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Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2023

Year A

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Church Hours

Sunday Mass 9AM

Wednesday Daily Mass 9AM

Thursday Daily Mass 9AM

Parish Office Hours 9AM-2PM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Pastor, Gerald Kaggwa

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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: We Three Kings #105

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Lord every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a

Gospel Acclamation: We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: What Star Is This #106

Holy: #917

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this bread, and drink this cup we proclaim your death O Lord until we meet again.

Lord's Prayer: page 26

Lamb of God: #922

Communion: What Child Is This 96

Mediation: In The Bleak Midwinter

Recessional: God Rest You Merry Gentlemen #90



January Birthdays



1st-Carol McCormack, 3rd-Bob Cerullo, 5th-Lorraine Kirsch & Mike Borzelleca, 7th-Betty Johnson, 14th-Benton Miller, 16th-Christine Hayes, 19th-James Moncure, 20th-Debbie Harriman, 21st-Chuck Walsh, 22nd-Josiah Reffo, Donna Brandl, Don Tyrrell & Clara Suyes, 27th-John McCormack, 29th-Mike Dreelin, 31st-Jack King, 30th-Simone Moss.

If you would like to add your name to the Birthday/Anniversary list please contact the office.

January Anniversaries

5th-Charles and Louise Hartz, 24th-John and Laurie King

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-Epiphany of the Lord
January 12th-Parish Council Meeting
January 15th-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29th-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5th-5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12th-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19th-7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 22nd-Ash Wednesday
February 26th-1st Sunday of Lent (NWA Dedication in 2022)

Community Leader

Gary Richardson

January 8, 2023

Altar Server

Tom Dorman

Lectors

Joe Sychterz/Mary Ellen Sherwood

Extraordinary Minister for

Holy Communion

Joyce & Mike Ballato

Music Cantor

Marianne Krop

Collection Counters

King/Kirsch/Angell

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from January 1, 2023

Collection:	\$ 1,887
Second Collection: Debt Reduction	\$ 661
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 64,166
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 62,997

There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$1,359 Credit card expenditures for various ministries.

ROSARY

Please join us as we pray the rosary every Sunday before Mass. We begin at 8:30 am in the new worship area & we welcome all to join in this beautiful devotional prayer.

No experience necessary!

We have books and rosary beads available for use.

If you have any questions please see Cindy Jessee.

ENVELOPES, CALENDARS, AND TAX STATEMENTS

Our 2023 envelopes are available for pickup on the admin table in the Narthex. Some e-givers have wondered why we printed envelopes for them. It was done to provide, by request, envelopes for the scheduled second collections. Also if you desire a tax statement for this year, please place your name on the writing tablet located in the same area, and take a free calendar.

PRAYER LIST REFRESH

It is customary to refresh our prayer lists in January each year.

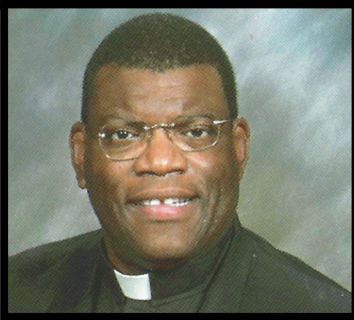
We do not change the "Parishioner" list, but ask that you confirm the names you placed on the "Family of Parishioners" and "Friends of Parishioners" lists **by the end of January.**

Send us an email or drop us a note in the office with the names you desire to remain. Thank you

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS NEW KNITTERS/CROCHETERS!

This loving ministry makes prayer shawls to demonstrate the physical support of the parish for those experiencing illness, grief or other difficulties, and for celebrating new life. Help can be provided for those wanting to learn and participate in this ministry.

Please contact Lynne Richardson 571-239-0980 for more information.



FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of our pastor and friend, Fr. John Boddie, from whom flowed love and kindness to all who knew him. May his soul rest in peace. Money from these ads are used as scholarships given to the youth of our church. Please make your checks payable to **THE FR. JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**. Checks and ads can be deposited in the church office. The charge per space is \$100. Thank you for your continued support.
The Scholarship Committee

Website for scholarship application: www.church-of-the-visitation.org Application deadline: Early March 2023

SUPPORTER OF OUR FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP


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- Tommy & Donna Lange
- John & Diane Weidner
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- Cynthia & Chuck Taylor
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- Jim Angell
- Lynne McMurtric
- Terry Skovera
- Don Tyrrell
- Joe Sychterz
- Don & Barbara Ross
- Norbert & Kathryn Bliley
- Richard & Mary Sue Dougherty

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 my long time friend.
 I will miss you.
JoAnn Nolte

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 Forever,
JoAnn

WE SALUTE
 THE YOUTH OF OUR
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 IMPORTANT JOURNEY
Carmen & Joe Brinkley

CHURCH ACTIVITIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND SACRAMENTAL EVENTS

Below is a condensed list of such items. For more details, consult our Ministry Catalogue or call the office.

