



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
JANUARY 5 2025 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 4, 2025

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
4:30 p.m. Carole Bilesimo (Chuck & Kathi)

Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:00 a.m. Patrick James Donnelly III (Denise)
10:00 a.m. Linda Wiltrek (Lin)
11:30 a.m. Joann Barbour (Family)

Monday, January 6, 2025

7:45 a.m. James R. Balfe
(Wife Nancy & Family)

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Kathleen Garbowski (Helen Meigs)

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

9:30 a.m. Dan Ritter (Family)

Thursday, January 9, 2025

7:45 a.m. IC Staff Members (Friends)

Saturday, January 11, 2025

8:00 a.m. Donnelly Family (Family)
4:30 p.m. Leo & Pauline Balcerak (Family)

Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:00 a.m. Paul Dirling (Iuliano Family)
10:00 a.m. Kay Mason (Paula Egnot)
11:30 a.m. Dolores & Anthony Nese (Family)

Monday, January 13, 2025

7:45 a.m. Tim Salopek (Family)

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Stephen Pilipovich (Peg)

Queen of Angels Catholic School

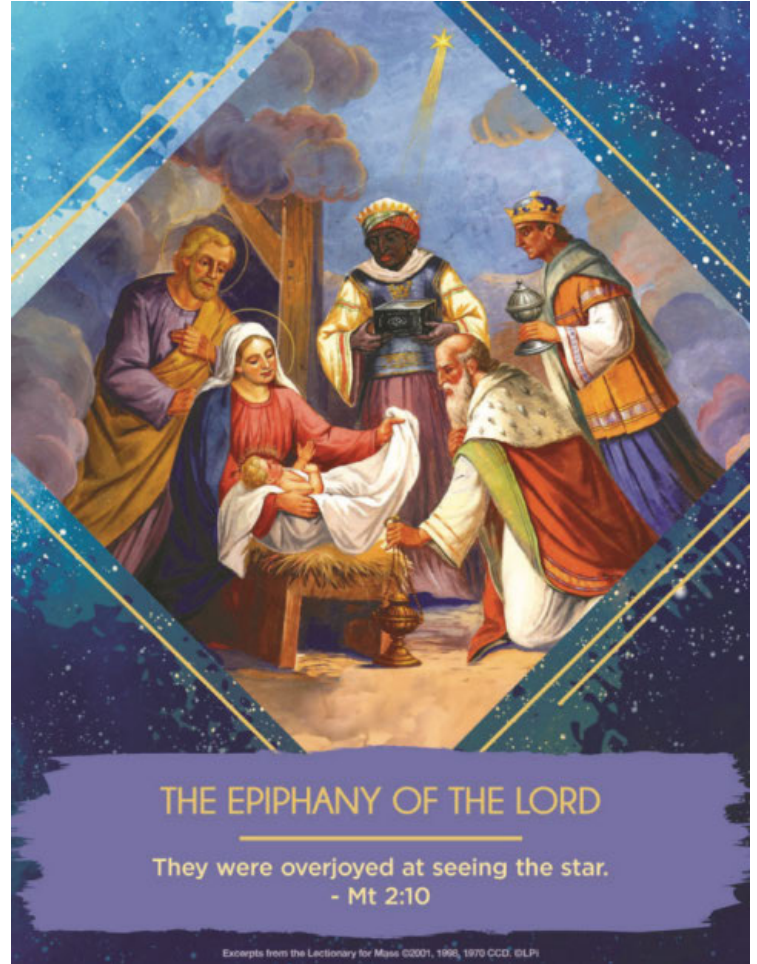
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star.
- Mt 2:10

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8 am to 3 pm

PASTOR'S NOTES

"...but upon you the Lord shines."

Each of the readings for this celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord echoes both the joy and gratitude that arise when God's light appears in the midst of human cares. Isaiah in the first reading speaks of a people reflecting the joy and enthusiasm of the return to Jerusalem and Judah after some seventy years of exile to Babylon. Epiphany is from a Greek word which means "manifestation." This reading is filled with references to light, splendor, radiance and glory. God is Light, not only for his own people but also for all nations. The Epiphany is about the universality of salvation, as exemplified by the pilgrim journey of the magi as told in the gospel. Isaiah speaks to us about the joy that can be found when we are able to recognize the light that God brings to the problems of life.

