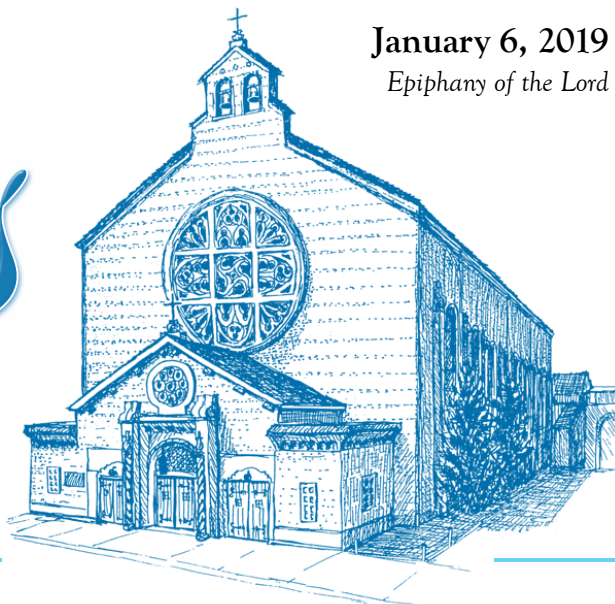


The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of
SAINT MARGARET MARY

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Epiphany of the Lord

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Excerpts
from the
Lectionary
for Mass
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Magi from the east arrived in
Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the
newborn king of the Jews?"

We saw his star at its rising and
have come to do him homage."

~Mt 2:1b-2

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Howard Schneider

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

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Weekday

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 pm.

An appointment can also be made
by calling one of the priests.

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9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm

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We certainly have heard the song “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” The twelve days refers to the number of days between Christmas Day and the Feast of the Epiphany which traditionally has been January 6th which was a Holy Day of Obligation. However, in recent times, many dioceses throughout the world have transferred the Feast of the Epiphany to the closest Sunday around January 6th. This year, however, is one of those years when there are a full twelve days between Christmas and Epiphany (day one would have been December 26th).

Among the customs that are celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany is the blessing of homes. A lot of times, people think that only a priest can bless a home. In some sense, it is true. Only a priest or a deacon can invoke the blessing of God when it is done in the name of the Church. In other words, when a family requests a home to be blessed by a priest or a deacon, the family is acting out of its relationship to the Universal Church. In these instances, the act of blessing the home becomes a moment where the entire Church acts together to invoke the blessing of God upon the home. The priest or deacon stands as the official representative of the Church.

However, the blessing of a home—in fact, the blessing of any other object—can actually be done by any of the Catholic faithful. In the ancient Jewish custom, it was actually the father of the family (who was not necessarily one of the priests of the Temple) who was the leader of all the family prayers. The blessing of the home on Epiphany is one of those prayers that can and actually should be led by one or both of the parents of the family. Here is a little history of the custom as well as a way to celebrate the blessing in your homes this weekend.

The blessing of the home on Epiphany comes from an ancient practice. Today's feast marks an important moment because the Magi presumably left their audience with the Child Jesus bringing his message to the people of their homeland. The custom of blessing the home on Epiphany is rooted in the Christian vocation to bring Christ into every aspect of human living. What better way is there to accomplish this than by bringing Jesus into the very place where families interact with one another and greet their guests? The home is the central place of family life and has been considered the “domestic church.” It is fitting, then, to have the home blessed on the Feast of the Epiphany.

The blessing invoked on the Feast of the Epiphany is a powerful prayer of protection over the family and the home. The prayer also is one of guidance. When blessing a home, it is not necessarily placing a guarantee that nothing will break down or nothing bad will happen to the home. However, to bless a home means that we are reminding ourselves that no matter what may happen—good or bad—God lives there. If God lives there, not only will the family be under the protection of God but each member of the family is then called to live one's life with the constant realization that God is everywhere. If God is everywhere, we must live according to God's commands at all times and in all instances.

The blessing on Epiphany is a simple one which families can do even without the presence of a priest or deacon. The members of the household should all gather together in the home for prayer. The prayer may begin by the main door to the home. There, the head of the family—either the mother or father or both—leads the prayer with the Sign of the Cross and continues with a reading from scripture (Luke 19:1–10 would be a good one). Then, going to each room, above each doorway in the home, a member of the family writes in chalk:

20 + C + M + B + 19

This blessing can be repeated every year which is why it is best to write in chalk which can be easily erased. The numbers represent the current year. Obviously, next year the numbers will change.