- BAPTISM/MARRIAGE:** Please contact the parish office to arrange an appointment for celebrating the sacrament of Baptism/Marriage
- CATECHUMENS:** RCIA invites people of all ages interested in becoming Catholics through Baptism/Eucharist and Confirmation.
- SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING:** Celebrated 2x a year-Spring & Fall or by appointment. Please call the parish office.
- SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Held during Lent and Advent as well as by appointment. Please call the parish office.
- SICK CALLS:** Please call the Office at any time. We will also bring Holy Communion to anyone who is unable to attend Mass.
- HOLY DAYS:** Please call the office for times or check our website.
- PRISON MINISTRY:** Please call the office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Knights of Columbus meet the third Wednesday of each month beginning with the Rosary at 5:45PM and the meeting starting 6:00PM, followed by a social with wives and guests at 7:00PM. All are welcome. The KOC are willing to provide transportation to any church activities. Call Grand Knight Bill Brandl.
- RECYCLABLE CANS:** Church of the Visitation recycles cans, with profits going to Church ministries. Bring your aluminum cans to the bin outside, by the yard sale building.
- ROSARY MINISTRY:** Sunday morning before Mass, 8:30am New Worship Area. No experience necessary. Books & Rosary available.

EPIPHANY

Epiphany is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnated as Jesus Christ.

In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles. It is sometimes called the Three Kings' Day, and in some traditions celebrated as Little Christmas.

The traditional date for the feast is January 6th. However, since 1970, the celebration is held in some countries on the Sunday after January 1st.

In many Western Christian Churches, the eve of the feast is celebrated as Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve). The Monday after Epiphany is know as Plough Monday.

WHAT DOES SOLEMNITY MEAN IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

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HOLY DAY (S) OF OBLIGATION FOR 2023 (6)

On December 13, 1991 the members of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the USA made the following general decree concerning holy days of obligation for Latin Rite Catholics: In addition to Sunday, the days to be observed as holy days of obligation in the Latin Rite dioceses of the USA, in conformity with canon 1246, are as follows:

- *January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- *Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter, the solemnity of the Ascension
- *August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- *November 1, the solemnity of All Saints
- *December 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- *December 25, the solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Whenever January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15th, the solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1st, the solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated.

UNDERSTANDING THE CHURCH CALENDAR

This is the first installment of the series of understanding the Church calendar.

Except for such widely known celebrations as Easter, Christmas and Pentecost, most lay Catholics lump all Church celebrations under the term feast or feast days.

While the terminology is not necessarily incorrect, feasts are only one of the three categories of such celebrations in the Church year; the other two are solemnities and memorials. But what's the difference? The Church has always provided the faithful people of God with externally expressed devotions, festivals and celebrations through which they may pay homage to the Creator. These holy activities are not merely random events, but follow a seasonal, regulated schedule established by the Church's liturgical calendar. The day-to-day events of the annual Church year are primarily catalogued as a solemnity, a feast or a memorial.

In the fourth century, Emperor Constantine ended the Roman persecution of all religious factions and claimed Christianity to be the state religion of the Roman Empire. As the Church and Christian faith expanded, the number of religious celebrations subsequently increased. Unfortunately, for centuries there was no centralized control over the observance of the many celebrations. Every diocese had its own calendar, therefore rituals differed, celebrations honoring the mysteries of sacred Scriptures competed with honoring a saint, feast days overlapped, and almost every Sunday liturgy was pre-empted by a special occasion. This all led to confusion and abuses that continued until the reforms of the Council of Trent (1545-1563) and the eventual development of a universal calendar.

A churchwide calendar prompted the need to effectively organize the numerous holidays in a manner applicable to every diocese. A most challenging aspect of this effort was the standardization of the rituals used during the different ceremonies and, further, the sorting out and assigning of common dates or time frames to each event. A well-organized liturgical calendar did not happen overnight, but has evolved over the past 450 years. While the methods of categorizing the various festivals have varied, the Church has been consistent in her effort to arrange the events according to importance. The birth of Jesus is considered more important than the birth of John the Baptist; the birth of the Baptist more important than the dedication of St. John Lateran church; the life of the Blessed Mother outranks that of St. Francis of Assisi; and so on. The hierarchal process used as recently as the 20th century rank, or order, Church celebrations by calling them doubles of the first class, doubles of the second class, greater doubles, lesser doubles, simples and commemorations. In 1962, they were called first class, second class, third class and commemorations. The Second Vatican Council simplified the classifications to solemnities, feasts and memorials.

