

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ~ JANUARY 8, 2017

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Monday-Friday 8:30am  
Saturday 5:30pm  
Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

### Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to  
5:00 pm

**Holy Days: See bulletin for schedule of Masses.**

### Parish Office:

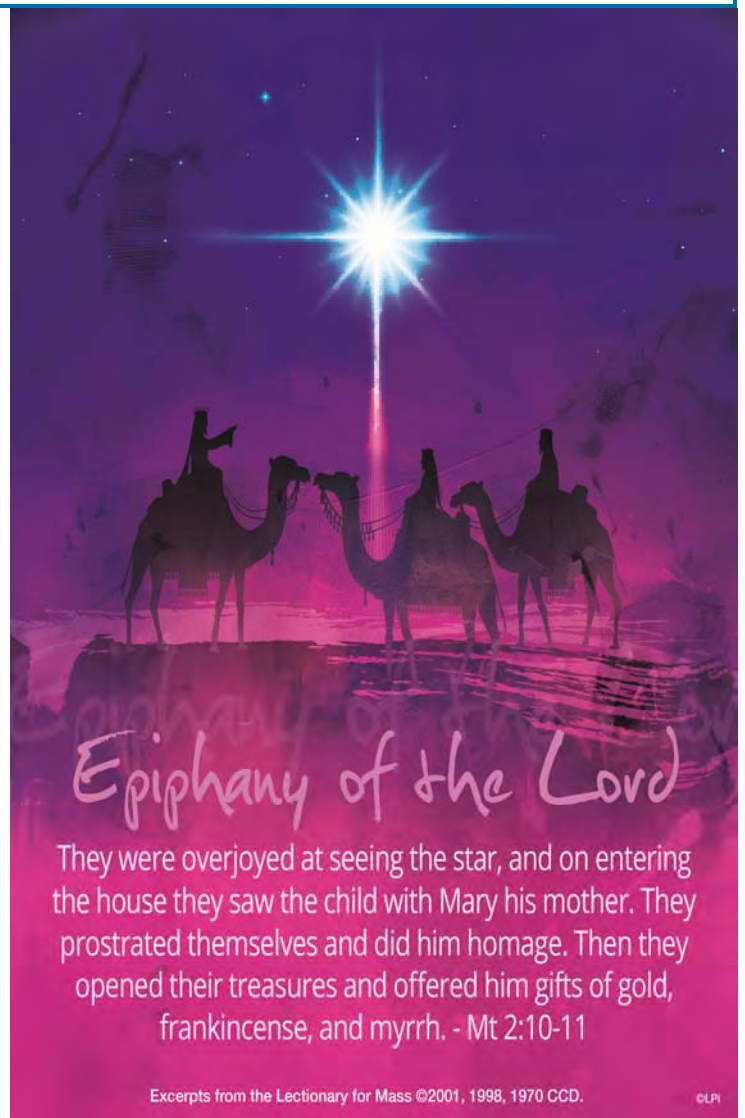
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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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**Mission Statement:** Called by our baptism and nourished by the Eucharist, the parishioners of Our Lady Mother of the Church, acknowledge our mission to teach, share and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we create a welcoming environment, enthusiastically gather and worship to praise God, and strive to imitate the life of Jesus as we reach out beyond our own faith community.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters



The Epiphany, meaning ‘manifestation, revealing’ is celebrated today, twelve days after the celebration of the Nativity, the birth of Christ. The wise men come from the east, from the orient, following the light of a star. They are oriented, enlightened because the light of the star guides their path. In some traditions there are seven, nine, or even twelve wise men, since the Gospel does not specifically say how many they are. Our tradition of three wise men comes from the gifts which they bear; gold frankincense and myrrh. Their persons represent all the nations, all of humanity, called to recognize in the Child the manifestation of God’s love.

