

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

We had a beautiful Christmas Season here at Sacred Heart. I want to thank you from my heart for your wonderful generosity to our parish once again this Christmas and all year round. This is a beautiful parish because of your goodness. May we continue in this New Year to work together to make our parish stronger in every way, most especially as a community rich in faith, hope and love.

Today we celebrate the beautiful Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word *Epiphany* is a Greek word which means “*revelation*” or “*manifestation*.” Today, with the arrival of the Magi from the Far East, the infant Jesus lying in the manger in Bethlehem is *revealed* or *manifested* as the *Savoir*, not just of the chosen people of Israel, but of the whole world. As we sing in today’s Psalm: “*All Nations on Earth will Adore Him.*”

The Magi are also known as the three Kings or the three “Wise Men.” They were men of great wealth, learning and sophistication. But what made them truly wise, was that they were searching for something that they knew all their learning and wealth could not give them – they were searching for Truth, they were searching for God. And their search, guided by the light of a star, led them to the Christ-child in Bethlehem. The journey of the Magi represents the journey we are all on through the darkness of this world guided by the light of Faith leading us toward Heaven. And Heaven has come down to Earth at the birth of Jesus, and continues to come down to Earth in the Eucharist.

There should be a star shining like the star of Bethlehem above every Catholic Church leading people to where Jesus can be found – His Real Presence in the Eucharist in all the Tabernacles throughout the world. That is why the sanctuary candle burns with light at every moment near the Tabernacle. He is right here every day in the Tabernacle of our own beautiful Church. “*O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*”

Tomorrow this beautiful Christmas Season ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is a good time for us to reflect on the meaning of our own Baptism, which really brings the meaning of Christmas to its fulfillment. Jesus was born to make us new. He was born in our human nature to give us

a share in His Divine Nature; He was born into our human family to make us part of God’s Family; the Son of God became a Son of man, so that man could become a son and daughter of God. This great dignity is given to us at our Baptism. We are God’s children now. Now we need to truly live as children of God, reflecting the beauty, the goodness, the love, and the mercy of God in everything we say and do. This is the only formula for Peace in our world, in our families, and in our hearts. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

### CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION AND CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY TODAY, JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup> AND 8<sup>th</sup>

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. Today is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America (and Catholic Communications). Please be as generous as possible.



WASHINGTON D.C.  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017

On the 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision legalizing abortion, come and walk for the sake of the unborn on Friday, January 27, 2017. Buses will leave from St. Francis of Assisi Church in West Nyack at 6 am. We will depart from Washington, D.C., around 6 pm.

**Adults \$30                      Students \$15**  
**For reservations call 735-4379, 492-6709, or**  
**425-1322 (para español). For more info, visit**  
[www.RocklandRTL.org](http://www.RocklandRTL.org)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Day Of Prayer And Penance Here at Sacred Heart for**  
**An End To Abortion and a**  
**Greater Respect for Human Life**  
**In Solidarity with the March for Life in D.C.**  
**Marking The 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of Roe vs. Wade:**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, starting at 12 noon with Exposition and ending with Holy Hour and Benediction from 5pm to 6pm, including the Rosary for Life and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 8

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the gym

### Monday, January 9

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm in the school

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 7 – 7:00pm in the school

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm rectory

### Tuesday, January 10

Rel. Ed. – Grades 3-5 – 4:30pm in the school

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – 7:00pm

### Wednesday, January 11

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Children's Choir Practice – 5pm Church

HSA Mtg. – 7pm in the library

Choir Practice – 7:30pm in the Church

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

### Thursday, January 12

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

RCIA – 7pm rectory

### Friday, January 13

Prayer Shawl Mtg. – 1pm in the convent

### Saturday, January 14

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

Rel. Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am in the school

CYO -11am – to 4pm in the gym

### Sunday, January 15

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the gym

## 2016 CONTRIBUTION OFFERINGS

The year-end reports for 2016 from the envelope company if you have signed up for online giving, will reflect totals for the year 2016 for envelopes on which parishioners' numbers and amounts have been recorded on the outside throughout the year. Statements will be mailed by the end of January. Those who use Parish Pay for giving of donations, statements can be obtained on the website. **Thank you for your generous support!**

## SACRED HEART CYO BASKETBALL CLINIC BEGINS TODAY JANUARY 8, 2017 BASKETBALL CLINIC

The Clinic runs for eight weeks beginning January 8th and runs thru March 1, 2017. Please come 15 minutes prior to first clinic session to register. Cost per child is \$125.00.

