Sunday, January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

A parish staffed by the Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.
The Epiphany of the Lord—January 6, 2019

Today, January 6, 2019

CCD Classes
9:30-10:45am for Kindergarten—High School
10:50 thru 11am Mass for 3yr & 4yr Preschool

R.C.I.A—Monday, January 7, 7:00—8:30pm, School Multipurpose Room

Confession—Sunday, 7-7:45am

Christmas Vespers—January 6, 2018, 5:30pm

Epiphany Parish Dinner—January 6, 2019, 6:00pm, School Auditorium

Next Weekend, January 12/13, 2019

CCD Classes
9:30-10:45am for Kindergarten—High School
10:50 thru 11am Mass for 3yr & 4yr Preschool

R.C.I.A—Monday, January 14, 7:00—8:30pm, School Multipurpose Room

Minister Schedule

The Ministry schedule was not available at the

This week: William Johnson, For the Family of Garrett Seech, Christina Sentelle, Anna Marie Pickert, Kathaleen Bryan, Keith Wolfrey, Aliene Misitis, Kellie Reiber, Philip Baker, Fred Eisenhart, Tom Lopresti, Frank Lago, Adele Hanson, Gretchen Bertuccini, Chauney McGarney, Zoey Walker, Perry Fath, Lisa White, James J. Thomas, Cathy Kinman, Ed Bryner, Earl Bennett, Ty Long, Robin L. Fraley, Robin Holderness, Gordon Fath, Jr., A Special Intention for Kathy Osbourn, Margaret (Peggy) Gillespie, Pat Landerman, Robert O’Toole, Steve Pugh & Family, Ray Paris; Julian Lawrence, Anthony Barbarino, Margo Moran; Raylynn Gladhill, Jo Willard, Stan McElhaney, Jim Barnes, Judy Huber; Robert Topper, Becky & Jeffrey Schreck, Jr., Marie Keen; Ronnie Starry, Eileen Duke; Woodard Poper, Monica Wishard, Liz Jobes, Betty Powers, Ralph & Gladys Wetzel, Dorothea Peters, Eliana Bettwy, Catherine Hinkle, Seth Stine, Donna Krietz, Emma Loomis; Prayer List Policy: To help focus our prayers, names are kept on the list for one month. If someone is still in need of prayer, notify the office to list them for another month

Our Online Giving system provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections in addition to regular offerings. You can choose to do a One Time Gift or a special remembrance, or you can set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online to a particular collection. It’s easy and it’s convenient! Go to our parish website at www.standrewwbo.org and select Online Giving to

The 46th Annual March for Life is Friday, January 18, 2019. Saint Andrew and Saint Mark/Saint Luke are sharing a bus to travel to Washington D.C. to attend the March. There are a limited number of bus seats available and are on a first come, first serve basis. Seats are $10 each. The bus will be leaving from the Grove-Bowersox parking lot at 9:45am and will be arriving back at approximately 6:00pm. Please bring a packed lunch and drink. If you have any questions regarding the March for Life, please contact Peg Wagaman, pwagaman@saintandrewschool.org or 717-762-1914 ext 6. To reserve and pay for a seat on the bus, please contact the parish office.

Thank you very much to all the parishioners of Saint Andrew’s for your continuing generosity during this Christmas season. This year we were able to help 25 families in our parish community with each family receiving a turkey this holiday! And thank you to all who helped organize, fill and distribute all the Christmas food baskets on December 15. We so much appreciate all your help and couldn’t have done it without you. Also, a big thank you to the Youth Group for carrying all the food from the basement to the school hall.
Advertisements on the back pages provide the bulletin to you, our parishioners, at no cost to Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish. They provide fast and friendly service. Please call them first!!

Do you go away for the winter?
Do you forward or hold your mail?
Please notify the church office as well. We will hold your mailings to save time and money. Thank you.

Mass Schedule

The Rosary is prayed ½ hour before each mass.