In the Mass of Christmas Eve we heard the words from the Prophet Isaiah: *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.* Pope Francis, in a Christmas homily, reflected on these words:

*“This prophecy of Isaiah never ceases to touch us, especially when we hear it proclaimed in the liturgy of Christmas night. This is not simply an emotional or sentimental matter. It moves us because it states the deep reality of what we are: a people who walk, and all around us – and within us as well – there is darkness and light. In this night, as the spirit of darkness enfolds the world, there takes place anew the event which always amazes and surprises us: the people who walk see a great light. A light which makes us reflect on this mystery: the mystery of walking and seeing.*

*Walking: this verb makes us reflect on the course of history, that long journey which is the history of salvation, starting with Abraham, our father in faith, whom the Lord called one day to set out, to go forth from his country toward the land which he would show him. From that time on, our identity as believers has been that of a people making its pilgrim way toward the promised land. This history has always been accompanied by the Lord! He is ever faithful to his covenant and to his promises. “God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all” (1 Jn 1:5). Yet on the part of the people there are times of both light and darkness, fidelity and infidelity, obedience, and rebellion; times of being a pilgrim people and times of being a people adrift.*

*In our personal history too, there are both bright and dark moments, lights and shadows. If we love God and our brothers and sisters, we walk in the light; but if our heart is closed, if we are dominated by pride, deceit, self-seeking, then darkness falls within us and around us. “Whoever hates his brother – writes the Apostle John – is in the darkness; he walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has blinded his eyes” (1 Jn 2:11).*

*On this night, like a burst of brilliant light, there rings out the proclamation of the Apostle: ‘God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race’ (Tit 2:11).”*

We are a people who are walking, travelling, like the wise men. Our life is a journey, with a beginning and an end, and we as travelers are invited to follow the light of Christ. Without this light there is disorientation. May the light of Christ accompany us on this Great Feast of the Epiphany, and remain with us during our journey in this year, 2017. Happy New Year!

Fr. Sean

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Saturday**



5:30 pm

**Sunday**

**January 7**

*St. Raymond of Penyafort*  
Francesca & Gregorio Tambone

**January 8**

*The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week*

8:30 am

10:30 am



**Monday**

8:30 am

**January 9**

*The Baptism of the Lord*  
Angel Mulkey

**Tuesday**

8:30 am

**January 10**

Ines Dauster

**Wednesday**

8:30 am



**January 11**

Jean Mariel Williams

**Thursday**

8:30 am

**January 12**

Ruth Semelsberge

**Friday**

8:30 am

**January 13**

*St. Hilary*  
Charlie DeBrock

**Saturday**

5:30 pm



**January 14**

Lucia & Cosimo Pitarra

**Sunday**

8:30 am

**January 15**

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:30 am

Ann Pistono

Michael Frabisile

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of January in memory of



**Rosemary Lukac**

Requested by Andy, Claudia Ann, Andrew, Jr. & Rosary

*For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."*

*Ecclesiastes 3:11*

*"A time to be healed"*

*Parish sick list: Dorothy Burke, Colin Burns, Michael Bussanich, Rosa Dicapua, Jennifer Hartmann, Thomas Kneeshaw, Patricia Martin, McKenna Grace, Carol Schmidt, Barbara Strambi, Rose Ann Tripaldi, Eric Vanderleif, and Bryce Werner*

*"A time to mourn"*

*"A time for war and a time for peace"*

*Tyler Aiello, Ryan Brady, Lcpl. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan*

*Amen.*

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility**

*"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."*

*(Matthew 2:11)*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and chose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.

**Receipts From Last Week.....\$ 7,424.00**

**Receipts From Christmas.....\$39, 724.00**

The Bread will be offered for the week of January 7 to January 13 in memory of



**Anthony Merlino**

Requested by the Rotolo Family



I would like to thank everyone who very generously donated Christmas offerings to the parish over the past few weeks. The measure we receive is the measure we are able to give, and I think your giving is a reflection of what has been received from God this Christmas time. Our Christmas Masses were extraordinarily well attended, and each liturgy witnessed active participation, with lively faith. The love of God, experienced in the Sacraments, seals within us the fact that He has given himself completely to us, that He is one with us. I am humbled, as your Pastor, to witness how God is acting in you, and I thank you for your response.

