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JANUARY 5, 2020 • THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening ..... 4:30 PM  
 Sunday, Upper Church ..... 8:30 and 11:00 AM  
 Holy Day Vigil (night before Holy Day) ..... 7:00 PM  
 Holy Day ..... 8:30 AM  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday ..... 8:30 AM  
 Thursday..... No Mass  
 Friday..... 12:15 PM

## NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church)  
 Monday-Thursday only ... 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
 Friday..... 8:00 AM-2:30 PM  
 (Closed for lunch 12:00-1:00 PM)  
 Saturday & Sunday..... Closed

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM.

First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Parish Office for more information.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Rectory of Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.

Post-Christmas January not only ushers in a New Year, it ushers in Epiphany as well. Epiphany involves a return. The Magi, having followed a star, return to their own lands with a Proclamation most profound. We, too, make a return: a return to school; a return to work; a return to our post-holiday everyday world as we flip the calendar to 2020. There is a particular post-holiday return that stands out for me. That return was unlike any other. The blizzard had been fierce. The year was 1996. I was on the Spirituality Year in the seminary and preparing to return after Christmas break, but no one was going anywhere. As the snow fell, all one could do is watch in wonder. The day after the storm, the long process of digging out began. I lived on a little one-way street in the city with row houses on one side and garages on the other. No one went anywhere that second day. Our street was completely clogged with deep snow. All the neighbors were waiting expectantly for the plow truck to eventually come through. In the city, that meant a trash truck with a plow attached to the front. By mid-day of the third day, the folks living on my block began to realize that no plow truck would be coming. The city had a snow emergency and our little street was probably not even on the list. We realized that we would have to be resourceful and take matters into our own hands. We banded together like Wise Men following a star. The first task was to shovel out our own cars and the area of the street adjacent to them. Neighbors were helping neighbors and all helped those who were elderly or infirmed and unable to shovel for themselves. Then, we banded together to clear the whole street itself. The shortest distance to the main street was going the wrong way on our one-way little street. It didn't matter. Egress and escape are what mattered. The sight of young and old; teens and children all working together was quite something to see. Those who were unable to help shovel physically provided for our many hot chocolate breaks and nourishment. I recall an elderly gentleman appearing with a bottle in a little brown paper bag and suddenly, a number of the men were adding something to their mugs other than marshmallows. The first neighbor to "escape" was the fellow who owned an early model Chevy Blazer with four wheel drive. We all cheered his success which was really our success collectively. Later in the week, we did manage to persuade a trash truck plow driver to make a run down our street for a mere twenty bucks, but that was just a little additional clearing. The real work had already been done— together, neighbor helping neighbor. As we enter the New Year, I am certainly not looking for or hoping for any blizzards or snowstorms. Twenty bucks handed to a trash truck driver doesn't even begin to cut it today! However, I am hoping and praying and looking forward to working together in such a way that clears a path, opens the street, and allows for that profound proclamation of Epiphany to be made anew throughout the New Year of 2020—and beyond!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



## Mass Intentions

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 6</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>KATHRYN NOONAN</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 7</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>CHARLES &amp; MARGARET FLAHERTY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 8</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>MARIE PROKO</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 9</b>
	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 10</b>
<b>12:15 PM</b>	<b>BOB CASSIDY</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 11</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>JOHN &amp; HELEN ZAMBLERA</b>
<b>NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 11</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>EDWARD J. RYAN</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 12</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>MICHAEL O'KANE</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>FRANCIS ARMSTRONG</b>

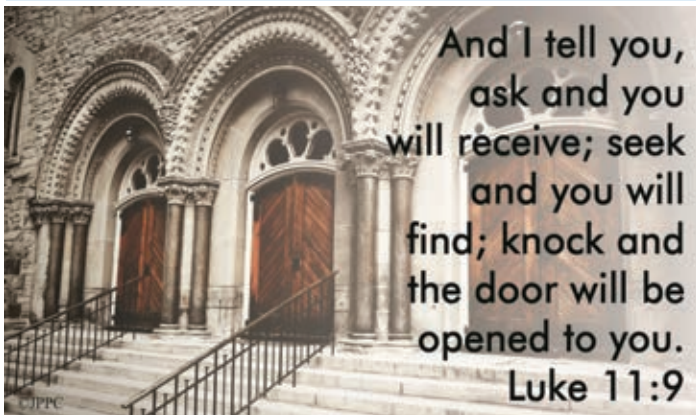


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<b>Steven Henderson</b>	<b>Michael Sargent III</b>
<b>Stefanos Karas</b>	<b>Joseph Sindoni</b>
<b>Carole Kime</b>	<b>Adeline Sulpizio</b>
<b>Mary and Ken Kull</b>	<b>George Vrettos</b>
<b>Kendall Lambert</b>	<b>Lily Walker</b>
<b>Rose Leto</b>	<b>Nadia Waltanski</b>
<b>Patricia Lyons</b>	<b>Carter Walton</b>
<b>Helen Lyons</b>	



