

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 6, 2019



Monday, 6:45 AM	1/7 MICHAEL ANDREOLI	FAMILY
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	1/8 CELESTE SALVATORE	MARIE, TOM & FAMILY
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	1/9 MERIGGI, RUGGERO & KNIGHT FAMILIES	FAMILY
Thursday, 6:45 AM	1/10 PASQUALE & ERSILIA DI BONAVENTURA	DAUGHTER
Friday, 6:45 AM	1/11 DOMINIC PILEGGI	PILEGGI FAMILY
Saturday, 6:45 AM 5:30 PM	1/12 SISTER ANNE GALLAGER, OSF JOSEPH RYBICKI, SR.	FRIEND WIFE
Sunday, 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	1/13 PARISHIONERS ROBERT WILLIAMS ANNE DOUGHERTY	WIFE & FAMILY DAUGHTER



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm:

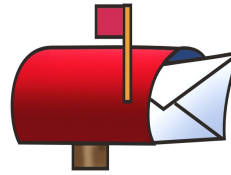
Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

2nd Reading:

Acts 10:34-38

Gospel:

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Epiphany of the Lord

e·piph·a·ny [ə'pifənē]

NOUN

- the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12).
- the festival commemorating the Epiphany on January 6.
- a manifestation of a divine or supernatural being.
- a moment of sudden revelation or insight.

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. It might be interesting to get our bearings with the scriptural source for the feast, as well as consider where we might be in the story.

Matthew's Gospel gives us the angelic messengers to Joseph. The first sets his mind at ease about the child that Mary is carrying. Later, the second warns him about the dangers with Herod and directs him to take Mary and Jesus and head to Egypt. It is also Matthew who gives us the story of the astrologers or Magi coming from the east. Interestingly they encounter this holy family in a house.

Luke's Gospel gives us, instead, the presence of the awestruck shepherds at both the birth of Jesus and the appearance in the sky of angels singing their song of glory. Luke seems to give us a story focusing more on the simplicity of this young family: a birth in a stable, the presence of shepherds, Luke also appears to wield an artistic brush in the presentation of this tableau, leaving little to the imagination.

Reflection allows us to consider the audience for which each composed their accounts. Matthew seems to be nudging his hearers to accept the presence of strangers; Luke appears to want us to remember that Jesus came for all of us, even the poorest of the poor (shepherds were looked down upon by the society of the day). Both seem to have a concern for inclusion and go to great lengths to tailor this part of their gospel.

How well are you incorporating the divine, the stranger, and the poorest of the poor into your living of the Gospel?

Happy Epiphany!

Father Mark



"In our duties we must work calmly and with composure, performing them as promptly as possible and as well as we can. When we rush or lose our peace of mind, our tasks will be done poorly or not at all."

St. Francis de Sales

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 12/23/18

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$13,837.01
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$11,017.12
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	+\$2,819.89
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 25.6%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$18,208.33

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

In your charity, please pray for
all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Kenyon Blough
Tori Daniello
Joe Formisano
Louis Jung
Ivone Marvel
Joe Meriggi
Fr. Francis Pileggi, OSFS
Vanessa Rivera
Albert Vietri

Nancy Brown
Anita DiSimpico
Christopher Ganey
John Malone
Lorraine McLaughlin
Jerry Osborne
Jack Pipa
Larry Silvestri
Robert Walton

Nancy Ciocca
Tommy DiVirgilio
James Ganey
Ronald Marsilii
Eva Meriggi
Kelly Panella
James Poppiti
Eileen Swindel

...and all the sick of St. Anthony's Parish.

Catholic Forum

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 6:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. After it airs, listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/Catholic-Forum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. Next Sunday, January 13th, Maureen McCullough will discuss the work of Catholic Relief Services who recently celebrated their 75th anniversary. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum.

Christian Unity

On Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7pm, at Simpson United Methodist Church, 907 Centerville Rd, Wilmington, DE 19804, all are invited to attend a service of prayer for Christian Unity with special attention to the students and teachers of our local school districts. Because these children and teenagers are our future, we urge everyone to take part.

