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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025



May you find Christ here...may you take 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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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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 12, 2025

Isaiah 42:1-7

Acts 10:34-38

Luke 3:15-22

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 age 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



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Palma Devic, Cam Duncan, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue

Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Jim Lambert, Pam Launi, Lance Lupis, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Michaela Stickle, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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WHAT DO THE THREE GIFTS OF THE MAGI SYMBOLIZE?



Gold



Honoring
Jesus' divine
Kingship

Frankincense



Symbolizing
his priestly
mission

Myrrh



An ointment for
burial, myrrh
foreshadows his
death



Celebrating Fr. Thomas!

Our parish family will gather to celebrate Fr. Thomas on the anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood, his birthday, and his upcoming vacation to India!

The celebration, hosted by the Ladies Guild, will take place on Friday, January 10 at St. Mary's Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and will include dinner, dessert and beverages. Children 10 and under are free.

Please let us know if you are able to attend by signing up in the Vestibule or by contacting the Parish Office no later than Monday, January 6. Payment by cash or check (payable to Assumption Parish) can be made at the Parish Office or dropped in the offertory basket. We hope you can join us!



Lord, every nation on Earth will adore You.

PSALM 72

What are Your Gifts to Christ?



On this Epiphany Sunday, spend some time contemplating what gifts we can present to Christ this year. Consider being like the three wisemen: life-long learners, humble, and aware of signs from Heaven.

Scripture helps us know what Jesus wants from us, including...

The Gift of Our Hearts

Love God, love our neighbor (Matthew 22:36-40)

The Gift of Humility

Just as we seek forgiveness for our sins, we must also forgive the sins of others (Matthew 6:14)

The Gift of Gratitude

In all things and in all circumstances, give thanks to God (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

The Gift of Our Presence

We are the light of the world, allowing others to see Christ in us and our deeds (Matthew 5:16)

Let Epiphany Sunday be a revelation to us all. Let us realize that the greatest present of all is our presence, where we can surely find His presence!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, January 4	4:00 pm	Intentions of Marianna Bamburg & family.....	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber	Margaret McGee
Sunday, January 5	8:30 am	Soul of Doris Tetrick	Pam Williams
		Soul of Phyllis Deniker	Assumption Choir
Monday, January 6	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 7	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 8	5:00 pm	Soul of Irene Dupuis.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Soul of Doris Tetrick	Angela & David Bowers
Thursday, January 9	12:00 pm	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Soul of Doris Tetrick	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Intentions of Judy Ryan.....	Linda Marsh
Friday, January 10	9:00 am	Intentions of Fr. Thomas	Sue & Jean Harber
Saturday, January 11	4:00 pm	Living & Deceased Members of the Delilo & DiCesare families.....	Palma Devic
		Intentions of Mike & Joanne Stickley	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, January 12	8:30 am	Soul of Marjorie McDoy	Frances Rosedale

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday, January 9. Any parishioner who has a topic for the council to discuss may contact the Parish Office or any Council member: Charlotte Delilo, Judy Dolechek, Jean Harber, Joe Maybury, Geoff Newlin, Nancy Starcher, Tina Stephen and Alan Taylor.



Knights of Columbus NEWS

The Assumption Council is holding a Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, January 11 at 2:00 at Assumption Parish. Any Third Degree member can be installed as a Fourth Degree Knight. Members from other local councils can also be installed. The installation ceremony will last approximately one hour, followed by the Rosary at 3:30 and Mass at 4:00.

A catered dinner will follow the Mass at St. Mary's Hall. The cost for a Knight to be exemplified to Fourth Degree is \$70 which includes dinner. Additional guests at dinner is \$30. The Most Rev. Mark Brennan will be in attendance, along with dignitaries from other councils. If you are a Third Degree Knight, please give this opportunity some consideration. If you are interested, please contact Mike Landis at 304-790-3317.

**CCD Classes will resume
next Sunday, January 12
for all grades!**



The newest book by Matthew Kelly, *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*, is our Christmas gift to our parish family. Copies are still

available in the vestibule; please feel free to take an extra for a friend or family member.

2025 Wall Calendars

Our 2025 wall calendars are also available in the vestibule. The year 2025 is a special year for the Catholic Church which the Holy See has named, "Pilgrims of Hope." Based on that theme for the Holy Year, next year's calendar features a 12-month journey to the holiest and most popular places of pilgrimage for Catholics throughout the world. Thank you to Dean Nofsinger and the Markwood Funeral Home for once again sponsoring our calendars.

Your Faithful Stewardship

December 28-29, 2024

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,245
Loose Donations.....	\$536
Repairs & Maintenance	\$25
Total.....	\$5,806

Attendance

Saturday, 12/28.....	81
Sunday, 12/29.....	101
Total.....	182

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 11 (Knight's Mass)

Lector: Sue Harber
Servers: Knights of Columbus
EM: Mike Landis, Bill Lupis (c), Alan Taylor (c)
Greeters: Jean Harber & Diana Myers
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, January 12

Lector: Kelley Kuhn
Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole and Liam Dupuis
EM: Julie Alt, Beverley Iser (c), Jane Placka (c)
Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach
Cantor: Patrick George

Saturday, January 18

Lector: Logan Stanislawczyk
Servers: Paul Bogdan & Alan Taylor
EM: Jean Harber, Karen Yowler (c), Mere Barrick (c)
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, January 19

Lector: Mike Landis
Servers: Jeff & Remy Kuhn
EM: Pam Williams, Rosie Landis (c), Tina Stephen (c)
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka
Cantor: Julie Alt

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

January 9 Stacy Rhodes
January 16 Pam Williams

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.