



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

1-9	Mon	9:00 AM	Susan Kokalas By Dan, Ginni & Andy Brandt
1-10	Tues	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
1-11	Wed	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
1-12	Thurs	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
1-13	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
1-14	Sat	5:30 PM	Edward Abbot, Jr. By the Walsh family
1-15	Sun	8:30 AM	Frances Gregory By the family
	Sun	10:30 AM	Jeanette Siniscalchi By Ray & Lorraine Keckeisen

The temporary envelopes have arrived. They are available in the vestibule. Please write your number on the outside of the envelope and check off your contribution amount. We are still waiting for the delivery of your boxed envelopes.

### 2022 Statement of Giving

If you would like a statement from the church for your 2022 contributions, please call the Parish Office. Please note that we are only able to print the statements for parishioners who use envelopes.

Thank You!

Knights of Columbus Council 4937 extends a sincere thank you to the parishioners of Sacred Heart and St. Agnes'/St. John's for your generosity in supporting our sponsorship of seminarians for 2023.



### Please Return Tray

If you took the tray that had angels on it home please return it. The owner of the tray would like it back. The tray was on the table in the vestibule. In the future to avoid mishaps, items that are free to take will be labeled "Free". Thank You!

### The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

All of us are on a spiritual journey seeking to get closer to God. We are seeking the light of God's truth and his guidance and direction in our lives. We strive each day to grow in his grace and knowledge in scripture, prayer and through the celebration of sacred liturgy especially the Eucharist.

In this faith journey, the story of the Magi comes to inspire all of us to continue in our yearning and searching for God. Their journey encourages each of us to allow ourselves to be guided by the light of faith.

Matthew's gospel recounts that the Magi saw a bright star in the sky and they sought the meaning behind its movement. The Magi followed the bright star but along the way they experienced some challenges. The star guiding them disappeared but they did not abandon their search. They sought an audience with King Herod as well as the chief priests and the scribes. The Magi asked questions and finally the star appeared again to guide them to Bethlehem and to the place of the Christ child. They prostrated themselves before the newborn king, paid him homage and laid their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh at his feet. These gifts are symbolic. The gold represents Christ's kingship, frankincense his priestly role, and myrrh his suffering, death and burial.

The visit of the Magi from the East to the Christ child fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah presented in the first reading. The prophet Isaiah spoke during Israel's exile in Babylon. He anticipated the restoration of Jerusalem and her people. He foretold that God's glory will shine upon Jerusalem and that all nations and peoples will stream to her bearing the gifts of gold and frankincense in their hands and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.

The Magi represent all nations and peoples who are sharers in God's saving love revealed in Jesus Christ. Saint Paul emphasizes this idea in the second reading by reminding us that God's salvation is for all people. He says that we have been made coheirs and copartners in the promise in Christ through the gospel.

Today's feast of the epiphany of the Lord brings each of us to think about the many ways in which God directs and leads us to his light. God has placed stars on way.

These stars may include our parents, close relatives, school teachers, priests, religious, and lay leaders. For some of us our personal stars may not be alive but their good example still inspires us and points us to the right path in life. We too are called to be shining stars for others. We should inspire others on their faith journey.

The Magi give us the good example to be generous with our resources and use them to support the work of Christ's church on earth. They teach us to return home not on Herod's way but on God's way. After their encounter with the Christ child the Magi departed for their country by another way. God warned them in a dream to take another route because Herod was seeking to kill the newborn baby. It is heartbreaking that Herod ordered the massacre of all newborn male babies in Jerusalem and its vicinity who were under two years of age.

Herod is still out there in human hearts. He is in our modern day culture darkened by fear, hatred, anger, aggressiveness, violence, and destruction. He is those who are indifferent to others and hostile to the Christ child in unborn babies.

Let us pray for the grace and courage to witness to the truth of the gospel message by our words and actions. Let us follow the bright star of Bethlehem and radiate or reflect God's light to others.

