

January 6, 2019
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MONDAY – Saint Raymond of Penafort

8:30 Nicholas Budney req. by Bob & Sue Coughlin
 Special Intention of Rita & John Scanlon req. by Anna & Simon

TUESDAY

8:30 Charles Catalano req. by the Wick Family
 7:00 Ed Kozemchak req. by Carolyn Kerr

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Catherine Matus req. by Janice Quinn & Family

THURSDAY

8:30 Herbert Eisenhardt req. by Marie Eisenhardt

FRIDAY

8:30 Deborah Meeker req. by Debbie Redshaw
 9:15 Middle School Mass

SATURDAY

8:30 Frank Duffy (Founder of Legion of Mary) req. by the Legion of Mary

 5:30 Michael Richard Larned req. by his loving parents, Rich & Kevin Larned
 Edward Petillo req. by his daughter, Karen Larned

January 13, 2019
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:45 Roza & Traian Rona & all souls in Purgatory req. by the Dirle Family
 9:00 Stanley Gasior req. by Christa Schmidt
 10:30 People of the Parish
 Josif Mircea req. by the Dirle family
 12:00 Mary and Avelino Mattos req. by Family

PARISH FINANCES

December 23, 2018	\$ 12,050
December 24, 2018	\$ 18,579
December 25, 2018	\$ 13,145
Collections for December 30th and for The Beacon will published next week because of an early printing deadline.	

REFLECTION

The Epiphany of the Lord

An epiphany is a sudden realization about the nature or meaning of something. The birth of a child can be an epiphany that suddenly makes us understand love and responsibility in a new way. A doctor’s warning about health issues can be an epiphany that causes us to change the way we eat. And a Scripture passage, homily, or spiritual book can be an epiphany that helps us see Jesus in an unexpected, new way.

The Greek word epiphania means “manifestation.” Today, on Epiphany Sunday, we celebrate how God manifested his glory to the Magi. First, they saw a star and chose to follow it all the way to Jesus. Second, when they found Jesus, the Magi knelt down to worship him and pay him homage. Third, the Magi went home changed.



This pattern can be the same for your life. God visits the earth on a daily basis. You might say he never left! Every day he stands at the door of your heart and asks, “Can I come in?” The Magi didn’t have to follow the star. They *chose* to follow the star. You have the same choice to open the door to God.

When the Magi saw Jesus’ divinity, they worshipped him. Today, while you are at Mass, let the divinity of Christ move you to worship. Contemplate who Jesus is and all that he has done for you. Kneel before him – baby in a manger or Savior on a cross – and let joy and gratitude fill you, just as the Magi experienced.

Finally, the Magi were changed by what they saw. We know they changed routes to avoid Herod. But even more, imagine how hard it was for them to go home and return to “normal.” They had seen the glory of God, and nothing would be the same again!

Your life can be changed by this very pattern: seeing and worshipping Jesus and receiving a new insight from the Spirit will always improve the way you think, act, and relate to other people.

From: *The Word Among Us*



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 1/6/19 – 1/12/19

Sun.	11:00 AM-9:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
Mon.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
Tues.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
Wed.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	7:00 PM RCIA	
Thurs.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	6:45 PM BINGO (nonsmoking)	McKenna Hall
	7:00 PM Women's Cornerstone	St. Joseph
Fri.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	7:30 – All Day – CYO Basketball	Gym
	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah rejoices over the light and glory that will shine upon Jerusalem. He describes how the wealth of nations will be brought to Jerusalem, and travelers will arrive bearing gifts and praising God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul explains to the Ephesians that the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews. Through Jesus, they became members of the same body. Therefore, they would receive everything God had promised the Jewish converts if they followed Christ's teachings.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir practice takes place on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir loft.

Contemporary Choir practice takes place on Saturdays, at 4:30 p.m. in St. Cecilia Room.

Children's Choir practice takes place on Thursdays at 2:45 p.m. in the St. Cecilia Room.

Vocal- Instrumental Group - contact our Music Director, Krzysztof Kowalewski at the parish office. *New and existing members are invited.*



SCRIPTURE CLASS

Scripture class takes place on Tuesday mornings following 8:30 a.m. Mass. We meet every Tuesday in the Parish Library. Bring a friend as we all journey in our faith together. It will be an hour well spent.



YOUTH GROUP

ATTENTION TEENS - Need service hours?

Come to the **FIRST SUNDAY** each month.

Join us at the 12:00 p.m. Mass, followed by lunch, fellowship and a service project at the Church.

From 1 - 2:30 p.m. in youth group room.

RSVP - allisonO@ourladyofthelake.org

MEET NEW FRIENDS!

OLL Youth Group - all high school teens and college students are welcome. Join us every Monday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Meet new friends, talk about faith, play some board games and outside games, listen to music and enjoy snacks.

