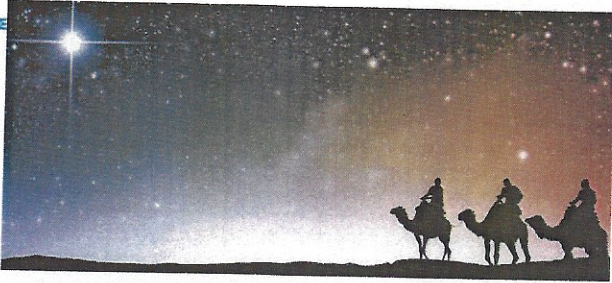


Holy Rosary & Holy Name of Jesus Parishes
January 5, 2025

**Pray for Vocations to the
 priesthood, diaconate
 and religious life**



The Feast of the Epiphany is usually celebrated with the blessing of our homes. Please take home with you a piece of ***blessed chalk***, located in baskets by all the church entrances. Mark the doorway with the current year plus the initials of the Three Kings, "20 C + M + B 25". And say, ***"Bless our home, Lord, with peace and the joy of your presence. Heal all of our family who are in need of your touch. Teach us how to offer hospitality to every guest, seeing your face in every stranger and welcoming all who enter here as you welcome us into your Kingdom in this life and the next"***.
 Deacon Vince

Jan 5, 2025

Scripturally Speaking—The Manifestation of Jesus to the Gentile World

The word epiphany comes from the Greek and means manifestation. The feast originated in the third century in the Eastern Rite Church. By the fourth century, the epiphany was viewed as being important as Easter and Pentecost and was celebrated in the Roman Rite Church. The Eastern Rite Church related the Epiphany to the Baptism of the Lord. When it began to be celebrated in the Roman Rite, the birth of Christ was linked to it.

Today's Gospel from Matthew relates the story of the visit of the Magi who come to do Jesus homage (a favorite word of Matthew). The Gospel presents the Magi as unfamiliar with scripture and arriving in Jerusalem inquiring where the newborn King of the Jews was to be born. The Magi state they saw His star rising (the people of that time believed that a new star appearing in the sky indicated the birth of a king). The scribes and chief priests tell the Magi that a new ruler is to be born in Bethlehem. This upsets the paranoid King Herod who fears he will lose his position. This leads to the persecution of the Holy Innocents.

The Magi state that they have come to pay Jesus homage. Matthew relates that they enter the home of Joseph and Mary, not a manger and offer 3 gifts: gold which represents that Jesus is a king, frankincense which indicates Jesus' divinity and myrrh which refers to His ultimate crucifixion. The Magi are told not to return to King Herod in a dream. Matthew employs dreams as a vehicle of revelation by God. The other evangelists do not use dreams.

Rev. Connell A. McHugh

Scripture Presentations at Holy Rosary

Rev. Connell A. McHugh, M.A., M.Div. will offer two more presentations at Holy Rosary Parish Hall on the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke in January. If you are interested, the dates are Tuesday, January 7th and 14th starting at 10 am. If you have already registered, no need to re-register. Anyone new should call the church office at 570-454-6693 to register.



The Christian Women Society of Holy Rosary Parish will be reciting the Rosary at 4:45 pm (before Mass) on January 4th and before the 5:15 mass on all 1st Saturdays of each month.

Readings for the week of Jan 6 to 12
Tuesday ... 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Mk 6: 34-44
Thursday... 1 Jn 4: 19-5:4; Lk 4: 14-22
Saturday... 1 Jn 5: 14-21; Jn 3: 22-30

Monday... 1 Jn 3: 22-4:6; Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25
Wednesday ... 1 Jn 4: 11-18; Mk 6: 45-52
Friday... 1 Jn 5: 5-13; Lk 5: 12-16
Sunday Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3: 4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Holy Rosary ~Stewardship Dec 28-29	
Christmas Envelopes	8,950.00
Sunday Envelopes	4,118.00
Loose	289.00
Dues, Cath Ed, & other	602.00
Renovations	137.00
Diocesan Collections	5.00
Total Income for the week	14,101.00

Holy Name Jesus Stewardship- Dec 28-29	
Christmas Envelopes	6,303.00
Sunday Envelopes	1,642.00
Loose	561.00
Dues, Cath Ed, other Envelop	1,254.00
Candles, hosts, wine, votives	120.00
Total Income	9,880.00

Sanctuary Candles at Holy Rosary —Jan 6-12

IMO ...Leo Gentle by Nancy Gentle
 IMO ... Susan Wisniewski by Judith & Don Scalise

You should have received your Holy Rosary envelopes for January 2025. You can still use your 2024 envelopes until January 5th. After that date all envelopes will be credited to 2025.

Holy Rosary 50/50 Rolling Raffle. The winning number drawn on Thur. Jan 2 was # 233. There was a

A Note of Thanks.... "On behalf of my wife and myself, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all those that rushed to render aid to me, when I lost consciousness at last Sunday morning's mass. Thanks, too, for all those that prayed for my well being after learning of my incident. I apologize to all for the unfortunate disruption that the incident caused to their celebration of the mass. Apparently, the black-out was caused by my being dehydrated. It reinforces the importance of drinking ample quantities of water to maintain proper levels of hydration on a daily basis. *Gratefully, Mary & Dan*"

<i>January Hosts at Holy Name of Jesus</i>	
Intention	Living & Deceased Members of Charles Wagner Family
Offered By	Judy Wagner
<i>January Wine at Holy Name of Jesus</i>	
Intention	In Memory of George & Lottie Bunk
Offered By	Bob & Florence Nause
<i>January Sanctuary Candles</i>	
Intention	In Memory of Francis & Cecilia Szeliga
Offered By	Szeliga Family

Winner 50/50 at HNJ Wally

Mass Attendance	Christmas	Dec 28-29
4 pm & 5:15 pm HR	348	115
4 pm HNJ	160	98
8 am HR	90	---
10 am HR	165	238
10 am HNJ	65	---
12 pm HNJ (Spanish)	NO figures	235



Tues	Jan 7	12:05 PM	HR	Mary Jane Barletta by Dave & Carolyn Eckrote
Wed	Jan 8	12:05 PM	HR	Violet Nicholas by Theresa Piccola
Thurs	Jan 9	12:05 PM	HR	Leo Gentle by Carolyn & Dave Gentle
Thurs	Jan 9	6:00 PM	HNJ	Edward Majchrowicz by Family
Fri	Jan 10	12:05 PM	HR	Larry Vack by M/M Robert Hinkle
Sat	Jan 11	4:00 PM	HNJ	Mary L Guydish by Annie Bayzick Poncheri
Sat	Jan 11	5:15 PM	HR	John Kuchera Jr Family by Carolyn & Dave Shemanski
Sun	Jan 12	10:00 PM	HR	For All Parishioners of Holy Rosary & Holy Name of Jesus
Sun	Jan 12	12:00 PM	HNJ Spanish	Rose Majchrowicz by Family