

The Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord

January 8, 2023

Mass Intentions

January	9	8:00 AM	NO MASS
January	10	8:00 AM	Dr. Joseph Matunis requested by The Matunis Family
January	11	8:00 AM	Vincent Mizak
January	12	8:00 AM	Special Intention
January	13	8:00 AM	Joseph & Joanne Gravante requested by Patti Gravante
January	14	5:00 PM	Billy Hoffman requested by Christine Gray
January	15	8:00 AM	Sara Keener
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries January 14-15

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Yvonne DePaulis	The Fordyce Family
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Scott Sheaffer	Anna & Julia Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Nicole Wood	Nancy Stanton	The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

January 15 Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

January 22 The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings

Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,914.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,086.96

May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 8th (Epiphany of the Lord)

Mass, 9:00AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, January 9th

No Mass

Tuesday, January 10th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, January 11th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, January 12th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, January 13th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, January 14th

Confessions: 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 15th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD Classes, 9:15-10:15AM

“On entering the house, the Magi saw the child with Mary His mother. They did Him homage...and offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

From the Pastor's Desk

It's easy to stay inside and cozy up on the couch these winter months. With the dark and cold of the winter months, many of us crave light and warmth. The language of Isaiah in today's first reading even



may resonate with us more deeply this time of year: “See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory.” In today's Gospel, in the dark of night, the Magi follow a bright star to pay homage to Jesus, whom they recognize as the newborn king of the Jews. On the Epiphany, which means “manifestation,” we celebrate this moment when Christ's light

shone forth to the world. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote in *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*: “The key point is this: The wise men from the east are a new beginning. They represent the journeying of humanity toward Christ.”

Like the Wise Men who traveled a long distance to pay homage to the Christ Child, each of us journeys every day toward a fuller life in Christ. Just as the Magi followed the light to discover Christ, so does the light of Christ serve as our constant beacon, reorienting us toward God and his holy path. After worshipping the Christ Child at Christmas, let us move forward and pay homage to the Savior through our words and actions. Although Epiphany signifies the official “end” of the Christmas season, it is fitting that it falls at the beginning of a new calendar year because it allows us to reexamine, among our traditional “New Year's resolutions,” how we live our lives in the light of Christ. “The wise men from the east are a new beginning,” the pope said. May their journey and experience inspire us to “begin anew” however we must, and offer Jesus our gifts of love and devotion, considering how his light may shine through us to others.

“Dear Jesus, as you led the Wise Men to you by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to you by the light of faith. Help us to desire you as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from you. May we, like them, have something to give you when we appear before you. Amen.”

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Rosemary Anderson, Cathy Steiner, Diana Prowell, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Jeanette Fasick, Mike Landis, Jerry Ford, Carl DePaulis, Reid Wilson, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or through his email: dcnrobin@ptd.net.

On Line Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and information at our parish website at www.stbernardsnbpa.org.

Prayer Group meets each Wednesday morning at 8:30AM in church. If you have prayer intentions for your loved ones or family members, for sick

co-workers or people in the community, please give them to the Parish Office for prayer and spiritual support!

Parish Youth Group meets monthly and offers a variety of programs and activities. If you are interested in attending and being part of this lively faith-filled group of young Catholics, please call Matt or Liz Morrison.

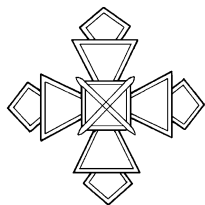
Taking Control of Your Finances Workshop/Help for Surviving Spouses. Figuring out how to manage your finances, while grieving a spouse, may feel overwhelming. Come learn what you should have in place if you should find yourself a widow/widower. This is a free workshop for all parishioners. Singles are welcome too, learn how to plan what your family needs to know when you pass. Please sign up on the bulletin board. The workshop will be presented on Tuesday, January 24th from 7:00-9:00PM in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Phyllis Krieger 717-379-1135 or Phyllis@perfectcents.services.

Parish Pastoral Council: Our Parish Pastoral Council will next meet on Monday, March 13th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. If you have any recommendations for Council, please call Bill Davies (717-582-0191) to include them on the agenda.

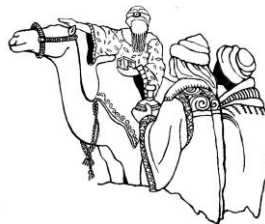
Update Your Parish: If your address, email, or telephone numbers have changed in the past few months, could you please call the parish office and update your records. This is important so our records are correct when we try to contact you! Also, please contact the parish office if you are going into the hospital, so a pastoral visit can be made.

Epiphany Home Blessings are available in the narthex. These blessings are affixed to the top of your front door lintel after asking God to bless your home in the New Year so you may welcome all guests as if they were Christ. May all visitors find in your

home the warmth and friendship characteristic of Christian homes!



Are you a star gazer? Where are you seeking your guidance? Is it in the horoscope section of the paper? Perhaps you go to your counselor every week? Or maybe it's the bartender at the lounge where you stop after work. Matthew 2: 1-12



tells the story of three men who followed their star. When they saw the star, they dropped everything and followed it. As a result, they found the place at the manger of Jesus they had been seeking all their lives, and returned home with new hearts. God gives each of us a "star" as well, if only we can recognize it. This week, this year, step back from the false guides around you and see His star clearly once more. In its shining light of love and faith, we can find the contentment we've been seeking.

Thank you, fellow Parishioners: The Parish is indebted to the many parishioners who helped clean and decorate the Church for the Christmas holidays. So often we do not think about the work and the hours that must be expended to make our parish home a beautiful place to worship and pray. May God bless and reward them for all they do for our parish family!

Eucharistic Reflection: "The Church in the course of centuries has introduced various forms of the Blessed Sacrament publicly exposed. To be stressed is that this is not a merely passing devotional practice. It is founded on divinely revealed truth."



"This practice of adoration is based on strong and solid reasons. For the Eucharist is at once a sacrifice and a sacrament; but It differs from the other sacraments in that they only produce grace, but the Holy Eucharist contains in a permanent manner the Author of Grace Himself." (Venerable Pope Pius XII)

O God, Who on this day did reveal Your only-begotten Son to the gentiles by the guidance of a star; mercifully grant that we may one day be brought to the contemplation of the beauty of Your Majesty in heaven. Amen.