



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2017



All Kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him. –Psalm 72:11

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – January 6

8:00am - † Francesco & Assunta D'Eugenio
 5:00pm- † Jose Fernando Luciano Rozon
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – January 7

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustin J. & Harley DiBlasi
 10:00am- † Concetta Pellecchia
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – January 8

3:00am- † Francesco D. DiSogra
 12:05pm- † Libby Guardiani

Tuesday – January 9

8:00am - † Benjamin Calixto
~1st Anniversary of Deceased~

12:05pm- † Victoria Crowdell *~Birthday Anniversary~*

Wednesday – January 10

8:00am - † William J. Tiefenwerth, Sr.
 12:05pm- † Libby Guardiani

Thursday – January 11

8:00am- † Louis & Theresa Navaria
 12:05pm- † Joseph Conatrdo

Friday – January 12

8:00am- † Vito Anthony Recchia
 12:05pm- † Libby Guardiani

Saturday – January 13

8:00am- † Marcarte Tagliareni
 5:00pm- † Jose Fernando Luciano Rozon

Sunday – January 14

8:30am- † Wanda Saldaña
 10:00am- † Concetta Pellecchia



Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: OLMC Catechists

Offered by: Family
Offered by: Rose Krause

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Evette Contreras

Offered by: wife & children

Offered by: Alexis Crowdell

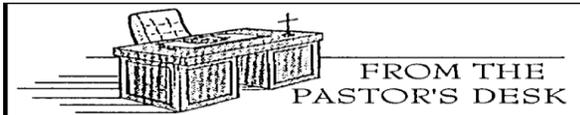
Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Mary DeMaio

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Theresa Contardo & Family

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Annette Esposito

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Evette Contreras

Offered by: Santos Family
Offered by: Rose Krause



**"We seen a star and have
 come to worship Him" (Matthew 2: 2)**

The holiday season always fills us with joy, happiness and peace. These gifts are the same and at the same time different from which the three Magi from the East led to the feet of Jesus. These gifts are what we want for ourselves, our families and for humanity especially now that we have begun the New Year. The solemnity of the Epiphany is a reminder that God in his greatness became a child for our salvation today. The Greek term "Epiphany" means "manifestation" or appearance and for believers, it is the revelation of him, to the three wise men, God reveals himself to all Nations. That is, from the very beginning of Christianity it is not a religion for a few but an open House for all. The only requirement is to open our hearts to Jesus, who is revealed as the Savior of all people. The wise men follow the star and although at times it seemed to hide they continued to search for it until they found it. The sages are left by surprise when they found: a child wrapped in swaddling clothes. They didn't find it in the center of political power, but in the simplicity of a child. The Magi knew that the greatness of God was in the little boy. The joyous wise worship the child and offered their gifts. The question we have to ask ourselves is if we are able to be surprised by the simplicity of God. God's plans are different from the world's plans who seek fame, power and the glory. If we are able to see God's simplicity, in our ordinary lives then we can receive the joy and peace that is typically in Christmas. Father Francisco invites us to look with nostalgia the solemnity of the Epiphany. For the good dad Francisco Epiphany is: "discover that the gaze of God rising forgiving, and healing. Discover that God has willed to be born there, where we do not expect it, where may not want it or where so many times we deny him. "Discover that there is room for the injured, the tired, the abused and the abandoned in the eyes of God: that his strength and his power are called mercy."

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle



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~ † **Adell Pendergrass Simpson**
Offered by: daughter, Cinderella

~ † **Leonard Henry Wonschwitz**
Offered by: wife, Cinderella

Liturgical Minster's Schedule JANUARY 2018

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (*carry Gospel Book*)
E. M.: Lindford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo / *Sub:* Cinderella Wonschwitz

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Joan Knighton & Delemeter Carey (*carry Gospel Book*) / *Sub:* Johnathan Codipilly
E.M.: Delmeter Carey, Joan Fortunato & MaryAnn Ugboode / *Sub:* Diane Carbonaro

Sunday 10:00 AM

SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmes.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

January 7: The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

January 14: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
Psalm 40:2,4,7-10
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20



BIBLE STUDY - Join us for Bible Study on Saturday, January 13th and 20th. From 12pm to 2pm in the Fr. Flynn room offered by Colin Vautrinot. Together we are exploring an invitation into a life-giving, eternity-altering relationship with the one who loves us and knows us like no other – Jesus.

ST. JOSEPH'S RETREAT CENTER - Overnight Retreats (St. Joseph Hill Academy);

New Beginnings with God: Friday-Sunday, January 12-14th, \$200 for single, \$400 for double, facilitated by Kathy M. Irr. The weekend will give the participants space to ponder, pray and encounter God. Reflective experiences during retreats will sustain a deeper relationship with God throughout the year.

Lenten Silent Directed Retreat: Friday- Sunday, March 2-4th, facilitated by Nanci Bachman and Pat Stephens. As we journey through Lent, we take a pause and this week provides silent time and space to enter into the heart of Jesus. Each day there is Mass, meetings with spiritual directors and time for prayer.

Meditation Monday: January 8th, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th and May 7th. 7:30PM-9PM. \$20 per session, facilitated by Grace Daquila. Come and be renewed, refreshed and restored with an evening of faith sharing, reflection and prayer.

Centering Prayer Group: Wednesdays (January 10th & 24th, February 14th and 28th, March 14th and 28th). 7:30PM-9PM, facilitated by Ann Louise DePalo, \$10 per session. Come and pray and rest in God's presence. Light refreshments are served so come journey with others looking for a deeper, more personal relationship with God.

The retreat house is located on the grounds of St. Joseph Hill Academy at 850 Hylan Blvd. To reserve a seat or for more information contact Ronnie Keane at 718-720-1097 or visit SJRetreatCenter.org

SECOND COLLECTION To Support The Catholic Communications Campaign And The Catholic University of America This Weekend, January 6 – 7, 2018 - Today our parish will take up the Collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)** and the **Catholic University of America**. The Catholic Communication Campaign supports the essential work that keeps the gospel message in the world, through Catholic social media by radio, the Internet, television, and print publications. Half of all proceeds remain in our archdiocese, so please be generous! The CCC is how the Good News gets around to you. **The Catholic University of America** is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, DC. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. *More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this collection, including many from our diocese.* Please be generous in this important collection.

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BATHROOM USE - It can be used before or after Mass. Only use the bathroom during Mass if absolutely necessary. In particular, no one should be going to the toilet between the Offertory and the end of Mass (while we are kneeling in worship). Kneel in your pew and adore Jesus who has just made His home in you in Holy Communion. The minutes after we receive Holy Communion are the most sacred moments of our life on earth – to be treasured and prayed. Please do not flush anything but toilet paper and children should not be allowed to go unattended and. Thank you for your compassion and understanding.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES - Certificates attesting to the fact that a parishioner is of practicing Catholic faith are often required when they are asked to sponsor someone at the time of Baptism or Confirmation. These certificates may be obtained by the **PERSON REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE** and he/she must visit the rectory. You also **must be a registered parishioner** to request one.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN - Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949. Sister may be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Do not let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

COLLECTIONS: December 31: \$6,364. *Thank you for your continued generosity!*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIVES BACK - Our parish could share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, running or not that is donated the Society will give back to our church \$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718 491-2525.

