

Epiphany

Of The Lord



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PARISH MASS/CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 PM
Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM (Bi-Lingual Italian/English)
10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon
Weekday Mass: 7:00 AM
Saturday Morning & Legal Holidays 8:00 AM
Confessions: Saturday 11:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM & 4:00 PM or
anytime by appointment; please call the Rectory Office.

ADORATION

Every Saturday morning from 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Tuesday Evenings: 6:00 PM
Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Novena
Prayers to St. Rocco, St. Anthony and St. Jude.

LEGION OF MARY

Wednesday Evenings: 6:00 PM Rectory Office Conference Room

SICK PARISHONERS

Please notify the Rectory when a parishioner or family member is
confined at home, hospitalized or in a nursing home.

BAPTISMS

10:00 AM on the 1st Sunday of the month by previous appoint-
ment only. Sponsor certificates and birth certificates are required
before date is set for a Baptism. Parental attendance at Parish Bap-
tism Preparation Program is also required.

WEDDINGS Contact Rectory Office at least 1 year before.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord
5:00 pm ~ Rey Linsao (10th Anniversary Memorial)
by wife & family
Adriana D'Elia (Month's Mind)
by family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 am ~ Louis Iannone (Memorial)
by Arlene & Richard Siravo
John Caracciolo (4th Anniversary Memorial) & Joseph
Girardi (5th Anniversary Memorial)
by Linda & Donna Folcarelli
10:00 am ~ Pietro Paolo (Memorial)
by The Barone Family
Maria & Antonio Viveiros (Memorial)
by family

12:00 pm ~ Filomena Altieri, Frederick Altieri, Rocco Altieri, Nidia
Ayala, Joseph M. Bennett V., Nore Bernier, Carmen Berra, Lorenzo Berra,
Joseph A. Borgia, Anna Maria Bruzzese, Immacolata Bruzzese, Salvatore
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Bruno D'Arezzo, Michelina D'Arezzo, Vittorio D'Arezzo, Doris Dalmazzi,
Mario Dalmazzi, Maria DeFazio, Natale DeFazio, Deceased members of the
DeFilippo Family, Angelina DeFilippo, Vincent DeFilippo, Doreen Deluca,
Mike Deluca, Robert DiGiacomo, Emily Famiano, Salvatore Ferraro, Vincent
A. Fiontella, Giovanni Galea, Hacop Gashian, Paula Lucia, Armando Macera,
Mario Marziale Sr., Margaret Manzi, Salvatore Manzi Sr., Joseph Menna,
Edmund Pezzullo, Raymond E. Ricci, Anna Richard, Raymond Richard, Leo
Schenck, Jennie Schenck, Evelyn Seabolt, Philip Seabolt, Mary Tanzi, Salva-
tore Tanzi Sr., Beverly Tourtellot, Ron Tourtellot, Walter Williams, Thomas
Zanfagna

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Christmas Weekday/St. Andre Bessette
7:00 am ~ Parishioners of St. Rocco

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday/St. Raymond of Penafort
7:00 am ~ Deceased members of the Scaramuzzo & Ritacco Families
(Memorial)
6:00 PM- Novena

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday
7:00 am ~ Persephone Antonio (Memorial) by family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Christmas Weekday
7:00 am ~ In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Blessed Virgin Mary

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Christmas Weekday
7:00 am ~ Lee & Nick Pagliaro (Memorial) by family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Christmas Weekday
8:00 am ~ Anthony Giorgianni (Memorial)
by Mary Pezzullo
8:30~ 12:00 pm ~ Adoration

Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord
5:00 pm ~ Toniana Rosa Smith & Nettie Salera (Memorial)
by family

Barbara Moretti (Memorial)
by family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

The Baptism of the Lord
8:00 am ~ Mark Ciabrone (Memorial)
by Joseph & Carol
Pasqualina "Lena" D'Arezzo (1st Anniversary Memorial)
by grandchildren Louis Jr. & Heather Grande
10:00 am ~ Fausto LaManna (Birthday Remebrance)
by wife & family
Nancy Giolitti (1st Anniversary Memorial) & Henry Giolitti
& Deceased members of the Giolitti Family (Memorial)
by children & family
12:00 pm ~ St. Rocco Memorial Shrine

From the Pastor's Desk:

If we meditate on the mystery of the Mass, we come to see how the mystery of the Epiphany we celebrate this Sunday mirrors the Mass. The liturgy is not only a celebration of the mystery of the Epiphany; it *is* the mystery of the Epiphany in act.

A Star and a Procession

The event of the Epiphany begins with a miraculous star beckoning the magi to follow. They see in its light a hope, a radiant promise, the flickering of a new beginning. When we go to Mass, one of the first things we notice is the candles on the altar are lit (as is also the vigil lights near the tabernacle). The lighted candles are a sign of a Godly event soon to transpire in the sanctuary. They signal something wondrous is about to take place: Heaven uniting with earth in the event of the Sacrament of the Altar, drawing us all into the Divine Presence. The first Liturgical action of the Mass, the procession, in a way resembles the last moments of the magi's long journey: their final approach to Emmanuel in the manger.