What does not change, though, are the crosses and the initials. The cross, of course, symbolize the Cross of Christ which is the greatest protection from evil. The four crosses represent the 4 Evangelists who shared with us the Good News. The initials “CMB” stand for the invocation in Latin, “*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*” which is translated as “May Christ bless this house.” The letters may also stand for the traditional names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar. After each doorway in the home has been marked, the family may recite the Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be. The home is blessed for the year.



Fr. Tirso Villaverde, Jr.

NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC ACADEMY is now enrolling three and four year olds for the 2019-20 school year. NCA is an award-winning academy that has half and full-day preschool. For more information, please go to NorthsideCatholic.org or call 773-743-6277, ext. 207 and schedule a private admissions tour.



DECEMBER 2018 CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

TICKET NUMBER	NAME
893	Kathleen Rocks
995	Jim Heneghan
178	Isaac Hanviriyapunt
44	C. A. Kelly
910	Abe Bulaclac
43	M. Kneafsey
954	Gabriel
991	Jeanette McGowan
935	Jeanette Lange
927	Edgar Elamparo
618	Luis Velasquez
805	Maureen Varallo
206	Susan Lynch
202	Rosslyn Carlson
1001	Judith Moylan
288	Don Porfirio
782	Ray Schmid
553	Lenore Kanary
778	Corazon Joson
786	Maritza Chavez
39	Conor Lyons
738	Dennis Aserna
941	Dan Kotowski
170	Marianne Littau
497	Fr. Hal Murphy
747	Pilar Annalee DeRamos
230	Stephen & Mary Kay Kochis
240	Bonnie Martin
483	Joseph Okpala
356	Joanne Tecic
17	Ingrid Palanca

COLLECTION REPORT

December 30, 2018

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$3,416.21
Loose Money	\$1,116.70
Total Collection	\$4,532.91
Variance	(\$4,409.09)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	94

HOLY SPIRIT LIFE LEARNING CENTER

The Holy Spirit Life Learning Center will be offering various educational and skill building programs for children and adults starting on Monday, January 7, 2019. We will be offering basic English as a Second Language, basic computer, sewing, knitting/crochet, homework help for children, guitar lessons for beginners, and other programs. We also offer individual counseling for adults once per week. For more information about the schedule and registration, please call 773-764-3000 or visit in person at 2020 W. Morse Avenue.



Readings for the week of January 6, 2019

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/ Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/ Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/ Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

EXERCISE CLASS meets in the Activity Center on Tuesdays & Fridays from 9:30am to 10:30am. For more information, call Bernadette Dunne, 773-764-9422

BOY SCOUT TROOP 923

Come join the fun! Boys aged 11 and up are welcome to join Troop 923. We meet every Tuesday from 7:00 to 9pm in the Rectory Hall. Contact us by email at HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.



WOMEN'S CENTER NEWS FOR JANUARY

In our nation, about 1 million abortions are performed each year. The aborted babies aren't the only victims. Their mothers are also victims who, in many cases, were pressured into the abortion. Sooner or later they experience horrible grief and depression. At The Women's Centers we try to help women struggling with a problem pregnancy and save them from grieving later.

Part Time Job Openings: Seeking RDMS Certified Sonographers to conduct limited OB ultrasounds. Multiple shifts are available in our Cicero Avenue office. Contact Meghan at 773-794-4771 or email mmeehan@gowc.org.

Volunteers Needed: This is a great opportunity to work with friends or meet new friends and help a good cause. Flexible hours are available and drop-ins are welcome at our Cicero Avenue office to sort donated items, to assist clients in our Family Room and help with mailings and baby bottle projects. For more information, call us at 708-320-4066.

Save the Date: Saturday, February 9th, for our 34th Annual Life Banquet benefitting The Women's Center. The event will be held at Avalon Banquets on Higgins Road. Keynote Speaker is Dr. Ron Archer, best-selling author, business executive, NFL consultant, Military Leadership consultant, corporate leadership trainer and life-changing speaker. You won't want to miss this one! Visit www.GoTWC.org. The super price for the banquet is \$55.00 per person of \$500 for a table of 10 and \$30 for under age 18. For tickets, call 773-794-1313.

Overwhelmed with gifts and/or Christmas gifts you can't use? Please consider donating them to The Women's Center for our Silent Auction. We need NEW items: gifts for her/him/children; gift certificates to restaurants, theaters, sporting events; sports equipment; housewares; jewelry; electronic or technology items, etc. You may not be able to use it, but we can! Please contact Dolores at 773-794-1313.

