dwell within

Leader: We begin the New Year by dedicating our family to Christ. The search of the magi urges us to renew our baptismal call to find Christ in all we do. Our family desires to reveal Christ's light to the world. May everyone who enters here find the comfort, joy and love of the lord living among us.

Reader: Magi from the east came to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they presented him with precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God and myrrh symbolic of his burial. Alleluia!

Reader: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Both now and forever.

Reader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth

The entire family pray Our Father...

Leader: God, who on this day revealed your only begotten Son to all the nations by the guidance of a star, grant that we who know you by faith may finally behold you in your heavenly majesty; Lord we beg you to visit this house and banish from it all the dark power of the enemy. May your holy angels dwell here and keep us in peace, security, love and grace. May your blessing always be upon us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The inscription is made with the blessed chalk over the door.

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**This inscription comes from Latin: Christus Mansionem
Benedicat --- May God bless this home.**

(Blessed chalk to make this inscription is in the basket in front of the altar)

.Distribution of the Precious Blood will be suspended for the winter
time.

Next Sunday is the last Sunday of Christmas Season --- The Baptism of the Lord, and we will distribute the Precious Blood for the last time until we do it again --- Holy Thursday (It is a beautiful day to be able to receive Holy Communion under two forms).

It is winter time and flu season, and during this time some people get sick and to protect the health of our parishioners I made this pastoral decision for the good of the parish and our good parishioners. When we receive the Bread of Life we still receive the whole Jesus his Body and Blood.

St Mark -- our patron pray for us...

God bless you and thank you for all you do for our great parish.

Fr. Marcin

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Mark's Annual Potluck Lunch will take place on **January 13th after the 11:00 am mass.** (Snow Date: January 20th) Sign up in the gathering space.

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Raphaela Mary – January 7

Founder, Handmaids of the Sacred Heart (1850-1925)

Raphaela Porras was born in a small Spanish town near Cordoba. Her father, the local mayor, died when she was four; her mother's death followed when she was nineteen. At that point she and her sister entered a convent of the nuns of Mary Reparatrix. This community had been invited to Cordoba by a priest who had failed to secure the prior permission of his bishop. The bishop responded by expelling the community, allowing only the novices, including Raphaela and her sister, to remain. Raphaela was put in charge. It was not an auspicious beginning.

When it came time for them to pronounce final vows, the bishop presented them with a new Rule of his own composition. Rather than comply, the whole community chose to flee the city in the middle of the night. The bishop tried to enlist the civil authorities to pursue them, but he actually had no authority, since they were not yet a canonically approved community.

The sisters eventually settled in Madrid, where they secured recognition as Handmaids of the Sacred Heart. Their mission: educating children and assisting with retreats. In 1893 Raphaela resigned as Mother General. She spent the last thirty-two years of her life in obscurity within the congregation she had founded. She died on January 6, 1925. She was canonized in 1977.

"God wants me to submit to all that happens to me as if I saw him there commanding it."

- St. Raphaela Mary

SIGN UP SHEET FOR FOOD FOR ANTIOCH RETREAT...

There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space for food items that are needed to feed our teens and adults who will be attending the Antioch Retreat on January 25-27. Your support is greatly appreciated.

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

The Sacramental Sacrifice Thanksgiving, Memorial, Presence

My dear brothers and sisters it is highly fitting that Christ should have wanted to remain present to his Church in this unique way. Since Christ was about to take his departure from his own in his visible form, he wanted to give us his sacramental presence; since he was about to offer himself on the cross to save us, he wanted us to have the memorial of the love with which he loved us "to the end," even to the giving of his life. In his Eucharistic presence he remains mysteriously in our midst as the one who loved us and gave himself up for us, and he remains under signs that express and communicate this love:

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.

"That in this sacrament are the true Body of Christ and his true Blood is something that 'cannot be apprehended by the senses,' says

St. Thomas, 'but only by faith, which relies on divine authority.' For this reason, in a commentary on Luke 22:19 (This is my body which is given for you.), St. Cyril says: "Do not doubt whether this is true, but rather receive the words of the Savior in faith, for since he is the truth, he cannot lie.

"God Bless you.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF:

Lennon and Onorevole Families, Joseph Callaremi Sr., Cho Family, Huntz & Hayko Families, Deceased members of Grieve & Totin Families and Claudia Harrington, The Guzek Family, the Lefebure Family, Bill & Mary Kuhl, Johnny & Margaret Burke, Hanifin & Lynch Families, Dave Woeste, John and Letha Bell, Orville and Helen McCarver, Frank & Pauline Pagnani, John, Pat & Chris Grace, Frank & Claire Lankford, Walier & Anna Skoczylas, Jan & Amelia Krzywosz, Rev. Marcin, Rev. Slawomi, Rev. Javier, Bertha Vansicikle, Hannah Magistro, Miriam Bennett, Christopher Wright, Theresa Michonski, Thomas & Julia Dugan, Patricia Barone, Anthony and Anna Monteverde, Rosalia A. Caruso, Rosario Caruso, Cuzzo Family, Jute Family, Rosemarie Linfante, Joseph Montuore, Mr. & Mrs. James Griffin

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We will be updating our sick list. There may be people on the list who no longer need special prayers for the sick. Please look it over and see if you know of anyone who can now be removed. We will start a new list soon. Call the parish office or email Mary at mary.stm@comcast.net if you have someone you would like included on our list.

