
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Jan. 3 Epiphany of the Lord
Wed Jan 6 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, Jan. 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 a.m.
†William S. Luther (*Vince & Carol Ann Bobetich*)

Tuesday, Jan. 5 St. John Neumann

8:30 a.m.
†Cynthia Kiratzis (*Mary Stoy*)

Wednesday, Jan. 6 St. Andre Bessette

8:30 a.m.
†Janine Seymore Beck (*St. Rose Supper Club*)

Thursday, Jan. 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:30 a.m.
†Gary Beck (*Mary Engelman*)

Friday, Jan. 8

8:30 a.m.
Members of the Altar & Rosary Society

Saturday, Jan. 9

4:00p.m.
†Murphy Montler (*Marie McGuire*)

Sunday, Jan. 10 Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People
10:30 a.m. †Nick & Augusta Orsena (*Orsena Family*)

PASTOR'S CORNER

BLESSING OF HOMES

Traditionally, the Feast of the Epiphany is the day to bless our homes for the upcoming year. Holy Water, incense and chalk are traditionally used: Water reminding us of the water of the Jordan in which Jesus was baptized; incense; one of the gifts of the Magi and a symbol of our prayers rising to God, and chalk; an incarnational image because it reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we are made. The water from church is sprinkled in each room of the house. The chalk is used to mark 20+C+M+B-21 over the doorways. The numbers consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the legendary name of the magi-Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar– and also stand for the Latin Motto. *Christus mansionem benedicat* (“May Christ bless this house”). The following prayer may be used for the blessing.

Lord God of heaven and earth you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ that their concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

“As we begin the New Year, may we discover anew that faith demands worship. If we can fall on our knees before Jesus, we will overcome the temptation to set off on our own path.” (Pope Francis, Jan. 6, 2020)

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we remember that God came to earth for everyone, every nation, every people.

Poverty Awareness Month

As Poverty Awareness Month continues, take time to learn more about poverty in the United States, understand the root causes, and how people are helping themselves and others out of Poverty USA. <http://www.povertyusa.org/learn>

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-DEC. 19-20, 2020

Regular	\$7171.50	Christmas	\$1182.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 3.00	Candles	\$ 35.00
Immac.Concep.	\$ 85.00	Thanksgiving	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flow.	\$ 145.00	Religious Retir.	\$ 75.00
Mother of God	\$ 2.00	All Souls	\$ 3.00
All Saints	\$ 3.00		
		Total	\$8769.50

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

The Fathers of the Church, even before the first Council of Nicaea (325), used the term Theotokos (Mother of God) when referring to the Virgin Mary, as the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission explains:

"For the defense of the true humanity of Christ and against Docetism a heresy that does not believe in the incarnation and teaches that Jesus is not a real man, the early Church emphasized Jesus' birth from Mary. Jesus did not merely have a human 'appearance.' He did not come down from heaven in a 'heavenly body' and as for his birth, he did not simply 'pass through' his mother."

"Rather, it is with her own substance that the Virgin Mary gave birth to her Son. For Saint Ignatius of Antioch and Tertullian, Jesus is fully human because he was 'really born' of Mary. The one who was born of Mary is the eternal Son of God. The Eastern and Western Fathers—like Justin and Irenaeus have explained this teaching by quoting the words of Isaiah 7:14. The Virgin Mary fulfilled the vision of the prophet and gave birth to 'God with us.' The title of Mary Theotokos was referred in order to preserve the doctrine of the unity of the person of Christ."

PRAYER CHAIN

For intentions for the Prayer Chain, please call the rectory or email frbsaylor@stroselima.com

CANDLE: For the intentions of Art Whitmore by Linda L. Zakrzwski.

END OF YEAR STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

May God's blessing be upon all those who have so generously supported our parish family throughout 2020. Those individuals or families who for tax purposes would like a have a statement of your contributions for 2020 are asked to call the Rectory. We would be most happy to provide that information for you.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace!
Where there is hatred—Let me sow love
Where there is injury—pardon
Where there is doubt—faith
Where there is despair—hope
Where there is darkness—light
Where there is sadness—joy
O divine master,
grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled—as to console
To be understood—as to understand
To be lived—as to love
For
It is in giving—that we receive
It is in pardoning—that we are pardoned
And it is dying—that we are born to eternal
life.*



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint John Neumann

Feast Day – January 5

1181-1860

A native of Bohemia, John entered the seminary and was nearing ordination when he departed for the United States. He joined the Redemptorists and served as a priest in New York, Maryland and Pennsylvania. In 1852 he was named the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. He founded more than 50 churches and greatly expanded Catholic education. John had a fondness for immigrants and knew six languages. His pastoral zeal was evident up to his last moments of life. He collapsed and died in the street at age 48.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
(January 3, 2021)

Saint Paul spoke to the Ephesians of the “stewardship of God’s grace.” God has entrusted us with so many gifts and talents, the breath of life, and the very means by which we can sustain our existence. As disciples of Jesus we are called to use these things to build the kingdom of God; to make the Body of Christ strong; to change the world.

(Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response in a Nutshell, Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, www.4LPi.com)

The three magi from the east paid homage to the Infant Jesus with their “first fruits and gifts” of gold, frankincense and myrrh. What gifts have I presented to the newborn Savior that reveal who I am as a steward of God’s kingdom?

To Start A New Year

“A new year is unfolding-like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within.

Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good-with the comfort and warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others.

As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible— with Your help & guidance.

Anonymous

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

January 3, 2021: Epiphany Sunday
(Matthew 2:1-12)

The Magi in today’s gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Do not let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.



CANDLES: For the intentions of Art Whitmore by Linda L. Zakrzwski., For the Intentions of Matthew P.Zakrzwski by Linda L. Zakrzwski, Joseph Sukala by Anne Sukala, Sophia Sukala by Anne Sukala, Theresa Sukala by Anne Sukala, Irma Mort by Anne Sukala, Catherine Abretski by Anne Sukala.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thomas C. Riley
John Prorok
Mary Prorok
Loved Ones

Joan Riley
Joan Riley
JoanRiley
M/M Stephen Hrzic

“HOPE” by Maryknoll Father James Keller
(1900-1977)

- Hope looks for the good in people instead of harping on the worst.
- Hope opens doors where despair closes them.
- Hope draws its power from a deep trust in God and the basic goodness of human nature.
- Hope “lights a candle” instead of “cursing the darkness.”
- Hope regards problems, small or large, as opportunities.
- Hope pushes ahead when it would be easy to quit.
- Hope is a good loser because it has the divine assurance of final victory.

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ST. LEONARD'S HOME

Worried about a loved one? St. Leonard's Personal Care Home in Hollidaysburg provides medication management, personal hygiene assistance, socialization, meals, housekeeping and a 24 hour staff in a home-like environment. We serve men and women 62+ for whom it is no longer safe to live alone. To tour our beautiful Victorian mansion or for more information, call Sr. Cynthia Meyer at 695-9581 during weekday business hours. We are a Catholic facility but accept all eligible applicants, and will assist with financial aid applications where applicable.

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for January 3—Epiphany of the Lord.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

**In the spirit of the Magi,
please now that through
your generosity, comfort
and peace can once again be
given to a newborn child.**

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!

