



Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

From the Desk of Father George

Greetings Parishioners and Friends of St. Julie's,

The month of January can be long and cold. We don't feel like going out, or fear the big snow. Why not make it something special? Try reaching out by phone or letter to someone who you know may be homebound... or perhaps just someone that you were not able to visit over the holidays. Make it your special 'visit of the Magi'.

As a new year has dawned upon us, we continue to celebrate the Christmas Season on this Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. Tradition tells us that the three wise men were named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Epiphany is a word meaning manifestation. It is the manifestation of the divinity of Christ to the world as symbolized in these astrologers. Epiphany is also an invitation for us to continue to recognize Christ present and to make him known to the world in which we live today.

Through the telling of the beautiful narrative of the astrologers arriving in Bethlehem, Matthew has affirmed that all peoples are meant to hear and respond to the saving presence of God. Epiphany has often been referred to as the '*Christmas of the Gentiles*' because it is a proclamation to all peoples, not just the people of Israel. We have traveled a great distance since the baby in a manger. Let us continue to proclaim the good news that Christ is born! So many things we do day-in and day-out can be epiphanies of another sort. Look around! Where do you see Him made visible... or better yet, where do you make Him visible?

It is my hope that the New Year will bring you much happiness, health, and blessings of God's love. Thank you for your support and presence as we move forward into 2017. Happy New Year Everyone!

Fr. George

Parish News and Updates:

- I was hoping that before having surgery this past week that I would have some concrete news about a starting date for the sanctuary renovation... but no such luck at the time of having to go to print. Perhaps it is another sort of Advent: Watching and Waiting for the News!
- It's not too early to mark your calendars for the Parish Mission which will be on March 5, 6, & 7. Jon Leonetti is the presenter and I believe he will be an amazing guide to our journey. Check out his website for a sneak preview of what is to come.
www.jonleonetti.com

MASS INTENTIONS

- Jan. 7 - Saturday 5:00 p.m. Pietrzak Family (Jean Rasmussen)
Jan. 8 - Sunday 9:00 a.m. Jerry Polomsky (Linda Forthofer/Mike Uzelak)
10:30 a.m. St. Julie Billiard Parishioners
- Jan. 9 - Monday thru No Masses
- Jan. 13 - Friday
- Jan. 14 - Saturday 5:00 p.m. Charles Smick, Sr. & Nancy Erwin (Smick Family)
Jan. 15 - Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiard Parishioners
10:30 a.m. Deceased Members of K of C Council 7970

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The Week Ahead

January 8

Sat./Sun.

Signature Ads

Sun.

PSR

Sun.-Sun.

Family Promise

Mon.

Respect Life Mtg., 7:00 p.m.

Tues.

Sunday Choir, 7:00 p.m.

Wed.

Family Choir, 7:00 p.m.

Rosary, 7:30 p.m., St. Anne Rm.

Sat.

Women's Breakfast, St. Julie's

Sun.

2nd Grade Parents First

Reconciliation Mtg. 9:15 a.m.



Coming Events

January 15

2nd Grade Reconciliation Parent Mtg.

January 21

Men's Breakfast, St. Peter's

January 24

2nd Grade Reconciliation

January 26

Crockpot Dinner



Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
- Mt 2:1b-2

Religious Education

PSR - Parish School of Religion, Pre K - 8th grades (Sundays, 9:00 a.m.)

January 15 - 2nd Grade Reconciliation Parent Mtg., 9:10 a.m.

January 24 - First Reconciliation for 2nd grade, 7:00 p.m., Church

FLY - Faithfully Leading Youth - St. Julie's High School Youth Ministry



PRAY FOR . . .

the health of, and caregivers of Ron Sroka, Chris Piazza, Steve Herbcha, Michelle Frameli & Lisa Engle (daughters of Tony Frameli), Craig Tracey, Carol Polak, Andrea Daw, Pat Tinics, Dolores Rivera, Cindy Olsieski, Rick Birsic, Joe Reed, Diane Soukup, Irene Kollin, Don & Rose Regula and son Ron, Sondra Jirousek, Sandy Ciocca, Dick & Georgia Sullinger, Carol Straub, and for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Our January breakfast is on the 21st from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. at St. Peter's in the School Gym. Please join us and become closer to Jesus. So we have an idea of how much food to buy please try to give an RSVP by January 17th to Tom Fumich (610-6604 - sjspbreakfast@gmail.com) to attend.

Blood Drive Thank You

On December 18 eight individuals presented for donation, seven donors were able to donate and they collected eight units of blood. Each unit will in turn save as many as four lives. Thank you to; Anna Craven, Vicky Fisher, Terry Flanagan, Janice McNamara, Dave Rodriguez, Stephen Valla and Dena Warmuth. We hope to see you again on February 12.

Family Perspective

Herod was frightened of Jesus. He feared Jesus would replace him and he would lose control. In families fear appears when we are threatened by what is out of our control. We fret but it does no good. Give these situations to the Lord and let Him lead us like He led the Magi.

