



The Epiphany of the Lord
Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace,
till the moon be no more.

— *Psalm 72:7*



STARLIGHT When we consider the entire Gospel message, we must move beyond the mere appearance of a celestial body such as the star that appeared to the magi. In today's readings, many larger themes are present. A world filled with light, bursting with joy, dedicating itself to the reign of justice and

peace, is present throughout the Scriptures. The magi themselves are "overjoyed" at the appearance of the star, not for itself, but because of whom it represents. Filled with this joy, they bow down and pay homage to Jesus.

The season of the Nativity is one of great joy—so great that the Church gives us these twelve days of Christmas to celebrate. Beyond today we need to remember that, as disciples, the purpose of this season's joy is to refresh us and strengthen us for the mission of proclaiming the coming of God's reign. The star in Matthew's Gospel is only significant when, through us, it becomes the good fortune of the hungry fed and the homeless sheltered, the poor cared for through our charity, and the powerless finding a voice in our witness. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Like the star in today's Gospel, parents are expected to lead children to Jesus by being clearly "seen" and by "going before them" with good example. For the sake of the children, be a "star."

USHER'S INSTALLATION DINNER will be held on Friday, January 17th from 6:30PM – 1:00AM in the cafeteria. Dinner will be catered by Fergie and there will be songs from Elvis! For more information call Tom Peck at 866-3138.

UPCOMING PRO-LIFE EVENTS

PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, January 18th at the Avalon Hotel. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5.25 for children ages 3-10. Mark Pickup will deliver a dramatic address entitled "To be or not to be: the Human Family." Childcare is available at no charge.

GREATER ERIE MARCH & MOTORCADE will take place on Saturday, January 18th beginning at 12:30PM. Marchers should assemble at 10th and State by 12:15PM. The March and Motorcade will conclude with a brief Memorial Service at the Gazebo in Perry Square.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP Reservations are now being accepted for People for Life's bus trip to Washington D.C. for the 30th March for Life on January 22nd. Marchers will board buses at 11:00PM on Tuesday evening, January 21st and return home about 1:00AM on January 23rd. The entire trip takes 26 hours. Bus seats

are \$38. For more information on any of these events call 459-1333 or 882-1333.



This great feast of Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas Season. It marks the visit of the three Kings to Bethlehem and celebrates the fact that Jesus, the Messiah, was born to all people, Jew and Gentile. It reminds us how God's own manifestation was in the form of a helpless infant, born of simple means in a very ordinary place. Families today often can't find time to grow together as a loving family unit but in the midst of their busyness parents have an opportunity to nurture and form their children. Here is the good news: God is present in our homes and in our lives, loving, healing and empowering us. The sacred is visible in the ordinary concerns of family life: the tender embrace of loved ones, a simple family meal, or a painful family argument. Everywhere families turn, they meet God. The challenge for the family is to recognize God in the ordinary moments. Grace is present in the day to day events of human life, in the people who make up the family and in the home, which is the sacred space of their everyday lives. A blessing is a simple prayer which can bring a spiritual dimension to an event, a relationship or a place. Through the Blessing of their Home, families are invited to use their imagination and to experience God's loving presence in new and powerful ways to bring them closer to each other and to God.

HOME BLESSING

The family gathers at the front door of their home.

PRAYER: May all who enter this house see the face of God.

Then the family moves throughout the home as one member of the family (this task may be shared along the way) takes the holy water and an evergreen branch as they walk from room to room blessing each space in the home. Be sure to include doorways, porches, fireplace rooms and other "sacred spaces" in the home as well as the ordinary places. At each step, the following prayer is said:

PRAYER: Bless this space, O lord, and those who pass this way. Deliver us from every evil and show us your face.

As it was begun, end at the front door of the home. When all are assembled at the doorway, mark the top frame of the doorway, using chalk, or a sign made in advance, with the current year and the initials of the Three Wise Men, Balthasar, Kasper and Melchior, and the year "20 B + K + M 03." Or instead of using the initials of the Wise Men, you may wish to use the initials of some special visitors who brought Christ into your home in the past year.

PRAYER: Bless our home, Lord, with peace and the joy of your presence. Heal all of our family who are in need of your touch. Teach us how to offer hospitality to every guest, seeing your face in every stranger and welcoming all who enter here as you welcome us into Your Kingdom in this life and the next. Praise be to God. AMEN

THANK YOU to Benny Szumigala of Teresa's Deli for his donation, which was applied towards the Girls cheerleading uniforms. He is always supportive of our different organizations; especially the kids and we appreciate his support.

SUBSTITUTE NURSES are needed by the City of Erie School District which provide nurses for all public, parochial and private

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schools. If you are a RN and are interested in flexible, part-time work with children during school hours, please call the School District Medical Department at 874-6097.

PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for all the sick and shut-in of our Parish

*Baptized into the Christian Community
through the waters of Baptism:*

ANNALISE MARIE SANTONE
*Daughter of Joe and Heather [Adams] Santone
and*

CALEB STEVEN BROBST
Son of Steven and Karen[Karle] Brobst

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

Mon 1/6 Marge Wiertel, Marie Delio, Judy Rosatti, Gabriele Giusti, Ann Galla, Amy Rivera

Tues 1/7 Marie Elsesser, Michelle Perry, Beth Valkosky, Barb Sala, Mary Shaffer, Helen Knecht, Eleanor Reisenweber

Wed 1/8 Joe & Barb McCormick, Sue Kelly, Joni Medvec, Becky Smith, Marilyn Konopka, Tina Malpiedi

Thurs 1/9 Marianne Zimmerman, Diana Kramer, Lori Howland, Maggie Cacchione, Rose Agostini, Lorrie Schumacher

Fri 1/10 Elaine Snyder, Marilyn Balliett, Tom Tssario, Jack Kohler, Tom Wilson

31 CLUB VOCATIONS – MASS REMINDERS

Monday, Jan 6 – Rose Kulich, Mary Lou Peterson

Tuesday, Jan 7 – Peggy Lavosky, Henry Zarembo

Wednesday Jan 8 – Jack Hoffman

Thursday Jan 9 – Jack Hoffman

Friday Jan 10 – Mary Zbach

Saturday Jan 11 – Carrie Sciamanda

Sunday Jan 12 – Eleanor Fratus, Mary Alice Haibach

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for Edward Wiertel from Mr. and Mrs. George Tkacik.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

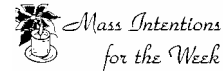
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29 or Is 12:2-6;
Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

LAKE SHORE VISITOR If you would like to subscribe to the Lake Shore Visitor or renew your current subscription, please use your blue envelope that was in your Nov/Dec envelope packet. The price is still only \$20.

29th ANNUAL GENE ADAMS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT proudly presents an evening with “Abbey Road” (Beatles cover band) on Saturday, January 25th in Geiger Hall from 7-Midnight. The evening includes Casino games and refreshments. \$10 per person. For more information call 866-8013.



Monday, January 6 – Blessed Andre Bessette

7:00 +Leroy Hintz / Patti Sedlock

8:00 +Irene Kuhn / Family

Tuesday, January 7 – St. Raymond of Penyafort

7:00 +Virginia DeLuca / Dolores Heisler

8:00 +Betty Niebauer / Ben and Jackie Presutti

Wednesday, January 8 – Weekday

7:00 +Helen Mikolajczyk / Theresa Matuszak & Jim Michael

8:00 +Rita Sumner / Angie Muck

Thursday, January 9 – Weekday

7:00 +Dorothy Wray / Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bruno [Birthday]

8:00 +Lillian Waylonis / Francis Waylonis

Friday, January 10 – Weekday

7:00 +Bernard & Emma Kaprowicz / Richard &

Connie Ciecierski

8:45 +Sandra Criscione / Marianne Zimmerman

Saturday, January 11 – Vigil: Baptism of the Lord

5:15 +Mary Jane “Honey” Gruver / Mary Grace Goetz

Sunday, January 12 – Baptism of the Lord

7:30 *People of the Parish

9:00 +John Heher / Virginia Lechner

11:00 +Charles & Dolores Haise / Family & Friends [Birthday]

7:30 +Bernard & Emma Kaprowicz / Family

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT - DEC 22

Weekly Need: \$ 11,400.00

Adult Offering: \$ 7,452.20 – 622 envelopes

Loose Collection: \$ 725.00

Youth Offering: \$ 72.32 – 87 envelopes

Total: \$ 8,249.52

CHRISTMAS

Adult Offering: \$ 6,605.00 – 445 envelopes

Loose Collection: \$ 1,519.00

Youth Offering: \$ 180.10 – 77 envelopes

Total: \$ 8,304.10

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT

“Celebrating Yesterday, Creating Tomorrow”

\$750,000 Parish Target Goal

\$526,930.74 Pledged to Date

\$171,137.53 Paid to Date

690 Pledges

Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.

With everyone’s help, we can make it.

CHILDREN’S CORNER

During this past week some of our children noted on their Church envelopes ways they shared their time and talents: “I helped decorate the Christmas tree, I took down the laundry, I helped my

mom decorate the house for Christmas, I made cookies, I helped Mom clean the room and do laundry and helped my Grammy with the kitties, I helped decorate the tree, I played with my sister, I helped my dad put together our new TV and helped shovel at my house and my grandma's house, I was nice to my sister, I played with my brother and helped Grandma wrap Christmas presents, I helped Abby get her balloon down, I offered to do extra school patrol duty, I helped wrap Christmas presents, we were helpful to others." We thank them for sharing their time, talent, and treasures by using their Church envelopes.