Family and the Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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

Holy Communion will be distributed **AFTER** Mass in the Gathering Space on Saturdays at 6:45 PM and on Sundays at 11:45 AM for those who do not attend Mass in person. You are also invited to the celebration of Mass on weekdays especially if you cannot attend on Sunday.

Diocese Classes: Sacraments beginning Jan. 5th from for Master Catechist requirements. **Life and writings of St. Paul** beginning Jan. 5th at 6:30 -9 pm. Cost is $45. To register contact Marybeth at 814-361-2000 or email mheinze@dioceseaj.org

Scrip Purchases can be made after weekend masses or by contacting Alison Narehood by phone 684-4121 or stmatthewschoolscrip@gmail.com There are a variety of vendors available.

Update on Mass Scheduling for 2020 and 2021 There will be no new Mass intentions accepted for the remaining of 2020 and at least until July 2021. However, Mass intentions will be accepted for recently deceased members of your family/friends.

Christmas at St. Mathew Parish – Mixed in with all the beautiful Christmas decorations are pieces with special meaning to our parish family. Do you recognize the halo behind baby Jesus? It was the window above the door that used to be beside the altar before the restoration. The red Velvet tree skirts in the Sanctuary used to hang behind the marble communion railing. Look closely at the nativity in the office window. It was used in the old convent that stood where the Gathering Space now exits. The wooden nativity located outside was created by a parishioner, the late Bob Klesius. The decoration with the longest history is our crèche which can be traced back to a photo dated 1920, but the belief is that the figures were much older. The mystery surrounding the crèche involves the two angels. Angel statues with the same poses appear in a photograph of the high altar in the original 10th Street structure. *Let us know if you can add any stories or pictures to the history of St. Matthew.*

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Saint Rita will hold its monthly meeting this **Wednesday, January 6th** at 6:30 in Harkins Hall.

A Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us
to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.
We ask that You inspire young people whom
You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to
courageously follow Your will.
Send workers into Your great harvest so that the
Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love,
the suffering are comforted, and Your people are
strengthened by the sacraments.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

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DARKNESS OR LIGHT?

"The star went ahead of them until it stopped above the place where the child was."

Matthew 2: 9

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

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

Matthew 2: 11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share

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Elementary Classes: (Grades K-8): Sunday mornings 9:00 am to 10:15 am (weekly during the school year)

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We welcome all visitors. If you live in the area, please call the Parish Office to register and become an active member of our parish family.

January 3, 2021

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:30 pm
Sunday at 10:30 am
Weekday Mass Schedule:
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:00 am
Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule:
- at 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday at 6:30 pm or anytime upon request.

*Please remember if these times do not allow you to attend mass you can do so at **Saint Joseph Church** in Bellwood either on **Saturday** at **4:00 pm** or **Sunday** at **9:00 am** and also on Monday at 8:00 am and Tuesday at 6:00 pm and **the Sacrament of Reconciliation** is celebrated on Saturday at 3:30 pm.*

Mass Schedule & Intentions:

January 2 – 10, 2021

Sat.	5:30 pm	Anna & Frank Schneider – Corrine
		Norman Tubo- Marlene & Gerry Halbedl
Sun.	10:30 am	For the People - pastor
Mon.	8:00 am	Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Bellwood
Tues.	6:00 pm	Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Bellwood
Wed.	8:00 am	Marty & Eddie Rhoades –Fran & Lee Wertz
		Jeanne & James Wallace – Fran & Lee Wertz
Thurs.	8:00 am	Ann & Frank Schneider – Fran & Lee Wertz
		Theresa Knab – Rick & Ann Knab
Fri.	8:00 am	Pat Bowers – Friend
		Jo Hillard - Friend
Sat.	5:30 pm	Andrew Walla – K of C
		Steve Cushion – K of C
Sun.	10:30 am	Dolores Sickler - CDA
		Dorothy Sharer – CDA

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Lector – Weekdays 8:00am – T Jeffries

Lectors – January 9 & 10

Sat. 5:30 pm B Lambert, T Jeffries, T Jeffries
Sun. 10:30 am M Raffetto Jr, K Bauer, A Brisbin

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist – Jan,9 & 10

Sat. 5:30 pm ✝ P Lambert, P Ray, S Loose
Sun. 10:30 am ✝ D Castagnola, R Garbinsky, S Hoover

✝ Indicates Eucharist minister that will be responsible for going to the tabernacle and also to the choir loft.

