

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

BLESSED ARE YOU, LORD OUR GOD,
WHO HAS FILLED CREATION
WITH LIGHT AND SPLENDOR.

*Rise up in splendor, my people! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the Lord shines,
and over you appears God's glory.
You shall be radiant at what you see,
your heart shall throb and overflow,
for riches of the sea shall be emptied
out before you.
Caravans of camels shall fill you,
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;
all from Sheba shall come
bearing gold and frankincense,
and proclaiming the praises of
the Lord of Light. Isaiah 60:1-6/20*

Radiant Lord,

We rejoice with hearts filled with gratitude
that You are not a hidden God
for You reveal Yourself daily
through the mystery of light.

Your majesty and glory

shine out from within all of creation,
as well as from sun, moon and stars.

We walk by their light,

and we also feed upon that light
as it is transformed daily into our food.

Blessed are You, Illuminator of All Creation,
for the gifts of sunrise, high noon
and sunset.

In the splendor of the sun,
the sky-wheel of energy and light,
we see Your splendor, O Light of Lights.

Your Son, Jesus, called Himself

the light of the world
and invited us to be His luminous
brothers and sisters
and Your children of light.

We are grateful for the daily light of insight,
that gift by which we see our way to You.

We are also grateful for shadows and nightfall
which serve as background for this light.

In our lives, we often stand

in the darkness of failings and suffering.

May Your Divine Light

penetrate the murky overcast of these times,
and radiate outward from the horizon of our
hearts.

May Your Divine Presence

be a shining star in the midst of gloom.

Like the plants of the earth,

may we lean toward You,
Eternal Source of All Light and Energy.

Help us, this day,

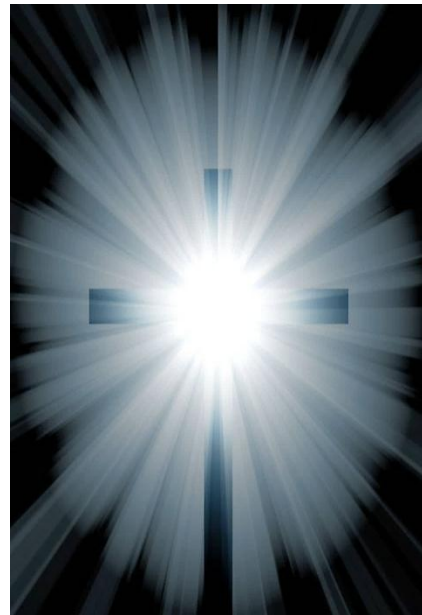
To be light to all we meet.

Blessed are You, Lord our God,

who has filled creation with light and
splendor.

Amen.

Edward Hays



A CHRISTMAS THANKS

Our parish priests and parish staff thank all of you who were so thoughtful and generous during the Christmas season. We are thankful for your presence and your prayers. We are grateful for the cards, gifts, greetings and goodies that made this season of Christ's coming such a beautiful experience for all of us.

BLESS YOUR HOME ON EPIPHANY

The blessing of homes on the Feast of the Epiphany brings the presence of Christ into our lives. The origin of this ritual comes from Europe when homeowners marked their doors with the sign 20+C+M+B=(year). CMB were the initials of the three Wise Men: Caspar, Melchoir and Balthasar.



Another interpretation given of this sign was: Christus Mansionem Bededicat (Christ Blesses this Mansion). We welcome you to bless your home for the New Year using the blessed chalk and rite given below:

One person makes the inscription with chalk above the door (20+C+M+B+18), while another proclaims the corresponding words: The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthasar followed the star of God's son who became Man (20) two thousand years ago. (+) May Christ bless our dwelling (+) and remain with us throughout the New Year.

Prayer: Almighty Father, incline your ear. Bless us and all those who gather here. Send us your angel who will defend us and fill with Grace all who dwell in this place. Amen



JUBILEE YEAR 2018

The Year of our Lord 2018 is our parish Jubilee commemorating 75 years of fulfilling our mission of *Opus Christi* –which is Latin for Christ's Work. During the decades our parish has been love in action, bringing good news through spiritual, service and social ministry

Jesus said to our parish patron St. Philip, "Whoever believes in me will do the works I do and even great works." John 14:22

Our Jubilee Prayer

Rejoicing in you, O Lord, with thankful hearts we pray as . . .
We Remember gratefully our pastcompanions on the Journey who sacrifice inspires us.
We Celebrate the good news of love in actionthat empowers spiritual, service and social ministry.
We Believe in God's providence as faithfulstewards who continue Christ's work usingthe Keys to the Kingdom.

