

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage. They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

Our daily invitation is to journey on the road in prayer offering our gifts in service to our brothers and sisters. Our gifts are not gold, frankincense and myrrh, but the duties and sacrifices of love given as gifts each day. Sharing our gifts is the way we live as grateful stewards of God's bounty.

Reflection

The people asked, speak to us of Giving:

You give but little when you
give of your possessions.

It is when you give of yourself
that you truly give.

For what are your possessions but
things you keep and guard
for fear you may need them tomorrow? . . .

And what is fear of need but need itself?
Is not dread of thirst when your well is full,
the thirst that is unquenchable?

There are those who give little
of the much which they have -
and they give for recognition
and their hidden desire
makes their gifts unwholesome.

And there are those who have
little and give it all.

These are the believers in life and
the bounty of life,
and their coffer is never empty.

There are those who give with joy,
and that joy is their reward.

And there are those who give with pain,
and that pain is their baptism.

And there are those who give and
know not pain in giving,
nor do they seek joy,
nor give with mindfulness of virtue;

They give as in yonder valley
the myrtle breathes its fragrance into space.

Through the hands of such as these
God speaks,
and from behind their eyes
God smiles upon the earth.
It is well to give when asked,
but it is better to give unasked,
through understanding;
And to the open-handed the search for one who
shall receive is joy greater than giving.
And is there aught you would withhold?
All you have shall some day be given;
Therefore give now, that the season of giving may
be yours.

Kahil Gilran, *The Prophet*

Activity

Read carefully and prayerfully each line of the reflection. How is God guiding you to share of yourself?

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 $20+C+M+B=(\text{year})$. 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 ($20+C+M+B+19$), 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

MEDITATION HOUR



Please join us for prayer, guided meditation and reflection on **Thursday, January 10th in Church at 7 pm.**

GOOD NEWS FOR PARENTS

Join us on **Sunday, January 13th** at 9:00 AM in the Russo Room as we explore ways of managing your lives and your roles as parents. Julia Gabriele, Family & Executive Coach, will facilitate along with members of our Pastoral Staff. Future session dates are: Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 7, May 5 **All are welcome!**

ST. PHILIP'S JUBILEE HISTORY DOCUMENTARY

The Greater Works Film about the history of St. Philip the Apostle Parish, created by Fr. Matt, will be on sale after all masses the weekend of **January 12-13** and at the Molloy Center: DVD is \$15 and Blu-Ray is \$20.

RCIA

Journey with Us!

Our next RCIA session is **Monday, January 14th** from **7:00-8:30 pm** in the Russo Room. For more information about **RCIA**, please call Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1 – 6: **Sunday, January 6**

Grades 2, 7-10: **Sunday, January 13**

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The faculty, staff, and students wish everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year. The 8th graders are excited that their official graduation year has arrived and are anxiously awaiting the news of their high school acceptances. Good Luck to the Class of 2019 during this time.

Students in grades 4 – 8 are preparing to take their Midterm Exams. Intermediate students begin their exams this week into next week. Middle School students will be taking their exams the week of January 14th. Good Luck to all students and may the guidance of the Holy Spirit be with you.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

1st and 3rd Wednesday: The VFW Hall -Valley Rd; 8:00 pm

SPOUSAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

Next meetings: **Tuesday, January 8th & 22nd** at **7 pm** in the Russo Room. Please contact Thalia Sanchez 862-295-1688.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

Monday, January 14, 2019 at **6:00 pm** in the Molloy Center.

PRAY FOR

THE NEWLY MARRIED:

Anthony Joseph Genchi & Amanda Marie Atieh

THE DECEASED: Martha Mazzocco, Michael D. Marinaro, Doris Blackwell, Helen Marro, Cloris Kalemba, Gabriel Liegry

THE SICK: Mercy Mulligan, Chris Mueller, Brian Lipari

The names of parishioners that will be published in the bulletin can only be added by the sick person themselves or a designated authority for a limited period of time. The qualification for inclusion in the bulletin is for those who are gravely ill and in need of urgent prayer.

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: JANUARY 12/13, 2019

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

PARISH GIVING

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DECEMBER 25, 2017	\$85,812.00
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DECEMBER 25, 2018 (TO DATE)	\$79,286.00
PROJECT FAITH COLLECTION	\$ 3,848.00
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SUNDAY COLLECTION: DECEMBER 31, 2017	\$16,618.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: DECEMBER 30, 2018	
Envelopes	\$13,188.00
Cash	\$ 1,480.00
Online giving donation	\$ 4,912.00
Total	\$19,580.00

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

- 8:00** Anne & Anthony Lipari
10:00 Patsy Sinisi
Matthew Telesh
Robert Parillo-9th Anniversary
Gabino Watanabe
12:00 Andrew Doychak
Angela & Herbert Pugliese

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

- 7:00** Patsy Sinisi – 1st Anniversary
9:00 Diane McNally

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019

- 7:00** Helen Marro
9:00 Gabriel Liegey

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

- 7:00** Francesco Papaiani
9:00 Dennis Sliwonski

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019

- 7:00** Dorothea Stepka
9:00 A. M. & C. Mildred Petaccio

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

- 7:00** Henry Yobs
9:00 Anita Saam Young - 1st Anniversary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019

- 9:00** Elena & Carmine Monzo
5:30 Claire Neglia
Gene Musto – 27th Anniversary
Dorothea Stepka

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
10:00 Fred Anthony – 7th Anniversary
Dorothea Stepka
Felicia & Pietro Mannarino
Helen Marro
12:00 Pedro Ravelo
Dorothy Ravener

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

The Offertory Gifts: In Memory of
Diane Poskonka
From the Family