**Celebrating Baptism**



**13th Annual Baptism Reunion Mass**

**Sunday, January 15, 2017**

**10:30 am Family Liturgy**

We invite all families of children baptized at our parish during the past year to attend! Please call Judi in the Parish Office at (201) 391-2826 or at judiolmc@yahoo.com if you have any questions or to RSVP. There will be a reception after Mass in McCarthy Center. All parishioners



# FAITH FORMATION



## Calendar for January, February and March

Wed, Jan 11	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>
Sat, Jan 14	<b>10:00 am Grade 2 First Reconciliation</b>
Wed, Jan 18	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>
Wed, Jan 25	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>
Wed, Feb 1	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>St. Brigid</i>
Wed, Feb 8	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>St. Josephine Bakhita</i>
Wed, Feb 15	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>St. Valentine</i>
Wed, Feb 22	No Class
Wed, March 1	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>Ash Wednesday</i>
Sat, March 4	10:00 am to 12:30 pm <i>From Ashes to Easter for Children</i>

### First Reconciliation

**Saturday, January 14 at 10:00 am**

THANK YOU for taking a Lamb card to remember our second graders as they prepare for their First Reconciliation, a sacrament filled with the Healing Love of Christ. Please continue to pray for them and their families for Saturday Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>.

### From Ashes to Easter for Children ~ Save the Date!!

A special Saturday morning of LENT activities for children ages 4 through 10 is planned for March 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 12:30. It will include: pancakes! Living Stations of the Cross! Crafts, games, workshops! Please consider volunteering to assist with teaching, etc. Registration \$10 per child, maximum \$25 per family. Forms are in the lobby in the bulletin rack. You can leave them in the parish office, the sacristy or Faith Formation office door.

### Travelling Prayer Cross

Our Travelling Prayer Cross is available to take home for a week! It will be given out each week at the end of class. This is a way to foster family prayer and praying for one another as a family.

## Question of the Week? Win a Gift card to DAIRY QUEEN! All can enter!

This week's question: *What feast concludes the Liturgical Season of Christmas?*

Prior week's answer: Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh are the gifts the Magi brought the Christ Child. To enter this week's raffle, submit your answer along with your name and address by email to [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) by 3pm on Wednesday Jan. 4 or when you come to class. **All correct answers will be entered in a raffle for a gift card to Dairy Queen.**



**Pope Francis Says:** "The year will be good in the measure that each one of us, with the help of God, seeks to do good day after day," New Year's Address 1/1/17.



## St. John's Academy News!!!

### Award Winner!

Congratulations to Maureen Murray she was presented with the William Mundhenk Award. This award is presented to a student who is kind, a good friend to all and who exemplifies the true spirit of SJA.

### Fashion Show

The 8th grade fashion show will be held on Monday, February 13, 2017 at the Estate at the Florentine Gardens.

### Save the Date!

Catholic Schools Week begins January 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Our Lady's Guild News!

### Munch on Lunch with the Bunch!

Our Lady's Guild invites you to our Luncheon Social on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at noon in McCarthy Center. Bring your lunch and we will provide Coffee, soft drinks and dessert.

### Bake Sale

We will be hosting a Bake Sale the weekend of February 11 & 12 after all Masses. Proceeds will be split between the Food Pantry and the Sr. Rita Educational Fund. **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

## Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary and would like a Papal Blessing please contact Judi in the Parish Office for information on how to do so. If you would like to be acknowledged at Sunday Mass, please let us know in anticipation.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER IN MEMORY/HONOR OF...

Eleanor & Frank Antonini  
Dot & Fritz Arndt  
Mary & Nicholas Barnello  
Mary & Pasquale Bellantoni  
Robert Blackton, Sr.  
Doris Bossolt  
John Boyd  
The Boyle Family  
The Brennan Family  
Dorothy & John Brown  
Eda Capasso  
Mae Catherwood  
William Catherwood  
Laura Christen  
Vera Cleary  
Paul Comunale, Jr.  
Rose Comunale  
Richard Cummings  
Nancy & Ed Dalcero  
Lauretta & George Dalcero  
Joseph Dattoli  
Paul Dattoli  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael  
DeJoseph  
Michael A. DeJoseph  
Michael A. DeJoseph, Jr.  
Ana & Frank DeRosa  
Maria & Joseph DiBella  
Rose Dispoto  
Dorothy Downes  
Mary Joe Downes  
Vincent Downes  
The Drury Family  
Jerry Dubrowski  
The Duffy Family  
Michael Eastman  
Gertrude Louise &  
Mary Therese Eichenlaub  
Patricia A. Eichenlaub  
Charles Feiger  
Doris Firestone  
The Flynn Family  
Salvatore Franco  
Anna Ganowski

