

The Epiphany of the Lord

"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.'" How strange to journey so far for perhaps so little. Of course the magi go to the capitol city. Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the child? "In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare. Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!

Sunday Collection

Sunday Collection for Dec. 22/23, 2018 was \$3,444.00

Christmas Album by Christiana Cole

Our Cantor Christiana Cole

recorded a Christmas album this year called

"A Cozy Christmas with Christiana Cole."

The price is \$10.00 and contains a mix of eight sacred and popular favorites, including The Christmas Song, In the Bleak Midwinter, Santa Baby, Night of Silence, and The Prayer.

Please speak with Christiana after Mass to purchase a copy.

La Epifanía del Señor

Que tu estrella, Señor, nos guíe y nos ilumine todos los días de nuestras vidas. Que Tu presencia nos sostenga en la salud y en la enfermedad, en la alegría y en la tristeza, y que por medio de ella te manifiestes ante cada circunstancia de la vida cotidiana. Hoy, la Liturgia celebra la Epifanía del Señor. Epifanía quiere decir manifestación de una cosa. En este caso Jesús se manifiesta a los Reyes Magos y por medio de ellos, al mundo entero. Los Magos le adoraron y le ofrecieron regalos de oro, incienso y mirra. El Profeta Isaías lo anuncia así: "Los pueblos se dirigen hacia la luz y los reyes, al resplandor de tu aurora. Levanta los ojos a tu alrededor y contempla: todos se reúnen y vienen a ti; tus hijos llegan de lejos y tus hijas son traídas en brazos" (Isaías 60, 4-4).

La fiesta de los magos es una fiesta de Dios entre nosotros, aun es Navidad - ¡no lo olvidemos! Dios invita a personas de diferentes razas y culturas a descubrir que Jesús nos trae el regalo de la integración, no de la desunión. El Himno Litúrgico de este día nos invita a llenarnos de alegría y a orar todos juntos. "Reyes que vienen por ellas, no busquen estrellas ya, porque donde el sol está no tienen luz las estrellas".

¿Cómo se ha manifestado Jesús en tu vida? ¿Qué le ofreces tú a Jesús? ¿Qué estrellas buscas? La respuesta, ojalá, es una de compromiso y entrega generosa para los pobres, los inmigrantes los enfermos y los abandonados. Señor, manifiéstate hoy a mí, aquí, en esta Eucaristía. Escucha mis deseos y mis sueños...no tengo nada, solo un corazón para amarte.

Readings for the week of January 6, 2019	
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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A Message from Fr. Tom

The word 'Epiphany' is defined as a revelatory manifestation of a divine presence. For a moment, consider the cast of characters in our Gospel today. We have royalty, King Herod, his religious advisors, the priests, and knowledgeable experts, the scribes. We have the ruling elite and the citizenry of Jerusalem. We also have non-Jewish, or Gentile, wise men, the Magi who seek the Jewish Messiah and follow the signs, the star over Bethlehem. We have the Mother of Jesus, Mary, and also other characters clearly present, but not named in the Gospel reading, shepherds, and Joseph. What we have is the complete strata of society of that time. All the people in the Gospel saw the star, but only the Magi engaged in a journey to follow after that star which they had seen. As Catholics we are a privileged people. We see and receive Jesus in the Sacraments and the Body-the Church. All people see, but few get up and follow the vision that they have seen. As Christians, do we see, but fail to seek. Magi saw the star and they acted upon what they saw. They left what was familiar and comfortable to seek the truth. For the Christian, the truth is something attractive that invites to go deep and make a journey to understand and know better. This is the story of the Magi and this is the story of every Christian which is to make a holy journey in this life.

Fr. Tom

Your donation can save 3 lives!

BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, January 13, 2019

8:00 am to 2:00 pm

St. Francis of Paola Auditorium

Only 2% of our eligible population donates blood.

NYBC Eligibility Line 1-800-688-0900

www.nybloodcenter.org

www.mydonoradvantage.com

The 2019 Mass Book

The Mass book for 2019 is open for intentions from January to June. Come to 219 Conselyea St. to book your Masses. Parish Office is open Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Bulletin Ad Sponsors. Help Still Needed

Brigitte Stieglitz from LPI, our bulletin publisher, was with us this past week securing advertisers for our bulletin. We would like to thank all of the advertisers who have generously committed to the Bulletin for this year! We still have space available and humbly ask that you consider advertising your business or remembering a loved one in our weekly bulletin.

