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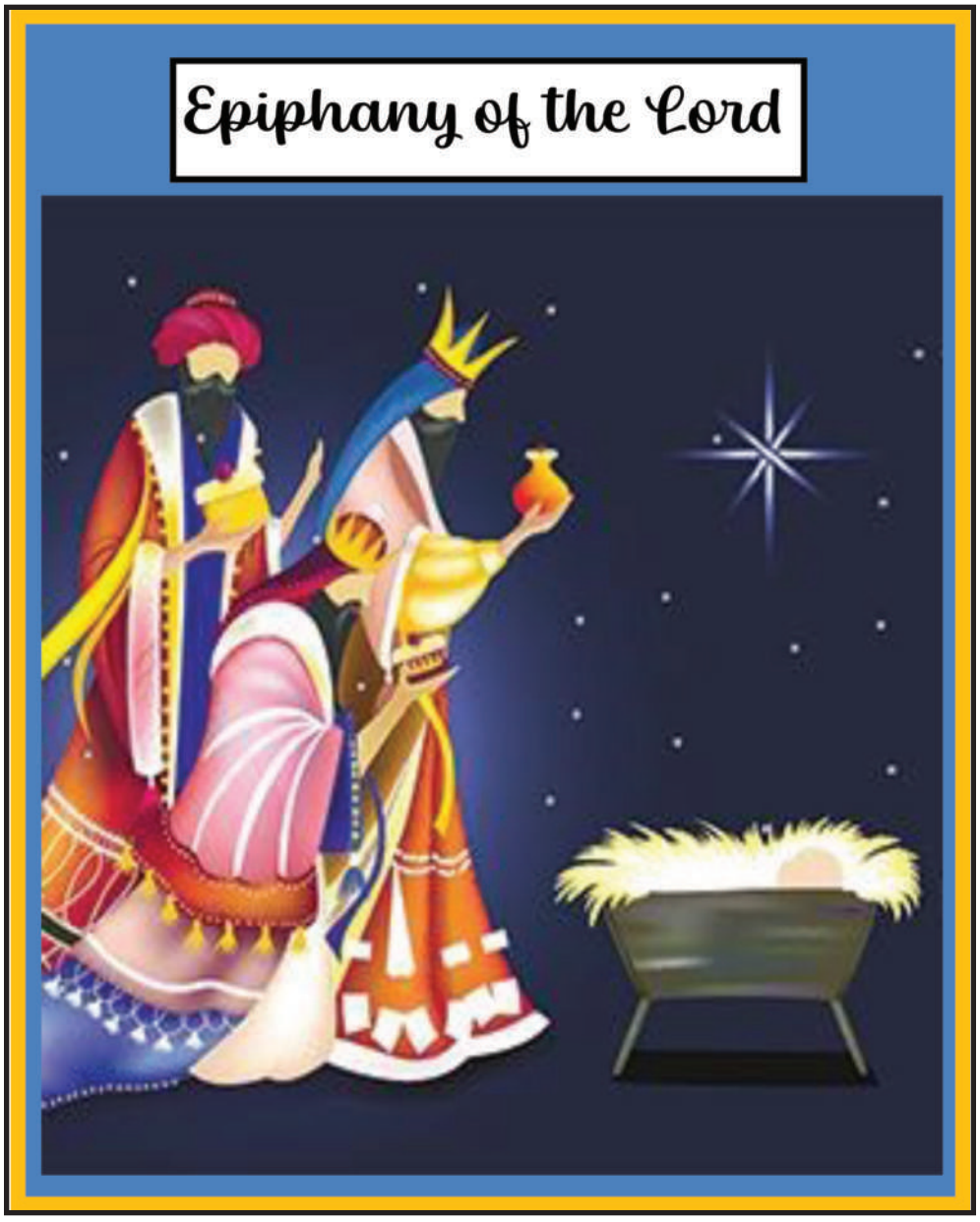


SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass Schedule

The Lord's Day
Saturday
5:15 p.m.
Sunday
10:15 a.m.
Korean Mass
9:15a.m. Children's Mass
12:00 p.m.