St. Paul in the second reading addresses a community of people who were distraught over many challenges that confronted them in life. They were exposed to many different religious cultures and "mystery cults." It was difficult to stay true to the message of Jesus. Paul gives us a clear statement on the church and its mission. He looked at the Gentiles as being on equal footing with believers coming from Jewish backgrounds and did not have any problem viewing them as "co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise of Christ Jesus through the gospel." Like Isaiah, Paul gives us a strong example of the universality of salvation. The gospel presents us with the all too familiar story of the Three Kings or the Magi. For centuries now people have been fascinated with the story of the Magi. Eastern Rite and Orthodox churches celebrate the Epiphany, rather than Christmas as the time of gift-giving in imitation of the Magi bringing gifts to Jesus. The star, along with the manger, has been the most popular image on Christmas cards. Ultimately this feast points to the wonder of God's plan for all people. It deals with life and all of the divisions we are faced with in our world as well as in our hearts.

Like Isaiah, it is light that guides the Magi to the Christ child, bringing them into the presence of God. These Magi are not ordinary men. The Greek word "magi" refers to a priestly cast known for their wisdom and ability to interpret dreams and decipher astrological phenomena. The gifts that they brought; gold for a king, frankincense which is a symbol of prayer rising to God and myrrh, a symbol of one who will die, suggests that these men have received a special revelation or epiphany from God as to who the child Jesus was. The Magi's journey symbolizes for us our own human experience, our journeys both physical and spiritual. In celebrating this feast today we all give witness to a universal truth based on the experience of all people and their quest to find God. Their journey reflects our own lives, our own stories, our own gifts which we bring to God.

Salvation is meant for all, if we are willing to follow God's signs of the gift. Although we may not abandon everything in life just to follow a star, the story helps us to recognize that in our daily living God does lead us. We just have to have the faith and insight to recognize that guiding light. If we walk by faith following our own stars in life who knows what might be at the end of our journey.

~Father Mike

CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle:

In Memory of Ron Beatty (Carol)

Divine Mercy:

In Memory of Bernard & Marion Arendas (Family)

St. Peregrine Candle:

Special Intentions for Fr. John Moineau (Friends)

Easter Flame Candle:

In Memory of Corey Korinko (Carol & Judy)

St. Joseph's Candle:

In Memory of Month's Mind

Altar Candles for the Month of January:

In Memory of Deceased Members of the Bertolina, Santimyer & DeFelice Families (William, Tracy, Michael & Vincent)

If you would like to have a candle lit in memory of your loved one, please call the parish office. We will be glad to help you. 724-863-9550



Please pray for the family of Gloria Poach and all of our faithful departed.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Prayer of Rejoicing

Fill our hearts, Lord, with rejoicing as we seek and discover You. Your ways are full of wonder, glory, surprise, and joy. Amen.



Epiphany Prayer

God, giver of all gifts, You inspired the three kings to follow a star to your manger of salvation. Give us the courage to use our gifts to build your kingdom even though we may traverse the deserts of pain and darkness. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.



SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass.

Matrimony

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact the parish office one year in advance of the Wedding.

Baptism

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized please email Susan Cheplic at skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org to register for Baptism Preparation.

Confession

Tuesday 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. & Saturday 9-10 a.m. (except for the first Saturday of the month)

Divine Mercy

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday through Friday at 3:00 pm in the church.



Eucharistic Adoration is held every Tuesday after 7:45 am Mass & continuing until 6:15 pm.

"When we face the sun we get a tan, but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist we become saints." - Blessed Carlo Acutis

Sunday Offertory

December 22 - Offertory totals not available by bulletin deadline

Online Giving

December 16 - December 22- \$4,643.20

Thank you for your generosity!

Immaculate Conception Parish offers Online Giving.

- Scan QR Code on the new Pew Cards or QR Code below.
- Click Create a new account.
- Create an ID and password.
- Allow 2 minutes to complete the process.



If you decide to switch to online giving and would like to discontinue your envelopes please contact the parish office. Thank you!

HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER & AROUND THE DIOCESE

Knights of Columbus Donations for Vocations Dollars for Collars

St Jude 9019 Knights of Columbus will be collecting for Vocations on January 11-12 after all masses. All monies collected for vocations are in support of our Seminarians in the Greensburg Diocese. Last year we collected \$5,940 from the Parishes of Immaculate Conception, St Agnes, and St Elizabeth Ann Seton. From that total last year we gave \$3,000 directly to Designated Seminarians studying for the Priesthood in our Diocese. The remainder was donated to the Diocesan Fund that pays for educational costs. This year we are supporting three seminarians, Tyler Randolph, Ryan Scavnicky, and Matteo Arcara. Tyler and Ryan are members of Immaculate Conception Parish. Thanks for supporting this worthy cause.

