

The Epiphany of the Lord**January 5-6, 2019****Fr. Anthony Ligato****There is one more gift to give to Jesus,
the gift of yourselves!**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Epiphany of the Lord is one of the great liturgical celebrations throughout the entire year. The Feast of the Epiphany is the twelfth day after Christmas and has been celebrated throughout the centuries with great festivals and gift giving in celebration of the arrival of the Magi. From the Christmas carol, the Twelve Days of Christmas to Shakespeare's play, Twelfth Night, The Feast of Epiphany has always been celebrated with great jubilation because the joy of the incarnation of our Savior Jesus Christ reveals God's promise of salvation for the ages. Therefore, we should not just celebrate Christmas as a one-day event, after all as a parishioner said to me, "we do all this work and in 30 seconds the gifts are torn open and everything is over. But it is not, as the carol, the Twelve Days of Christmas reminds us that we should give a gift each day; we should hold the joy of Christmas in our hearts and celebrate with festive celebrations.

After all the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord continues what was begun at Christmas in the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Birth of Our Savior at Christmas we celebrate that the Word became flesh, the Incarnation. In the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord we celebrate that the revelation of the incarnation is now spreading throughout the world. The Magi, The Three Kings or Three Wise Men, which ever name you would like to use, represents the spreading of that message to all the people of the World. This is the reason for the jubilation and festive celebrations, salvation has been revealed to the nations through a baby laying in a manger.

The gifts that the Magi bring are a further revelation of who Jesus Christ is and what he will do not only for the people of Israel but also for the people of the entire world. The gift of gold represents Jesus' Kingship, as the son of God Jesus Christ takes back the Kingship that was rightfully his before the people of Israel took it away and gave it to an earthly king. Frankincense represents that this babe born in a manger is holy, as scripture says, "let our prayers raise as incense;" Jesus Christ will raise up our prayers in his suffering, death and resurrection. Myrrh was used to prepare the body for burial and the gift of myrrh reminds us of the great sacrifice Christ will offer for our salvation, death on the cross. Each time we join in the once and for all Holy Sacrifice of the Mass we join with the entire Church in offering ourselves as a gift to Christ. This is the source of our joy, the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and it is all foreshadowed in the gifts that are brought by the Three Kings to the babe laying in the manger. The joy of the season is expressed in our festive attitude, so if you are feeling Christmas goes by way to quickly

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considering all the work we all do, from shopping for gifts, decorating our homes and Churches, baking Christmas cookies and preparing the Christmas dinner, here is an opportunity to truly celebrate the season by celebrating the twelve days and especially, twelfth night and give the Babe who lays in the manger one more gift; the gift of yourself!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Anthony Ligato

LEAD BY THE STAR

Behold, in the depths of the night,
under our eyes a Star appears.
Someone leads us step by step
toward the source of light.

Abraham the believer
took this route before us;
joyous, we go toward the Child
whose new Day we have seen.

The call from a distance rendezvous
rings in our heart,
the Father will secretly, up till the end,
lead us toward his Son.

Already the city of David
appears before our eyes;
the quest in our hearts we follow
in your light, Lamb of God.

NEW YEAR'S BLESSING

Every good gift comes from the Father of light.
May he grant you his grace and every blessing,
and keep you safe throughout the coming year.

May he grant you unwavering faith,
constant hope, and love that endures to the end.
May he order your days and work in his peace,
hear your every prayer,
and lead you to everlasting life and joy.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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PRAYERS

We will pray for those who are ill, hospitalized, recuperating and all those who are in need of prayers. If you know someone who could use prayers, please call the Parish Office and leave their name for inclusion in the bulletin. Please make sure you have their permission to do so. This week we pray for the following people:

