

# JANUARY 6, 2019

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ISAIAH. 60: 1-6. Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you.

PSALM 72. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

EPHESIANS. 3: 2-3a, 5-6. The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

MATTHEW. 2: 1-12. Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews.

### RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

JANUARY 6, 2019	
OFFERTORY	\$3,163.50
ONLINE GIVING	\$220.00
CHRISTMAS, 2018	\$11,508.00
CHRISTMAS, 2017	\$12,099.00
DUES/SALARY	\$375.00
HOLY DAY	\$1,752.00

### WEEKLY ENVELOPE STATISTICS

\$1.00-\$5.00=61
\$6.00-\$10.00= 37
\$11.00-\$20.00=49
\$21.00-\$30.00=25
OVER= 15



### WEEKLY DUES/SALARY STATISTICS

ABOVE \$5.00=2
\$5.00=50
BELOW \$5.00=2

TOTAL ENVELOPES USED=187  
FROM 627 MAILINGS

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### INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES

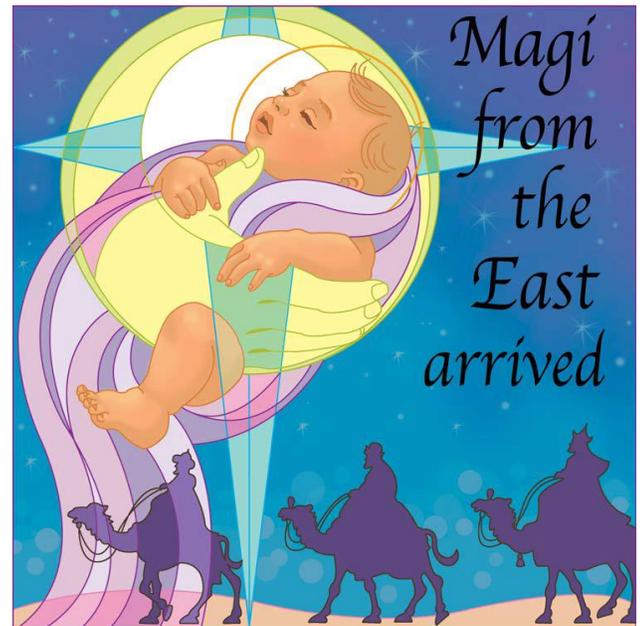
- SAT. 4:00 P.M. Walter Pagoda (The Family)  
 SUN. 8:00 A.M. People of the Parish  
 SUN. 10:30 A.M. Connie & Anthony Berardelli (The Cunningham Fam.)  
**DAILY MASS IS HELD IN THE CHURCH**  
 MON. 8:00 A.M. Nicholas Santacroce (Tony & Marie Spataro)  
*St. Raymond of Penyfort*  
 TUE. 8:00 A.M. Christmas Novena Intentions  
*Christmas weekday*  
 WED. 8:00 A.M. Kathryn Farrell (Judy Larkin)  
*Christmas weekday*  
 THU. 8:00 A.M. Christmas Novena Intentions  
*Christmas weekday*  
 FRI. 8:00 A.M. Anne Tuzze (Ed Tranovitch)  
*Christmas Weekday*  
 SAT. 4:00 P.M. Anthony Nicolio (The Family)  
 SUN. 8:00 A.M. Christmas Novena Intentions  
 SUN. 10:30 A.M. People of the Parish

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!"

~ "Address of John Paul II to the Bishops and Apostolic Administrators of Albania on their 'Ad Limina' Visit, February 3, 2001" © 2001, Liberia Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

**PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK:** Please note, the recently enacted privacy laws have made it difficult for the parish priests to obtain information regarding a parishioner's status in one of the local hospitals or his/her placements in one of the area's long-term facilities. We respectfully request that if a family member or friend is hospitalized (**especially if they are admitted through the Emergency Room**) or placed in a long-term facility that you contact the Parish Office so that Bishop Dougherty or Deacon Pat may visit them. We apologize to any parishioner that may have been hospitalized recently and did not receive a visit from a priest. Thank You for your understanding and cooperation.

**THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:00 A.M. TIL NOON. THIS WEEK ONLY.**



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### WORLD YOUTH DAY, 2019

World Youth Day will be held in Panama City, Panama from **January 22-27, 2019**. World Youth Day is an Initiative from St. John Paul II to gather



Young Catholics of the world every two to three years in a celebration of faith and culture. The World Youth Day events gather millions, including Pope Francis, young Catholics, clergy, and religious brothers and sisters. The Diocese of Scranton is sponsoring two separate pilgrimage packages for young adults ages 18-35. If you, or a young adult you may know are interested in learning more about the World Youth Day Pilgrimage, contact Shannon Kowalski, Coordinator for Youth & Young Adult Ministry at 570-207-2213 x 1155 or email [Shannon-Kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Shannon-Kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org)

### UPDATE ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PASTOR TO SACRED HEARTS PARISH:

As several weeks have passed since Msgr. Tressler left for his new assignment at St. Ignatius Loyola in Kingston, Bishop Bambera wanted to reassure us that plans to assign a new Pastor are ongoing. We received word from the Bishop's Office this week that Fr. McGlone will continue to serve our parish as Administrator. The bishop extended his gratitude to Fr. McGlone for his continued service. The Bishop would also like to extend his gratitude to the parishioners of Sacred Hearts for their patience and understanding during this interim time.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION

**JUNE 30, 2019:** His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2019 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30. The event includes a 2:30 P.M. Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through Annette at the parish Office before April 2.

### FINDING GOD:

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and



seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of the prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us. We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

VNA Hospice, 301 Delaware Avenue, Olyphant provides a variety of ongoing Grief Support Groups to fit your unique needs.

Coming together in a group of like-minded individuals can often provide the support and understanding we could all benefit from as we grieve. Please consider which group or groups are right for you!

Third Thursday of each month at 6:00 P.M.-Traditional Bereavement Support Group

Each Monday from 1:00-3:00 P.M.-Knit/Crochet Group

Each Tuesday from 1:00-2:30 P.M.-Sleeping Bag Project & Fisherman Knot Rosary making

Each Tuesday from 6:15-7:30 P.M.-Finding Balance Yoga (\$10 per class).

All events are held at the VNA Office Building at 301 Delaware Avenue, Olyphant Parking lot in the back of the building off Church St. and enter through the rear door.

### A MESSIAH FOR ALL NATIONS:

In Matthew's Gospel, it is the "Gentile" astrologers who discover the newborn "King of the Jews," while the people of the covenant (Herod, the chief priests and scribes) remain oblivious to his presence in their midst. The prophet Isaiah describes the Messiah as a "light for all nations" (first reading). In Christ, God is present in all of human history—God is not the exclusive property of one nation or people; no religious group holds the title to the wonderful things God has done. Epiphany calls us to a new vision of the world that sees beyond walls and borders we have created and to walk by the light which has dawned for all of humankind, a light by which we are able to recognize all men and women as our brothers and sisters under the loving providence of God, the Father of all.



### The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!

Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.  
— Isaiah 60:1



### CLOSING THE BOOKS/YEARLY FINANCIAL

STATEMENTS: The Church books for contributions will close January 28, 2019. If you are behind in any of your envelopes, please include them by that date. Financial Statements will ***NOT*** be mailed to everyone, only to those who call or write to request them.

### SUPPORT GROUP AT CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

At Catholic Social Services in Scranton, we are offering a support group for people who are feeling alone or struggling to find companionship in their lives. Loneliness has become a debilitating concern for many adults leading to increased feelings of isolation, limited community involvement and lowered life expectancy. This group offers the opportunity to meet new people and make connections with others who are struggling to find friendship and companionship in a safe environment. The group is open to anyone who find him or herself alone and wants to meet like-minded people who can share their experiences of seeking others to share their time with. The group is offered on Monday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M. at the 516 Fig Street office. For more information you can contact Peg Mahoney, LPC/Supervising Counselor: 570-207-2283/ x 2130 or Amanda Lara or Brittany Harris/Counseling Interns at 570-207-2283 x 2129

### PRINCE OF PEACE MARDI GRAS:

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

At Arcaro & Genell Banquet Room

Main Street, Old Forge. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and includes: Hors D'Oeuvres and a full course dinner with one choice of Roast Beef, Veal Marsala, Baked Haddock Italian Style or chicken Francaise. Beer, Wine and Soda included. accepting reservations for tables 8 or 10. Seating is limited to 130-Reserve your seats early. Payment and menu choice is due with reservation. All reservations close February 20, 2019. For reservations call Francis 570-451-0112. Entertainment by Frankie Gervasi of "The Poets".



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Do you have an hour a week to spare?

The Visiting Nurses Association is seeking caring, compassionate, and dynamic individuals to join our volunteer team. The volunteer would share their unique skills and talents to enhance the patient's quality of life. Currently, we are seeking individuals to provide companionship services for our out-patients, caregiver relief and supportive services, and in-office volunteer time. The volunteer visit would be either in the patient's home, in a facility or at the office at 301 Delaware Avenue, Olyphant. If you are considering making a change and adding a rewarding experience to your life, please consider volunteering with us. For more information, please contact Marina Suche Pambianco, VNA Volunteer Coordinator, at [mpambianco@vnahospice.org](mailto:mpambianco@vnahospice.org) or 570-383-5180.



## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**JANUARY 13/14**  
**THE BAPTISM OF**  
**THE LORD**  
**E. MINISTER**  
**LECTOR**  
**ACOLYTES**

**SAT. 4:00 P.M.**  
**Deacon Pat Massino (Chalice)**  
**Mrs. Diane Mosley (Chalice)**  
**Mrs. Julie Rzcudlo (Host)**  
**Mr. Michael Serniak (Host)**  
**Mr. Vince O'Bell**  
**Tommy Johnson**

**SUN. 8:00 A.M.**  
**Mr. Greg Selvenis (Chalice)**  
**Mrs. Ann Selvenis (Chalice)**  
**Mrs. JoAnn Massino (Host)**  
**Mrs. Suzanne Serniak**  
**Olivia Cunningham**  
**Jessie Cunningham**

**SUN. 10:30 A.M.**  
**Miss Mary Golden (Chalice)**  
**Mr. Vince Bullet (Chalice)**  
**Mrs. Sue Baka (Host)**  
**Mr. Jamie Owen (Host)**  
**Mrs. Kylene Owen**  
**Elizabeth Pittsman**  
**Maggie Pittsman**

### PRESENTERS OF GIFTS

**JANUARY 13/14**  
**THE BAPTISM OF**  
**THE LORD**

**SAT. 4:00 P.M.**  
**Nicolio Fam.**

**SUN. 8:00 A.M.**  
**OPEN**

**SUN. 10:30 A.M.**  
**OPEN**

### NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A

**MINOR:** It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis). It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G. at (570-207-2269).

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

**COUNSELING:** The Diocese of Scranton offers compassionate counseling in a safe, comfortable environment where your privacy is always respected. Counseling is about self-discovery and can be used for personal growth or when distressing conditions exist and you need a bit of extra support. Help is available. Anyone who struggles with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, life transitions, or a variety of emotional or psychological conditions is welcome. Catholic Social Services accepts Medicaid plans and some insurance plans. Counseling is made affordable for everyone. For more information or to make an appointment, call 570-207-2283.

### **THE STAR OF MERCY**

The brightest star is a knowing star, present and light years away. It travels the blue-black sky moving herds of peoples and herds of stray; it moves wise souls to follow with precious gifts in tow, makes loners leave their havens, the rich, their comfort zones. It precedes the heads of state and stuns their minds with fear. It fills the poor with hope and makes their waiting clear. This brightest star is mercy for it takes us to the place we've wanted for all ages but couldn't entertain: The tiny cave that holds the Life we never would've found without the sign that shocked the night and bent us to the ground. ~Rita A. Simmons



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### HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A GODPARENT FOR A SPONSOR FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION?

**First-**You must be registered in a Catholic Church for at least 6 months. This means that you have filled out a registration form, receive envelopes, and your name is on a file in the Parish Office.

**Second-** You must be a practicing Catholic. This means you have a regular attendance at our parish Church. If you attend another church, you must contact THAT church for the proper documents.

**Third-**We ask all our own parishioners who are looking for sponsors for either Baptism or Confirmation that they choose people who are fulfilling their obligation and going to church on Sunday. Also, we ask that they are practicing the values of the Catholic Faith. Thank You!!

### SATELLITE SOUP KITCHEN AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

**CHURCH:** Christ the King Parish will be serving as a Satellite Soup Kitchen in conjunction with St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, and will be serving a FREE hot lunch at St. Thomas Aquinas Church Basement, Christ the King in Archbald on Tuesdays to ANYONE who would like a hot meal. Meals will promptly be served at 12:00 P.M. and end promptly at 12:30 P.M.

### RESOURCES FOR ATONEMENT AND HEALING:

Resources for ongoing prayer for atonement and healing for victims of sexual abuse in our diocese, including a sample rosary with reflections on the Sorrowful Mysteries, sample intercessions and prayers can be found on the diocesan website. The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) has also provided a resource which can be found on its website, [fdlc.org](http://fdlc.org) under 'resources'.

### HAVE YOU MOVED?: Have you changed your address recently?

If so, please contact the Rectory Office @ 570-876-1061 so your envelopes and other communications will be delivered to you. The Envelope Company cannot forward them through the postal service. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST:

the Knights of Columbus will sponsor their annual Free Throw contest for boys & girls ages 9 to 14. Registration for Lakeland and Carbondale Area contestants will be at the Lakeland High School Gymnasium on **Sunday January 27 at 1:30 P.M.** followed immediately by the competition. Birth Certificates for all Contestants must be presented at registration.