Souper Bowl Food Collection Drive



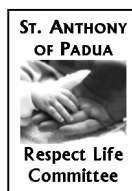
The Knights of Columbus are conducting their annual special food drive through Super Bowl Sunday on February 3, 2019. Please bring any non-perishable food items and place them in the large wicker

basket located in the rear of the church. All donations will be delivered to the St. Patrick's Center Food Bank. As always, your generosity is appreciated!

Via Crucis Sign-Up

To be a part of the 2019 presentation of the Via Crucis, come to the sign-up in the Church at 1:30 PM on January 13th, 2019. Join students from over 30 schools in the cast and choir. Bring your friends, all are welcome. There will also be a short rehearsal from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. REMEMBER ALL ARE WELCOME INCLUDING SINGERS FOR THE CHOIR.

Respect Life: Fact of Life



"I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself."

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Second Collection

Next weekend, January 12th and 13th, there is no scheduled second collection.

March for Life

St. Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus has chartered a bus for people of all ages, weather permitting, for the *March for Life* held on Friday, January 18th in Washington DC. There will be a stop at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for those unable to make the March. Seats will be available on a first come basis. The only cost to the individual passenger is a tip for the bus driver. Brown bag lunch recommended. Please contact Jo Ann Van Heest at 12374Columbiettes@gmail.com or 302-239-0739 for details or to sign up. The theme for this year's March is "Unique from Day One."



Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for Padua's Musical Theater program

When: Friday, January 11th, 2019
Time: 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Cost: Adults \$15, Students \$10 (age 5 and under \$5)
Includes salad, bread, spaghetti, meatball, drink, coffee and dessert and performances by the cast of "Anything Goes"

Where: Padua Academy, 905 N.Broom St.
Wilmington, DE 19806 (please enter the by the 10th and Broom St. doors)

For more information, contact Lisa Kowalski at lkowalski@paduaacademy.org.

All proceeds benefit Padua Academy's Musical Theater Program.

Religious Goods Store

We offer a wide selection of devotional items, including statues, medals, Bibles, and much more! The store is open before & after Masses. Proceeds from items sold at the store benefit the Oblate Missions Ministry.

Parish Calendar

Wednesday

6:00 PM, YAC (Grade School)

Thursday

7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal



Monday, Jan. 7

through

Sunday, Jan. 13

(All events listed in the Parish Calendar are in church unless otherwise noted.)

Grade School Calendar

Wednesday

6:30 PM, Home & School

Meeting (Ballad Room)

Friday

8:00 AM, Mass



Music Ministry News

On Epiphany Sunday, we will continue our tradition of Menotti's (another Italian composer) *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. It is a one-hour musical play about a crippled 12 year old boy named Amahl who is visited by the Three Kings who need a place to rest while on their journey to the Christ Child. Amahl is less than well-behaved and lots of fun and frolic develop between Amahl and the Kings. Mark the date, January 6th, at 4 PM and bring all the kids. This is a perfect play for not only the young but the young at heart as well. Please support us by bringing your entire family. Admission is free and King Kasper always has a treat for the children.

Vocations

An "epiphany" is a revelation. Every day, God uses religious sisters, religious brothers and priests to reveal His great love for the people He has chosen to be His own. Is the Lord calling you to serve the Church through a religious vocation? If you think so, call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org). And check out our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!



CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND MASSES

Sunday, January 6, 2019: The Epiphany of the Lord

5:30 PM - Vigil Mass – Saturday, January 5, 2019

7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 AM

Epiphany Pageant at 11:00 AM Mass

followed by refreshments in the Ballad Room.

4:00 PM, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by Gian Carlo Menotti

Birthright Bottles for Babies

Birthright of Delaware is so grateful for your generous support of Bottles for Babies in November 2018. St Anthony of Padua raised \$1,626.51 so far. We are expecting straggler bottles to trickle in. At that point, we will continue to add to our total. Thank you for sharing in our work of serving mothers and their babies! We really appreciate EVERY one of you!

January (Epiphany Sunday) Parish Monthly Social

The January parish social will be held on Sunday, 1/6/2019 (Epiphany Sunday), in the Ballad Room of the Grade School, following the 9AM & 11AM Masses. Stop by for food, fun, and socializing with fellow parishioners and friends. The social, as always, will feature a variety of great donuts and tomato pie from Serpe's Bakery, delicious breakfast pizzas from Degners Greenhill Deli, and more! Hope you can join us!