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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026



They followed the star...

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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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: The Epiphany of the Lord

Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men (Magi) also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born. 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.

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 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?

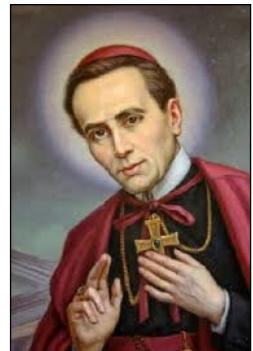
Saint of the Week... St. John Neumann

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



Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Kara Breedlove, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Braely Burton, Hailey Claire, Abby Clark, Raymond Clark, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Curtis Drew, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Shawn Hartman, Marion Hollingsworth, Kathy Jenkins, Diana Jiang, Sarah Jones, Charity Jones Kasraoui, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Francy Lyons, Rhonda Martin, Margaret McGee, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Diane Parrish, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggleman, George Rosedale, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Crystal Snitz, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Nick Trager, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Becky Whitlock*, Barbara Willis.

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Readings for Next Sunday,
January 11, 2026
Isaiah 42:1-7
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

WHAT DO THE THREE GIFTS OF THE MAGI SYMBOLIZE?



Gold	Frankincense	Myrrh
		
Honoring Jesus' divine Kingship	Symbolizing his priestly mission	An ointment for burial, myrrh foreshadows his death

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday, January 8. Any parishioner who has a topic for the council to discuss may contact the Parish Office or any Council member: Marianna Bamburg, Charlotte Delilo, Judy Dolechek, Jean Harber, Joe Maybury, Robin McDowell, Geoff Newlin, Alan Taylor and Rene Trezise.

Your Faithful Stewardship

Christmas

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,994
Loose Donations.....	\$1,095
Christmas Flowers	\$20
Total.....	\$4,109

Diocesan Collection

Catholic Charities West Virginia	\$930
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Attendance

Christmas Eve, 4:00.....	148
Christmas Eve, 6:30.....	.95
Christmas Day, 8:30.....	.54
Total.....	297

December 27-28, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$1,975
Loose Donations.....	\$1,881
Total.....	\$3,856

Diocesan Collection

Catholic Charities West Virginia	\$525
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Attendance

Saturday, 12/27.....	110
Sunday, 12/28.....	.85
Total.....	195

*a
thrill
of hope
the weary
world rejoices*



Knight of Columbus members Mike Landis and Michael Stanislawczyk are shown here with the donations given to Warm the Children this season. With your help 90 coats, along with other winter clothing items, were collected. Thank you to all of our parishioners for their amazing ongoing support of this project!

The Knights remind everyone to take advantage of the marked down prices on winter coats and clothing! Donations can be left in the Vestibule or dropped off at the Parish Office anytime during the year!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 10

Lector: Karen Yowler
Servers: Liam & Lucas Dupuis
EMs: Cathy Pardee, Sue Harber (c), Janet Corley (c)
Cantor: Mike Dupuis
Greeters: Jean Harber & Diana Myers

Sunday, January 11

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: Evelyn Cole & Tess Maybury
EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Jane Placka (c), Rosie Landis (c)
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach

Saturday, January 17

Lector: Bill Lupis
Servers: Eric Hatfield & Eric Hatfield II
EMs: John Gustafson, Karen Yowler (c), Norma Clark (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

Sunday, January 18

Lector: Mike Landis
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen
EMs: Mike Landis, Charlotte Delilo (c), Dave Minnich (c)
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

January 3	Jean Harber
January 8	Meredythe Barrick



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 be held on Saturday, January 10 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person and will include dinner, dessert and beverages. CCD students 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 5. Payment by cash or check (payable to Assumption Parish) can be made at the Parish Office or dropped in the offertory basket.



Miss Aubrey Amoroso, a first grade student in our religious education program, had the honor of carrying Baby Jesus to the manger during the procession at the 4 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass. Aubrey is the daughter of Steven and Ashley Amoroso.



2026 Offertory Envelopes

Due to a manufacturing issue, production and shipping of our 2026 offertory envelopes have been delayed. Until they are received, please use a plain envelope and write your name or envelope number on it, along with the amount enclosed.

We are also still waiting for delivery of our 2026 wall calendars. Thank you for your patience!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, January 3	4:00 pm	Soul of Steve Mehalik	Mike & Robin McDowell
		Intentions of Marion Dorsey	Margaret McGee
Sunday, January 4	8:30 am	Soul of Todd Myers	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		Intentions of Melissa Stanislawczyk.....	Buddy
Monday, January 5	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 6	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 7	5:00 pm	Soul of Jerry Marsh	Darlene Brown
		Soul of Tony Baker	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Deceased Members of the Arnold, Dayton & Tucker families	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Intentions of Mike & Rosie Landis.....	Margaret McGee
Thursday, January 8	12:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Soul of John W. Niland	Nancy Starcher
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber	Margaret McGee
Friday, January 9	9:00 am	Soul of Todd Myers.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
		Intentions of Whitney Landis	Margaret McGee
Saturday, January 10	4:00 pm	Intentions of Fr. Thomas	Assumption Parish
Sunday, January 11	8:30 am	Soul of Tom Harbaugh.....	Michelle Brill
		The Amoroso Family	Buddy
		Intentions of Kelley Kuhn	Buddy