God bless

Fr. Ben

### Weekend of January 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

First Reading-Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

**Saturday 5:30 PM**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Ben

**Lector:** Jane Artis

**Eucharistic Ministers** Nancy Kahane

**Altar Servers** Anderson & Garret Callender

Second Reading-1 Corinthians 1:1-3

**Sunday 8:30 AM**

Fr. Ben

Carole Ostrander

Ginni Brandt

Ayla, Quinn & Liam Gronwall

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel-John 1:29-34

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Fr. Ben

Ray Keckeisen

Paula Ciborowski

Jack, Henry, & Ella Grigoli

Easton Porter

Offerings of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Regular, \$2,583.00; Christmas, \$315.00; Fuel, \$500.00; Repairs, \$20.00



January 8<sup>th</sup>- 9:20-10:20 AM Pre-k to 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes  
 January 15<sup>th</sup>- No Classes Pre-k to 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Pop-Up Experience those who registered meet in the Parish Center parking lot at 12:00 PM (noon)

The weekend of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 the regular collection, and Christmas, amounted to \$2,898.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$153.00 below our budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$66,615.00, which is \$7,937.00 below budget.

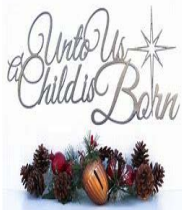
**Upcoming January Meetings and Events**

**All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted**

- Jan 12 Finance Council 6:30 PM
- Jan 16 Knights of Columbus meeting 6:30 PM
- Jan 19 Pastoral Council 6:30 PM
- Jan 26- Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 PM

**Substitute Organist**

Occasionally we need an organist for Masses when either Sarah or Jim is not available. If you or someone you know is interested in being a substitute please contact the Parish Office at 607-563-1591.



**Christmas card Recycling**  
 Please consider repurposing your Christmas cards by placing the front cover of your cards in the container located on the table in the vestibule. They will be used for gift tags for Operation Merry Christmas. Thank you. May God bless you for helping His children.



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has set January 19<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as a period of prayer entitled *9 Days for Life*. Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life Novena, *9 Days for Life*. Get daily intentions, brief reflections and more. Sign up at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).

**January Bulletin Quotes**

“Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world.”  
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
 “The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”



Our assessment for 2022-2023 is \$14,944.00. To date \$13,797.00 in pledges and donations have been received by the Diocese. We are just \$1,147.00 away from reaching our assessment! Thank you for your continued support of the Diocesan Appeal.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

Make a New Year's resolution to commit to your spouse to have the best relationship you can. So sign up to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience together:

- Feb 3-5, 2023 in Huntington, NY
- Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA
- Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

**Dominican Retreat House January Programs**

- “Retreat to the Movies” January 10, 17, 24, 6:30-8:30 PM
  - “Michael Miner Coffee House” January 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 PM
  - “To Wake or not to Wake: *Our need to Ritualize Grief*”  
 January 21<sup>st</sup>, Noon- 5:00 PM
  - “Christianity 101” January 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 PM
- See the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule for more information

**Attention Single Women: Could God be calling you?**

Do you think God may be calling you to the religious life—a life of love and service through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience? Would you like to learn more about such a life? If you would like to learn more about the religious life, please contact Sister Laurie-Marie, C.R. at [lauriemarie.parisi@rcda.org](mailto:lauriemarie.parisi@rcda.org) or call 518-453-6690 for more information.

**Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers:** Avery Maggio, Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Terry Dermody, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Bettye Pete George Mertz, Kimberlee Roe, Grady Charles Weigand, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Andre’ Lundstrom, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Elaine Ferretti, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Jake Delay, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., Ray & Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Basket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter, Darline Smith, Daniel, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Jeremy Matviak, Sandy Kemp, George Walters, Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Jane Artis, Kathryn Wickham, Frannie Robinson, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terry Cristofaro, Joan Kaiser, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Liliana, Terry Yackel, Fr. Hearn, Jack Yackel, Marian Heeps, Alice Walters, Mariah Pierce, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Tammy Byrnes, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Sandy Grooms, Agatha Trikour, Maureen Joy, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, Bob Oliver, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Rose LaCasca, Timothy Bell, Jamie Mathewson, Barb Doyle, Ruth Glaum, Tom DeMulder, Holly North, Jim Mylotte, Natalia Ciborowski, Dixy Pflug, Maryann Cottrell, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, John Alksnis, Sarah Pressler, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, Tina Klein, Leon Matthews, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Amanda Maggio, Alfredine Duguay, Gary Marais, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Theresa Horton, Olivia Ross & Family, Steve Barber, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Regina Mathewson, Vicki Czapnik, Paul McCarthy, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Tasha, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Sean Granran, Charlie Washburn, Father Gordon, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Grashans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Bonnie Tabone, Anne Powell, Father Peter, John Miller, Pat Nabinger, Tony Barber, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Gabriel Rivera, Marilyn Cotter, Dolly Dinato

*Please Note: All names will remain on our list and all will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual.*