Home Blessing Kits

Kits will be available while supply lasts in the back of the church. The tradition is to bless your home on the Feast of the Epiphany which falls on Jan 7, 2024. The kits have been blessed and includes the instruction sheet, chalk, and holy water. The family will use the chalk to write 20 + C + M + B + 24. The letters represent the first initials of the three kings who visited the Christ child on Epiphany: Caspar, Melchior, & Balthazar. Those letters also signify the Latin phrase Christus Mansionem benedicat, which means, "May Christ bless the house".



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships. The local competition will be held Saturday, January 4, 2025 at Queen of Angels Gymnasium, and start time is 12:00 PM. Boys and girls will compete in their respective age divisions with winners progressing through Local, District, Regional and State Competitions. For questions or registration information please call or email Al Borgony at 724-864-3487 or email a.borgony@comcast.net, or Matt Cheplic at 412-736-9196 or email mchePLIC@gmail.com.

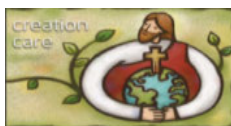


Thanks to everyone who took some time from their busy Christmas schedules to help us decorate our church for Christmas. It looks beautiful! But all things must come to an end. On

Sunday, Jan. 12, after 11:30 Mass we could use your help disassembling and packing away the decorations, trees and nativity to prepare for Ordinary Sunday. Please call the parish office (724-863-9550) by January 8th to sign up to volunteer. **You must have up to date clearances on file at IC parish office to volunteer.**

2024 Offertory Statements

If you would like a 2024 contribution statement for tax purposes, please call the parish office or email cruby@dioceseofgreensburg.org to request your statement. We will be happy to send you one. Thank you!



The Immaculate Conception Creation Care Team meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Children's Liturgy Room. The team's focus is to study the encyclical "Laudato Si, Care for Our Common Home" and to turn the Pope's vision into effective actions. For more information, Chris Peta at chris@syncrous.com

Christmas Decoration Removal Immaculate Conception Cemetery

If you wish to retain your Christmas decorations from your loved ones graves, please remove the Christmas decorations by March 3, 2025. Anything left in the cemetery past March 3, as a courtesy to you, will be discarded by cemetery staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bingo at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City
Bingo on Weds. Jan. 8 and Feb. 5. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:45 p.m. The kitchen will be open, and free coffee will be provided. The hall is handicap accessible. For information, call 724-744-7474 or 724-744-4594.

Diocese of Greensburg Jubilee Year Calendar



DECEMBER 2024

- 29 Solemn Opening of the Jubilee Year**
3 PM Beginning at The Westmoreland Museum of Art and processing to Blessed Sacrament Cathedral (BSC)

JANUARY 2025

- 11 Jubilee Mass**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC

FEBRUARY 2025

- 2 Presentation of the Lord**
11 AM Mass at BSC celebrated by Bishop Kulick with Blessing of Candles and Procession
- 8 Jubilee Mass for Catechists & Formation Leaders**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC

MARCH 2025

- 5 Ash Wednesday with Bishop Kulick**
6 PM at BSC
- 8 Jubilee Mass for Doctors, Nurses and Healthcare Workers**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC
- 19 St. Joseph Day Celebration**
Free KNOW HIM Events at Christ Our Shepherd Center throughout the day. Registration required.
11:45 AM Mass at BSC
- 25 Bishop Pilgrimage to Rome Begins**
Live coverage continues through April 6

APRIL 2025

- 11 The Passion According to Matthew - Jubilee Concert**
7 PM at BSC
- 12 Jubilee Mass**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC
- 13 Palm Sunday Procession & Mass with Bishop Kulick**
11 AM Mass at BSC

MAY 2025

- 10 Jubilee Mass for the Poor**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC

JUNE 2025

- 14 Jubilee Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC
- 22 Corpus Christi Mass & Eucharistic Procession with Bishop Kulick**
11 AM Mass at BSC

JULY 2025

- 12 Jubilee Mass for First Responders (Blue Mass)**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC

AUGUST 2025

- 9 Jubilee Mass for Families, Youth & Newcomers**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC
- 15 Assumption Mass & Procession**
6 PM at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg

SEPTEMBER 2025

- 13 Jubilee Mass for Laborers**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC
- 14 Exaltation of the Cross**
11 AM Mass at BSC

OCTOBER 2025

- 7 All Schools Mass - Solemnity of the Dedication of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral**
9 AM Mass at BSC
- 11 Jubilee Mass of Reparation for Victims of Sexual Abuse**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC

NOVEMBER 2025

- 8 Jubilee Mass of Remembrance**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC
- 23 Feast of Christ the King**
Diocesan-wide Eucharistic Adoration

