

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019
Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines
upon you.
— Isaiah 60:1

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.org
Rectory 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: 6:00 PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
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Parish Secretary
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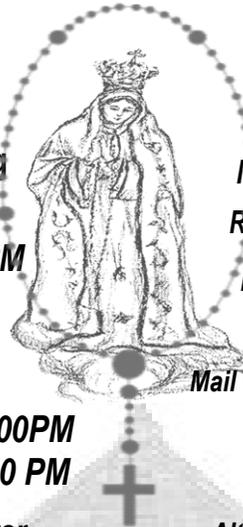
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Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM Winter
9AM - 6PM Summer
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OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF THE
MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES
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Sunday: 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

**St. John Neumann
January 5th Feast Day**

John Neumann was born in Prachatice in Bohemia (now the Czech Republic) on March 28, 1811. He studied theology in the seminary of Budweis. Zealous for the missionary life and to lead souls to Christ, he decided to leave his homeland to dedicate himself to the European immigrants in America, who were deprived of spiritual support.

Neumann was ordained a priest by the bishop of New York in June 1836, and gave himself to the pastoral care of people in the vast area around Niagara Falls.

Wanting to live in a religious community that corresponded more to his missionary vocation, in January 1842 he entered the Redemptorists. A tireless missionary, Neumann busied himself in particular with the German immigrants, first in Baltimore, then in Pittsburgh.

Having filled the role of vice-provincial superior of the Redemptorists from 1846-49, he became the parish priest of St. Alphonsus Church in Baltimore. In 1852, at the age of 41, he was named bishop of Philadelphia.

Neumann had a strong effect on the religious life of the United States by founding Catholic schools and promoting devotion to the Eucharist. He founded a new religious institute—the Third Order of Saint Francis of Glen Riddle. The School Sisters of Notre Dame likewise regard Neumann as their secondary founder, their “Father in America.” In just seven years, he built 89 churches, as well as several hospitals and orphanages. As a bishop, Neumann was untiring in visiting his vast diocese.

On January 5, 1860, at the age of 49, he died suddenly of a heart attack on a Philadelphia street. Neumann was beatified during the Second Vatican Council on October 13, 1963, and was canonized on June 19, 1977. In the homily on the occasion of Neumann’s canonization, Pope Paul VI summarized the activity of the new saint: “He was close to the sick, he loved to be with the poor, he was a friend of sinners, and now he is the glory of all emigrants.”

St. John Neumann is invoked as a patron of sick children and of immigrants.

Prayers to St. John Neumann

God of the Journey, through the intercession of St. John Neumann, patron of immigrants, we pray for those who leave their homelands longing for freedom and new opportunities.

May they recognize you as their traveling companion and find a welcome awaiting them.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

O Jesus, who on earth commanded and practiced a hidden life, grant that in these our days of pride and outward display, the example of your servant John Neumann may lead us to follow your humble ways.

Grant, O Lord, that like your holy bishop we may do all our work with the pure intention of pleasing you and let not our deeds be done to win the favor of others but to give glory to our Father in heaven.

We thank you that our fellow citizen and devoted missionary bishop is recognized among the saints of your Church in heaven, and we beseech you, O Lord, to glorify him on earth by granting the favors we ask through his intercession. Amen.

JANUARY 6, 2019
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
10:30 AM

JANUARY 6, 2019
Scripture Reflection

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2: 41-52

Today's Intention-Stephen Flanagan

Readings: Is 40:1-5,9-11; Ti 2:11-14,3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16,21-22
Sun., January 13, Christina Flanagan, Adaline Cassarly & Family

Cathedral Mass Intentions

January 7, Monday: St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

Readings: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mk 4:12-17, 23-35

6:45 AM Joseph Mangiacarne (Janet and Bob Nearhood)

8:00 AM Joseph Knott (Rick and Cammy Pulcino)

12:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (John Conti and Family)

January 8, Tuesday Christmas Weekday

Readings: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

6:45 AM Bernie J. Joyce (Family)

8:00 AM Rosemary Kwolek (Butch Winkler)

12:00 PM John F. Bettwy (Joan and Bob Lozinak)

January 9, Wednesday: Christmas Weekday

Readings: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

6:45 AM Lew Fulare (Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dambeck)

8:00 AM Patty Wiedemer, Anniversary (Family)

12:00 PM Myra Mangiacarne (Wes & Patricia Heilman)

January 10, Thursday: Christmas Weekday

Readings: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22

6:45 AM Raymond McCall, Anniv. (Karen Querry)

8:00 AM Kimberly Kokolis Moran, Anniv. (Parents)

12:00 PM Madeline Vogel (Sister Clementine O'Friel)

January 11, Friday: Christmas Weekday

Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12:16

6:45 AM Kryder and Elizabeth Miller (Irwin Family)

8:00 AM Rose Hart (Daughter, Rose Marie)

12:00 PM Bernadine Garcia (Kathleen Krug)

January 12, Saturday: Christmas Weekday

Readings: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

8:00 AM Herbert Kuttruff (Greg and Kathy Clemens)

