



**Feast of the Epiphany Sunday
January 7-8, 2012**

As with most aspects of the Christian liturgical calendar, Epiphany has theological significance as a teaching tool in the church. The Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the child Jesus were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ.

This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles", was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few.

The day is now observed as a time of focusing on the mission of the church in reaching others by "showing" Jesus as the Savior of all people.

An Epiphany Prayer

Father, we thank you for revealing yourself to us in Jesus the Christ, we who once were not your people but whom you chose to adopt as your people. As ancient Israel confessed long ago, we realize that it was not because of our own righteousness, or our own superior wisdom, or strength, or power, or numbers. It was simply because you loved us, and chose to show us that love in Jesus.

As you have accepted us when we did not deserve your love, will you help us to accept those whom we find it hard to love? Forgive us, O Lord, for any attitude that we harbor that we see ourselves as better or more righteous than others. Help us to remove the barriers of prejudice and to tear down the walls of bigotry, religious or social? Help us realize that the walls that we erect for others only form our own prisons!

May we, through your guidance and our faithful obedience, find new avenues in ways that we have not imagined of holding the Light of your love so that it may be a Light of revelation for all people.

We thank you for your love and for your continued presence with us. Amen.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be held each Sunday in the basement of the church after the 9am Mass. Join now!

1/8/12...Salvation History & How it Relates to Christianity.

1/15/12...Prayer (including Lord's Prayer)

Please call the church office or contact Patti Battista at 301-616-1644 for more information on the classes.

COMMUNION CLOTH MINISTRY:

01/08/12...Patti Battista 01/15/12...Linda Goodman

Community Supper on Monday, January 9th, in the parish hall from 4:30 to 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to join us for some delicious pasta! This is a free meal, but a good will offering is accepted. Come out and join us! Bring a friend!



The Annual Special Care Collection for Archdiocesan Priests will be taken at all Masses next weekend, **January 14-15, 2012.** The funds will be used to support those archdiocesan priests in need of special medical care in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, as well as those priests who are convalescing following surgery or serious injury/illness. A portion of the funds collected will be set aside for an endowment to help care for our priests in the future.

CALCULATORS' SCHEDULE:

Jan. 8/Church: Team #4-Thorn, Stem, Gregory, Matthews

Jan. 8/Center: Team #7-Gloeckl, Stahl, Mitchell

Jan. 15/Church: Team #5-Reams, Ammann, Nolan

Jan. 15/Center: Team #8-Schriders, Shaw

Parish Gift Shop! Shop in the church basement and at the Lake Center for that special gift!

✠Lay Minister Schedule:

1-14-12 4pm Read: Brady

EM's: Baughman, Schriders

1-15-12 9am Read: Burner

EM's: Hanek, Lloyd, Mott,*Coviello



Jan. 8-12th Class... Teachers' Luncheon & Mtg. after class.

Jan. 15-13th Class

Cookies, Cocoa & Sledding Party

Meet at Veterans' Park at 11:30am

☺ EVERYONE WELCOME ☺

HOMEBOUND PRAYER INTENTION for

JANUARY: That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives. **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER**

INTENTION FOR JANUARY: That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all people of good will.

PRAYER LIST FOR January ...we pray for: Stephen Ross, Bill Mott, Joan Johnson, Michelle Vail, Judy Stark, Joyce Jolles, Mike & Virginia Evans, Laura Harrison, Arden Bothe, Annemarie Poyer, Jack Ward, Kathy Hemmer, Tom Stuckey, Patrick Ashby, Sharon & Pat Rothman, all the sick of our parish, and all military personnel. God bless them all. (Names are taken off on the first weekend of each month. You may call the office at any time during the month.)