FINANCE

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Christmas is for Giving! Sixth grade Sunday morning Religious Education class led by Mrs. Morter & Mrs. Woollen gave 2019 calendars and notes of encouragement to residents of a local nursing home

**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly**

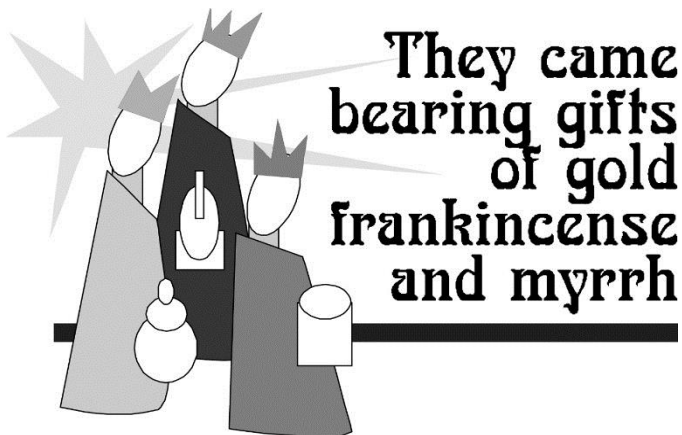
**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019**

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart will throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you...all from Sheba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord...Then they spread their treasures and offered him gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh."

The season of holiday visiting is drawing to a close. Lights still shine, the manger scene is special today, and unwrapped gifts are still to be seen. The memories of visits, carols and delicious traditional foods are still fresh and happy. But what happens now?

Like the magi we have waited, searched and found the Christ. It's our turn to bring gifts, not the three mentioned in Isaiah and Matthew, but a more precious gift, a more valued gift, the one that the Lord Jesus is waiting to receive from us. It is the gift of ourselves.

We bring joy, hope and happiness. Joy - because we have a Savior, hope - because our world can become better, happiness - because He has chosen me to bring Him to others. We bring an awareness that this Jesus comes again and wishes to accompany us in this new year. He can't wait for us to get started. We can choose this route, or just simply take the decorations and put them away to gather dust for another year. The choice is quite clear. "They departed for their own country by another way."



**PIZZA NIGHT WITH
BISHOP**

**Tuesday, February 5,
2019**

**Pope John XXIII High
School, Sparta**

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

***For young men in high school or college, or
even older.***

Come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship... and of course, pizza.

For more information, please contact the vocation Office at (973) 777-8818, ext 711

**WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE
March for Life Bus Trip to Washington DC
Friday, January 18, 2019**

Come join us for our annual pilgrimage to give witness to the Beauty of Life. The cost is only \$10.00. Children and students are free. Bus leaves after the 6:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville and leaves Washington for return trip around 3:30 p.m. The bus will make a food stop along the way and on the way back. Call Our Lady Queen of Peace office at 973-948-3185.



Dominican College Information Session

An information session has been scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Prusmack Center, 2 Campus Drive, Orangeburg, NY 10962. Come see the Dominican Difference Firsthand. To register for the next Info Session, go to adult.dc.edu. We offer a wide selection of day, evening, online, and weekend classes; undergraduate programs and Graduate programs.

NORDIC KNIGHTS OCEANIC CRUISE



Join Father David and Our Lady of the Lake parishioners on a cruise on the Nordic Knights of Oceanic Cruises from July 22nd

to August 4th 2019 -visiting Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Denmark, and London. Contact Dan Scully at Daniel.scully@scullytravel.com or 973-534-6462.

EPIPHANY PRAYER

Just as ships at sea need a lighthouse beacon to guide them safely to port, so we need a star to guide us on our earthly journey.

In Christ we *have* a star,
a star that will not betray us,
a star of hope, the star of Bethlehem.

Lord, may your gentle light guide us on the unfolding road, so that we may walk with confidence towards the light that never fades and the life that never ends. Amen.



INVOCATION FOR PEACE

God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister.

Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness. . . .

Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that. . . our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen

- Pope Francis

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Allison Ognibene	Confirmation/Youth Minister
Krzysztof Kowalewski	Music Director
Lori Kelly	Bookkeeper
Joanna Mattos	Secretary
Denise Aldana	Social Ministries

Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	7:45, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 12 Noon
<i>Weekday Masses</i>	8:30 a.m.

Holy Day Masses

8:30, 9:30 a.m. (except August 15th), and 7:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 and at 6:30 p.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Miraculous Medal Devotions: Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Eucharist Adoration:

Thursday: 9:00 to 7:00 p.m.

For information on Baptisms, Marriages, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Visitation of the Sick, or Parish Membership, please call the parish office at (973) 729-6107.

New Parishioners - Welcome!

Won't you please register at the Parish Office

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Or find our registration form on our webpage

www.ourladyofthelake.org