DECEMBER 2025

- 13 Jubilee Mass for Religious**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC
- 28 Solemn Closing of the Jubilee Year**
11 AM Mass at BSC



Beloved

a gathering of Women,
night of reflection

"Living the Eucharist"


Open to all women

JAN 20 2025

6:30 — 8:30 PM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish


200 Leger Road
North Huntingdon, PA 15642



GUEST SPEAKER
Dr. Helene Paharik

Helene Paharik has been an Associate Professor of Theology at St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pennsylvania since 2023. Paharik has served in ministry in both the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the Diocese of Greensburg. She has written dozens of articles on evangelization, pastoral ministry, spirituality, Catholic family life, and social teaching. An enthusiastic presenter, Paharik is a Benedictine Oblate and member of the Equestrian Order.

For more information visit
DioceseofGreensburg.org



Eucharistic Intimacy

Coming heart to heart with the Eucharistic Christ



TRANSFORMED

a gathering of Men

JAN 27, 2025

6:30 — 8:30 PM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

200 Leger Road • North Huntingdon, PA 15642



TIM RUFLIN
GUEST SPEAKER

Tim Ruflin is Regional Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship serving the parishes of New Kensington and Lower Burrell. Prior to taking on this role, Tim served as a Campus Minister at the University of Mount Saint Vincent in New York City and as a Parish Catechetical Leader in the Diocese of Meath, Ireland. He received an MA in Theology from the University of Notre Dame and a BA in Theology from Mount Saint Mary's University.

Tim enjoys spending time with his wife and son, hiking and visiting local craft breweries, and cheering on the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

Reflection, Discussion and an opportunity for Adoration and Reconciliation

for more information visit
DioceseofGreensburg.org



March for Life 2025 in Washington DC

Friday, January 24th

Bus leaves Mother of Sorrows at 5:30 AM

Cost: \$25, \$20 for students, payable on bus or MOS office

Cash or check – payable to Mother of Sorrows Parish

Cash tip for bus driver

To register email Barb Koury at barbkoury@gmail.com

Include name and a cell phone number that you will have with you that day.

Trip includes Mass at the National Basilica in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel at 10:30 AM celebrated by Bishop Larry Kulick.

"Pray for Life" Friday, January 24, 2025

with The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women

ALL are Welcome Come and go as your schedule permits

Christ Our Shepherd Center, 2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg

11:30 Rosary for priests
12:00 Mass celebrated by The Very Reverend Eric J. Dinga, VF
DCCW Spiritual Advisor
1:30 Rosary for Life
2:15 Stations of the cross
3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:30 Litany for Life
4:00 Closing Prayer and Benediction

Free will offering and Donations of diapers and baby items will be distributed to pregnancy centers throughout the diocese

4:12 High School Ministry Presents:



All proceeds help to send 4:12 High School Ministry teens to Catholic Heart WorkCamp, Steubenville Conferences, Camp Damascus, and the National Catholic Youth Conference!

Saturday, February 22, 2025

***SNOW DATE... (March 1st)...Watch KDKA for cancellation information

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton — Mack Hall — 200 Leger Rd. N. Huntingdon, PA 15642
Doors Open 10:45 AM — "Early Bird" Bingo Starts 11:45 AM

Jackpot Payout — \$ 1,000.00

20 Games — \$ 100 Payout Each (18 cards)

Four Specials — \$50 / \$150 (6 cards)

Extra Packets \$6 (sold at door)

\$30 per Ticket

Lunch & Beverage Included



Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

of Tickets _____ Amount Paid _____

(Make checks payable to: St. Agnes Church)

Mail check & registration to:
St. Agnes Church
Re: Super Bingo
11400 St. Agnes Lane
N. Huntingdon, PA 15642

OR

Purchase tickets at St. Elizabeth
Ann Seton, St. Agnes, or
Immaculate Conception church
offices.

For information, tickets, dietary restrictions and seating arrangements, please call Mary Frankhauser at 724-600-4894.

4:12 High School Ministry

welcomes high school youth (grades 9-12) to continue their faith formation with games, group discussions and presentations on topics of interest to teens. We also have seasonal social events, opportunities for service, conferences, camps, and a summer missionary trip!



4:12 HS MINISTRY WILL BE SELLING

ANCHOR HOAGIES
SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

4:12 High School Ministry Hosts

SUPER BINGO

FOOD | FUN | PRIZES

Saturday, February 22

Visit the parish office of: St. Agnes, Immaculate Conception, or St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to purchase your \$30 ticket!

WINTER SCHEDULE

JAN 5 EPIPHANY PARTY!!!

JAN 12 Mother Mary Knows Best

JAN 19 Seeing the Word!

