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OFFICE HOURS (window service)

Monday –Thursday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

1 pm to 4:30 pm CLOSED FRIDAY

CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST

DAILY MASS (upper church)

Monday 10:00 am at Senior Living Centers

Suspended until further notice

Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 am,

Wednesday 6 pm

Friday, Liturgy of the Word, with Communion

Suspended until further notice

WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday: 8:15 & 10:30 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday 9:45 -10:15 am

Every Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 pm

or by appointment

HOLY HOUR

Wednesday, 6:45-7:45 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please check the bulletin for updates

Happy New Year
2021

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



From Fr. Felician...

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Fr. Michael Merritt, Deacon Greg and the Parish Staff, we extend to everyone our blessings and well wishes for a happy and prosperous new year 2021.

This Sunday is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, which means that the divine presence of the Lord Jesus is manifested. We associate this manifestation with the three wise men coming from the East and visiting the infant child Jesus. They present him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold is a gift fitting for a king; frankincense indicates divine aura as it was used in temple worship to cloud up the area so as not to see God face to face, and also to lift the mind and heart to God. Myrrh was a spice most often used to prepare a body for burial. Thus, these gifts were very fitting for the newborn king who is divine, and who will suffer and die for the sins of humanity.

I am sure that the wise men in today's gospel would love to have had a GPS system or even a map to locate the birthplace of the baby King they felt called to worship. But instead they had to follow the system of that time— navigation through the location of stars. It seems so weird that people would follow a star to navigate but then again ask your children about a paper map and they will give you that same starry look of bewilderment. The issue is not what the tool of navigation was but where they were going. They were determined to follow that star to the newborn king. It was the King that mattered the most. The same is true in our own lives. *Where are we going? For whom do we search? If our spiritual GPS was working where would it take us?* We ought to be less concerned with the "tool of navigation" than the location to which we are destined. In other words, *are we focused on the Christ in our lives and are we really following the signs to get us to Christ each day? Or do we get easily distracted by the lure of the secular world's promises of happiness through materialism?*

Even when we take Christ's GPS, we still need to listen to the direction and we still might get lost but that will be more user error than a bad GPS! So today, let us ask ourselves to where are we going and are we listening to the right directions to get to there.

Praised be Lord Jesus Christ,

Fr. Felician

We are limited to the number of people at each Mass, with social distancing. You are not obligated to go to Sunday Mass at this time. The Bishop encourages people to go to daily Mass to help with the overflow of Sunday Masses. Please do not sit where there is tape across a pew. Also, please remember to practice these few guidelines, below, when coming to Mass. These are for the safety of you and others.

- ⇒ If you don't feel well, please stay home.
- ⇒ Please wear a mask in church at all times. This protects all, especially our elderly.
- ⇒ Wash your hands with sanitizer when you enter & when leaving the church.
- ⇒ Please remain 6 feet apart from each other. Please sit in open pews.

The church will be cleaned after each Mass for everyone's protection.



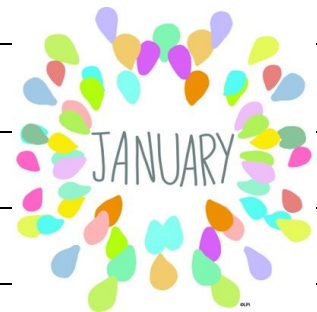
MASS SCHEDULE

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**Please don't
forget to
wear your
masks!**

DAY	MASS INTENTION	EVENTS
Sunday, January 3 Epiphany of the Lord	8:15 am ~ Steven MacBride—Rose Muoio 10:30 am ~ Gloria Paddock—NHS Chix of 66	
Monday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann seton, religious	<i>Masses suspended at Nursing Homes</i>	
Tuesday, January 5 St. John Neumann, bishop	8:00 am ~ Betty Finewood—Gayle & Steve Murphy	6:30 pm ~ Parish council in the church hall
Wednesday, January 6 Christmas Weekday	8:00 am ~ Margaret Tedesche—Hartman family 6:00 pm ~ Carmen & Patricio Rojas, Sr.—Joanne Palmer	6:45-7:45 pm ~ Holy Hour
Thursday, January 7 Christmas Weekday	8:00 am ~ Rosemary Camblin—Camblin family	
Friday, January 8 Christmas Weekday	<i>No Communion Service</i>	
Saturday, January 9 Christmas Weekday	<i>No Mass</i>	
Sunday, January 10 Baptism Of The Lord	8:15 am ~ Netta Colacino—Camblin Family 10:30 am ~ Alicemarie Bresnihan—Kathy & Bob Zappia	