*Sincere thanks to all the Ministers of Care and volunteers who delivered the parish Christmas greetings and plants to our homebound and sick of the parish. We appreciate the time and generosity they gave especially in the frigid rain.*

*Thank you for your generosity and act of Christmas Love.*





## THE CORNER

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*"And so I think if we keep our heart at peace. Then our home with Jesus becomes more and more and more secure. And there's where single-mindedness comes in. We have to have a single mind. What do I desire? I desire Jesus, and there He is."*



There is a need for additional volunteers to assist with the counting of the Sunday collection. Each counter works with two others and is scheduled about once every four or five weeks.

For additional information, please contact the Business Office at 610-626-3321. Thank you very much for considering this request.



We are looking forward to a great New Year at school. Our new Smart Boards are up and running and we are waiting for the other two new ones to arrive.

Catholic Schools Week will be the last week in January. We have activities planned for the children and we will end with a sock hop! We will be collecting socks, scarves and gloves for the needy during the month of January. There is a lot of giving during the Christmas Season, so we wanted to continue that practice during January when the weather can be very cold.

Have a great week! God bless you!

Dr. WorriLOW

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Columnist Steve Lopez is at a dead end. The newspaper business is in an uproar, his marriage has fallen apart, and he can't entirely remember what he loved about his job in the first place. While walking through Los Angeles' Skid Row, he sees the bedraggled figure of Nathaniel Ayers, pouring his world into a two-stringed violin. This sets Steve on an unexpected quest to change the life of this young artist. But as he fights to save Ayers' life, he begins to realize that it is Ayers who is profoundly changing his own. Starring Jamie Fox and Robert Downey, Jr.



**Prayer:** Father, lead us to Your glory in heaven by the light of faith.

Many ancient stories are associated with Epiphany. Beginning in the third century in the churches of the Near East, Epiphany was celebrated as the feast of Jesus' birth. Very soon after that, Jesus' baptism also began to be celebrated on His birthday, and Epiphany became an important day for baptisms. For some, the waters of baptism recalled Jesus' first miracle at the Cana wedding feast, when He turned water into wine, so this day is also associated with wedding imagery. Later on, but still a very long time ago, all the churches in the East and the West agreed Jesus' birthday would be celebrated on December 25, but in the East, the coming of the magi was also celebrated on that day, while in the West the feast was celebrated in January.



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**Epiphany.**

**Darkness shall cover the earth  
and thick darkness the peoples;**

**But, the Lord will rise upon you  
and his glory will be seen.**

**Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness  
of your rising.**

**- Isaiah 60:1-3**

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## JANUARY 5 — FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

*"Tis the season" of beautifully wrapped boxes encasing treasures specially chosen by the givers. They are meant to express many things, above all, love, but also friendship, forgiveness for perceived failures, or just plain joy for the present and the future*

*"Tis the season" for receiving gifts, presumably given by loved ones or recent acquaintances, or even perhaps a co-worker from the wider reaches of our "people circle" wishing to acquire or strengthen a relationship. Or they may be expressions of thanks for favors received.*

*"Tis the season" of a brand new year, its number 2020 often used to define perfect eyesight, thereby giving a hint that this may be the perfect year to look for a "new vision" to permeate our outlook.*

*"Tis the season" of Winter's apex, when ever so slowly the daylight lasts longer with each new day, calling for us to live the hope we invest in Spring.*

*"Tis the season" above all to recognize that Jesus Christ is Himself our greatest gift. His unchanging love for us is no prisoner of time or whim. He is "the Light of the World" for all men and women anywhere and everywhere.*

*"Tis the season," finally, of Epiphany, which is Christmas for many Eastern Christians. That marks the time when Christ burst out of the confines of a Bethlehem stable to be a Gift, beautifully wrapped but eager to be opened for all nations.*

*All of this expanded meaning for the season underscores why we love it as being so special. True, it shakes us up a bit, especially if we have commercialized it, or limited its invitation to love God and our neighbor, or unconsciously made our Christianity into some kind of private possession, not to be shared with people who don't look like us or speak our language. It tells us each year that we share this blue ball we live in with billions of others, all created by the one God and Father. There are no strangers here.*

*The poets of our world have a way of stating the truth that makes us pause and rehearse their words with our inner ears. We need them more desperately than we sometimes acknowledge. They open us up on this Epiphany day so that we can ponder and grow. Here is one of them with the lilting name of Edna St. Vincent Millay. This is what she wrote:*

*"The world stands out on either side,  
No wider than the heart is wide.  
Above the world is stretched the sky,  
No higher than the soul is high."*

*Peace to you and yours this New Year of the Lord 2020!*





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