

**St. John Neumann Parish**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**2023 A.D.**

**Rosary 1/2 hr. before every Mass**

**Saturday, January 7th-St. John of God**

**4:00 p.m.** Living and Deceased  
Members of the Parish

**Sunday, January 8th –St. Raymond**

**8:00 a.m.** † Denise Hacker

**Sunday, January 8th—St. John of God**

**10:00 a.m.** † Charles McGlinn  
† Mary Kone  
† Anthony Liszkiewicz  
† Lila Gillespie  
† Marjorie Graham

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**Daily-St. John of God**

**Monday, January 9th**

**9:00 a.m.** † Kathy Lord

**Tuesday, January 10th**

**9:00 a.m.** † Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, January 11th**

**9:00 a.m.** † Daniel and Helen McCall

**Thursday, January 12th**

**9:00 a.m.** † William and Edith Alexander

**Friday, January 13th**

**9:00 a.m.** † Harry Buskobitz  
† Frank Corbley (25th Ann. )  
† Frank Mangan  
† Marc Hummel

† indicates Deceased

**HEALING MASS -January 16th**

9:00 A.M. Mass-St. John of God Church  
ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you want to be anointed, please **sit in the very front row in all four (4) sections of the church.** If front rows are full, sit in the second row. Anointing is not just for the physically ill: it encompasses spiritual, emotional and mental illness as well. Your request is between you and God...He already knows your desire; He is waiting for you to ask.

GOD BLESS YOU. ~ Fr. King



***From Father King***

**Christ is Born! Glorify Him!**

*“Your Nativity, O Christ our God,  
has shone to the world the Light of  
knowledge;  
for by it, those who worshipped the stars  
were taught by a star to adore You,  
the Sun of Righteousness,  
and to know You, the Dayspring from on  
High.  
O Lord, glory to You!”*

These words from the Byzantine Liturgy show us that in Christ’s birth God used EVERYTHING to point the way toward him.

As was foretold in *Psalm 19*:

*“The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to  
night declares knowledge.”*

What points us toward Christ today? Are we still looking toward the “stars” as in horoscopes and fortune telling (things that are forbidden by our faith)? Or are we looking for happiness from other “stars” from pop cultures, song lyrics, and celebrity lifestyles? How about politicians who act like celebrities or vice versa? Are the “stars” we look for on cable news programs or the stock market? Though God can use everything to point us toward Him, let us look toward what he has given us most directly: Scripture, Tradition, our Catholic Faith, the example of the Saints. In this new year may these be our Guiding Lights who will always lead us in the right direction. God Bless you!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

***Fr. King***

## Our Future Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 14th—4 p.m.

\*St. John of God: Patricia Christie

Sunday, January 15th

\*St. Raymond: 8:00 a.m. Mary Jane Rupinski, Veronica Delaney, Cleve Laswell, John Flatley, Mary Jane Wissman

\*St. John of God: 10 a. m. Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

*Around the Parish* 

## **Our Weekly Collection**

### December 24th & 25th, 2022

Budgeted Income Needed	\$12,942.00
Christmas Eve	\$ 9,511.00
Christmas Day	\$ 6,358.00
Candles	\$ 112.00
Poor Box	\$ 239.00

### December 31, 2022 & January 1, 2023

Budgeted Income Needed	\$12,942.00
Offertory	\$10,956.00
Poor Box	\$ 206.00
Candles	\$ 72.00

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Krista Balderman, Leonard Beatty, Regina Benet, Frank Casey, Ray Clothier, Pat Ellis, Maryann Fortuna, Thomas Frisoli, Billy Gray, Michael Gray, Oliver Gray, David James, Kenny Klemm, Rosemary Klemm, Peter Kosinski, Peg Lipsett, Jay Lloyd, Brian Matthews, Jr., Brian Matthews, Sr., Eileen McCarty, Joe Mulcahy, Donna Marie Riggi, Sal Riggi, Jacob Rivera, Jackson Rivera, Peggy Roberts, Mary Rothwein, Anna Marie Scavetti, June Shields, Mike and Valerie Szymenera, Clare Thompson, Marie Walsh, Irene Weger and Hank Williams.



## **Scripture Readings for the Week of January 9th**

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10: 34-38  
Ps 29: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17  
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9;  
Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;  
Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-11;  
Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8;  
Mk 2:1-12

### **PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND:**

Robert Balbirer, Rita Chester, Gloria Cromley, Patricia Dimino, John Dooley, Marie Eagan, Barbara English, Mary Kennedy, Maryann MacFarlane, Anne McFadden, Margaret McIrvin, Pat Murphy, Eleanor Myers, Frances Poserina, Ana Sarandoulis, and Paul Smargiassi.