Jacqueline Ackner, Anne Antdomi, Raymond Bagley, Carol Bennete, Colleen Bornhorst, Ann Burke, Bryce Chapman, Bob & Rose Davignon, Michelle Darcy, Chester DeBell Sr., Tina Demczar, Edward Doin, Edward Dworakowski, Theresa Dworakowski, Joseph Esposito, Thomas Esposito, Ralph Esposito, Donna Flinton, Brenda Flynn, Dick Galvin, Dave Grinko, Pat Harley, Tony Huneau, Mary Ellen Gibson, Lynn Gorman, Margaret Hoban, Debbie Hopkins, Monique Inyeard, Dorothy Jones, Mary Keeley, Edward Kehn Jr., Tayla Kreiger, Anthony Mainello, Craig Maloney, David Manning, Jimmy Margo, Charlie Martinec, Mary McMahan, Chuck Miorin, Debra Moulton, Anne McHugh, Morgan McEvilly, Stella Muzicka, Christine Pangburn, Dawn Perlmin, Mary Phibbs, Jack Reid, Bonnie Ritrovoto, Laney Robillard, David & Roni Ruppert, Christopher Russell, Jason Russell, Kirstin Shoemaker, Kenny Schroeder, Kaleb Schwartz, Derrick Senior, Margaret Shields, Mary Signorelli, Courtney Sims, Anne Stevens, John Sullivan, Shirley Talbot, Joseph Tenzyk, Leona Toniatti, Anthony Valenti, Ashley Valenti, Madeline Valenti, J. Van Amburgh, Holly Wait, Sharon Wiliking, and Phyllis Ziobroski.

ACTIVE, RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD PRAYER LIST

We would like to pray for all our military personnel in our Parish and we would like to include their names in the bulletin each week. We request that you assist us by submitting the names to the Parish Office so that these service members can be included in our prayers. **SFC. Michael Baker, Matthew S. Cannon, SRA Jordan Correll USAF, SRA Colton Correll USAF, Third Class Petty Officer Christopher Fox, USMC—CPL W (Mac) Harkin, AB Mary B. McDade, 1st Lieutenant Joe McMillen, First Sergeant Aime Moore, LCpl. Matthew T. Nero US Marines, Airman 1st Class Michael D. Jennings, Master Sergeant Richard Palasz, Specialist Joshua Abbott .**

DID YOU KNOW?


We bring Communion to those in our parish community who are homebound and cannot attend Mass. If you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive communion and a visit, please call the Parish Office at 283-1162.

SANCTUARY VOTIVE CANDLE

St. Jude the Apostle Church provides the opportunity for a sanctuary votive candle intention. This intention is the same cost as a mass intention. The sanctuary candle is in memory of a particular person. It will appear weekly at the top of the daily mass intention in the bulletin. If you would like to have a sanctuary votive light please call the Parish Office.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

Keep washing those hands!~ The weather has really been pretty mid and we have not been trapped in our homes, so catching colds have not been as prevalent because we are getting out more. Family gatherings, and office parties often tend us to share germs more easily. Get plenty of rest, keep drinking lots of fluids and wash your hands frequently to avoid those germs!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

January 6, 2019

9:00AM	Sue DiFiore
11:30AM	Varsha Joseph

January 13, 2019

9:00AM	Sue DiFiore
11:30AM	Carmella Moore

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held during the 9:00 a.m. & 11:30a.m. Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word is for 3-8 years old.

K-6 FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

January 6, 2019	Classes Resume at 10:30AM
January 13, 2019	Class at 10:30AM
January 20, 2019	No Class
January 27, 2019	No Class

TEAM PATHWAYS

January 6, 2019	7th & 8th Grade Class at 10:45AM 9th & 10th Grade Class at 10AM
January 13, 2019	7th & 8th Grade Class at 10:45AM 9th & 10th Grade Class at 10AM
January 20, 2019	No Class
January 27, 2019	No Class

JANUARY 6, 2019

St. Jude The Apostle School



Save the Date!
**Open House for
Prospective Families**
Sunday, January 27th
1pm-3pm
Pre-K – 6th Grade