Weekdays
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m.
Rosary Follows Mass

Holy Days
As Announced

Confessions
Saturday
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

St. Padre Pio Devotions
1st Friday of each month
7pm Holy Hour with confessions following 8pm Mass

Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
after 9:00am Mass
till 10:30am

"…behold 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.'"
"They were amazed at seeing the star, and entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother…and did him homage."

Today's celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord (also known as Little Christmas) reminds us that even as an infant, Christ was made manifest to the universe, as signified by this visit from this gentile nobility. Just imagine how excited they were, as their long journey ended. A journey that began at the sight of such a wonderful, strange star that moved through the night from east to west. The Magi understood this wonderful occurrence in the universe as a sign of something wonderful happening here on earth. Imagine their confusion when the star they were following disappeared as they approached Jerusalem; the place they believed would be their destination. Think of how taken back they were to not find him in the palace, but in a humble house; a stable as Luke tells us in his Christmas account. Here is where they found not just the newborn King of the Jews, but also the King of Kings. Many would have said, well we are in the wrong place, let us go! However, keep in mind, these were scholars not just of the sky, but also of the religious traditions of all the peoples in the area. They knew the promises given through the Prophets of Israel, they knew that a Messiah was expected, and they knew that God works in His own way. Therefore, instead of turning around, they dropped to their knees, paid Him great homage, and placed before Him gifts fitting a king. The Magi totally understood what God had done, how God would make His Messiah manifest not in a palace, but in a simple modest place, so that all could benefit from His mission on earth. They may not have known that Jesus was God made one of us, but they did know the He was certainly one sent by God to make all things new.

Today also reminds us that we can see God in so many ways in our lives, all we must do is be open and look carefully. We must be like the Magi who did not reject what they saw at Bethlehem but embrace what God has shown each of us in our lives. If you are not sure what He has shown you, then take time to think, and ask God to show you again, and stop looking for God to act only in grand and miraculous ways. Remember God also works in little ways and in ways you least expect.

At the end of this month, St. Edward's will celebrate *Catholic Schools Week,* and it promises to be a wonderful week. We will have *Open House* hours where you can come, tour the school, and see all the good things that ***St. Edward's School*** has to offer your children, grandchildren, cousins, and neighbors' kids. During this week, you can meet with our principal *Mrs.* AnnMarie LoManto or one of our tour guides. A Catholic Education provides your child with all they need to know about this world, and with all they need to know about the world to come. It provides them with all the tools they need to change the world, and to do their part in building up the church and the Kingdom of God. **Please feel free to call the school at (516) 921-7767; you will be happy you did.**

Let us pray: O God, who on this day revealed your only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Merry Christmas
Fr. Mike

WEEKLY MASSES

Sunday January 5th, 2025
Epiphany of the Lord

The Focus - God has revealed a great light in the darkness. Isaiah calls Jerusalem to *rise up in splendor*, for their *light has come … Nations shall walk by [it]* and all shall gather and *[proclaim] the praises of the Lord*. Paul writes to the Ephesians that *it has now been revealed … by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ*. In the Gospel, the Magi arrive in Jerusalem seeking the newborn king of the Jews. They follow a star to where he lay, bringing him gifts and paying him homage. Published Franciscan Media

Saturday, 1/4/25-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
5:15pm Savatore & Gianni Regino (Living)

Sunday, 1/5/25-Epiphany of the Lord
10:15am People of the Parish
Pasquale Casagrande
Anthony J. Froehlich
Stephen Michael Calascione
Patty Adkins & Ida Scalise

Monday, 1/6/25-Christmas Weekday
9:00am Rev. Simon Pai

Tuesday, 1/7/25-Christmas Weekday
4900pm Steve Calascione (Living)

Wednesday 1/8/25-Christmas Weekday
10:15am Living & Deceased Members of the Ladies Bible Study at St. Dominic Parish in Oyster Bay

Thursday, 1/9/25-Christmas Weekday
9:00am Anthony Robert Uckar (Living)