If you would like to advertise in the weekly bulletin please contact Briditte at 917-434-4833, or via e-mail to bstieglitz@4lpi.com. Thank you.

Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns Diocese of Brooklyn / Queens

Presents The

Two Thousand & Nineteen

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Prayer Service

Theme: "...for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Monday, January 21, 2019 – 12 Noon

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes, 92-96 220 Street

Queens Village, New York 11428

Guest Speaker: Fr. Peter Damian Harris, O.P. Diocese of Houston, Texas

WEDDINGS 2018 – Divine Mercy Parish

January 28, 2018 – DMP / St. Cecilia

Alexander Chen & Joanna Flores

June 30, 2018 – DMP / St. Francis of Paola

Antonino Como & Assunta Gangone

July 21, 2018 – DMP / St. Cecilia

Larry Magagna & Kristine Luat

August 4, 2018 – DMP / St. Cecilia

Christopher Franco & Fabiola Messina

October 7, 2018 – DMP / St. Cecilia

Robert Grifo & Jasmellie Pacheco

October 12, 2018 – DMP / St. Cecilia

Gavin M. O'Boyle & Courtney A. Dunne

December 22, 2018 – DMP / St. Cecilia

Ruben Castro Zarate & Emiliana Gabriel Tapia

December 26, 2018 – DMP / St. Cecilia

Daniel Malkowski & Jaqueline Palomo

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**GIFTS OF LOVE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY
AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH
ALL ARE WELCOME**

For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome... ” (Matt. 25:35-36)

Our economy has been slow to recover, yet your continued generous contributions of cash or groceries means needy neighbors do not have to choose between food and rent or other vital necessities.

Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated!

Specific items needed: **Canned meats, stews hash, etc.**
Food Pantry Volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – January 6, 2019**

BREAD & WINE

Philip Marotta by Lu Ann & Rose Ann Fortunato

ALTAR CANDLES

Michele Loguercio by daughter Nancy

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BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Immacolata Baglivo by granddaughter Tina

Having a Tough Day! Pray!

Turn to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

St. Cecilia Chapel: Open 7:00 am to 3:00 pm
Monday—Friday

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Monday—Thursday

St. Francis of Paola Church: Open 7:00 am to 3:30 pm
Monday—Friday

St. Theresa Guild

The next meeting of the St. Theresa Guild will take place on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the St. Francis of Paola rectory basement. Please bring a wrapped, Christmas gift you are willing to part with for our fun “January Re’Gifting”.

New Members are always welcome.

Please remember Divine Mercy Parish (St. Cecilia, St. Francis, St. Nicholas) in your will.

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Francis of Paola Church**

Saturday, January 5, 2019

5:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish’

Sunday, January 6, 2019

8:00am Open Intention

11:30am Open Intention

Monday, January 7, 2019

7:45am Linda Anacrelico by Santaromita Family

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

7:45am Giuseppe Ruggiero by Rosa

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

7:45am Rose Del Vicario (Aniversary)

Thursday, January 10, 2019

7:45am Pacifico Family by Children

Friday, January 11, 2019

7:45am Concetta Di Giovanna by Daughter

Saturday, January 12, 2019

7:45am Immacolata Baglivo by Family

5:00pm Carmela San Pietro by Family

Sunday, January 13, 2019

8:00am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

11:30am Consuelo Mantilla De Rangel by
Gabriela De Rangel & Angelina Jaffe

**Green Door Gallery
January 6, 2019**

Williamsburg’s Green Door Gallery (Skillman and Humboldt St.) invites you to A Group Show gathering with Artists this Sunday, January 6th, 2019, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. All are invited. Bring a friend.

**Join us on a
Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage
To The Holy Land
March 7-15, 2019**

Bishop Neil Tiedemann, Spiritual Director
Msgr. Kieran Harrington, Chaplain.

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1-866-293-0982 or samantha@pwwtours.com.

JANUARY 6, 2019

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Nicholas Church**

Sunday, January 6, 2019

10:30am Open Intentions

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

7:00pm Open Intention

Sunday, January 13, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Pray For the Sick: John Colasanti, Lucy Corbisiero, Eliot Roldan, Rae Pacifico, Dolores Mulcahey, Jamie Castro, Theresa Scala, Eleanor Heck, John Porcelli, Anthony DeSena, Anthony Porcelli, Rose Cecilia Deluca, Louis Charles Deluca, Wanda Sadwarny, Maryann Picora, Carmella Caiafa, RoseAnn Frank, Remi Schandel, Anthony Scala

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Jean Joan Orsino, