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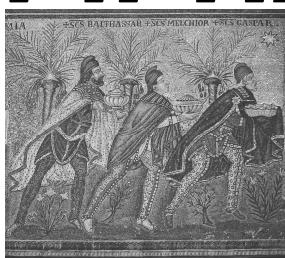
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Special Instructions:

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.



Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue

www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.com
Rector Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule

Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith

Secretary's Assistant
Ellen Kelly

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

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 6PM
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. 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.

January 7, 2018

*All kings shall pay him
homage,
all nations shall
serve him.*
—Psalm 72:11

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

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

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School:

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 944-4014

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: ltaylor@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	8:00 AM
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday : 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

JANUARY 7, 2018

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (*Little Christmas*)

GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today 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 that 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

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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EASTERN STAR

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,
Here cease thy course, and wonder that the cloud
Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.

—Sir John Beaumont

Why is January 6 called Little Christmas?

The day after Christmas Day is called St. Stephen's Day in Ireland, and the celebrations continue. A primary tradition on this day is the Wren Boys Procession. Young people dress in costumes and go from house to house with a holly bush on a long pole while singing a song about a wren being caught in the bush. In years past, an actual dead wren was put in the holly bush, but this is no longer done. People may also solicit donations for the wren.

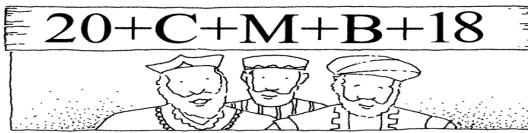
Christmas dinners are similar to those of the United States and England, but one unique addition is spiced beef that has been slowly cooked over a period of days. Dessert may consist of a plum pudding, a round cake full of caraway seeds or a fruit cake with marzipan and icing.

In Ireland, Christmas may technically be celebrated until January 6th, when the Feast of the Epiphany takes place. Women are given the day off from housework, and men do the cooking and cleaning.



**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY FOR
PEACE AND OFFER
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

Tradition states each household of the Epiphany. All you need is a Members of the Household, at the front door. Follow the page of the Christmas bulletin.



should be Blessed on the Feast piece of chalk, Holy Water and Neighbors and Friends to gather instructions given on the inside

Spiritual Resolutions

It's that time of year when we flood to the health clubs, hit the jogging trails and throw out the cookies. We work on our physical fitness but what about our spiritual fitness?

January: Breathe in the patient love of God. "Thus says the Lord God to these bones; I will cause breath to enter you and you shall live" (Ez 37:5).

Be aware of how essential healthy breathing is to all other physical activity. Notice when you hold your breath rather than letting it flow (often when anxious or stressed). When you exert yourself physically, listen to the rhythm of your breath. Listen to your breath at rest. Listen to the breath of others. Let the breath of God fill you in moments of stress and anxiety. Exhale. Think of your words and actions as God breathing out of you and into others in your family, neighborhood, schools, places of work.

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January 7

Matthew 2:1-12

The magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.



Liturgical Reflection ...

Today is the Epiphany of the Lord and the last Sunday of Christmas time. Tomorrow, Monday, January 8, is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the formal ending of the Christmas season. Today the Church celebrates with the wise visitors from the east that the Word Made Flesh has arrived for all peoples and all nations. Jesus, born in Bethlehem, raised in Nazareth, and crucified in Jerusalem, is Lord of all races and nations. May the Christian Gospel be proclaimed throughout the world to all inhabitants.

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The Epiphany of the Lord (Jan. 7)

The three magi from the east paid homage to the Infant Jesus with their "first fruits" of gold, frankincense and myrrh. What gifts for my own necessity, and not my abundance, have I presented to the newborn Savior?

Baptism of the Lord (Mon. Jan 8)

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The U.S. bishops' stewardship pastoral letter reminds us about "a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism: that the people place their gifts, their resources, and themselves at God's service in and through the Church...by proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying." Can you say that you are fulfilling this obligation with an "attitude of gratitude?"