Many thanks for your support of St. Michael's	Actual YTD As of 11/30/20	Budget YTD	YTD Overage shortage
Total Collections	\$125,034.00	\$140,165.00	(\$15,131.00)
Total Operating Income	\$156,386.00	\$153,843.00	\$2,543.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$152,200.00	\$161,321.00	\$9,121.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$4,186.00	(\$7,478.00)	

ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM St. Michael's is pleased to offer this safe and convenient option for you to contribute your Sunday offerings to the Church automatically through your checking, savings account or credit card. Please check our website, click on to Financial Giving.

ST. MICHAEL'S FINANCIAL GIVING Weekly Offertory

December 20 \$5697.50

Christmas \$1155.00

Thank you for your support & generosity.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal: \$44,851.00 Actual: \$23,300.00 Donors: 143

We are half way to our goal. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work! .

Christ, Our Light



**The winners of the Parish Council Outdoor
Decorating contest were:**

Sue Hartman

Childs Family

Bonnie Henry

**All the houses were beautifully decorated which
made the decision very difficult.**

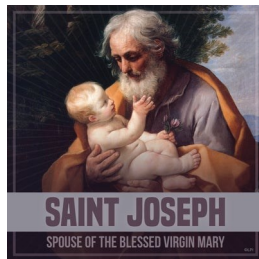
Thank you to all that entered the contest.



Our altar & church are beautifully decorated with
poinsettias donated in memory of the
following **additional** name:
BettyJane Schmidlin



On the 8th of December, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter called “*With a Father’s Heart*”, in which he recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion of this Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis proclaimed a “**Year of Saint Joseph**” from 8th December 2020, to 8 December 2021. In his Apostolic Letter, the Pope describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. He wrote the letter against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “*ordinary*” people who, although far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, the Pope says, they resemble Saint Joseph, whom he describes as “*the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,*” and, yet, played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”



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El Regalar Tiene Significado

Hoy celebramos la manifestación de Dios Jesucristo a los del Oriente que no fueron judíos. Los tres hombres sabios del Oriente llevaron regalos al niño Jesús reconociéndolo como alguien especial. No fue solo una visita, sino lo llevaron regalos. ¿El significado de este gesto? Por dar un regalo queremos agradecer o cumplir socialmente con el destinatario de este. Al dar un regalo se expresa el respeto, cariño, los buenos deseos y agradecimiento al otro. Eso puede mejorar una relación. Los tres sabios querían expresar su cariño y su reconocimiento del niño como alguien muy importante en la historia del mundo.

En nuestro tiempo al recibir un regalo le da al que recibe alegría y se siente valioso y apreciado. El hecho que alguien ha pensado en usted es lo importante. Es algo que no merece; el hecho que alguien ha pensado en usted es lo que vale. Uno no puede decir que el otro debe regalarle algo. Regalar a otra causa alegría en la persona que regala, y a veces esa persona se siente más alegría al ver una reacción de alegría y agradecimiento en la persona recibiendo el regalo.

¿El regalo tiene que ser muy costoso para que la persona que recibe un regalo puede apreciarlo? No. Piensen en las cosas que los hijos hacen para sus padres o lo que ellos



descubren en la naturaleza para dar a sus padres. Ellos tomen tiempo y usan su creatividad. Ah, y los padres ponen esos regalos en lugares donde muchos pueden verlos y muchas veces son esos que ellos guardan hasta su vejez. Los niños toman tiempo para hacerlos para expresar su amor y eso hace a los padres sentirse mas cercanos a sus hijos. Así es con otras que regalan cosas—puede ser que ellos hacen sus regalos en casa. Usted no debe insistir en que otros le regalan algo y aun diciendo lo que quiere recibir. Sí, es bueno recibir un regalo, pero nadie merece un regalo. Un regalo es algo libremente dado. El regalo tiene un significado afectivo porque está preocupándose por esa persona.

Han hecho estudios de dar y recibir y han descubierto que las personas se sienten mas felicidad en regalar que en recibir. También puede saber algo de la persona que está regalando—lo que regala, cómo se envuelve un regalo y si hay una tarjeta y nota.