Music Ministers – Jan 9 & 10

Sat. 5:30 pm Richard/Ella
Sun. 10:30 am Tammy/Leslie
Song sheets will be provided at each Mass

Activities for the Week of Jan 4 – 10

Mon. 6:30 pm Parish Council (L)
7:30 pm Knights (H)
Wed. 3:30 pm Rosary
6:30 pm CDA (H)
Thur. 6:30 pm Bingo (H)
Sun 9:00 am R/E Virtual
11:30 am Undecorate the church
6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration – St Joseph's Bellwood

Financial Report – December 27, 2020

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection	$3,891	$31 (children)
Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal	$5,800	

Beginning July 1, 2019 and Ending June 30, 2020

Year to date Sunday Collection Income	$	120,299
Year to date Sunday Collection Goal	$	158,000
Yearly Collection Goal for Sundays	$	301,600
Year to date Bingo Net Income (2020)	$	22,107
Catholic School Second Collection	$	14
Catholic School Envelopes	$	1165
Religious Education Envelopes	$	0
Good Samaritan	$	250
2020 *Catholic Ministries Drive* ***TARGET***	**$**	**39,280**
CMD Donations for 2020 (73% of goal)	$	28,616

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!

Please remember that out of love, respect, safety and well-being of others masks must be worn at mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND

Elizabeth Adler, Sandy Ashcroft, Margaret Baker, Ann Beachem, Shirley Beam, Clinton Bisenger, Matt Bland, Melissa & Curt Braun, Larry Brisbin, Jaxon Brown, Michael Brown, Charles Cannistraci, Sara Castagnola, Colleen Cecere, Edwin Coltabaugh, George Damico, Ryan DelBaggio, Rocco DelBaggio, Patricia Devincenzo, Stone Harrison DeVore, Sharon Dick, Gail Dietze, Helen Domenick, C.C.W. Sisters: Linda LaMagna, Karen Duddy, & Jane Miller,Sue Evans, Margaret Fink, Catherine Garland, Perry Glace, Bob Grimarml, Beverly Gross, Dan Hahn, Sharon Hahn, Earl Harris, Dorothy & Jim Heaton, Deborah Heaton, John Herist, Peggy Hickman, Kathy Hillard, Shirley Hosband, Rob Hughes, Bill Hunter, Joe Ieraci, Peg Irvin, Kitty Johnston, Corrine Jones, Alexis Kensinger, Connie Kollar, Mary Jane Korman, John Lewis, Jerry Lynn Jr., Bob Macie, Mel MacMillin, Carter MacMillin, Shawn Marie, Suzan Martindale, Toni Martinez, Colette McCaffrey, Ellen McGee, Mike & Sue McKean, Erik McMulloch, Michael McNelis, Donald Miller, Frank & Pam Moore, Donna Miller, Sarah Miller, Thomas Miller, Tracy Miller, Helen Molnar, Robert Molnar, Joyce Moyer, Ailani Myers, Joseph Narehood, Alberta Naylor, Denise Neil, Patty Norris, Adam Perry, LeeAnn Spangler Price, Glace Rider, Halee Ridgeway, Gary Ritchey, Joel Rivera, Amy Rizzo, John Romano, Leonard Romano, Lucille Romano, Mae Romano, Eddie Sharer, Harry Sickler, Timothy Smith, Joe Smyder, Jerry Spangler, Glenn Stevens, Evelyn Stever, Rick Stever, Marlene Stimer, Mike Stack, Chris Stoner, Molly Sturniolo, Brenda Sweitzer, Brian Teagarden, Evelyn Toney, Dale VanHorne, Ethan Vila, Mary Ward, Linda Webb, Stephanie Wage, Frank White, Bob White, Sam Whitesill, Kimberly Hovis-Williams, Liam Wirtner, Crystal Wright, Cheryl Wunsch, Ann Yaniello