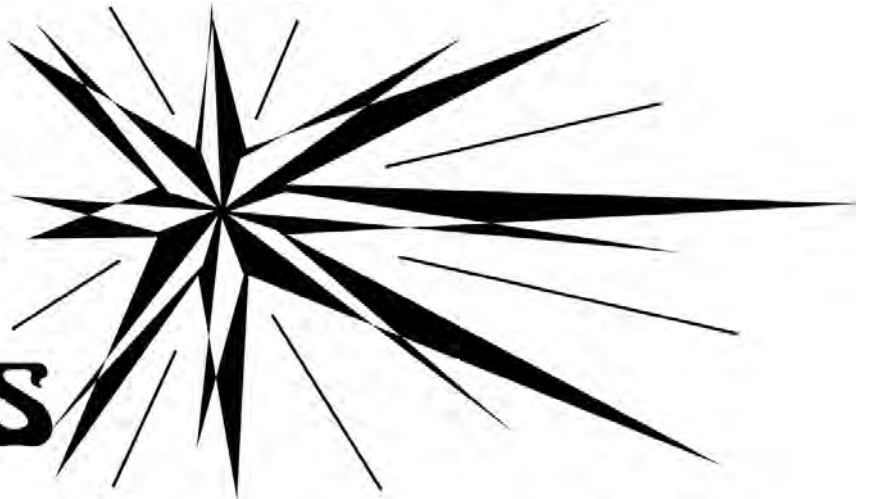


### **PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:**

Tech. Sgt. Matthew T. Martino, USAF  
James Matthews, US Army  
Brian Ivers, Jr. USAF  
CTR3 Elizabeth Pepper, USN  
Pvt. Sean Sylvester Army Airborne  
***Bring them safely home, Lord***



**We are  
sharers  
of the promise**



## **Something to think About...WHY IS THE EPIPHANY IMPORTANT?**

Within a few days after the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ many folks are fond of saying “Christmas is over, I’m ready for summer.” Decorations in homes begin to come down, Christmas merchandise is at least 50% off in retail stores, and life immediately goes back to “normal.” The memory of Christmas begins to fade as people look forward to ringing in the New Year.

In Catholic tradition, however, the Christmas season is not over until the Feast of the Epiphany, generally celebrated on January 6 or on the closest Sunday to the feast day. In essence, the birthday of our Lord is not complete until the child receives his gifts. In storytelling this is a charming facet of accepted traditions, but in matters of faith there is an essential component to this tradition.

*“You can't understand the Nativity without Theophany; or you can't understand Nativity without Epiphany.” The revelation of Christ as the Son of God – both as an infant and at his baptism – illuminate the mysteries of the Christmas season”.*

*Father Hezekias Carnazzo, founder Institute of Catholic Culture*



***The Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ***

***St. John Neumann Parish***

***St. John of God Church***

***Christmas Midnight Mass***

**Christ Our Savior is Born!!**

**St. John Neumann Parish**

**Christmas Pageant**

**Presented by**

**CCD students**

**St. Raymond Church**

**GLUTEN INTOLERANT?**

***If you are gluten intolerant, please see the priest prior to Mass for arrangements.***



**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

With the new Mass schedule beginning Jan 1 we will no longer have a 4pm Saturday Mass at St. Raymond Church. This may leave some without transportation to Mass. If you or someone you know needs a ride to Mass, please call Gary Tashjian from our Good Samaritan Ministry. He can be reached at 610-513-8748. You can also arrange a ride by calling the parish office: 609-884-1656, Ext. 302.

***Father King***

**BINGO-WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS**

I want to thank all our volunteers and all who come to play! We start to call at 1 p.m. on Mondays and 7 p.m. on Fridays. Your participation helps our parish meet our needs, especially during the winter months when expenses go up and attendance is down. One of the best advertisements is by WORD OF MOUTH! Tell your family and friends, better yet...bring your family and friends. Be sure to tell them we have a kitchen! Thanks again for all you do for us. Good luck!! ***Father King***

**ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH OUR PARISH MINISTRIES?**

There are many ministries and everyone is welcome everyone to join! Peruse the list and listen to the Holy Spirit's guidance and... please answer His call!

ALTAR SERVERS-  
BEREAVEMENT  
BINGO  
CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY  
DECORATING  
EM MASS  
EM HOME BOUND

EM NURSING HOMES  
GOOD SAMARITANS  
HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
LAY DOMINICANS  
LECTORS  
LEGION OF MARY  
MUSIC  
ON-GOING REL. ED.

PARISH NURSING  
PRO-LIFE  
PRAYER CHAIN  
ROSARY MAKERS  
SPIRIT PLAYERS  
USHERS  
VOLUNTEER CORPS  
WELCOME COMMITTEE



**SPRING INTO LIFE...HAVE FUN, PRACTICE ENGLISH CONVERSATION**

Classes on Mon. and Wed. at Assumption, Crest—6:45-8:15 p.m.—Jan. 30-Apr.26th

Classes on Tues. and Thurs. at St. Raymond, Villas-6:30-8:00pm-Jaan.31st-Apr.27th

Inscribe via email- mariehorstmann@yahoo.com or 484-425-6975 by Jan. 25th, 2023



## We Remember Our Recently Deceased



Constance Smith    Frank Casey  
Charles Rowe    William Goetaski



### MARCH for LIFE 20 January 2023

For additional information, please speak to a member of our Pro-Life Ministry or call the office 609-884-1656, Ext. 302 and speak to Father King.

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### Gospel Today

Epiphany of the Lord | Matthew 2:1-12

The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

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Find and write the missing letters not listed (from A to Z).

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 U    M    Z  
 X    C    J    P    N    V  
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 O    D    I    Y  
       K    G    Q  
           B

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.



When they saw the \_\_\_\_\_,  
they were overjoyed.

Matthew 2:10

