

January 8, 2017 The Epiphany of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 7

5:00 p.m. **Birthday Blessings for Barbara Kovacs**
By Family

Sunday, January 8

8:00 a.m. +**Vincent Perna**
By Carol Perna

10:30 a.m. +**Albert Malet**
By The Saksa Family

Monday, January 9

8:45 a.m. +**Joseph Magyar**
By The Saksa Family

Tuesday, January 10

8:45 a.m. +**Mary Walsh**
By Bernadette and Andy Ryan

Wednesday, January 11

8:45 a.m. **In Honor of the Madonna of Health**
By Angela Gross

Thursday, January 12 **NO MASS**

Friday, January 13

8:45 a.m. **Special Intentions of William Bonnah**
By Mary Rupell

Saturday, January 14

5:00 p.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore Church**

Sunday, January 15

8:00 a.m. +**Ludwik Tomiczek**
By Stanley and Dorothy Wantrobski

10:30 a.m. **In Thanksgiving of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
By Angela Gross

represent all peoples of every language and nation who set out, called by God, to adore Jesus. There are several symbols in today's feast day that are interesting for us, one of them is the 'manifestation' or 'proclamation' of Jesus as the Messiah. Then, we see people searching for Christ, we also hear about Jesus as the light of the World and then there are the gifts that the Wise men brought to the newborn Baby Jesus. As we continue to celebrate the Christmas season, we are strongly reminded that we must continue to seek out God's presence in our lives and in our world. Having celebrated Christ's birthday a few days ago, the Church is now asking us to consider how we must still search for Christ. The use of the word 'search' here is used not in the sense that we are searching for something that we have never found. Rather we are continuing to look for a deeper knowledge and experience of the Christ in whom we already believe. In our own lives, we don't just find God once, and then our search is over. In some ways, we should always be searching for God. As a matter of fact, Christian life nothing more than looking for Christ and through Him, finding God, the Father and God, the Holy Spirit.

NOTICE: Starting Thursday, January 5, Father will be changing his day off from Friday to Thursday; hence, there will be no Masses celebrated on Thursdays.

Today we should renew our desire to look for Christ with the same determination of the Wise men. Whatever it takes! For them it was a long trip and they had many obstacles to overcome, but they finally arrived to Bethlehem: "They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother" Let's make our profession of faith a reality in our lives accepting the Light of Christ, rejecting sin and allowing Jesus to be the light that guides our journey.

They offer the most precious gifts of the East. They offer him **Gold**, a symbol of His divinity. **Frankincense**, symbol of his royalty, the perfume, which was burned each evening on the altar as a symbol of the hope placed in the Messiah. And, **Myrrh**, because God made man, will take upon Himself our weaknesses, and be burdened with our sorrows, and died for us. What



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We are surprised today to see another group of people looking for the Child Jesus. A few days ago we contemplated the

Shepherds going to Bethlehem and today we have the Wise men, 'magi from the East', arriving in Jerusalem and asking, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews?'

Today with **the Solemnity of the Epiphany** the Church celebrates the 'manifestation' of the newborn Jesus to the whole world. **Epiphany** means 'manifestation', and in the Wise men

is it that we want to offer Jesus on the feast of the Epiphany?

“We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage...” May the Star of our Christian vocation be **the permanent guide** of our whole life and may we be **splendid** with the Child Jesus as we offer our gifts to Him today and always!

Church Schedule

Jan. 16: Parish and Rel. Ed. Offices closed
Jan. 17: Bible Study resumes: 6:30 pm

Religious Education Schedule

Jan. 9, 6:15: All grades at school
Jan. 14: 8th Grade Retreat at St. Mary’s
Jan. 14, 6 pm: Youth Group Movie Night
Jan. 16: No Rel. Ed. Classes: MLK holiday
Jan. 28, 6 pm: Youth Group Game Night



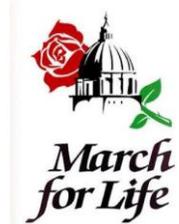
Note to Parishioners of St. Theodore Church:

Our Christmas Party for children with disabilities sponsored by our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities was a huge success thanks to your generous support and participation as well as the assistance of many Parish Advocates and volunteers. More than 300 people gathered at our diocesan center for the festive occasion. Dozens of other disabled children unable to attend also received gifts thanks to your contributions to the Christmas Giving Tree. God bless each and everyone who helped make this a memorable occasion for countless children and young adults.

God bless you,
Father Hillier & Volunteers

Our Offering

Sunday 12/25 \$3,618.25 Christmas \$4,564.
Sunday 1/1 \$1,803. New Year \$524.



March for Life in Washington, DC

The March for Life will be held on Friday, January 27 (due to Inauguration on Monday) beginning at noon on the Mall in DC.

For additional info: www.marchforlife.org. The bishop will be concelebrating at opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine on Jan. 26 and, on Jan. 27, at the Youth Mass & Rally for Life at the Verizon Ctr. Our diocese will be sending 190 of our youth to the Youth Mass. **Bus Trips to the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 27, 2017: Annandale, Immaculate Conception**

Contact: Mauro Fanelli (908) 735-5460 or Bill Smith (908) 797-7359

Phillipsburg, St. Philip & St. James

Contact: Colleen Wolters (908) 454-9880

Blairstown, St. Jude

Contact: Mary & Robert Ho (908) 382-1525

Saint Theodore Youth Group

Members & Families:

Circle January 14 on your calendars. It's MOVIE NIGHT at ST THEODORE! Doors open at 6 pm. We

guarantee you will not be bored. Moms and Dads are welcome to enjoy the fun too.



Habitat for Humanity®

Warren County Habitat for Humanity is looking for people who would like to help with their annual fundraiser, “Beams & Dreams”. This year’s evening of dining and giving back will include a magic act, raffle baskets, live and silent auctions and a gourmet buffet. Proceeds will help to build a home for a deserving Warren County family. The fundraiser will be held on April 27 at 6 p.m. at Hawk Pointe Golf Club in Washington. They are in need of many talents before and during the event. If you have a heart for community service and would like to see how you might be part of “Beams & Dreams” contact event@warrenhabitat.org. Ruthann Brown and Kathy Halpin, co-chairpersons.