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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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Weekly Eucharists

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

Monday – Saturday: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt.

Holy Days

8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 7 pm

Parish Office Hours

Mon. - Wed, 9:30–2 pm

*Other times & days,
call to see if office
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What's Happening This Week?

Today

Rel. Ed.
Clothing Collection



Next Sunday

Rel. Ed.

To Come

Lector Mtg., Jan. 28, 10 am
Usher Mtg., Feb. 4, 10 am - *Change of Date*

Every Sunday

Pound A Week

Stewardship of Treasure

Last week: \$ 6635.00
Added Christmas: \$ 4225
Online for December: \$ 1510



Thank You

We thank the many parishioners and friends who sent greetings, cards, well-wishes, goodies, kindnesses and many other signs of generosity during the Christmas Season. Some even made sure we had someone and somewhere to celebrate the festivities of the season. Thank you all and Happy New year

Fr. Das and the two Fr. Joes

Support Group for Divorced & Separated

The Divorced and Separated Ministry of Little Flower Parish, Berkeley Heights is offering a twelve week support group providing comfort and healing before, during, and after divorce. The group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9 pm beginning Feb. 15 until May 10. Registration is required.

Info: parish website lfbhnj.org, divorceministry.lf@gmail.com or parish office at 908-464-1585.

Question for the Week

For Adults:

The Magi were strangers from another land. How do you welcome immigrants and strangers in the name of Christ?

For Children:

What could you do to be like a star and lead someone to know about Jesus?

As a faith community, we keep in mind who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God.



Special requests for prayers at liturgy and donations made in honor of loved ones. These intentions and names of our sick are noted on the Gifts Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.

Things to Do on Epiphany Day

King Cake

King Cake is also eaten at Mardi Gras, perhaps because Mardi Gras begins 12:01 am after Epiphany. The King Cake hides surprises, little trinkets. Some people only include a single bean or a plastic baby and the one who finds it is "King of the Feast," others like to spread the wealth around with other symbolic trinkets. Enjoying the sugary treat isn't without its risks, though. If an adult bites into the piece with the baby and becomes King of the Feast, they're committed to host the party next year.

Twelfth night party

When everyone else has put the holidays behind and are waiting for winter to be over, Epiphany is the perfect excuse to pop the cork on the champagne, heat up the wassail, and celebrate with friends. Traditionally, the party is on the eve of Epiphany and called a Twelfth Night party for the last day of Christmas.

Keep the carols rotating for all 12 days of Christmas and especially on this final night. "We Three Kings" is the show stopper. Bonus points if the Kings have elaborate costumes.

Chalk blessing

The blessing is printed in another section of the bulletin. "20 + C + B + M + 17" What a delightful riddle, an Epiphany tradition. Christus mansionem benedicat," means, "May Christ bless this house." The "+" signs represent the cross.

Any chalk will do. Be sure to mark the doors as a family and remember that the symbols represent the presence of love and grace in your home. The chalk eventually fades or washes off in the rain, but the blessing will remain.

Parish on a Journey

Blessing of the Home on the Feast of the Epiphany

All make the Sign of the Cross

Head of Household: “Peace be to this house and: to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: Loving God,
the doors of our hearts and the doors of our home
are open to you and to all who need warmth and welcome.

Using chalk, write on the outside of your house, above or next to an entrance:

the year and the letters CMB, together or split:

2017 CMB or +20 C M B 17+

This is for Christus Mansionem Benedicat (Christ Bless this House) or the traditional names of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar

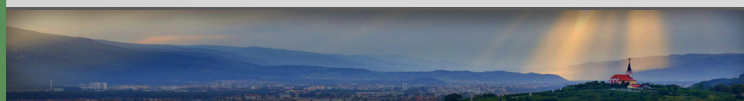
All: We give you thanks for our home, for the gift of family, and for the blessing of friends. Keep us safe as we come in and as we go out each and every day. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Concluding Blessing

The leader says the following, making the sign of the cross.

May God bless us and keep us. May God’s face shine upon us and be gracious to us. May God look upon us kindly and give us peace.

All: Amen.



Take Five for Faith



Daily renewal for busy Catholics

These daily scripture reflections are on the website under “Faith Formation.” A few ‘hard’ copies are in the vestibule as well. Download an app for daily reflections at: <http://www.takefiveforfaith.com/mobile-app>

Apostleship of Prayer Intention for January

Christian Unity.

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord’s teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

As We Undecorate and Close Christmas Season

Many thanks for all who offered their time for the parish’s celebration this year. This includes those who:

- cleaned the church
- set up the nativity scenes, trees and wreaths.
- took care of the plants
- decorated (and undecorated) the church, inside and out
- Firefighters who changed lightbulbs
- ministered as lectors, ushers and eucharistic ministers, even leaving family to do so.



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What's on our Website this Week?



"I made a New Year's resolution to eat broccoli.
If I can't stand it, I'll give it up for Lent."

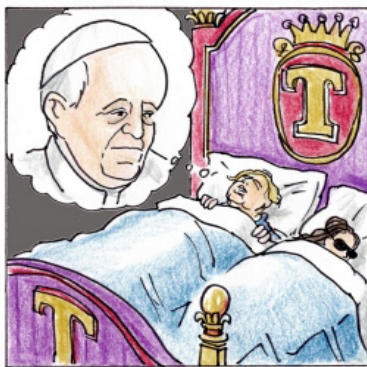
Don't forget to check out our website.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-6; Matthew 2:1-12

God's Plan for All

- These are words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, (modern day Iraq). With their temple destroyed and city leveled the prophet envisions a wonderful future for Jerusalem.
- The Ephesians were a community in which Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity lived side by side. The author of this letter confirms that God's saving grace is available to everyone, whatever their ethnic or religious background..
- The Magi represent the non-Jewish world who are seekers of God in their own way. Their journey to Bethlehem in search of the new King is symbolic of the journey all seekers must take. Epiphany is not only a feast on which we celebrate God's manifestation of himself to the Gentile world, but also our movement toward God.



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