The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

DAILY MASSES
Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m.

CONFESSION
Saturday 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

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Open For Children
Age Three and Four
Welcome to Saints Aedan & Brendan Parish

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CALENDAR

Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Mary’s Church Hall
Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Decoration Cleanup in Church
Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.

Weekly Financial Summary:
December 14, 2020—December 20, 2020
$2,987.00

December 21, 2020—December 27, 2020
Due to the Early Printing of the Bulletin (12/23/2020)
Financial Information is not Available at Print Time

The Second Collection This Weekend is for The Monthly Collection

Christmas Flower Offering 2020
In Memory Of:
Louis Becker Jr.
Leigh Canalori
Nick & Adeline Canalori
Joseph & Donna Castricone & Families
John & Hattie Cody
Monsignor Edmund Cody
Nunzio & Francis Corrubba
Brian Driscoll
Stephen Garcia
Noni Gardella
Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Giglio
Mary C. Hayden
Mr. & Mrs. W. Kellaher
Deceased Members of Kowalski Family
Ly Family
Liedke Family Members
Lillian & Joseph Maltese
Mr. & Mrs. J. McCarthy
Richard Moore
Genevieve Murphy
Jack & Mary Murphy
Ordazzo Family Members
Reopell Family
Fred & Elsie Sanford
Marcia Sanford
Mrs. L. Solomon
Ms. S. Solomon
Deceased Members of Sponheimer Family
Augusto & Carolina Tarsi
Rosa & Jim Tarsi
Mr. & Mrs. Maynard Voccia
All Departed Members of Szulga & Flynn Family & Friends
In Honor Of:
Ann Murphy
Edmund Murphy

We have tried to include all names, but some were illegible so may not be included in this list.
Epiphany: A Showing, An Appearance, A Revelation...

The solemn celebration of the Epiphany is celebrated in the United States on the Sunday between January 2nd and 8th. This year, Epiphany is celebrated today, January 3th a Sunday before the official end of the Christmas season on the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, January 10. It is then that we return to Ordinary Time and that is why Christmas decorations are appropriately removed after January 10th.

The Epiphany comes from the Greek “epiphaniein” which means a showing, appearance, or revelation. It was used to describe the appearance of a god among the people, a theophany, or a visit from some civil dignitary. The Greek-speaking Church in the east found it natural to use the word to describe the appearance of the true God in flesh.

For us today, the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation to the world of the newborn Christ as Messiah, Son of God, and Savior of the world. Within the one feast we celebrate the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast of Cana in Galilee. These three events are recalled as the Son of God is revealed to the world.

There is a wonderful video called “The Star of Bethlehem” that scientifically unlocks the mystery of the world’s most famous star. Producer Stephen McEveety (The Passion of the Christ) presents an amazing documentary on the Star of Bethlehem. The presentation explores the exciting truth of Scripture and reveals the evidence for God’s existence as seen in the stars above. The presenter, Rick Larson walks the viewer through biblical and historical clues revealing the incredible significance of the celestial event as well as the vastness of God’s creativity. This video can be borrowed from Fr. Morgewicz.

A popular tradition since the Middle Ages performed on the Epiphany is the blessing of homes with holy water. The ritual calls for a priest or parent to mark with chalk the inside of the main door with the initials of the Magi and a code of the current year connected with crosses: 20+C+M+B+14. Another explanation of the initials (C,M,B) is that they stand for the first letters of the blessing: Christus mansionem benedicat (“May Christ bless this house”). What a wonderful tradition to begin in your own family for the parent of the house to take holy water (available from the Church in the font near the ramp entrance) and perform the ritual. God Bless and may the manifestation of Christ, as honored on the Epiphany be demonstrated by you to the world each and every day of your life.

The Crèche of St. Francis

The tradition of having some kind of Nativity scene, also known by its French name (crèche), in Churches and homes evolved during the Middle Ages, first in churches as a prop for Nativity plays associated with Mass. A crèche is a reproduction of the cave in Bethlehem with the principal characters: Mary, Joseph, the infant Jesus in a manger, shepherds, angels, and animals.

St. Francis of Assisi popularized this custom with a living Nativity scene at Greccio, Italy, in 1223. These scenes, constructed from every sort of material, spread throughout Christendom.

The above information was composed from the work of Greg Dues in his wonderful book Catholic Customs and Traditions, Twenty-Third Publications, Mystic, CT, 2004.
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