

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2017

MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 A.M. Robert Dour & Stella Padlo
 10:30A.M. People of the Parish
 12:00P.M. Shawn Hicks

MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH

8:00 A.M. Dominic Mastrototaro

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH

8:00 A.M. Irene Bekker

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH

8:00 A.M. Brigid Naughton

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH

8:00 A.M. Ann Vernoski

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH

8:00A.M. Barbara Cluckie

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH

9:00 A.M. Anthony Aragona

5:00 P.M. Lena Friscia

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH

8:30 A.M. Julia Garczynski
 10:30A.M. People of the Parish
 12:00P.M. Robert Dour & Stella Padlo

SCRIPTURES:

January 15, 2017– 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: THIS READING IS A SHORT PASSAGE FROM THE SECOND SONG OF THE SERVANT OF THE LORD. THE LORD WILL SHOW HIS GLORY THROUGH HIS SERVANT WHOSE MISSION IS TO RESTORE ISRAEL AND BRING SALVATION "TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH." (ISAIAH 42:1-4, 6-7)

SECOND READING: PAUL SENDS GREETINGS TO THE PEOPLE OF CORINTH, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED TO BE HOLY AND CONSECRATED IN CHRIST. (1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-3)

GOSPEL: WHEN JESUS VISITS JOHN, JOHN RECOGNIZES JESUS AS THE "LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD." JOHN FURTHER INDICATES THAT JESUS IS TRULY THE MESSIAH AND "GOD'S CHOSEN ONE." (JOHN 1: 29-34)

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-January 8, 2017

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do – are equally precious in His sight.

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MASS CARDS We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. **Please note-** offering is \$15.

RCIA resumes Tuesday, January 10th at 7:30pm at the Rectory.
Topic will be: Moral Theology 1.



THANK YOU to Joe Dungan, Larry Poggi, Deacon Alberto & Eric Wilsusen for setting up our Christmas Trees in the Church. Well done!

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5

Sunday, January 8th- 8:45AM –A-Week (Pre-K) classes
 9:00 AM – First Penance Workshop 2A
 10:30AM- **CLOW**

Sunday, January 15th- 8:45AM –B-Week (Pre-K) classes
 9:00 AM – First Penance Workshop 2B

MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

Sunday, January 8th -6:30-8:00PM -A Week classes

Sunday, January 15th -6:30-8:00PM -B Week classes

HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10

Sunday, January 8th – 6:30-8:00pm

Please remember in prayer those who are sick:

Msgr. Leo Carey, Msgr. Pat Brown, Msgr. Martin Rauscher, Fr. Ray Pavlick, Vincent Hicks, Vivian Beyel, Frank Nolte, Tommy Vacca, Joseph Gorman, Marlene Caljean, Thomas Herr, Paul Bagordo, Carol Aulbach, Barbara & Chris Young, George Metro, Mary & Michael Dalessio, James Coughlin, Jr., Christine Profaca & all who are ill at this time.



THANK YOU: Our festive sanctuary looks beautiful for this Christmas Season. It is the work of many people: Joan McGrady, Michael Mihok, Marianne Buccafurni, Robert & Susan Lee, and Deacon Alberto Totino, decorated our church.

We thank you all for helping to make our Church look so glorious and inviting during this Christmas Season.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS and COLUMBIETTES
Annual Pasta Dinner- Sunday January 15th from 2-4:30pm

at the parish center of Our Lady of the Lake, Mt. Arlington.. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling 973-668-5161, or see any Knight or Columbiette.



FOOD PANTRY

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9:30-11:30AM 1:15-2:45PM call 973-663-0211 for appointment.

Coordinator is Toni Tarighi- Items needed: **COFFEE, CEREAL, CANNED PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, canned meats & stews, canned fruits, carrots, spinach, peas, JELLY, peanut butter, brownie mix, 2-in-1 shampoo, Dish & Laundry detergents, deodorant, paper towels, TP, tissues.**
Refrigerator: milk, eggs, yogurt; frozen foods- all types.
 NOTE: Shoprite gift card donations also accepted. *Thank you to everyone supporting our food pantry.*

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Deacon Alberto

Totino for all that he does for our parish throughout the year, including his meaningful evangelization series, and especially for all he does during my vacation. We are truly grateful, and ask the Lord to continue to bless him as he travels his faith journey here with us at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Thank you Alberto. Fr. Chris.



Life Line Screening will hold their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on **Tuesday, 1/10/2017** at **Star of the Sea**. There are 5 screenings that scan for potential problems related to heart disease and stroke, and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. All 5 screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete and cost \$149. **To register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount please call 1-888-653-6441** or go to www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. **Pre-registration is recommended.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Each Year on January First we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God. We begin each year by reminding ourselves of Mary's wonderful role in God's plan of salvation. God has seen fit to send his Son into the world, to be born of a simple village girl from Nazareth. "Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart."