The **9:15 am** & **12 noon Korean Masses** will be celebrated by Fr. Matthew

Friday, 1/10/25-Christmas Weekday
9:00am Michael S. Reali (Living)

Saturday, 1/4/25
1 John 3:7-10
John 1:35-42

Sunday, 1/5/25
Isaiah 60:1-6 -
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

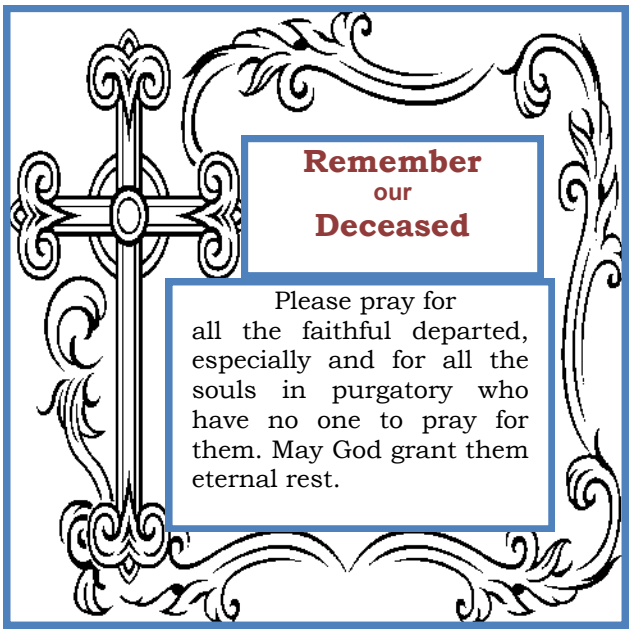
Monday, 1/6/25
1 John 3:22–4:6
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, 1/7/25
1 John 4:7-10
Mark 6:34-44 Priest)

Wednesday, 1/8/25
1 John 4:11-18
Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, 1/9/25
1 John 4:19–5:4
Luke 4:14-22a

Friday, 1/10/25
1 John 5:5-13
Luke 5:12-16



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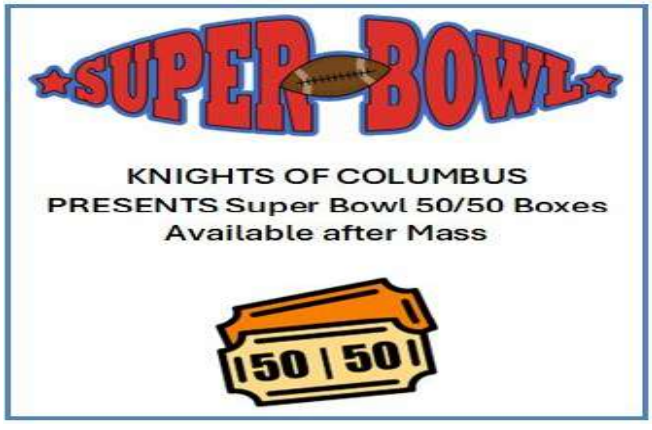
1/4/2025
5:15pm Mass

Celebrant	Msgr. Richard Bauhoff
EMHC	Castellano/Johnston
Readers	Sciabarra
Altar Server	Competiello
Sacristan	Pascua
Music & Cantor	John Benstock Diana Regino

1/5/2025
10:15am Mass

Celebrant	Msgr. Richard Bauhoff
EMHC	Barry/Sweeney
Readers	Russell
Altar Server	
Sacristan	Pascua
Music & Cantor	John Benstock



Dear Friends,

As the ball dropped at midnight in New York City, Father Mike Maffeo became the 6th Pastor of Holy Name of Jesus, and my assignment came to a close, after 12 ½ years. Please join me in welcoming Fr. Mike and wishing him well in his new, additional assignment. I hope you read his letter last week in which he said he is looking forward to meeting you and speaking with you in the near future. He unfortunately had some scheduling difficulties which made it impossible for him to be with you last weekend.

As Fr. Mike said, his assignment will present new challenges for everyone, but with God's help, your prayers, cooperation, and support, it will be smooth sailing.

