



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 7, 2018



Pray for the Sick

Saturday, January 6th

- 9:00 Mildred Giuffrida req. by Wendy Class & Family
- 5:30 Loretta Grecky req. by Raymond Infarinato & Lisa Cribari

Sunday, January 7th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Loretta & Caroline Dym req. by the Pace Family
- 10:30 Filomena & Vitorocco DeSimini req. by The DeSimini Family
- 12:00 Laura & Joseph DelRicchio req by Rosa Cannistraci
- 5:30 Vincent J. & Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by the Family

Monday, January 8th

- 7:00 -
- 9:00 Joseph Fay, req. by The Tinsley Family

Tuesday, January 9th

- 7:00 -
- 9:00 Anthony Canino req. by DeDe & Jack Burke

Wednesday, January 10th

- 7:00 -
- 9:00 Caroline Dym req. by Pat & Tony Suppa

Thursday, January 11th

- 7:00 -
- 9:00 Vincent R. Luccarelli req. by the Family

Friday, January 12th

- 7:00 -
- 9:00 John Clark req. by Jeanne & Warren Elliott

Saturday, January 13th

- 9:00 Mildred Giuffrida req. by The Paolucci Family
- 5:30 Maria Timpone Scuderi req. by The Scuderi Family

Sunday, January 14th

- 7:30 - For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 - Dominic DiLecce req. by Angela Bisailon
- 10:30 - John DeRuzza, Sr. req. by John DeRuzza
- 12:00 - Oren Root req. by The Root Family
- 5:30 - Michael Cruz req. by The Hicks Family

Rayyan Ahsan, Tatum Allen, Virginia Barrett, Zoe Bonowitz, Walter Brady, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Dominick Cannavo, Michael Casarella, Conner Curran, Paula DeSpirito, Marie Doescher, , Frankie Dezell, Maureen Doran, Mary Doyle, Meghan Farrell, Helen Flower, Jean Gallagher, Duane Goff, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Healy Pauline Marie, Molly Henry, Debra Ferman, Pauline, Francine M. Holley, Chester Hooper, Richard Hughes, Freeman Huntington, Christine Iannino, Kathleen T. Kelleher, Bill Killen, Maureen Laning, John Li Conti, Dominic Lombardi, Veronica Lopez, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, John Magnotta, Kevin Mahoney, Steve Mazzei, Jim Murphy, John Pasquale, Edward Prihoto, John Reardon, Madeline Sanford, Chris Schate, Matthew Scherer, Otto Siegwarth, Thomas Valentine, Michael Walsh, Mia Wiltse, Albert Young, Christine Young, Eileen Riley Zawada, Magdalena Zikely and all who request our prayers.

Service Personnel Prayer List

The name listed below is service personnel serving in our nation's armed forces who are relatives of our parishioners. Please keep them in your prayers.

- Darren Adler/Marines
- Charlie Carr /Air Force
- Richard Hughes/Marines
- Steven Scully/Marines

It is a privilege and a duty for us to pray for those commended to our prayers. From time to time we start a new list to make sure that it is up-to-date. If we have removed someone who should remain on the list, please call the Parish Office at 234-3344.

Partner-in-Faith Prayer

Heavenly Father, we ask your blessings and protection on the people of Sacred Heart Parish. We, your children at St. Patrick's, invoke your name on their behalf. We are grateful for all you have given us and in return we are mindful of those who have less than we do. Bless us all and keep us close to you. May the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, be the strength that will make us one in you. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RECENT COLLECTIONS

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FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK:

Solemnity of the Epiphany

Trying to discover the exact origins of the Epiphany feast presents historical and liturgical problems. In ancient Egypt, the time of the winter solstice was celebrated as the turning of the year and a time of new beginnings. This pagan background forms part of what we still commemorate on Epiphany – new beginnings through the incarnation. In Eastern liturgical tradition, this day was the commemoration of the Lord's baptism and his manifestation as Son of God. In its early evolution, it was an important festival for the celebration of baptisms everywhere except at Rome. Also, part of this feast concerned the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus.

The themes for the feast from liturgical tradition include the nativity of Jesus, the baptism of Christ, the commemoration of the Cana miracle, and the transfiguration (as itself a turning point in Jesus' life after which he set forth for Jerusalem to suffer and die). This richness is rejected in today's readings and prayers. It should be recalled so that the visit of the Magi is understood to be only part of what is celebrated today.

The assigning of Epiphany to a Sunday (instead of January 6) here in the United States has been debated. Some maintain that this derogates from the primary emphasis of Sunday as the day of Lord's resurrection, but this arrangement gives the majority of Christians an opportunity to experience the fuller meaning of the incarnation commemorated today. The manifestation of Christ to Eastern astrologers is highly symbolic – all peoples are now numbered among God's chosen. Those who respond form the body of Christ, the communion of the baptized. Notions of universality, incorporation into the church by baptism, and continuing to search for God are important aspects of today's feast. The glory of God has appeared in Christ. His light illumines our way to God and his grace makes us God's daughters and sons.



WORDS OF INSPIRATION

The Journey to Meet Christ

The Gospel account of the Magi describes their journey from the East as a journey of the spirit, as a journey toward the encounter with Christ. They are attentive to signs that indicate his presence. They are tireless in facing the trials of the search. They are courageous in deducing the implications for life that derive from encounter with the Lord. This is life: Christian life is a journey, but requires being attentive, tireless and courageous. A Christian journeys like this. The experience of the Magi evokes the journey of every man and woman towards Christ. As for the Magi, so for us, to seek God means to journey focused on the sky and discerning in the visible sign of the star the invisible God who speaks to our hearts.

~Pope Francis

The Respect Life Group

The **Respect Life Group** will be having its' next meeting on **Monday, January 8, 2018** immediately following the 9am Mass in the downstairs Church Meeting room.

We welcome new members!



The Women's Faith Sharing

The new **Women's faith Sharing** has just completed our first series of 6 sessions! It has been a tremendously enriching success! We are humbled and grateful for this gift of God's grace!

The new **Women's Faith Sharing** will continue meeting in the **Cenacle, Tuesday evenings from 7-8:15pm** for 6 consecutive weeks starting January 9th through February 13th. We will be discussing the book **"The Jesus I Never Knew"** by Philip Yancy.

Please join us as we journey together in faith and fellowship. We welcome newcomers at any time. Consistent attendance is not required. Homework can be enriching but is also not a requirement!

St. Patrick's Parish
Religious Education

Book Drive Success!!

The organizer of the Book Drive for Libraries in the US Virgin Islands wanted everyone to know that we helped collect 736 lbs. of books which have all been shipped.

We cannot thank everyone enough for the overwhelming success of the
Book Drive!

Thank you to Maryann Antolino who coordinated the book drive for our program.

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank You!