Do you think your marriage is heading downhill? We believe that every marriage deserves the opportunity to survive, be healed and thrive as a covenant of life and love. **Join the next session of RETROUVAILLE by calling 301-468-6764.** Retrouvaille is a Catholic program where hurting couples find hope! We are passionately committed to dramatically increasing the number of couples served in both new and existing communities worldwide. The **next weekend is set for January 13-15, 2012**

✠ Mass Intentions-Jan. 7-15, 2012 ✠

Sat.	Parish Family	4:00pm
Sun.	Larry Douglas Carter ✠	9:00am
Mon.	Robert Feighery ✠	8:15am
Tues.	Michael Fallon ✠	6:30pm
Wed.	Oak. Nurs & Rehab	10:00am
	All Souls Memorials	
	Denn. Manor	10:30am
	All Souls Memorials	
	Chapel	12:00pm
	Marie Meloro ✠	
Thurs.	Communion Service	8:15am
Fri.	Winifred Bozzomo ✠	8:15am
Sat.	Patrick Murphy ✠	4:00pm
Sun.	Parish Family	9:00am

(Daily Mass Intentions are subject to change due to emergencies, weather or the availability of a priest.)



DAILY MASS....(WEEKDAYS)

Bad Weather Policy

If school is delayed or closed,
no Mass at 8:15am.

If school is closed or dismissed early,
no Mass at 6:30pm.

If school is closed or dismissed before lunch,
no Mass at 12 noon.

ADDITIONALLY....

➡ THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON THE WEEKEND OR ON A HOLY DAY does

NOT apply if you are sick. **ALSO...**It does **NOT** apply if the weather is too treacherous for travel.

CONSIDER YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS ON THE ROAD. **➡ We will have any cancellations of Sunday/Holy Day Masses due to snowy/icy weather conditions announced on the local radio stations.**

All married couples are cordially invited to join Archbishop Edwin O'Brien for the special World Marriage Day Mass and Reception at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles Street (*not the Basilica downtown*), **February 12, 2012 at 3:00 P.M.** The Mass will be bilingual in English and Spanish and interpreted for the deaf.

We are participating in Worldwide Marriage Encounter's search for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. One couple from each parish will be honored during a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Edwin O'Brien. Please report your names, address, wedding date, and phone number, **if you have been married at least 50 years, to the PARISH OFFICE no later than January 24, 2012.**

Thank you for your generosity and many kindnesses throughout this year, which has been challenging yet so rich in blessings. Through your goodness, the House of Hope has fed the hungry, sheltered those who have been homeless and given comfort to the sick, or those who were alone in their time of trouble.

Children, our elderly and families in need of assistance, received the support they needed to sustain them and keep their families intact and safe, when circumstances beyond their control had threatened to overwhelm them. So much good has been possible and we are ever thankful for your presence in, and prayers for this community ministry.

Sister Joanna & Sister Mary Ann



Calling All BIG Fish Dinner Workers!

Believe it or not...Lent is just around the corner (Ash Wednesday is 2/22/12) and we have to get our act together! **The BIG Fish Dinner Committee will meet on Thursday, January 12th at 5 PM in the upstairs Parish Hall (Snow date scheduled for Thurs., 1/19/12).** A meal will be provided for everyone who attends this organizational meeting. (In case of bad weather listen to WKHJ or WMSG or call the church office for cancellation information.) Everyone who wishes to participate is encouraged to come. All new workers will need to complete an Archdiocese of Baltimore Application for Volunteer Services, a simple form confirming your background. We welcome all new workers! All input is appreciated, and if you cannot make the meeting but have a question or an idea you would like brought forth, please call Don and Patti Battista at 301-387-7975. **YOU** are welcome to participate. ☺ This group has fun and they enjoy the activities they do together. ***Come one, Come All!***

Catholics unable to participate at Mass because of illness, frailty, inclement weather, or other circumstances find spiritual blessing through "My Sunday Mass" on TV. Heart of the Nation, a nonprofit Catholic ministry, provides the weekly TV Mass and a free, large-print Prayer & Worship Guide for use during Mass and throughout the week. For a channel guide or to order the Prayer & Worship Guide, log onto www.HeartoftheNation.org or call toll-free 1-(855) 855-MASS (6277).