

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2016
LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 2

5:00 p.m. – Mary Polinak req. by Ralph J. & Laura M. Andreatta

Sunday, January 3

8:30 a.m. – Sophie Swenty req. by Joanne Gula

10:00 a.m. – Joseph Christoff req. by the Maulbeck family

Monday, January 4

12:00 p.m. – Alice Scutari

Tuesday, January 5

12:00 p.m. – Aniela Debska

Wednesday, January 6

12:00 p.m. – Lenore Jones

Thursday, January 7

12:00 p.m. – Anne Bahnatka req. by Donna & Mike Lucas & family

Friday, January 8

8:00 a.m. – Emilia Cichon

Saturday, January 9

5:00 p.m. – Olumbe J. Bryan req. by Janet Maulbeck & family

Sunday, January 10

8:30 a.m. – Bill Lenahan req. by his wife, Eleanor

10:00 a.m. – Joseph Petruzzello req. by the Sacred Heart Woman's Society

Skelly, Carol McMahon, Peggy Jankowski, John Skutka, William McBurney, Tom Haynes.

PARISH POLICY – PLEASE NOTE - All Catholic families living within the parish boundaries are encouraged to register as members. Registration as a parish member has many benefits, and in particular, facilitates any arrangements for baptisms, marriages, sponsors, etc. **Please contact the Parish Office at 973-627-0422**

First Friday Communion Calls: A priest will be making "First Friday" visits to those who are homebound. These visits will be made by one of our priests who will distribute Holy Communion. He will also be available for the sacraments of penance and anointing of the sick. Please call the rectory at 972-627-0422 to register your name for this monthly visit by one of our priests.



Olumbe J. Bryan
Requested By: Janet Maulbeck & family

Want to be more involved?

If you are wondering "how can I become more involved in my church community", we happen to be looking for a few good people!! If you would like more information on how to become a Lector, Minister of Communion or an Altar Server, please contact Fr. Marcin at 973-627-0313 ext: 15 or martmich1983@gmail.com

Collection for December 19&20: \$3022.00
Collection for December 26&27: To be announced
Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2073.36 (November)
Collection from last year: \$2668.00
Ongoing Renovation "Jug" Money: \$9816.30

PARISH PAY: Have you thought about automating your giving? No more writing checks! You decide the amount and the frequency. Sign up today for automatic contributions to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Go to the Parish Pay link at www.sacredheartrockaway.org or call 866-727-4741.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS
IN THE MILITARY

Major Mike Cherry
LCpl. Aleksandr Killeen, SSgt. Zhenya Killeen
Airman 1st Cl. Andrew Mistkowski,
1st Lt. Nicholas DelCore, Air Force
1st Lt. Jessica L. Rotile Rudo
Kenneth Rudo, Warrant Officer, 1

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: M.J. Simon, Irene Schreiber, Rosemary Woodring, Doug Bansch, Kevin McGuire, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoudel, Capt. Adam Cowan, USA, Julio Soto, Ellen Forbes, Jean Weber, Ben Marvilla, Frances Murphy, Michelle Monslave, Theodora Maulbeck, Enid Osorno Patricia Martinelli, Amelia Marie Cayea, Mary Therese Loftus, Sharon Bauer, Mary Davenport, Jose Prado, Jean Hageny, Eugene Walsh, Arlene Berlin, Emil Fahrman, Jim Goliat, Robert Nielsen, Betty Dixon, Marge Vogel, Dan Koettters, Efrain Gonzalez, Amanda Villarubia, Mary

The blessing of homes is a wonderful Epiphany tradition 20 + C + M + B + 16 While the blessing of homes in honor of the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is not a distinctly Slovak tradition but is rather common to all of central and eastern Europe. The blessing of homes during the month of January takes place when we celebrate Christ's Epiphany. This tradition was common in years past among our Slovak parishes. Some continue this beautiful faith tradition. We celebrate the feast of the Epiphany on January 3, 2016. If a priest or deacon is not available to visit and bless an individual home, blessed chalk may be used by the residents themselves to mark the doorposts. Bring the chalk to church and ask your priest or deacon to bless it. When you are ready to consecrate your home for the New Year 2016, mark each doorpost with the chalk and the above numerals. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the Magi – Caspar, Melchoir and Balthasar – and also stand for the Latin motto Christus Mansionem Benedicere (May Christ bless this house). The following prayer may be said to bless your home. Mark in your bible, Matthew 2:1-12. Pause for a moment to remember that God is near. Read the scripture slowly. Then say this prayer. You may then wish to inscribe your doorpost. With a piece of chalk, write 20 + C + M + B + 16. The Epiphany of the Lord God of Bethlehem and Cana, God of Jordan's leaping waters, in baptism you bring us into your family. You wed us and embrace us as your beloved. May we fill our home with kindness to one another, with hospitality to guests, and with abundant care for every stranger. By the gentle light of a star, guide home all who seek you on paths of faith, hope and love. Then we will join the angels in proclaiming your praise: Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Amen