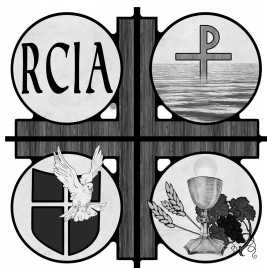
*New this year – Flexible scheduling for half-day program
(must attend a minimum of 2 days)*

Join us for a guided personal tour of the school, learn about the amazing academic and extracurricular activities we offer, meet the dedicated faculty and staff and inquire about financial aid. More importantly, find out why so many families choose St. Jude the Apostle School!



PARISH OFFICE NEWS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2019 for the Martin Luther King Jr., We will re-open on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 8:30AM.



Upcoming RCIA sessions:

All sessions are Thursday evenings beginning at 6:30 we meet in the School Music Room.

02/07/19 The Commandments; Beatitudes; Christian Morality; Sin

02/14/19 Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, & Confirmation

03/07/17 Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation, Anointing, Marriage, & Holy Orders

03/14/19 Prayer & Lent

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

APRIL 6, 2019

Matthew Leonard is an internationally renowned speaker, author, podcast, film maker, and host of the world-wide smash hit Bible and the Virgin Mary video series.

Matthew hosts a very popular podcast on I-tunes titled “The Art of Catholic”, which is heard in more than 170 countries around the world. He also holds a Masters in Theology from Franciscan University of Catholic and Prayer Works! Getting A Grip on Catholic Spirituality. Matthew lives in Ohio with his wife Veronica and their six children. Learn more about him at MatthewSLeonard.com

Love Hurts: The Truth Behind Redemptive Suffering

Unfortunately, no one can escape suffering. But don't be discouraged! Christ proclaims a new idea of love that gives meaning to human suffering, penance, and ultimately, death. In fact, there's a powerful secret that unlocks how we can “rejoice in the Lord always” just like St. Paul, no matter what happens! After all, there is absolutely no reason Catholics shouldn't be the most joyful people on earth regardless of earthly circumstances

Confirmed in Truth: A Conversion Story

How does a Protestant Pastor's kid and former missionary to Latin America preaching to Catholics end up Catholic himself? Matthew Leonard describes his road into the arms of Mother Church, including many of the issues he had to deal with. It's a journey filled with study, a few tears, and some big laughs.

Pray Like a Saint Wisdom for Growing Closer to God

According to Scripture, every one of us is called to “be perfect” and to “pray without ceasing.” Prayer is the path to God and we've been doing it all our lives. But are we really praying? Are we really progressing toward holiness, perfection, and deep relationship with God? In this talk we will define and discuss the three traditional modes of prayer as taught by spiritual greats like St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. Francis de Sales. We won't just talk theory, but lay out the practical steps to achieve union with God through deep prayer even in the midst of this busy distracting world. Because if you are not praying, you are not living.

Spiritual GPS: The 3 stages of the Spiritual Life

Many spiritual writers refer to the “science of sainthood.” It's defined process by which we achieve union with God, our ultimate destiny—a mode of life beyond what anyone can imagine. This talk explains the three traditional stages of Catholic Spiritual life as taught by spiritual life as taught by spiritual greats like St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Thomas Aquinas, and so many others. I also explain how to achieve a life of true peace and happiness in the craziness of this world as you move through the stages of the spiritual journey. This is what life is all about—now and forever!