Amen

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY: MEDITATION HOUR



HANDS OF THE POTTER

Join us for prayer, guided meditation and reflection on **Thursday, January 11th** at 7:00 PM in Marian Hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The next class for grades 1 – 6 is **January 7**

The next class for grades 2 and 7 – 10 is **January 21**

Denise Pannullo for Grades 1 - 8 at 973-779-1439

Victoria Velasco for Confirmation at 973-798-8772

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The St Philip Prep Students are happily back at school after their Christmas holiday. The middle school students are busy winding down the second marking period and gearing up for their second quarter exams. The Forensics class is set to recite their speeches to recognize Martin Luther King's birthday. The student body will hear "I have a Dream" and Lincoln's "Address at Gettysburg" at morning assembly. The Fifth grade science students are studying the systems of the body and created life size "digestion people" to demonstrate their knowledge. The Fourth grade science class created "inventamals." The students created an animal with a specific adaptation that would enable the animal to survive in the environment. All grades are preparing for Catholic Schools Week scheduled at the end of the month...stay tuned!

SAINT PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

A U.S. Department of Education
Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

OPEN HOUSE

Tours Available

JANUARY 29 – February 2, 2018

Please call for an appointment

Monday – Thursday 9-11 and 1-2

Friday 9-11

973-779-4700

BOY SCOUT TROOP 21

BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

ST. PHILIP'S AUDITORIUM

CONTACT COMMUNITY BLOOD SERVICE FOR AN APPOINTMENT:

201-251-3703

WALK INS ALWAYS WELCOME

FREE CHOLESTEROL AND GLUCOSE SCREENINGS

WEIGHT: AT LEAST 110 LBS. --- BRING ID WITH SIGNATURE

PLEASE EAT PRIOR TO DONATING

AND DRINK PLENTY OF WATER

YOUTHGROUP

Beginning in January, the Youth Group meetings will be moved to Sundays at 11 AM: **January 7th and 28th**.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

MONDAY NIGHT WIDOW & WIDOWERS GROUP:

A social group for widows and widowers. Next meeting: **January 22nd** at 6:30 PM in the Molloy Center.

SPOUSE BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meeting: **Tuesday, January 9th & 23rd** at 7:00 PM in the RUSSO ROOM. Contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-500-2068.

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting of the blanket ministry will be Thursday, **January 18th** at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. For fabric or yarn donations, call Cathie: 973-471-1265.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2018

This year the March for Life will be held in Washington, D.C. on **January 19, 2018**. It will be the 45th anniversary of the passage of the land mark decision of Roe v. Wade that made abortion legal for the entire country. Mass will be offered at St. Peter's Church, Capitol Hill at 12:10 PM.

Our people from the Paterson Diocese will board buses to go to Washington, D.C. to show solidarity against abortion and stand for life issues. For any other information, please contact Dr. Mary Mazzarella at 973-777-8818 x269.

PRAY FOR

THE DECEASED: Steven Kuhta

THE SICK: Joan Hughes, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Ryan G. Micale, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Margaret Sikora, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Linda Brady, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenko, Evelyn Wescott, Ana Cabezas, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Virginia Mascolo, Christine Carpenter, Robert Wagner, Mildred Nerone, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Barbara Ferry, Fred Van Duyne, Dave Miller, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzone, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc, George Biondi, Jack Jaeger, Bill Brady, Samantha Calderone, Katie Gerber, Theresa Buhler, Chloe LoPresti, Cathy Papuzenski, Roberta & Al Dressner, Eloise Stampoulos, Pina Basile, Joseph Pagani, John Hughes, Jim Weis, Loretta Latona, Alan Graf, Rita Latona

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: JANUARY 13/14, 2018

5:30 PM	Fr. Kevin	8:00 AM	Fr. Matt
10:00 AM	Fr. Joe	12:00 N	Fr. Julio

PARISH GIVING

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DECEMBER 25, 2016	\$83,444.00
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DECEMBER 25, 2017 (TO DATE)	\$76,533.00
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TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION JANUARY 1, 2017	\$15,143.00
SUNDAY DECEMBER 31, 2017	
ENVELOPES	\$10,872.00
CASH	\$ 1,496.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 4,250.00
TOTAL	\$16,618.00

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Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

- 8:00** Frank Halen
10:00 Frank Fattrosso
James Lacava
Thomas L. Houston
Special Intention: Rita Latona
12:00 Antonio Grompone
Bernard (Bud) Chidiac

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018

- 7:00** Kathleen O'Donnell
9:00 Gertrude Kovach

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

- 7:00** William Potter
9:00 Rev. Robert Gordon

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

- 7:00** Anna Delastos
9:00 Anthony M. & C. Mildred Petaccio

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018

- 7:00** Msgr. Joseph J. Gallo
9:00 Thomas Turner

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018

- 7:00** Mary Louise Clark
9:00 Rev. Robert Hooper

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018

- 9:00** Rev. Raymond Conlin
5:30 Fred Anthony – 6th Anniversary
Deceased Members of the McNamara Family
Roger Rossnagel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

- 8:00** Dominick Pagano
Angela Coffaro – 8th Anniversary
10:00 Anna Treuer
Patricia Nash
Joseph Cero
Maura C. Loor
12:00 All the People of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of
Antoinette Czapla
From Her Family