Respect Life Group

The next Meeting will be this Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the church to plan activities that foster respect for all human life from conception to natural death. Everyone is welcome. Questions, call Susan and John DeLaat, 327-2398.

Ladies Breakfast

All women of St. Julie's and St. Peter's are invited to come together to share our faith, breakfast, fellowship and prayer with our friends. Our next breakfast will be at St. Julie's Saturday, January 14, 8:30-10:00. Start your year off with breakfast with your friends. Our guest speaker will be Sister Sean of St. Peter's. In order to plan for food, please RSVP by Tuesday, January 10 to Shirley Fumich 440-864-8111 or shirlf1963@gmail.com.



Giving Tree

Sixteen local families were tagged on our Giving Tree this year. Our very generous St. Julie's parishioners made their Christmas very special. A very big thank you to all for sharing your blessings!



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 ~ **This week my prayers were** ~
 ~ **for:** Jesus; my grampy; Jesus, ~
 ~ God, Mary, Joseph, mom, dad, ~
 ~ Jaime, V, Duncan, Sparky; my ~
 ~ mom traveling; Sparky, aunt ~
 ~ Esther, uncle Chris, Mrs. ~
 ~ Gallagher, Jovie, JJ, Lia; great ~
 ~ grandma B.; Sparky, Esther, ~
 ~ Branson. **This is how I** ~
 ~ **used my time and talent** ~
 ~ **for others:** I made green ~
 ~ bean casserole and I helped ~
 ~ clean up toys and vacuumed ~
 ~ Ema's mess; I helped my family; ~
 ~ I did so much for my mom, for ~
 ~ example I wiped the table off; ~
 ~ I helped my aunt, and I babysat ~
 ~ my friend Lia (she is 2 ½); I ~
 ~ helped my daddy build a book ~
 ~ shelf and help take care of my ~
 ~ mommy when she was sick; I ~
 ~ helped mommy make cookies. ~
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Parish Stewardship

Dec. 25/Christmas:	\$21,438
Children's	\$89
School Subsidy	\$10
Capital Improvement	\$225
Net Offertory	\$21,762
Mass Attendance	963

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Parish Stewardship

Jan. 1: Envelopes used: 188 (out of 663 mailed)	\$5945
Average per Envelope	\$32
Children's	\$25
School Subsidy	\$10
Capital Improvement	\$50
Net Offertory	\$6030
Mass Attendance	406

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

News & Events

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

<u>Sat, Jan. 7, 5:00pm</u>	<u>Jan. 8, 9:00</u>	<u>10:30</u>
L- Ed Hurst	Ken Allen	Jim Cassidy
L- Sharon DeBevec	()	Gloria Hearns
EM- Don Braun	Barb Arguello	John Burghard
Laura Eland	Theresa Bak	Greg Dubecky
Ted Lapponi	Michelle Davis	Laura Knoblauch
Jim Miklich	Nick Modock	Terri Lanser
Suzanne Snyder*	()	Debijo Lamb*
	Linda Forthofer*	

Altar Servers

Lizzie Schiffbauer	Adult Servers	Haley Eland
Sydney Schiffbauer		Alyssa Eland

<u>Sat, Jan. 14, 5:00</u>	<u>Sun, Jan. 15, 9:00</u>	<u>10:30</u>
L- Terry Flanagan	Linda Vasiloff	Cindy Naprestek
L- Jack Whipkey	()	Mark LaLonde
EM- ()	Jim Carter	Meg Hogue
Marian Juskiewicz	Joanne Carter	Joe Kotarsky
Marcia Smith	Brenda Klein	Tom Lamoda
Suanne Snyder* (Sacristan*)	Mary Kay Polomsky Suzanne Snyder*	Mike Yarosh*

Altar Servers

Amanda Bastian	Haley Eland	Lizzie Schiffbauer
	Alyssa Eland	Sydney Schiffbauer

Worldwide Marriage Encounter personal testimony-
"Mary and I have been married for 25 years and we thought we communicated like pros- or at least better than our friends. Thanks to our Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend we have improved our communication enormously - and it has helped us relate better with our children, too". It's a positive, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes marriage. Make a weekend! Upcoming Date: Feb. 17-19.
Apply: 330-305-9963 OR www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org

Catholics Coming Home

Have You Drifted Away From The Church?

This is an open invitation to those who were raised Catholic, but now only occasionally find themselves going to Church. No matter why you have been away or for how long we welcome you back.

"Catholics Coming Home" is a laity led series of seven informal weekly sessions designed to answer many of the questions you may have about returning to the Catholic Church. Some of the team members are themselves former nonpracticing Catholics and eager to share their stories. Weekly sessions begin at St. Peter's Church on Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. in the Galilee Room at the Parish Center.

For more information or to register please call Tom Banner, 327-5905 or Christine Bak, 327-6808 or the Parish Center, 327-2201.