	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Ministers of Communion</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
January 9 @ 5:00 pm	Lyle Ryder	Laura Andreotta Anne Marie Hopler	Jason Emelize Luke Foth
January 10 @ 8:30 am	Bob Martinelli	Kathy Caldwell Claire Miller	Richie Lazar Nicholas Schreiber
January 10@10:00 am	Michele Shaffer	Joanne Gula VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Inigo Cadag Joaquin Cadag

ALL MINISTERS: Copies of the schedule are available in the sacristy. Any questions/concerns please contact the appropriate group leader.

My dear parishioners,

On this first day of the week and the first Sunday of the civil New Year we celebrate the Lord's Day! Each week we have the joy of celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ who is our life and our hope! This Sunday we commemorate the Feast of the EPIPHANY, also known as THEOPHANY. The words mean, "manifestation" and "manifestation of God." Traditionally the Epiphany is the 6th of January, which is the 12th day of Christmas. With the liturgical reforms made by the Second Vatican Council this feast is transferred to the nearest Sunday to allow more of the faithful to participate in it.

For the Church of the West the feast of Epiphany has three commemorations: (1) the Visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, (2) Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan and (3) the First Miracle at the Wedding in Cana of Galilee. For the Church of the East the feast of the Epiphany only commemorates the Baptism of Our Lord in the Jordan. Again, with the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council we now commemorate the Visit of the Magi at Epiphany. The Feast of the Lord's Baptism takes place on the Sunday following Epiphany and the commemoration of the Lord's first miracle at the wedding in Cana of Galilee is observed on the Sunday following the Lord's Baptism only in Year C of the lectionary. This year we will commemorate it!

Epiphany is a great celebration in many Christian cultures. I know in my own Eastern European heritage this was the time when the priest would visit and bless the homes of parishioners. As a boy we always looked forward to the priest coming to our home. My parents told us of how honored we should be that the priest came to the house and blessed it. Since I was a altar boy, we used to go with the priest after school to bless homes and looked forward to the "tip" the parishioners would give us for coming with the priest to bless their home. Unfortunately, things have changed!

Today we provide for you a copy of a short prayer service you can do at home. You will also find a piece of blessed chalk which you can take home to inscribe the initials of the Magi on the door post over the main entrance of your home (K+M+B+2016). You may want to wait till next Sunday to do the prayer service so that you can take home with you some blessed water which will be available at Mass next Sunday. Water will be blessed at all Masses to celebrate the feast of the Lord's Baptism in the Jordan River by John. This rite is yet another wonderful opportunity to gather as a family to pray and thus truly make your home "a domestic church."

Happy New Year!

Fr. Zig

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY – The Saint Monica Guild of Saint Cecilia Church is sponsoring a pilgrimage May 17-18 (Wednesday-Thursday), to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts and the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, New York. The pilgrimage is open to all parishioners of Saint Cecilia Parish and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. The cost of the pilgrimage is approximately \$200 per person. Details regarding departure, schedule of devotions, hotel information, etc. will be forthcoming. We anticipate a full bus for this religious journey during the Holy Year of Mercy. Please call St. Cecilia Parish office for information 973.627.0313.

School News:

The School's Annual Calendar Raffle ticket sale is in process! Tickets cost \$10.00 and are sold after the Masses, by our parents and in the school office. There will be a total of 51 chances to win \$8,100 in prizes. Drawings will be held Wednesday mornings in the school office beginning January 27th and end on April 27th!

Thank you!! The Sacred Heart Church Confirmation class would like to extend their gratitude to all "The Angels" who helped make Christmas very blessed for those less fortunate. Your generosity was very much appreciated. God Bless you all!

Interested in Music: If you are interested in serving as a choir member (adult or children), cantor, or instrumentalist, please contact Derek Nelson at derekt.nelson@gmail.com

Dogmatic Dinner: Please join us on January 19th, at 6:30 pm in Suchon Hall for our next Dogmatic Dinner. We will discuss: If I were a Saint, what would my New Year's Resolution be?