Penitential Act / Rite

Once they arrive in Jerusalem, the magi experience their own need, their own limitation. Their question to anyone who will listen is an appeal for mercy: *Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We have come to do him homage.* What we beg for in the Penitential Rite of the Mass is very much the same: *"Show us, O Lord, your mercy. And grant us your salvation. Lord, have mercy"*

Proclamation of the Word of God

When King Herod hears what the magi are asking for, he assembles the chief priests and the scribes, and inquires of them where the Christ is to be born. They respond by proclaiming Scripture: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.* God constantly reinvestigates our hope through the Word of God.

The Presentation of the Gifts

The magi come close to Christ's manger, open their treasures, and offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. More than anything, the gifts symbolize what the Newborn Savior will do for all people through the miracle of His Incarnation. Similarly, the gifts we bring forward at Mass express our desire to serve Jesus the King (symbolized in the gift of gold), to worship Jesus the divine Son of God (symbolized in the gift of frankincense), and to unite ourselves in the suffering and death of our Redeemer who saves us by His Cross and Resurrection (symbolized in the gift of myrrh).

Adoration

The Gospel gives us this key detail: *The Magi prostrated themselves and did him homage.* Why? As the *Catechism* teaches: *No one, whether shepherd or wise man, can approach God here below except by kneeling before the manger at Bethlehem and adoring him hidden in the weakness of a new-born child* (563).

December 22, 2024

Weekly Collection

First Collection
Envelopes and Loose Collection
Total = \$5058.00



Parish Beautification
Total: \$40.00



Parish Outreach/Christmas Flowers
Total = \$38.00/\$253.00



Online Giving
Total = \$1409.50



Other Donations/Collections
\$207.00



Total number of envelopes used this week:

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MEMORIALS
January 6th-12th

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We do so at every Mass. Before we receive the Eucharist, we kneel down and adore in the Elevation of the Host, and in the invitation: *"Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world."*

Holy Communion

The magi instantly begin to live a communion made possible only through the coming in the flesh of the Son of God. It is symbolized in the way they find the Christ Child: *On entering the house, the Magi saw the child with Mary his Mother.* Mary, Model of the Church, embodies the communion we are destined to share and become even as she cradles in her arms the Body of Christ.

Departing by Another Way

The magi *departed for their country by another way.* They opt, not just for a new route but, for a new way of living. The miracle we experience in the Mass calls us to the same. The priest or deacon dismisses us saying, *"Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."*



Feast of The Epiphany Feast: January 5th

The Epiphany (a Greek word which means 'manifestation') recalls the arrival of the Magi from the east to the stable in Bethlehem to adore Jesus, manifested as the King of Kings.

“This mystery of light, this light, is the love of God, revealed in the Person of the Word incarnate. In the Child of Bethlehem, God revealed himself in the humility of the 'human form', in the 'form of a slave', even to death on a cross (cfr Phil 2:6-8). This is the Christian paradox. It is precisely this concealment which makes for the most eloquent 'manifestation' of God: the humility, poverty, and the very ignominy of the Passion, show us how God truly is. The face of the Son faithfully reveals that of the Father. This is why the mystery of Christmas is, so to speak, all an 'epiphany'.” Pope Francis

The Magi worship a simple Child in the arms of His Mother Mary, because in Him they recognize the source of the twofold light which guided them: the light of the stars and the light of the Scriptures. They recognized in Him the King of the Jews, the glory of Israel, but also the King of all peoples.

Let us Pray:

O God, Who by the guidance of a star didst this day reveal Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we, who know Thee now by faith, may be so led as to behold with our eyes the beauty of Thy majesty. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

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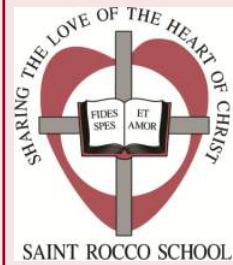
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9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.



Eternal Rest be given to:

Barbara Russo ~ December 11th
Olga Stickel ~ December 20th



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Save the Date: Open House
Sunday, January 26th
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM



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Classes resume on Sunday, January 5th for Grades 1-5th 10:50 ~ 11:50 AM and Monday, January 6th for Grades 6th-8th 6:30 pm~ 7:45 PM



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26).

So often we think of decisions and plans without truly seeking God's will. Spending time with Our Lord before the Blessed Sacrament allows us the time to see His will for our lives. Seeking Jesus is an ongoing adventure.

Adoration ~ Saturday's 8:30 AM ~ 12:00 Noon



Come join us on an adventure!
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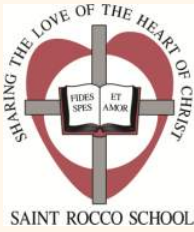
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Please take a walk through our St. Francis Garden. In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Parish, St. Rocco's Holy Name Society renovated the St. Francis Garden. This Garden has been preserved as a Sacred Space with benches for meditating and a brick walkway. The walkway consists of engraved bricks and parishioners are invited to purchase a brick either in memory of a loved one or as a gift. If you are interested in purchasing a brick please contact the Rectory office or go to our website at churchofsaintrocco.org.

Saint Rocco Memorial Shrine

Renewals and new enrollments for the St. Rocco Memorial Shrine are still being accepted. The deadline for all enrollments was **Thursday, January 2nd**. The Memorial Shrine enrollments are \$30.00 for the year and Mass is celebrated for the members each month. Each member has a name plate on the plaque in the church vestibule.



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