Edmund Ganowski  
Laura & Frank Gatto  
Leah & Nick Graziano  
Anna & Casey Grech  
Emelia & Henry Grus  
Nana Hama  
Mary & John Hayduk  
Julia & George Hicks  
Ann Higgins  
Gene Holtz  
Alice & George Junior  
Bernard Kearney  
Esther Kearney  
James Kearney  
Mary Kearney Dahl  
Alexander Keen  
Anne Keoskey  
Helen & Fred Kobli  
Butchy Latienta  
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Latienta  
John J. Leonard  
Blanche & John Levin  
June Lilientha  
The Lyons Family  
Lorraine Maier  
The Manganello Family  
Pietro Mangeri  
Paul Mercadante  
Margaret & Frank Meredith  
Phyllis Micali  
Margaret Michaels  
Mary & Ben Mikolajczyk  
Blanche & Stanley Mikolajczyk  
Bernice & Henry Miller  
Marie Monteverdi  
Skip Monteverdi  
Anthony Napolitano  
The Neary Family  
Laura Ann Neufeld  
Albert Nobile  
The Nobile Family  
The O'Connor Family  
Antoni Orłowski  
Katarzyna Orłowski

Marie & Joseph Panella  
Anthony Parente  
Mary Parente  
Peter Parente  
The Petroski Family  
Gaudenzia Piccini  
John Piccini  
Anthony Picinic  
Dinko Picinic  
Michael Pisano  
Aileen Rowland Purcell  
Donald Quirsfeld  
Kevin Rew  
The Roddy Family  
Concepcion Rodriguez  
Odilio Rodriguez  
Norma Ronchetti  
Anna & Hans Rotschka  
Susan Sacks  
Alfred Santumo  
Paul Santumo  
Ralph & Vincent Savarese  
Rose & Joseph Scanapio  
Jean & Fred Sciarra  
Eugene Sella  
Mary & Joseph Sella  
Fred Siwiec  
Marie Spink  
Henry Sucorowski  
Josephine Sucorowski  
Robert Swanberg  
John Tarabocchia  
Bella Totera  
Mary Tripaldi  
Mr. & Mrs. John Uram  
The Virosco Family  
Joseph Welsh  
Josephine Welsh  
Rita & Harold Whitney  
James E. Whitney  
Charles Whittlesey  
Edward Wloaban  
Anna & Edward Zank  
Edward Zega

## COMING TO NEWARK ARCHDIOCESE: A DIFFERENT KIND OF CARDINAL



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin lifting weights this month during a workout in Indianapolis. He was recently named to lead the Archdiocese of Newark.

For about a year, the guys at the gym just called him Joe. He lifted weights in the early mornings wearing a skull-printed do-rag. He worked out on the elliptical, wiping it down when he was done. Then one day Shaun Yeary, a salesman at a landscape supply company, asked him in the locker room what he did for a living. “I used to be a priest,” Joe recalled telling him. “And now,” he said, his voice growing quieter so as not to scare anyone in earshot, “I’m the archbishop of Indianapolis.” “I was like, for real?” Mr. Yeary recalled. “This guy is benching two and a quarter!” — gym speak for 225 pounds.

Joe, also known as Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, recently became one of the 120 men in the world who will choose the next pope. But he wants to be judged by his actions, not his lofty position in the Roman Catholic Church.

Though he has led the Archdiocese of Indianapolis since 2012, a status that usually comes with perks like a driver, he drives himself around in a Chevy Tahoe and helps with the dishes after lunch meetings. He introduces himself simply as Padre José to the children at a local Catholic school. He showers and shaves at the Community Healthplex gym like any other member, and calls his workout buddies his Band of Brothers. In short, he is just the kind of leader Pope Francis is elevating to realign the church in the United States with his priorities. Cardinal Joseph Tobin was installed as Archbishop of Newark this past Friday, January 6, 2017. We welcome him, and look forward to him celebrating Mass with us in our parish.