Mass of Anticipation
5:00 PM For a Special Intention

Sunday, The Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2019
8:00 AM For the People / Pro Populo
11:00 AM † For the Deceased Members of the Helen & Maurice Caron Family
5:30 PM Vespers

Monday, January 7
Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest
8:00 AM † Louise West

Tuesday, January 8
8:00 AM † Louis LaSorsa

Wednesday, January 9
8:00 AM † Diane Williams

Thursday, January 10
8:00 AM For the Intentions of Laura Pelletier

Friday, January 11
8:00 AM † Gloria McDaniels

Saturday, January 12
8:00 AM † Michael Baldassaro
3:30 Confessions

Mass of Anticipation
5:00 PM † Diane Williams

Sunday, The Baptism of the Lord, January 13
8:00 AM For the People / Pro Populo

Sacrament of Baptism
Baptism is normally celebrated following the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass. Parents must be registered members of the parish and attend a baptism preparation class (held monthly) prior to the baptism. The requirements for godparents are established by the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for information.

Sacrament of Marriage
Diocesan policy requires 9 to 12 months of preparation for Marriage. Contact the parish as soon as possible after engagement. No arrangements should be made prior to consultation with the pastor.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available to all in need of healing. It should be given if an individual is gravely ill or near death but is available to all who are in need of healing, before major surgery or when one is hospitalized. If possible, please do not wait until death is imminent to offer your loved one this grace especially when that

Parish Ministries Directory
Boy Scouts  Fred Shetter  717-762-2462
Cemetery  Joe Little  717-762-0233
Church Cleaning Crew  Kathy Osbourn 717-352-3472
Council of Catholic Women  Elaine Sneeringer 352-8697
Finance Council Chair  Charlie Willhide 717-762-2828
Knights of Columbus  Jeff Moyer (717) 762-7421
Music Director  Kathy Bourdeau 717- 765-0791
Ministry Scheduler  Kathy Bourdeau 717- 765-0791
Natural Family Planning  Jeff & Marcia Moyer 762-7421
Parish Council Chair  Chris Dennis 717-765-4067
Parish Nurse Program  Margy Cook 717-749-0012
Betty Green 717-765-8708
Bernie Null 717-762-1471
Judy Baker 717-762-5642
Marcia Moyer 717-762-7421
SCRIP  Lisa Skehan 717-762-3221
Saint Andrew Board of Education
Lesley Quesada 717-387-9656

Social Outreach & Advocacy Ministries
Marie “Maisie” DiGiammarino 717-762-2641
Lucy Ivins 702-523-6445

Spirited Singles  John Hoffman 717-552-9681

Saint Andrew Seniors  Sonnie Medevich 717-749-0012

Waynesboro Fellowship of Churches  Patricia Muir  717-765-4998

Youth Group  standrewsyouth316@gmail.com

The Sanctuary Candle reminds us of the presence of Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. It burns this week in Memory of William Whittington, Sr.

Memorialize the altar flowers in the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Call the parish office to arrange for a particular date. The cost is $70.00 for the two vases of flowers.

New Books, Pamphlets, & CD’s for Christmas. Check the bookshelves at the entrance of the church for these and many books/videos for children and interesting books on the a number of spiritual and faith based topics.

Do you go away for the winter? Do you forward or hold your mail? Please notify the church office as well. We will hold your mailings to save time and money. Thank you.
Part-time Job

Looking for part-time work with summers off?

Saint Andrew School has an opening for a part-time cafeteria worker during the school lunch hour (approximately 12–14 hours per week, Monday through Friday, during the school year). Duties will entail light food preparation, shopping, inventory and serving. Please contact the Principal, Lindsay Salmon, 717-762-3221 or via email at lsalmon@saintandrewschool.org.

Teen Trivia Night!

Where: St. Andrew School Gymnasium

When: Sunday, January 13, 2019

6pm-8pm

Who: All teens ages 13-18 are welcome! Create a team or join a team that night.

Special Guest:

Quiz Master Mr. Chris Dennis

Drinks, snacks, prizes provided by Saint Andrew Youth Group

Thank You!

