

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



Journey with Us Discover the Keys to the Kingdom

Through the process of the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** or **RCIA**, we explore and discover the keys to the kingdom. **RCIA** is a restoration of the ancient practice of initiation into the Church. Through a process of discernment, spiritual development and ritualizing stages of conversion, you are guided to sacramental initiation. These Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist which are celebrated at the Easter Vigil open your hearts and empower you to lives of service, charity and justice as witnesses to our mission of *OPUS CHRISTI*, Christ's work. **RCIA** is not a program but a sacramental process. **RCIA** reflects a sacramental attitude that is at the heart of all Christian living: *CONVERSION*, turning your heart to God.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US!

Our next session is Monday evening, **January 9, 2017** from **7:00-8:30 PM** in the Russo Room. Make-up sessions will be available.

We invite you to be our companion on the journey. If you would like more information about **RCIA**, please call Donna Scancarella at [973-779-6200](tel:973-779-6200).

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+17), 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

RCIA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6: January 8, February 5, 26

Grade 2: January 8, 22, February 5, 12, 26

Grades 7, 8: January 22, February 12

Confirmation Grade 9, 10: January 22, February 12

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

- The Monday Night Group: **January 9th & 23rd** at 6:30 PM
- The New & Recently Bereaved Group: **Wednesday, January 11th & 25th** at 7:00 PM.

COLUMBIETTES INVITE YOU

The Columbiettes invite all women 17 years of age and older who are practicing Catholics to an informal gathering on **Friday, January 20, 2017** at **7 PM** in the Molloy Center. Come and meet us to learn about our ministry. Refreshments will be

served. If you have any questions, call Sharon Festa at 973-464-6608. All are welcome!

N ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

SAINT PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Open House

Catholic Schools Week

January 30th – February 3rd, 2017

Tours by Appointment

973-779-4700

The faculty, staff, and students wish everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year! The students just completed their first week of 2017 and are happy to be back with their teachers and classmates. The 8th graders are excited that their official graduation year has arrived as they anxiously await the arrival of their high school acceptance letters. Like the 8th grade January Bulletin Board states, we encourage everyone to "Throw Kindness like Confetti in 2017!" They brainstormed random acts of kindness and wrote them on pieces of paper to display on the bulletin board. It is our hope that the students of St. Philip Prep will read these suggestions and be able to perform these acts of kindness towards their family and friends. As Saint Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." The 7th grade students made a large mural of Our Lady of Guadalupe with each student completing one tile. The 5th grade is making their own rosary beads. St. Philip students are devoted to their faith and academics as well!

N YOUTH MINISTRY

1/12 Movie Night 7-9 PM in the Youth Room

Our Seven Retreat team meetings will begin on **Sunday, January 8**. If you are a high school student and you have been confirmed and are interested in helping lead the Retreat, please contact Andrew ASAP for more information!

N DIOCESAN NEWS

MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life will take place in Washington D.C. on Friday, January 27, 2017. Father Michael Rodak will celebrate Mass at 12:10 PM at St. Peter's Church in Washington D.C. St. Peter's Church is located at 313 2nd Street S.E. See below for a list of buses leaving our Diocese.

PASSAIC COUNTY

Our Lady Queen of Peace, West Milford

Father Michael Rodak (973) 728-8162.

MORRIS COUNTY

Independent (Buses leave from Shop Rite Rt. 206, Chester)

Andy Schlafly aschlafly@aol.com.

Notre Dame of Mount Carmel, Cedar Knolls

Rose Fanelli (973) 428-8304.

St. Mary, Denville

Jim Rizos (973) 627-2596.

Our Lady of the Magnificat, Kinnelon

Anthony DeLello (973) 838-7897.

St. Vincent Martyr, Madison

Julie McGurn (973) 408-9042.

St. Joseph, Mendham

(also includes St. Lawrence, Chester)

Tom Quaglia (908) 347-3660.

St. Michael, Netcong

(also includes St. Jude, Budd Lake, St. Therese, Succasunna

and St. Elizabeth, Flanders)

John Hand (973) 670-7457.

St. Vincent DePaul Parish, Stirling

Danielle Dill (908) 578-2712.

SUSSEX COUNTY

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville

Parish Office (973) 948-3185

PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Joan Hughes, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Ryan G. Micale, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Barbara Sikora, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Sister Beverly Aiazzino, Linda Brady, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Mary Ellen Stanton, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Zigrid Roman, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenko, Susan Russell, Evelyn Wescott, William Steckowich, Ana Cabezas, Theresa Buhler, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Alan Graf

THE DECEASED: Bernadette Watson, Valerie Kaminski, Joseph Rajkowski, Mary Crizzo, Helen Veliky

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: JANUARY 14/15, 2017

5:30 PM	Fr. Kevin	10:00 AM	Fr. Joe
8:00 PM	Fr. Julio	12:00 Noon	Fr. Julio
			Fr. Joe preaching at all

masses.

PARISH GIVING

Solemnity of Mary: Jan 1, 2016 \$ 4,675.00

Total Sunday Collection: Jan 3, 2016

\$16,088.00

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CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2015

\$80,579.00

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2016 (TO DATE)	
\$80,171.00	
January 1, 2017	
Envelopes	\$
9,614.00	
Cash	\$
1,711.00	
Online Giving Donations	\$
3,818.00	
Total	
\$15,143.00	
2 nd Collection: Solemnity of Mary	\$
5,376.00	

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017

- 8:00** Carl Costanza
Robert Parillo
- 10:00** Sarah Scro
Felicia & Pietro Mannarino
Elizabeth Gancher
Gertrude Kovach
Michael Honan
- 12:00** Philomena DiStefano

Claire Chidiac

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

- 7:00** Jerzy Bradtke
9:00 Francesco Papaiani

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

- 7:00** Al Castrovillari
9:00 Catherine "Kitty" Makowski

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017

- 7:00** Cait Hughes
9:00 Elizabeth Horvath

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017

- 7:00** Claire Chidiac
9:00 Alton Ferry

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017

- 7:00** Deceased members of the McNamara Family
9:00 Fred Anthony – 5th Anniversary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017

- 9:00** Vittoria & Antonio Masucci
5:30 Gene Musto – 26th Anniversary
Edward Kishel
Carmel Ramondi

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
10:00 Stephen Salerno
Katherine DiNapoli
Al Castrovillari
Claire Jaeger
Helena Lichk
12:00 Charles Elbert – 2nd Anniversary
Sylvia Fariello

The Sanctuary Candle : In Memory of *Gene Musto*
From his family