✝ **Plenary Indulgence**: Bishop Mark has stated that those impacted during this time are eligible to receive a Plenary Indulgence, which, according to the Catechism, removes the temporal punishment due to sin. The conditions for the Plenary Indulgence include watching a televised Mass, praying the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross or other devotions, or at least reciting the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and a pious invocation to the Blessed Mother, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and Charity towards one's brothers and sisters. There must be a true commitment to fulfilling the sacramental obligations of Reconciliation and Eucharist as soon as possible.

All are reminded that the Christian faithful are *not* obliged to participate at Mass on Sunday due to the circumstance of the Coronavirus pandemic. This remains in effect until further notice.

Stewardship Reflections:

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.

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?

When is the Feast of the Epiphany? In the United States and most other countries, it is celebrated on Sunday, January 6th or the Sunday that falls between January 2nd to 8th. Traditionalists celebrate it on January 6th. ***This year it is January 3rd!***

Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthasar were the three kings from the Orient. They are also known as the Three Wise Men or the Three Magi. The word "Epiphany" comes from the Greek word "to reveal". This day is known as "Theophany" – the revelation of God to Man.

For many, the nativity scene, with the manger and figurines of those at the stable on this day, are kept up through January 6th, and are the last decorations to be put away until next Christmas.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Good and gracious God,
you make all things new
you bring hope alive in our hearts
and cause our spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this New Year
for all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame of
your love so that in our time,
many will see the wonders of God and
live forever to praise your glorious name. *AMEN.*

May you have a great New Year filled with God's abundant blessings of joy, hope, peace and love.

Father Jozef and Parish Staff

As we make New Year resolutions for 2021, let us begin in the spirit of Mary, pondering and reflecting on God's Word for our lives.

Family Ritual – New Year's Resolutions

Many have stopped making New Year's resolutions because we're used to breaking them. But some resolutions are important to make and keep, as well as to improve on. Too often, we've become too busy to focus on what matters most. One such resolution is to spend more time with your family. Resolve to give each child in your family at least ten minutes of uninterrupted, focused, one-on-one time every day. Also, try to have at least one "Family Night" a month, if not every week. At mealtimes, put away all electronics and look each other in the eye as you talk about your day. And pray as a family at least once every day. These little resolutions will go a long way toward a stronger family. Happy New Year! *Andre McCarville, Director of Family Life and Missions of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown*

House Blessing Kit - In early January, when most people have taken down Christmas decorations and transported trees to the curb, Catholics are still celebrating the Christmas season. Toward the end of the season, the Church celebrates the ***Feast of Epiphany***, which commemorates the visit of the magi to the Holy Family. Among the many centuries-old traditions associated with this feast, the annual Epiphany house blessing is one of the most beloved. In years past, priests would visit all of the parishioners during the Christmas season to bless their houses Since this is virtually impossible for most priests today, lay people usually perform the blessing. ***These house blessing kits can be found in the Gathering Space which include the blessing and a piece of chalk.*** Holy water is sprinkled in each room of the house. You may already have a holy water bottle from last year or new ones are available. *Begin a new family tradition!*

Virtual Bethlehem Mission for Charity was a success. The goal for miles to Bethlehem virtually and the charitable funds raised has been exceeded thanks to all of the wonderful participants. **8,814 miles were reported and that is nearly 3,000 miles over our goal. $2,510.75** raised for four local charities exceeded our goal of $1,600. Well done all; our gift in honor of the Infant Jesus' birth has been made. *Happy and Prosperous New Year.*