Dear Parishioners,

The very idea or mention of the word Christmas brings to mind thoughts of joy, gift giving and thanksgiving. Once again this year I am very thankful to all of you for your thoughts, prayers, and generous gifts at Christmas. As you have heard me mention in homilies, the very nature of giving gifts is meant to mirror in some small way our heavenly Father’s gift to us of Jesus Christ, His Son. And so I wish to take this opportunity to publicly express my deepest sense of thanksgiving to all of you who have given me a gift this Christmas. May our good and gracious God bless you and your families for all your kindness and generosity.

In the love of Jesus and Mary,

Father Robert
The Epiphany of the Lord—January 6, 2019
Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish
Page 5

Sunday, January 6, 2019
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

The Epiphany of the Lord

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem. - Mt 2:1

The Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated in many cultures and oftentimes more prominently than Christmas! At a time when many homes have taken down decorations and put away special dishes from the season, we are reminded that there are still celebrations to be had. This story of the visit from the magi is unique to Matthew’s gospel and when read on its own terms it can be especially revealing. Often, however, we read this gospel with preconceived notions. For example, the text doesn’t say how many magi there were but because they gave three gifts (gold, frankincense, and myrrh) artists, preachers, and homilists through the centuries talk about there being three kings. Aside from fulfilling Scripture (e.g. Isa 60:6), the gifts are symbolic, as they were given to kings or divinities in antiquity. Gold is a precious element representing kingship, frankincense a perfume, and myrrh a costly balm or ointment.

And this leads to the term, “king,” which is not used in the gospel text. Instead, the term is “magi,” which designated the Persian (modern day Iran) priestly caste. Thus, Matthew foreshadows the postresurrection mission to the Gentiles by showing Gentiles (Persians) coming to worship the child Jesus. Ultimately, this is a story about who Jesus is and what his mission will be.

It is also significant that the magi worship the child Jesus. Matthew does not use the term infant here for Jesus is no longer an infant. And it’s clear from the story that Mary is at her house, not in a manger as Luke would have it. Again, when we read these stories on their own terms without importing “what we know” from other stories, a different picture emerges, and that can be a picture that conforms more closely to the theology that the evangelist wanted to impart.

In the story following today’s gospel, Matthew tells us of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt to escape Herod slaughtering all the male children in Bethlehem up to two years old (Matt 2:16; NABRE). This is a clear indication that the magi visited the home about two years after the birth of Jesus. And the point here

So in today’s gospel reading, we see the mission to the Gentiles and the universal scope of salvation foreshadowed by the visit of the magi to worship the child Jesus. Salvation has no bounds. This is a cause for celebration indeed!

From Living Liturgy

On New Year’s Day, we celebrated the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Catholics are known for having a devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus. In many of RCIA classes the topic of Mary consumes a great deal of the room’s oxygen. Mary’s role is also a flashpoint in discussions between Catholics and other Christians, especially Protestants. There is much room for confusion over Marian titles; in fact, they are often misunderstood. A good rule of thumb is that any title for Mary says much more about Jesus than it does about Mary. And that is certainly the case as we celebrated the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

On its face such a title, Mother of God, can be perplexing. How can God, who exists from all eternity, have a mother? Where is that in the Scriptures? But of course, the statement says more about Jesus, who is the enshlentment (incarnation) of the Word of God.

These questions also perplexed the church fathers who were debating the terms “Mother of God” or, literally, “God-bearer” (Theotokos in Greek), and whether it was appropriate to apply them to Mary. Many theologians objected to “Theotokos” (bearer of God) being applied to Mary and instead preferred “Christotokos” (bearer of Christ). These theologians said it was better to refer to Mary as the one who bore Christ rather than as the one who bore God. On the other side of the argument were theologians who said that Jesus was the incarnation of God to such a degree that Mary could legitimately be called “bearer of God.” And to make a long story short, the latter group carried the day as our commemorating this feast today certainly indicates.