Los tres reyes sabios llegaron en persona; no mandaron otros. La persona de Jesús era importante a ellos y le presentaron oro, incienso y mirra. El **oro** representa el homenaje que se da a un rey, reconociéndolo como Rey de los reyes. **Incienso** es algo usado en templos y así lo reconocieron como Dios. La **mirra** fue usada para embalsamar cadáveres. Jesús vino con una misión de morir en una cruz. Este tiempo de Navidad es de salvación y de esperanza. Estos regalos nos ayudan reconocer quien era Jesús.



Que sepamos aceptar y apreciar los regalos que otras personas nos dan durante nuestras vidas. Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes con regalos de amor, esperanza, una fe firme y el deseo de ayudar a los necesitados.
Hermana Kay

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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2020/2021 YEAR

The beginning of our Religious Education program will be delayed until early Winter.

We will have our Sacramental Preparation Program for any child who is of age to make their First Communion.

Family Ministry

Gospel Reading Matthew 2: 1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."



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Cluster Mass Schedule

St. Joseph the Worker (St. Michael Lyons, St. Patrick Savannah & St. John the Evangelist, Clyde) & **Blessed Trinity** (St. Thomas Red Creek, Winter, St. Jude Fair Haven, Summer & St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott)

Weekend Schedule

4:00 pm ~ Saturday St. Michael Lyons
4:30 pm ~ Saturday St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott* change
8:00 am ~ Sunday St. Thomas Red Creek (winter)
8:00 am ~ Sunday St. Jude Fair Haven (summer)
10:30 am ~ Sunday St. John the Evangelist Clyde* change
4:00 pm ~ Sunday St. Patrick's, Savannah *change

Daily Mass Schedule

8:30 am ~ Monday St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott
7:30 am ~ Tuesday St. John the Evangelist Clyde
6:00 pm ~ Wednesday St. John the Evangelist, Clyde
7:30 am ~ Thursday St. John the Evangelist Clyde
7:30 am ~ Friday St. Michael Lyons
8:30 am ~ Friday St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott

Confessions

3:30–4:15 pm ~ Saturday St. Mary Magdalene, Wolcott
3:15–3:45 pm ~ Saturday St. Michael Lyons
7:00–7:50 am ~ Sunday St. Jude, Fair Haven
5:20–5:50 pm ~ Wednesday, St. John the Evangelist, Clyde

St. Joseph the Worker

Phone: 315-902-4130

Webpage: www.saintjoetheworker.org

Facebook page: St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Wayne County, New York

The Catholic Community of the Blessed Trinity

Phone: 315-902-4130

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Facebook page: Catholic Community of the Blessed Trinity

Newark Community Blood Drive

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021



American
Red Cross

IN THE CHURCH HALL.

12 PM—5 PM

Extra precautions will be taken for the safety of each donor.

Save a Life! Make a Difference!

Give blood. Help save lives.



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities.

To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah Housel

585-328-3228, ext. 1555

Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555

or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven

"... a time to be born..."

"...a time to love..."

"... a time to be healed..."

Please pray for the sick of our Parish.

Steven Sapp, Leigh Ann Henry, Nate Barnes, Claire Childs, Kim Zielinski, Michael Kowaleski, Gretchen Switzer Bouwens, Mary Santoro, Cathy Wilhelm, David Murphy, Darlene Fletcher, Marie Wemesfelder, ET Trunick, Donald Pieters, Marcia Palermo, Jerry Sielawa, Georgette Eagley, Mary Gilligan, Fran DeVelder, Mary Talbo, Ann Straight, Ivana Ernst, Gloria Viola, Michael George, Ada Lasken, Phillip Juliano, Sr. & Pearl Johnson

And please pray for our Parish friends. *Scott Weber, Richard Schweitz, Jr., Bonnie Crane, Tracy Diaz-Cruz, Barb Gallant, Ann Maliborski, Sherry Caughell, Tom DeYoung & Michael Bauer, Jr*

"... a time to die..."

Carmen Rojas and Roy Reed

"... and a time for peace."

In our world and for all people, military and civilian, who are in the midst of war. ***Ecclesiastes 3:11***

You can still get a
St. Michael Beanie Hat.
They are available in the
parish center.

Only \$15 a hat.

You will be nice and warm in your hat,
but still looking COOL !

FOOD CLOSET ITEMS ARE STILL NEEDED.

The Newark Food Closet is still accepting donations of non-perishable food items. A few suggestions are found below.

Canned vegetables and fruit, Peanut butter and jams
Pasta and sauce, cereal, etc.

Please leave in the gathering space. Thank you for your generosity.

The Newark Food Closet at 301 E. Miller St., Newark, is open Monday-Friday from 10 till noon.