**Grades - K and 1st - 1:30pm to 2:30pm  
Grade 2 - 2:30pm to 3:30pm**

## SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'S NAME

**December 18<sup>th</sup> Collection - \$15,150.**

**Last Year's Collection-\$ 15,808.**

**Christmas Collection to date – \$80,306.**

**Last Year's Collection -\$80,387.**

**Flower Collection – \$5,463.**

**Last Year's Collection –\$5,256.**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> Collection –\$ 12,571.**

**Last Year's Collection - \$ 14,176.**

**Solemnity of Mary, January 1<sup>st</sup> - \$6,456.**

**Last Year's Collection - \$6,599.**

**Christmas Donation Tree - \$2,655.**

**Last Year's - \$2,980.**

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR AMAZING  
GENEROSITY!**

## CONGRATULATIONS! PARAMUS CATHOLIC HONOR STUDENTS

The following students from Sacred Heart Church and School have achieved honors at Paramus Catholic HS. Congratulations to all!:

**James Argo, William Argo, Christina Carrozza, Grace Mattern, Leanne Mattern, Jasmine Thomas Petit, Doreen Dorcelly, Skyler Keough, Stephanie Lezin, Dylan Nguyen.**

## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

“The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of or reason to suspect misconduct please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 877-820-0541, or on the internet at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours per day.

## DEBT AND DEFICIT REDUCTION COLLECTION JANUARY 21 & 22, 2017

The Parish Debt and Deficit Reduction second collection will take place on January 21 & 22. The monies collected will be evenly divided between our parish and the Archdiocese of New York. Please be as generous as possible. Thank You.

## ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en el cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 14 de enero 2017 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

**CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE  
GOOD COUNSEL HOMES**

For Pregnancy emergencies call  
Any time of day: 1-800-723-8331  
[www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org)



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Larry Adler, Keith Alanis, Daniel Albarelli, Frank Paul Allegretti, Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Peter Boano, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Robert Cosenza, Joe Davey, Lilla DiBerardino, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Florence Downey, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Susan Jarkiewicz, Adrienne Kelly, Mary Kierman, Jon Kip, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Fr. Louis Molinelli, Estella Morales, Betty O'Brien, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Stacey Olayan, Tina Osika, Joseph Pasculli, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Maura Reynolds, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Eleanor Scelza, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, Jean Simons, Claudia Spano, Claudia Spallanzani, Kate Stack, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, James P. Toner, Phyllis Varacalli, Carol Van Vandt, Millie Vazquez and Peter Veraldo.

**ALTAR MEMORIALS  
JANUARY 8, 2017**



**Sanctuary Candle in Memory of  
ROBERT O. COLBATH**



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests, religious and especially **Samuel Joseph Anzalone and Mark E. Sevasta.**



**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

9:00am – Rosemary Parisi

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**5:30pm** – Robert O. Colbath

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**

7:00am – Parish Memorial

8:30am – Elizabeth Matteotti-Mendolia

10:00am – Serafino Piraneo

11:30am – Deceased Members of the Parisi Family

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Ramona Zuño

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9** **Baptism of the Lord**

7:00am –

9:00am –

7:15pm – **Novena -**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10**

7:00am – Charles & Florence Marsalisi

9:00am – Snezana Pjetri

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**

7:00am – Francis (Teeney) Kearsing

9:00am – Eugene Telemeo

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12**

7:00am – Special Intentions Dr. Mary Kalathara

9:00am – Edward Clinton, Sr.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13**

7:00am – Geraldine Ksiakiewicz

9:00am – John McGrath

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

9:00am – Eugene & Rose Magurno

**SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY**

6:00pm – Jim McGrath

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – Serfino Piraneo

11:30am – Elizabeth M. & Dolores Mendolia

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Palma M. & Henry J. Heck

**BOOSTER CLUB WINNER**

**WEEK 11- SABATINA TOMEIO**