I look forward to a new journey into retirement, and I'm grateful to Bishop Barres for accepting the proposal from Fr. Mike, Bishop Andrzej and myself, granting me residence at Holy Name of Jesus where I hope to be of some assistance to Fr. Mike and at the same time, to enjoy your presence at Mass.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your friendship, prayers and support over the years, and a desire that we work together with Fr. Mike to continue to strengthen the presence of Holy Name of Jesus Church on Long Island.

Blessings to you always,

Fr. Bauhoff

The Epiphany of the Lord

Ceremony

Epiphany chalk is used to write the Epiphany inscription above the main door(s) of the home whether inside or outside. Priests bless the chalk on Epiphany Day, January 6, using the following blessing, taken from the Roman Ritual.

At first glance, the Epiphany blessing inscription looks like some sort of mathematical equation. However, this is not the case. Each character in the inscription has meaning. The letters represent the initials of the three Wise Men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The inscription should thus remind us of the intercession and virtues of these saints. The inscription should call to mind that the Magi are our heavenly guides and that, if we turn to them, they will assist us and our family on the journey towards the eternal Bethlehem of Heaven. The sight of the C+M+B should also remind us of the Magi's courage in undertaking the difficult journey, as well as their perseverance and confidence in God when they lost sight of the star. Finally, we ought to recall at the sight of the marked lintel that the Magi gave God the best gifts they possessed and that we too, at all times should give our best for the honor and glory of God. They tiny crosses marked between the numbers and letters also have significance. The Cross is the universal sign of Catholicism. They tiny crosses on the doorpost of one's home are therefore a sign that the home is a Catholic one and that those who dwell therein are faithful soldiers of Christ the King and that they are fighting under the standard of the Cross.

Hymn Corner

The Inspiration for the Hymn "How Great Thou Art "

Carl Boberg and some friends were returning home to Mönsterås from Kronobäck, where they had participated in an afternoon service. Presently a thundercloud appeared on the horizon, and soon lightning flashed across the sky. Strong winds swept over the meadows and billowing fields of grain.

The thunder pealed in loud claps. Then rain came in cool fresh showers. In a little while the storm was over, and a rainbow appeared. When Boberg arrived home, he opened the window and saw the bay of Mönsterås like a mirror before him…

From the woods on the other side of the b ay, he heard the song of a thrush

… the church bells were tolling in the quiet evening. It was this series of sights, sounds, and experiences that inspired the writing of the song.

Christmas Flowers

Mr. & Mrs. Rolando Gregorio in Memory of Radito de Guzman, Princesita de Guzman Magalong and Ricardo & Zenaida Gregorio
Mrs. Patricia Whelan in Memory of John W. and John James Whelan
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Rea in Memory of Dominick Valenza, Joe Cotter and John Rea
Mrs. Maura Meyer in Memory of Mary, Andy, Chris and Ann Meyer, Kate, George Rident, Virginia, Gary & Rodger Danza, Tom, Agnes & Buddy Reese, Joan, Danny & Brian Hurley and all my deceased relatives and the souls in purgatory
Mrs. Antoinette Colasante in Memory of Nancy & Charles Maggio, Irene Nash, Nancy Brandon and my grandparents

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"The Work of Christmas"

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

By Howard Thurman

Knights of Columbus Joseph Mario Reali Council # 16261

invites you to the

Annual Family Mass & Reception

Saturday, January 25th, 2025

IN MEMORY OF JOE REALI'S TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY

4:30 p.m. Rosary

5:15 p.m. Mass

Concelebrated by Very Rev. Michael Duffy, Fr. Michael Maffeo and Msgr. Richard Bauhoff

Followed by a Reception in the Church Hall

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Donations: $25.00 for Adults, $10.00 for Children (7 to 12 yrs. old), Children 6 and younger Free, $70.00 for Family with two or more children (includes food, beer, wine and soda)

RSVP by January 20th, 2025

Please accept my reservation for:

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Name: _____ *Phone* _____

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I am unable to attend, please accept my donation of $_____

