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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022



May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: The Epiphany of the Lord

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King, they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king. The Lord of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and King of Kings (Revelations 19:16), gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human Will and Intellect cooperate with grace. To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do we bring the light of Jesus Christ to those we meet through the witness of our life and testimony?

Readings for next Sunday,

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Luke 3:15-16,21-22



Saint of the Week: St. John Neumann

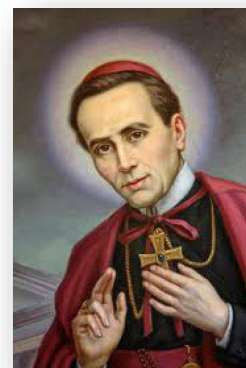
John Neumann was born in 1811 in what is now the Czech Republic. After studying in Prague, he came to New York at 25 and was ordained a priest. He did missionary work in New York until he was 29, when he joined the Redemptorists and became its first member to profess vows in the United States. He continued missionary work in Maryland, Virginia and Ohio, where he became popular with the Germans.

At age 41 as bishop of Philadelphia, he organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, increasing the number of pupils almost twentyfold within a short time.

Gifted with outstanding organizing ability, he drew into the city many teaching communities of sisters and the Christian Brothers. During his brief assignment as vice provincial for the Redemptorists, he placed them in the forefront of the parochial movement.

Well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing and preaching, on October 13, 1963, John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified. Canonized in 1977, he is buried in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Philadelphia. He is the patron saint of teachers and educators.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: January 5



Parish Prayer List

Please pray for: Patricia Ansel, Jennifer Boling, Kista Crites, Bobby Dorsey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs*, Eddie Halterman, Larry Hinkle*, Helen Holder*, Kathy Jenkins, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Spotts, Bill Stine, Scott Tasker and Maleigha Taylor.

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The brightest of stars are those that shine for the benefit of others.



What is the Holy Spirit saying to our Church today?

Pope Francis describes the synodal process as “an exercise of mutual listening, conducted at all levels of the Church and

involving the entire People of God. All have to listen to one another, and then to everyone else. Listening, speaking, and listening. It is not about garnering opinions, not a survey, but a matter of listening to the Holy Spirit.”



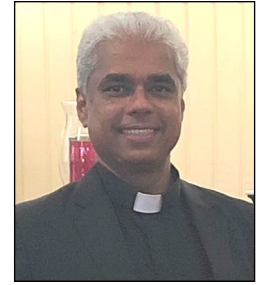
Enclosed with today’s bulletin is a message from Bishop Mark Brennan which further explains the Holy Father’s request to all of the faithful that we participate fully in his synodal process.

This is our opportunity to share the wisdom gained from our faith experience , and to let the Pope and the Synod of Bishops know how we are experiencing our Catholic faith.

Two synodal listening sessions are scheduled at our parish this Thursday, January 6, at St. Mary’s Hall. One immediately following the noon Mass (light refreshments will be served) and one at 6:30 p.m.

Please take a few minutes to read Bishop Brennan’s letter, and prayerfully consider attending one of these listening sessions to let our voices be heard. Even more information about the Synod is available on the Diocese website at dwc.org.

RSVP by January 3!



Our parish family will gather on Friday, January 7, at St. Mary’s Hall to celebrate Fr. Thomas’ birthday and the anniversary of his priestly ordination!

The celebration will begin at 5 p.m. with a social hour, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Dinner is being catered by Flying W Farms Restaurant. A free will offering will be taken to help offset the cost.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office (voice mail or email) no later than Monday, January 3.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, January 1	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Bob & Rosemarie Myers.....	Sue Greco
Sunday, January 2	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Elden & Lena Landis	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Soul of Joe Balassone	Mary Alexander
Monday, January 3	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 4	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 5	5:00 p.m.	Souls of Larry & Carmela DeMasi	Dena Turner
		Soul of Jean Quinn.....	Marg Quinn
Thursday, January 6	12 noon	Soul of Herman Wise	Jean Harber
		Soul of Richard Gibson.....	Kathleen Gibson
Friday, January 7	9:00 a.m.	Soul of James DeMasi.....	Mary Shannon
		Souls of Edgar, Louise & Della Arnold	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, January 8	4:00 p.m.	The Fazzalore & Whetzel Families	Sam & Sara Fazzalore
Sunday, January 9	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Fr. Thomas Sebastian	Assumption Parish

Christmas Eve Processional



These religious education students took part in the processional at the 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass and had the honor of presenting Baby Jesus at the altar.

Shown left to right is Kennedy Stephen, Remy Kuhn and Mia Stephen. Remy is the son of Katie Kuhn and the grandson of Jeff and Kelley Kuhn. Mia and Kennedy are the daughters of Derek and Stephanie Stephen and the granddaughters of Tina Stephen.

Collections & Attendance

December 24-26, 2021

Christmas Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,523
Loose Donations.....	\$1,930
Votive Candles.....	\$224
Poor Box.....	\$331
Holiday Flowers.....	\$45
Total.....	\$5,053

Sunday, 12/26 Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$760
Loose Donations.....	\$39
Total.....	\$799

Diocesan Collection

Catholic Charities WV.....	\$975
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Attendance

Christmas Eve 4 PM.....	109
Christmas Eve 6 PM.....	85
Christmas Day.....	51
Total.....	245

Sunday 12/26.....	79
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A special collection is being taken today to support recovery efforts related to the recent natural disasters in Kentucky. A separate basket is available for this appeal. Thank you!



*As a new year begins, let us pray
for a year of peace, health and happiness.
May God's light guide you throughout 2022!*

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes for 2022 are available in the back of the church. If you do not currently use envelopes but would like to, additional boxes are available. Please contact the Parish Office.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 8

Lector: Doug Minnich
Servers: Sue Harber and Alan Taylor
EM: Meredythe Barrick
Cantor: Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

Sunday, January 9

Lector: Geoff Newlin
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EM: Tina Stephen
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Mike Landis & Jeff Kuhn

Saturday, January 15

Lector: Sue Harber
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EM: Kathy Finnell
Cantor: to be named
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber

Sunday, January 16

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: Abby & Libby DelSignore
EM: Pam Williams
Cantor: to be named
Greeters: Kelley & Katie Kuhn