Openings are always important. The opening game, the premiere of a movie, the first night of a show, all take on special meaning. As we begin this new year, let us give it special meaning. What has transpired recently?

We have celebrated the coming of our God in human history, as one with us, Emmanuel. He has answered our need, our urgent request for a savior. Not only that, he remains in us through His Spirit dwelling within us. We know a loving God, who generously has saved us and because he is kind allows us to call Him, "Daddy". It is interesting that the scripture leaves the word in the original, before translating Abba as Daddy.

We begin a new year, aware of how we are and who we are. A great inheritance awaits us and we begin 2017 with our plans to unite us with God's design. Like Mary, we treasure what has happened in history and to us. Like Mary, we begin the year, grateful for what was, eagerly looking forward to what can be as we too reflect, ponder and weigh how special it is to launch this new year of grace. May we conform our lives to the plan of God and see His hand present in all that will occur.

May this New Year bring to you and yours good health and lots of happiness. May the Lord give you His peace.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Father Chris*



GRATITUDE: As we begin this New Year- 2017, we want to thank all those who minister in our parish: Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers, Choir members, Cantors, Religious Education Teachers and Aides, and the RCIA Team. Thank you to Mattie & Ed Young and all those who help with the Soup Kitchen in Dover, and to Monica Johnson & Donna Nimmo and all who work with the Family Promise of Morris County Network. Thanks to Kryz Dour & all who help with our Antioch program. Thanks to Eric Wilsusen and Jim Beyel, our Trustees. Thanks to Therese Butler our Music Director. Special thanks to Mrs. Jaye Hedrick, our Director of Religious Education and to Susan Lavin our CCD Secretary, for their work with the Religious Education Program here at Star of the Sea. Thank you to our Parish Secretary, Patricia Connolly.

Special thanks to our Deacon, Alberto Totino, for his devotion and untiring work around our parish.

Thanks to our Custodian, John O'Connor, & to our Rosarians, Money Counters, Fund Raisers; thanks to Toni Tarighi- our Food Pantry coordinator; Shannon Mizeski and Stephanie Kaulfers who coordinate Vacation Bible School and the Christmas pageant, Susan & Pia Totino for their CLOW work, Barbara Sanford for office assistance, Cheryl Kaelblein for assistance in the office, and continued repairing of our figurines; thanks to Mattie Young, Roit Leek, and Joan Czerniewicz-our Garden Ministry, and to all who sell our ShopRite gift cards.

Thanks to Joe Dungan, Mike Nimmo, Bill Davis, Larry Poggi, Joe Tremmel, and Bill Craig for fixing and helping with the odds and ends, and Bob Ullrich for snow removal & to all those who volunteer their time to our parish. May the Lord bless you all. Fr. Chris



The Journey of the Magi

Today the Glory of God shines upon us as we join "the Magi from the East" who lead us on a journey to find the newborn king. Our Gospel recounts their journey: ". . . We have seen His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage."

They left all to follow the light of the star. The journey to reach the place of Jesus' birth was challenging and they faced many obstacles along the way. It took a long time and the star they followed was not always visible. They questioned whether they were going in the right direction and whether the road actually led to the newborn king.

We are all someplace in the Magi's caravan on our life's journey. We search with eyes of faith for the Lord's presence in our lives. Sometimes the journey toward a fuller relationship with Christ may also be hidden for a time. However, if we believe that God is guiding us as the star guided the Magi then all we need to do is continually place our trust in His indwelling presence. He is within us, among us, around us. At times perhaps you can see that star on some dark night. It may have been shining in someone's eyes, twinkling in some kind word of a stranger or friend, burning in the words of Scripture, or blazing in a blinding insight. If we believe that God is guiding us as the star guided the Magi, then all we need to do is continually extend our love to others as we journey through our lives.

Like the Magi, may we continue to look for the star that will lead us to Christ and rejoice when we behold it!



The Twelve Days of Christmas



This carol began in England as a catechism song for the young Catholics. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember. During the years 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly, and so this song which has baffled many in its relationship to Christmas, now makes sense.

1. Partridge in a Pear Tree – Jesus Christ, Son of God.
2. Turtle Doves – the Old and New Testaments.
3. French Hens – Faith, Hope and Charity- the Theological Virtues.
4. Calling Birds – the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists.
5. Golden Rings- the first 5 Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch," the history of man's fall from grace.
6. Geese A-laying- the six days of creation.
7. Swans A-swimming – the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord, & the seven sacraments.
8. Maids A-milking- the eight beatitudes.
9. Ladies Dancing – the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.
10. Lords A-leaping – the ten commandments.
11. Pipers Piping – the eleven faithful disciples.
12. Drummers Drumming – the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.



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