For more information, please call Michael Reali at 516-364-7119.
Please mail or bring this form to the Rectory Office at
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Check out: WARRIOR FOR CHRIST: THE LIFE OF JOE REALI at www.kofc.org/reali

JANUARY 2025

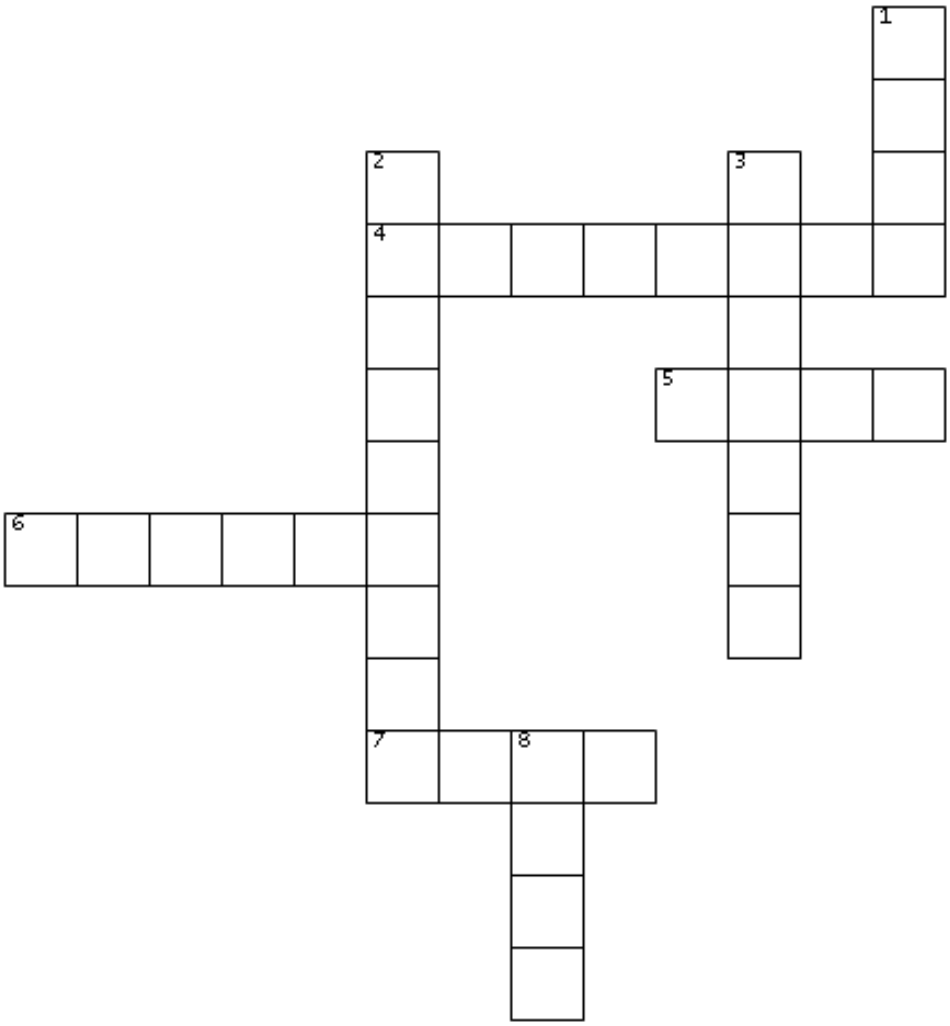
Happy New Year

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NEW YEARS DAY RECTORY CLOSED	2	3 PADRE PIO 7PM	4
5	6	7	8 DMII MEETING 6:30PM	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 KOC CHAPTER MEETING 7PM	
19	20 MARTIN LUTHER KING RECTORY CLOSED	21	22	23	24	25 KOC MEMORIAL MASS 5:15PM
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Around the Diocese

Catholic Mom
HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES

Sunday Gospel Activities



ACROSS
4. the feast we celebrate today
5. what the three kings followed to find Jesus
6. another word for honor
7. another name for the three kings

DOWN
1. the mother of Jesus
2. the city where Jesus was born
3. today's Gospel writer
8. a gift given by the Magi

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