12:00 PM Howard Peachman (Mike and Sherry Byrne)

Vigil: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Readings: Is 40:1-5,9-11; Ti 2:11-14,3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16,21-22

5:00 PM Frances Pagliaro, Anniversary (Family)

Epiphany is one of the oldest feasts of the Christian calendar, and, as its name suggests, it is a celebration of the manifestation of Christ to the world. The biblical account of the Magi has all the features of a great story: exotic guests, astrological phenomena, gifts, a complicated journey, an evil king, and a prophetic dream. It is also a startlingly clear fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah and Psalm 72 in this Sunday's readings: powerful people from distant lands will recognize the heaven-sent king of Israel and pay their homage with rich gifts.

In much the same way that a movie director shouts "Lights! Camera! Action!" our Epiphany acclamation is "Light! Inclusivity! Epiphany!" Epiphanies are manifestations of a divine or supernatural being. The Epiphany of the Lord Jesus Christ manifests the light that God shines on our world, a loving light that is utterly inclusive. Ephesians proclaims: "the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (Ephesians 3:6). A faithful Jew in Jesus' day would find these words unthinkable, but they are not unthinkable to the God whom Jesus revealed.

The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World states: "Respect and love ought to be extended also to those who think or act differently than we do in social, political and even religious matters. In fact, the more deeply we come to understand their ways of thinking through such courtesy and love, the more easily will we be able to enter into dialogue with them" (#27). These words renew the meaning of Epiphany for our day and time. God is utterly inclusive.

Isaiah addresses people who experienced darkness covering the earth. Many would say our day is similar. We celebrate that the light has come to lessen the darkness we experience by turning to the light of Christ. Turn to Christ. Follow his star. Do him homage by letting his light dispel your darkness. Shine with and find his light in all life's situations. Light! Inclusivity! Epiphany!

- How could we become more inclusive this Epiphany?

Living the Word, Laurie Brink and Paul Colloton, World Library Publications, 2018, pg. 36. AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 31. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "What can we learn from the Wise Men?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., December 14, 2018.

Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

Relic Pilgrimage of Saint John Vianney's Incorrupt Heart

The Shrine of Ars, France, has entrusted to the Knights of Columbus the major relic of Saint Jean Vianney's incorrupt heart for a national tour of the United States from November 2018 through June 2019. The Knights of Columbus will provide this special opportunity to venerate a major relic of the patron of parish priests, whose holiness and integrity is a model for clergy and laity alike.

The reliquary holding Father Vianney's heart will be in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, on Thursday, January 31st. Veneration will occur throughout the day from 7:30 A.M. through 7:30 P.M. The regular daily Mass schedule will be observed: Masses at 6:45 A.M., 8:00 A.M., and Noon. Bishop will be the main celebrant at a concelebrated Mass at 5:30 P.M.

Confessors will be available for confessions throughout the day. Father Vianney was renowned for his gift as a confessor in the Sacrament of Penance. This holy priest undertook a life of heroic penance and prayer to draw his people away from sin and closer to God. Known for his wise spiritual counsels and the gift of reading hearts, he soon became a "prisoner" of the confessional, hearing confessions for up to eighteen hours a day. Thousands came from across Europe and beyond to seek this holy confessor. Pilgrimage to the Altoona Cathedral on this day will allow all to seek sacramental forgiveness in Christ.

At Bishop Bartchak's request the Apostolic Penitentiary has granted permission to receive an Indulgence attached to the pilgrimage to the relic of Saint John Vianney. An indulgence is the remission of temporal punishment for sin, in response to prayers or good works. It is God, through the Church, who remits the temporal punishment. Receiving the indulgence requires; first, celebrating the Sacrament of Penance leading to a genuine conversion of heart; second, receiving Holy Communion while fully participating at Mass; third, venerating the holy relic of Saint John Vianney; and fourth, praying for the intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, by reciting the Apostles' Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be.

Throughout the morning and afternoon, school children and adults will be able to venerate this first class relic of Saint John Vianney. The Knights of Columbus will stand as honor guards. Plan to be present this last day of January to venerate the relic of a holy parish priest. It will be an opportunity for grace and a special day to pray for vocations to the priesthood – a particular priority for the Knight of Columbus.

ARISE

Our Lady of Fatima will begin a journey of prayer and reflection during the season of Lent. For six weeks you will be invited to gather in small groups to break open scripture and discuss how to live the faith in our daily lives. If you were unable to join the ARISE process in the fall, give some serious thought to joining a small group this Lent.

Sacrament Preparation...

First Communion students and parents will meet in the Seton Suite on Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:30 PM. All students and a parent must attend. Please contact Chris Laraia at 312-7317 if you will not be able to attend this session.

F.I.R.E. Classes...

F.I.R.E. classes start today, January 6, from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM in the Cathedral Hall. Next class is January 27.

Religious Education News ...

