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Thank you,

Msgr. Stan Carson

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3, 2021

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org
Rectory Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Parish Office: 814-942-0371
or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Parish Secretary
Paula Hall

Director of Music Ministry
Kathy McFee

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be
held at Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be
held at the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF
THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO
THE GREAT IN 1995.

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator
PH: 814-944-4603

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar
Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603
Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick and Grieving - 944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school
Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011
Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112
Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

Directors of Religious Education:
Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317
Jean Koury - 9 thru 12 - 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 943-7424

Director of Music Ministry
Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
E-Mail: ithayer@dioceseaj.org

Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11
Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation
First Communion
Confirmation

Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep
Marriage Prep
Christian Initiation

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:
Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM
8:00 AM 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon
10:00 AM 12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday : 8:00 AM
5:00 PM 12:00 Noon

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 3, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord - 10:30 AM

Jack Douglass (Wife, Colleen)

Next Sunday, January 10, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

John Noonan (Jean Koury and FIRE Class)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

January 3, Sunday, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM +Betsy Cote (Jim & Elaine Weaver)

10:00 AM +Kimberly-Kokolis-Moran, Anniv. (Mom & Dad)

Noon PM +Kathleen Walcutt, Birthday, Blazewicz Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

January 4, Monday, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

6:45 AM +Janet Tomlinson (Ken & Kathie Civils)

12:00 PM +Mary Letrich (Mike Crossman)

January 5, Tuesday, St. John Neumann, Bp.

6:45 AM +Joseph A. Knott (Alan & Miranda Dodson)

12:00 PM +Alberta Weaver, Anniv. (Jim & Elaine Weaver)

January 6, Wednesday, St. Andre Bessette, Religious

6:45 AM +Ronnie Schlecht (Patty & Bear McCloskey)

12:00 PM +Debbie Capotosti (Yanchik Family)

January 7, Thursday, Christmas Weekday

6:45 AM +Lori & Joe Keirn (Ricke & Donna Kelly)

12:00 PM +M. Virginia Jones (Clifford & Jennifer Plank)

January 8, Friday, Christmas Weekday

6:45 AM +Bernard J. Joyce (Family)

12:00 PM +Jack Bauer (Gina Romani)

January 9, Saturday, Christmas Weekday

8:00 AM +Patty Wiedemer, Anniv. (Family)

12:00 PM +Herbert Kutruff, Birth. (Family)

Vigil: The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

5:00 PM +Robert Wojcik (Stanley Krish Family)

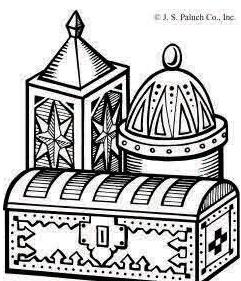
January 10, Sunday, The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM +Bob Beck, Birthday (Family)

10:00 AM +William Gaida (Family)

12:00 PM +Barbara Byers (Joan & Jim Swansiger)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People



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.”

MATTHEW 2:1-2



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6). **Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72). **Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or

Thank You

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, December 20, amounted to

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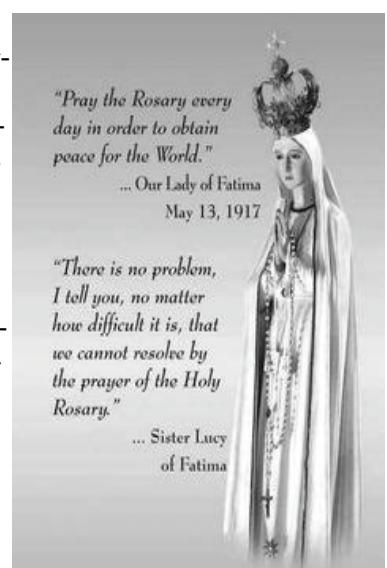
Thank you. Your generosity during the Christmas season is particularly important to our parish.

“Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the World.”

... Our Lady of Fatima
May 13, 1917

“There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.”

... Sister Lucy
of Fatima



SEARCHING

In Matthew's Gospel today we see two extremely different perspectives, two different reasons for searching for Jesus. In some ways, this resembles the polarization of our nation in today's time. What one group sees as good for the nation, those with opposing views think will wreck the country. The Magi were astrologers who saw a vision in the sky and were trying to find a way to follow it and discover the new king of the Jews. Herod heard about this king, and his reaction was dark and negative. He saw the birth of such a king as a threat to his power as the Roman leader of the country and wanted the Magi to pass on to him what they knew about this Christ child. Similarly, on a more personal level, we can either feel threatened or excited by changes that may come, depending on our perspective.

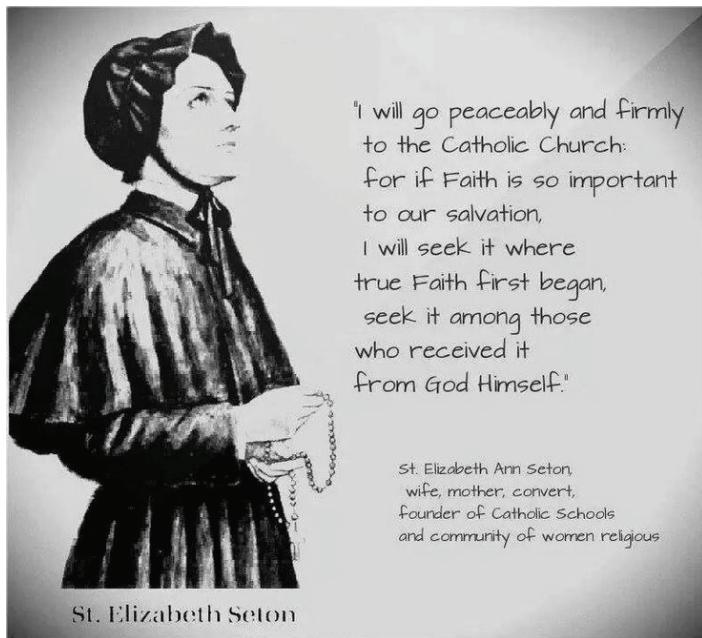
In our minds, it is easy to mix up bits and pieces from Luke's account of the shepherds coming to see Jesus in the stable and the story of the magi. Clearly, it has taken the magi time to get here, and the reading speaks of them coming to the house where the star led them. Nevertheless, they "prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures . . ."

How do we do this? Do we continue looking for Jesus, even if takes a while and he is not where we expect to see him? Are we paying attention to the signs showing us the way? What gifts do we have with which to pay him homage? After seeing him, the Magi were warned in a dream not to go back the way they came. But if we have seen the Christ child, how can we go back to where we were? We must continue to respond to God's call to move forward and grow in our lives. We must seek the right and just path and turn away from the "Herods" and inherent evils in our life.

Today's Readings: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans—purple, gold, and green. A few will be in on the secret: the colors of the beads are derived from the gifts of the magi. Gold for wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die.

Centuries ago, today's feast bore the heavy burden of celebrating all the manifestations of Christ's identity: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding feast at Cana. It was too much for one day. Fortunately the one day has blossomed into a whole season of grateful celebration, stretching behind us into Advent, and ahead of us into the Baptism of the Lord and to Christ's coming again in glory. Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the crèche for a favorite carol and a prayer. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.