Seeing donations for our Family Room: We are in immediate need of 6 infant car seat/carriers, also 5 large car seats for 20 to 40 lb (by law, all car seats must be less than 7 years old), toddler beds, baby swings, exersaucers, baby carriers (front and back). We also need baby food (in date) and Enfamil formula, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby wipes, and diapers in size 5 and 6 only and pull-up diapers in all sizes and women's hygiene products. We also need winter boys' and girls' clothing in all sizes. These items can only be picked up when accompanied by baby furniture. Please call 773-794-1313 for our drop off address or if a pick-up by a volunteer is needed.

CYCLES OF FAITH Epiphany of the Lord

"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.'" How strange to journey so far for perhaps so little. Of course the magi go to the capitol city. Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the child? "In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare. Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!

REST IN PEACE

Our blessed Lord has called home **Claude Frey** for whom we promise our prayers that he may live in joy In His presence.



+PARISH DEVOTIONS+

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA
Every Wednesday at 8:00 am.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday following 8:45 am Mass until 7:00 pm.

Please enter the middle door, school side.

(Become a regular, call

Mila Cobarrubias at 773-814-4282 or

Judith Seruelo at 773-764-0247.)

Mass at 7:00 pm on First Fridays;

Vespers and Benediction at 7:00 pm
on all other Fridays.

HEART OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING

Every Friday at 7:30 pm in Rectory Hall.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Every 1st Friday of the month

beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm.

Fellowship follows after Mass.

Contact person: Terry Luciano, 773-677-7347

FATIMA ROSARY

First Saturday of the month
immediately following 4 pm Mass.

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Arrangements should be made
at least three months in advance.

Baptisms: On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month
immediately following the 10:30 am mass. Please make
arrangements at least one month in advance.

Preparation class held on the 2nd Tuesday
of each month at 7:00 pm in the rectory

R.C.I.A.

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic
Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our new parishioners and
invite them to register at the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 6, 2019 Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am Chris Murtaugh
10:30 am Julita Trovela
Crispin Trovela
Living members of Nwanah Family

Monday, January 7 St. Raymond of Penafort

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, January 8

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Wednesday, January 9

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, January 10

8:00 am Teodora Santos

Friday, January 11

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Saturday, January 12

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM
4:00 pm Ann Donohue
Chuck Baggary
Kate Kanney

Sunday, January 13 Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am Deceased members of SMM
10:30 am Arcadio Santos
Julita Trovela
Living members of Nwanah Family



CLASSIFIEDS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR SALE: dn rm tbl w/5 chrs, Belleek, leaded glass, mirrors, lamps, etc, 773-759-1942;

FOR RENT: snny 3rd fl wlk-up, 2 bdrm, 1 bth, incl ht, garage avail, \$1600/month, Moniquetarrytown@gmail.com; sm office spaces \$300-\$600/mo, perfect for 1-8 person office, quiet environment, 24 hr access, Neal Gallo, 773-743-6565 or Neal.gallo.gznm@statefarm.com; 6.5 rm, 3rd fl of 3 flt, cntrl ht/air, 1500 sq ft, now, Peg, 773-274-7534;

SEEKING TO RENT: mature sub teachr needs affordable 1 bdrm in Chgo, Walciszek@yahoo.com;

LOOKING FOR CAREGIVER? Direct hire or thru agency, I can help, Eric, 312-593-0819;

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, January 7

Pauline Ohiri

Wednesday, January 9

A Volunteer Is Needed

Saturday, January 12

A Volunteer Is Needed

Lectors

Saturday, January 5

4:00 pm Maureen Varallo & Judy Moylan

Sunday, January 6

8:30 am Janet & Tim Murtaugh
10:30 am Leonard Kohl & Betty David

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, January 5

4:00 pm D. Cole, G. Lindor, M. Fallon & J. Ashbach

Sunday, January 6

8:30 am P. & R. Mackin, L. Igboanugo, R. Hardy, L. Honda & C. Chima
10:30 am M. Neba, J. Stoner, J. Seruelo, M.K. McGuire, M. Grigsby, P. Ohiri & B. Skiles

Lectors

Saturday, January 12

4:00 PM Lee Draus & Julie Ashbach

Sunday, January 13

8:30 am Richard Schaefer & Reid Mackin
10:30 am Alex Luciano & Lucy Ibekwem

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, January 12

4:00 pm M. Neba, J. Moylan, G. Lindor, D. Cole & M. Varallo

Sunday, January 13

8:30 am J. & T. Murtaugh, C. Chima, L. Honda, R. Hardy & L. Igboanugo
10:30 am B. Alban, B. Bingham, T. Luciano, V. Onyeaghala, G. Potucek, K. Conorquie & Y. Malicay