JAN 26 Seeing the Kingdom!

FEB 2 Stuffed & Emptied

Meetings are 6-8pm
@ Youth Ministry Building
on the Queen of Angels Campus
NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

KWaterhouse@DioceseofGreensburg.org

4:12 HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY



Steubenville Conference

July 18-20, 2025



Promo Video



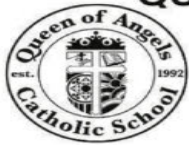
Registration

Steubenville Youth Conferences are for current 8th-12th graders

ANGELS CORNER—QUEEN OF ANGEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Queen of Angels Catholic School is preparing for a new celebration of Catholic Schools. National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. CSW has traditionally been held the last week in January. We want to help showcase what makes Catholic schools the best when families are looking to find the right school for them. This year we will celebrate January 26-February 1, 2025. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.



QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

TODDLER-TWO PROGRAM

This "Toddler Time" Parent/Child Program is designed for children and their parent or caregiver to come together to play and learn.

A typical session will include: Exploratory Play, Arts & Crafts, Circle Time (a gentle introduction to group time) and Snack.

- ✓ WHO: 2-3 year old children with a parent or caregiver (Must be 2 before session starts)
- ✓ WHERE: Queen of Angels Catholic School
- ✓ WHEN: 1 hour class – Monday AND/OR Wednesday
TIME: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
- ✓ SESSIONS AVAILABLE: Each session is 8 weeks
Fall- Oct 14/16- Dec 9/11 (no session Nov 27th or Dec 2nd)
Winter -Jan 6/8- March 10/12 (no session Jan 20/22 or Feb 17/19)
Spring- March 17/19- May 12/14 (no session April 16th or 21st)
- ✓ Cost per session: \$100 for 1 day per week or \$175 for 2 days per week



REGISTRATION FORM

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE SEND FORM AND PAYMENT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE:

ONE MAIN ST. NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA 15642. YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER AT

[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/BMBS4IPZAM](https://forms.office.com/r/BMBS4IPZAM) OR SCAN THE QR CODE

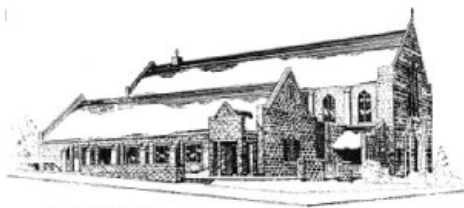
Guardian's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Session: Fall Winter Spring

Day: Monday Wednesday Monday & Wednesday



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 5, 2025 - Order of the Mass

VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father:
courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate,
faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage.
Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness by listening to the Father's voice and
responding with a sacrificial love. Holy Mary, Model of vocations, pray for us. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

As With Gladness Men of Old



As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing
As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly
As they of - fered gifts most rare At that man - ger
In the heav'n - ly cit - y bright None shall need cre -



star be - hold; As with joy they hailed its light,
man - ger - bed, There to bend the knee be - fore
crude and bare; So may we this ho - ly day,
at - ed light; You, its light, its joy, its crown,



Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright; So, most gra - cious
Him, whom heav'n and earth a - dore; So may we with
Drawn to you with - out de - lay, All our cost - liest
You, its sun which goes not down; There for - ev - er



Lord, may we Ev - er - more your splen - dor see.
hur - ried pace Run to seek your throne of grace.
treas - ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n - ly King.
may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

Tune: DIX, 77 77 77; arr. from Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872, by William H. Monk, 1823-1889

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth

peace to peo-ple of good will. A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72
Michael Joncas

Every nation on earth will adore you, Lord.

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, 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." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

Verses



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense owns a
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and



1. tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain,
2. crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er, Ceas - ing nev - er
3. De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais - ing Glad - ly rais - ing,
4. gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing,
5. Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!"

Refrain



1. Fol - low - ing yon - der star. O star of won - der,
2. O - ver us all to reign.
3. Wor - ship him, God on high.
4. Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5. Sounds through the earth and skies.




star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright; West - ward



lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1-11.

Text and music: *Carols, Hymns and Songs*, 1863; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts.

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Save us, Sav - ior of the world for by your

Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

A - men, a - men, a -- men.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world, grant us peace.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.

Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry -
where; Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born.

Verses

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When high a - bove the earth
3. And lo, when they had heard it, They all bowed down and prayed;
4. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,

to Refrain

1. Be - hold, through-out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
2. Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
3. They trav - eled on to - geth - er To where the Babe was laid.
4. And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; fr. *American Negro Songs and Spirituals*, 1940; John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925, alt.
Music: Spiritual.



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