PK-8 Classes resume on Sunday, January 6th at 8:30 AM. Until further notice, all classes will be dismissed from the Parish Center lower level alley doors. PK/ K parents please continue to go to the classroom to pick up your child.

Christmas Evening Prayer with Exposition and Benediction...

On the Sundays of Christmas season, we will gather at 6:30 PM to pray the Hours of the Church. Families are encouraged to make this a part of their Christmas prayer. We are the Parish Family of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, and all those with a deep love of the Eucharist are invited to be present before the Sacrament in exposition on the altar.

Our Lady of Fatima Notes...

The rectory office has had some unusual setbacks in the months of November and December, we are slowly getting back on track.

We needed to find new internet service, then our 2 servers went down for no shame, they were 8 years old. This weekend the power supplies are being replaced and we should be up and running. Our internet master Dickie Bradford is quite the genius at keeping on top of things. Thankfully the Servers did not need to be replaced altogether.

Now to get to the heart of the dilemma on the other side of the keyboard. The 2018 contribution letters will not get to your mailbox until at least January 28th through January 31st. We will try to get them to you asap. If you would like to pick them up at the office we will let you know when they will be available.

Speaking of Contributions...

I will not have the weekly money matters in the bulletin by individual category until we have the EOY taken care of.

I will only list the overall Monies from Dec 23rd on until we "catch" up.

We have been blessed with Barbara Raichle and Robin Durgin who have volunteered to work on various projects to try and keep us ahead. Piper and Kendall Durgin are also volunteering in order to get their community service hours. We are so thankful for their Time, Talent and Treasure.

We are sorry for this inconvenience and we thank you for your patience AND PRAYERS.

The Birthdays and Anniversary dates for January will not be accessible until next week..

Total Contributions for: Dec 23rd - \$2083.00; December 25th - \$3649.00; December 30th - \$2080.25; December 31st - 697.00. God Bless you for your generous contributions.



Liturgical Reflection ...

Today we join the three men from the east who have come to acknowledge the presence of divinity on this earth. The infant child is indeed the Eternal Word of God. And this divine gift is just not for God's holy people Israel. The Savior has arrived on this earth for the redemption of all peoples. These foreign travelers stand for all of us who are not members of God's chosen people Israel. Nonetheless, God has sent his Savior Child for the redemption of all people.

2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

January 6 Mt. 2:1-12

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year. It's time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."



OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

FOR

PEACE AND OFFER

SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

32nd Annual Respect Life March, Sunday , January 13, 2019 @ 12:00 Noon...

We begin at 12:00 noon with a Prayer Service at St. Mathew Church in Tyrone. We then walk the 1.25miles to Oak Grove Cemetery to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe, for another short prayer service. A hot luncheon will be served in the parish hall after the march.

You are cordially invited to spend a couple of hours as we publicly show our love for all of God's most defenseless children, both bon and unborn. You will enjoy the fellowship as we draw upon the strengths of each other as we continue to battle the lack of respect of life at all stages from the unborn child to the terminally ill. Please join us as we Walk prayerfully and meditate upon the atrocities. You are encouraged to bring a sign, if you are unable to walk this distance, please feel free to join in by driving at the end of the procession.

**Sponsored by the St. Gregory Council #1218
Knights of Columbus.**



If you need any further information call: Peter Kreckel at 814-935-5436 (cell) or e-mail: pharcano@aol.com.

Bring a sign.

Annual March for Life

Again this year there will a bus provided for the March for Life to the nation's capital on Friday, January 18th. The cost is adults: \$15.00, and students: \$10.00. For reservations please call Patricia or Marita Forr at 946-0681; Roxann Blazewicz at 695-8008; Anne Zelnosky at 942-2723.

Annual Prayer Service for Life

The Cathedral will again sponsor a prayer service on the eve of the March for Life. All are invited to prayer on Thursday, January 17th at 7:00 P.M. Bishop will preside at Evening Prayer. There will be a special blessing for the pilgrims going to Washington, D.C. the following day.

A Pro-Life Message

Many problems darken the horizon of our time. We need but think of the urgent need to work for peace, to base relationships between peoples on solid promises of justice and solidarity, and to defend human life from conception to its natural end. And what should we say of the thousand inconsistencies of a "globalized" world where the weakest, the most powerless and the poorest appear to have so little hope! It is in this world that Christian hope must shine forth! For this reason too, the Lord wished to remain with us in the Eucharist, making his presence in a meal and sacrifice the promise of a humanity renewed by his love.

-Pope John Paul II, Ecclesia de Eucharistia, no.20
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This Day's Greatest Gift

**We can't change the past...
But we can gather up
It's lessons and move on,
Stronger and wiser.**

**We Can't control the future... But we
can send our dreams Ahead of us
To help prepare the way.**

**We can live each moment...
Heart and soul,
And cherish this day's
Greatest gift...
The gift of now.**

**May peace with the past
And faith in the future,
Gently guide you through each
Precious moment of Today.**

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FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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ROOTEDNESS

The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root.

—Woodrow Wilson

THE WAY TO HEAVEN

Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.

—John Henry Newman