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Announced Masses

Saturday, January 5

4:00PM Patrick J. Elligott, *Bob & Doris Moak*
 Nancy Hannigan, *Bill & Carol Dedrick*
 George H. Burns, *Wife Ruth & Family*
 Karen Layman, *TJ & Jan Jackson*

Sunday, January 6

9:00AM Amy Lindeman,
Steve & Maryhelen Culver
 Stephen Finelli, *Roger & Darcy St. Cyr*
 Mary Marzola,
Joe & Marie Kruczlnicki

11:30AM Joseph Frost,
Mom, Dad, Matthew & Taye
 Lawrence Kerwin, *Anne & Family*
 Daniela Attura, *Michael & Kris Hoffay*

Monday, January 7

8:00AM Mary Marzola, *Tom & Betty Zemanick*

2:00PM Mary Marzola, *Marilyn Gorman*

Tuesday, January 8

8:00AM James Magur Sr., *Ligato Family*

Wednesday, January 9

8:00AM Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude

Thursday, January 10

8:00AM Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude

Friday, January 11

8:00AM Mary Herrington, *Family*

Saturday, January 12

4:00PM Nancy Hannigan, *Nancy Bradley*
 Ned Fitzgerald, *Rosanne & Children*
 Patrick Elligott, *Kathy & Cliff Hein*
 Joseph Buono, *Joe & Carol Tenzyk*
 Tricia Vielkind, *Jan Jackson*

Sunday, January 13

9:00AM Cierra Sweet,
St. Jude the Apostle School & Staff
 Jim & Joan Madden, *Tom Mary Phibbs*
 Bob Nero, *Family*

11:00AM Amanda Perrotta, *Dedrick Family*
 Joan Angrisano, *Bill & Carol Dedrick*
 Frank Bonanni,
Santino & Wendy Bonanni

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Weekend of January 13 & 14, 2018

	<u>4PM</u>	<u>9AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Lectors	1. R. McQuade	M. McDade	Family Liturgy
	2. C. Tenzyk	J. Dalmata	Family Liturgy
Ministers	H. M. Signorelli	Dcn. Warren	S. Moore
	1. B. Dedrick	B. Cronin	S. Zimmer
	2. A. Devine	E. Cronin	J. Behan
	3. T. Devine	C. Aanonsen	
	4. N. Gully	M. Ryan	
Altar Servers	1. B. McQuade	M. McDade	G. Moore
	2. M. Pafundi	E. Parker	S. Moore
	3. A. Short	M. Ascioti	R. Moore

Stewardship

Offertory support of our Parish Community week of
 December 23, 2018 \$5,099.00
 Christmas December 25, 2018 \$9,198.00

Total accumulated offertory for the current year to date beginning July 1, 2018 is
 December 23, 2018 \$149,302.00
 Christmas December 25, 2018 \$158,500.00

Total Offertory budget for the current year beginning
 July 1, 2018 \$324,450.00

Offertory support of our Parish Community for the same
 week in 2017 was
 December 23, 2018 \$7,842.00
 Christmas December 25, 2018 \$9,589.00

Total accumulated offertory for the same period year to date
 in 2017-2018
 December 23, 2018 \$146,853.00
 Christmas December 25, 2018 \$161,604.00\$

2nd Collection *Christian Service*
 December 23, 2018 \$523.00
 Christmas December 25, 2018 \$1,065.00

January 6, 2019 Team #1 Mary Ellen Hunt
January 13, 2019 Team #2 Peter McMillen
January 20, 2019 Team #3 Bob Myron
January 27, 2019 Team #4 John Waterbury
February 3, 2019 Team #5 Cherie Aanonsen
February 10, 2019 Team #6 Tanya Halse
February 17, 2019 Team #7 Rose Galipeau

STEWARDSHIP

The bulletin figures for December 30, 2018
 and January 6, 2019 will be in the January 13,
2019 Bulletin.

Mass Schedule for our Local Catholic Community

Sacred Heart	Sat. 4PM, Sun. 8:30AM & 10:30AM Weekday Mon.-Fri. 9AM
St. Jude	Sat. 4PM, Sun. 9AM & 11:30AM Weekday Mon.-Fri. 8AM
St. Michael	Sat. 4:30PM, Sun. 7:30AM & 10:15AM Weekday Mon-Thru. 12:10PM
Van Rensselaer Manor	Tuesdays at 1:45PM