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Dear Parishioners,

For the Church which believes and prays, the Wise Men from the East who, guided by the star, made their way to the manger of Bethlehem, are only the beginning of a great procession which winds throughout history. Thus the liturgy reads the Gospel which relates the journey of the Wise Men, together with the magnificent prophetic visions of the sixtieth chapter of the Book of Isaiah and Psalm 71, which depict in bold imagery the pilgrimage of the peoples to Jerusalem. Like the shepherds, who as the first visitors to the newborn Child in the manger, embodied the poor of Israel and more generally those humble souls who live in deep interior closeness to Jesus, so the men from the East embody the world of the peoples, the Church of the Gentiles – the men and women who in every age set out on the way which leads to the Child of Bethlehem, to offer him homage as the Son of God and to bow down before him. The Church calls this feast “Epiphany” – the appearance of the Godhead. If we consider the fact that from the very beginning men and women of every place, of every continent, of all the different cultures, mentalities and lifestyles, have been on the way to Christ, then we can truly say that this pilgrimage and this encounter with God in the form of a Child is an epiphany of God’s goodness and loving kindness for humanity.

These men who set out towards the unknown were, in any event, men with a restless heart. Men driven by a restless quest for God and the salvation of the world. They were filled with expectation, not satisfied with their secure income and their respectable place in society. They were looking for something greater. They were no doubt learned men, quite knowledgeable about the heavens and probably possessed of a fine philosophical formation. But they desired more than simply knowledge about things. They wanted above all else to know what is essential. They wanted to know how we succeed in being human. And therefore they wanted to know if God exists, and where and how he exists. Whether he is concerned about us and how we can encounter him. Nor did they want just to know. They wanted to understand the truth about ourselves and about God and the world. Their outward pilgrimage was an expression of their inward journey, the inner pilgrimage of their hearts. They were men who sought God and were ultimately on the way towards him. They were seekers after God.

Faith’s inner pilgrimage towards God occurs above all in prayer. Saint Augustine once said that prayer is ultimately nothing more than the realization and radicalization of our yearning for God. Instead of “yearning”, we could also translate the word as “restlessness” and say that prayer would detach us from our false security, from our being enclosed within material and visible realities, and would give us a restlessness for God and thus an openness to and concern for one another. The Bishop, as a pilgrim of God, must be above all a man of prayer. He must be in constant inner contact with God; his soul must be open wide to God. He must bring before God his own needs and the needs of others, as well as his joys and the joys of others, and thus in his own way establish contact between God and the world in communion with Christ, so that Christ’s light can shine in the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

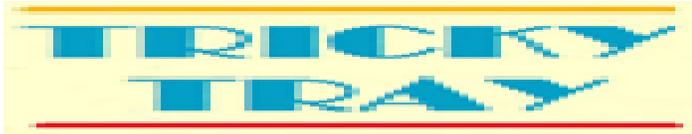
Liturgical Ministers for January 12th/13th, 2019

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	J. FLYNN, W. PONDS	J. MARCONE, K. CASE
8:30AM	P. CAL	J. TAYLOR, D. MURO, W. CARMODY	T. LAMOREAUX, D. GERARDO
11:30AM	M. ESLING	T. MARION, N. SMITH	J. ENNIS, A. EPPS, M. REINHARDT



We still have available seats for the bus to Washington, DC for the March for Life on Friday, January 18, 2019. Cost \$45 per person, \$80 per couple. Under 18 FREE. Pilgrim Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am by Cardinal Dolan. Contact Nancy Smith 856-4610.

Donations to defray the cost of the bus would be greatly appreciated.



Court Madonna No. #114's Annual Tricky Tray will be on Sunday, January 20th. Doors open at Noon and drawing begins at 2PM.

Tickets are 25 for \$1! No admission Fee! Contact: Barbara Drew 856-2624
All proceeds to benefit Community Charities.

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The next
All You Can Eat Breakfast
will be on
Sunday, January 27th.
Bring a friend.



The search has begun for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of New York. To enter couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York.

To register, please call the parish office. The deadline is Thursday, January 24, 2019.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, January 7**
9:00am Theresa Kavanagh, by Karen and Jack Flynn
Anthony S. Adorno, by mom and dad
- Tuesday, January 8**
9:00am Theresa Kavanagh, by Rosemary & Paul Brislin
- Wednesday, January 9**
9:00am Marge Thompson, by the Thompson and DiMarsico family
- Thursday, January 10**
9:00am Living and deceased members of the Brady family, by Eleanor Brady
- Saturday, January 12**
4:00pm John Oliver, by the family
- Sunday, January 13**
8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's
11:30am Joseph Portella, by the Adamcik family

Please Pray For the Sick: Angela Portella, Walter Szpakowicz, Elizabeth Brennan, Michael Medaglia, Jackie Mundy, Barbara Straub, Tress Loughrey, Sal Careri, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Louis Harford, William Lincoln, Jeanine Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Donald Wolff, Ramonita Irizarry, Debi Cotugno, Theresa Fuller, Maureen Hildebrandt, Charles Hildebrandt, Aedan Roach, James Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Helen Andreano, Tito Rivera, Neil Stasilli, Josefina Rodriguez, Joseph Hinkley, Toni Sorrentino, Frances Brennan, Andrea Fedoruk, Susan Upton, Chris Marion III, Loretta Olenick, Layla Grace Foster, Roderick T. Esling, James Lincoln, Danielle Devore, Wayne DeMarco, Marge O'Connor, Mindy Walsh, Arieal Walsh, Raquel Maldonado, Tyrell Davis, Eppie Harford, Christine Nowak, Jesivel Abreu, Stacie Holman, Cody Bain, Robert Cinerar, Dominic Loffredo, and Steven Gaesser.



Save the Date! Join us on Sunday, February 10th from 1pm to 4pm to celebrate family. There will be crafts, games, snacks and ice cream! ***ALL FREE!*** Please contact Rose at 845-856-8602 or Gina at 917-733-4307 if you plan on attending ***BEFORE*** January 28th. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters Ct # 114

The collection for December 23/24 was \$6,444.

The Christmas collection was \$18,390.

The collection for December 29/30 will be in a future bulletin. Thank you for your continued generosity.