But it would be too easy to become caught up in this Marian title as another example of outsized Catholic devotion to Mary. Instead, this title has its roots in the fifth century, one thousand years before Catholics and Protestants. Ultimately, like so many other Marian titles, this says more about Jesus and his identity than it does about Mary. And the claim is simply and profoundly this: that Jesus was the incarnation of God from the moment of his conception so that Mary can rightly be said to have borne the divine. Christianity is an incarnational and sacramental faith. Matter, earth, and world are the place of divine revelation. It is not that humanity must raise itself up to divinity, but rather, divinity humbles itself and enters
**Diocesan & Local Happenings**

**Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg Night with the Hershey Bears**—Celebrate Catholic Schools' Week with the Hershey Bears Hockey Team vs. Laval Rockets at the Giant Center in Hershey on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 7 p.m. This fun-filled action packed night at the Giant Center is open to all and is a great way to celebrate Catholic Schools! Discounted tickets are available for $16.00 each for all ages, from the regular admission price of $25. **Deadline to order is Friday, January 18, 2019.** To obtain an order form, please contact the parish office at 717-762-1914 or contact jdise@HersheyPA.com

---

**Daily Readings & Reflections**

**ST. RAYMOND OF PENA福特**

**Monday, January 7, 2019**

1 John 3:22—4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

What if you went to Confession and for your penance the priest assigned you a book to write? This actually happened to Raymond of Peña福特 (1175-1275), who felt that his life as a university teacher had been too soft and easy. When he asked his Dominican superiors to give him a harsh penance in retribution, they asked for a book to guide confessors. Later, in the “creative confessions” department, Raymond found himself the pope’s own confessor. He assigned the pope the penance of swiftly hearing and expediting all petitions of the poor! Be creative in repenting, and be sure to do it whenever needed (more often than we like to admit).

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019**

1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

No one, scripture says, has seen God and lived. But of course scripture also tells of numerous encounters with God in which someone came away without being reduced to a pair of smoking sandals. Today it’s not impossible to see God either: in other people, who are made in the image and likeness of God and carry God’s spirit in them like a temple, to use Saint Paul’s metaphor; in the sacraments, which make God present in a special way, especially in the Eucharist; in prayer, where we give expression to our relationship to God. Perhaps the most powerful way to pick up on the presence of God, though, is through love—in particular the kind of self-giving love that God has for creation, that Jesus has for the world. Where there is that kind of love, there God is.

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019**

1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

The disciples were terrified at the sight of Jesus walking on water. Indeed, God’s power as evidenced in Jesus’ miracles may seem terrifying, perhaps because the display of mastery over the forces of nature reminds us of our own limitations. None of us would last a minute trying to walk on water—but is that because of to take a few steps across the water toward Jesus, until he focuses on his own fears instead of Jesus’ invitation. Bad move for Peter—and for us.

**Thursday, January 10, 2019**

1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22a

You remember Christmas—“May your days be merry and bright” and all that? Often we think of “getting through the holidays” rather than savoring, like fine wine, the implications of “God with us.” What Christmas celebrates is nothing less than the most radical moment in human history: the leap from the divine to the human, piercing the veil, God taking root in skin and bone and changing our destiny forever. The lights may be packed away, the gifts exchanged, but that’s the small stuff. How have I been changed by these days?

**Friday, January 11, 2019**

1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

Can any of us doubt that Jesus would choose the welfare of suffering people who come to him? Still, we often pray—and live—as if we doubt that God has our best intentions at heart. God’s mercy is so clear and tangible, at the crèche and at the cross! If we ever find ourselves wondering if God really cares about the likes of us, we might bow and contemplate Jesus in the straw or nailed to wood.

**Saturday, January 12, 2019**

1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

The month of January is named after Janus, the Roman god of portals and doorways, of endings and beginnings. He is traditionally pictured with two faces: one looking back to the past, the other forward to the future. Tomorrow we celebrate the Baptism of the Jesus, which marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of ordinary time. That means today is a good day to look back over the Christmas season now ending and ask ourselves: What were some of the highs and lows? What could I do differently next year?