Solemnities will be added next week.

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2023

We gather today to celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord! The manifestation or Revealing of the Messiah. The Light of the people. We celebrate the day, three wise men, "The Magi", from far east, came to seek the newborn messiah. They were not members of the Chosen Jewish People, so the Epiphany today shows Jesus came for all people. As we celebrate today's feast of the Epiphany, God is telling us that he wants to be known and loved, worshipped, and known by all peoples, regardless of status color, race, or language.

We read in the First reading: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you". These words of Isaiah are calling us to rise up and experience the new life which Jesus brings us.

"We have come to do him homage", these are the words of the Magi to Herod as they enquired where Jesus was. "We have come to do him homage." What a beautiful attitude the three kings had. They had love in their hearts. They had love for Jesus in their hearts. We see that again when they find the baby Jesus and prostrate themselves before Jesus and worship him. Then they expressed that love concretely as they offered Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh: gold because Jesus was king, incense because Jesus was divine and myrrh prefiguring his burial.

These Wise Men (The Magi) who come from the East are searchers for the truth and discovered a star that they felt could guide them to what they were seeking. Eventually it did. Amazingly, they just found a small helpless infant in a manger with his parents, and they had the humility to accept with love that this child was the answer to their search.

What is the star that guides you through life? Many people will seek to follow the star of power, money, fame, popularity etc. and for a time they may seem to have found that it works, but sooner or later they don't have the deep peace and happiness that following Jesus gives us. Jesus is the guiding star of our lives, he is the light shining in the dark moments of my/our life.

Like the three kings, we also have love of God in our hearts, we love His Sons, Jesus who comes to us. We do not have gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to offer Jesus, but we do have a gift to give him: the love in our hearts for him. The best gift we can give Jesus is the love in our hearts for him. The love of the three wise men for Jesus reminds us to ask ourselves if we always come before Jesus with love. We can ask ourselves if we do everything throughout our daily activities with love for Jesus. If we do everything with love, it can be a gift to Jesus. If we do not do something with love, then it would be difficult to offer it as a gift to Jesus.

We also express our love for Jesus when we are kind to other people. Our kindness to others and our sacrifices for others are also gifts we can give Jesus today. Kind words to others, consoling others and being compassionate to others, being fair and honest with others, are all ways of loving others which are also ways of loving Jesus. So, we have many opportunities to love Jesus every day. We can love Jesus by doing everything with an attitude of love for him, and knowing that, when we are kind to others, we are loving Jesus.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V.F.

Please Remember in your Prayers

Christine Graham, JoAnn Shoemaker, Jack Petralia,

Robert Cowles & John Regan



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If you need to add to the prayer list please call the office, email, or leave a note in the box outside the office. Remember to put family or friend by their name.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast after Mass on January 22nd. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee. Please stay after and enjoy breakfast and camaraderie with fellow parishioners. Donations accepted.

CHRISTMAS SEASON CLEANUP

The Christmas season officially ends January 8th. Please remain after Mass to help us prepare the church for Ordinary Time. Thank You.



In Loving Memory Of Alma and Fritz Sitterding

Supporting Our Youth



In Loving Memory of Bobby Warren

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In Loving Memory of "Vinnie Recupido" Barbara Hollingsworth



When someone you love becomes a memory the memory becomes a treasure.

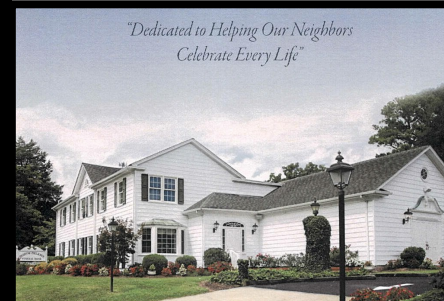
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SAINT THERESA OF CALCUTTA'S "ANYWAY PRAYER"

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies; succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; build it anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway. You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.

Breathe in Love, Exhale Peace.



In Loving Memory Of David E. Brinkley

In Loving Memory of "Vincent Recupido" Dolores

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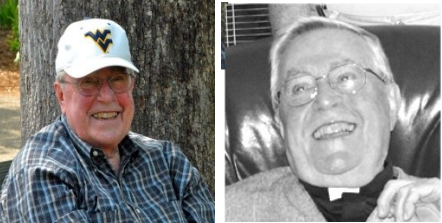
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and
Thomas R. Shepherd III**



In memory of Church Dog, "CHRISTIAN"

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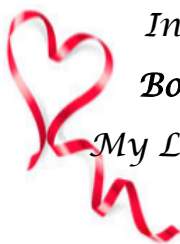
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but in thankfulness that he was".



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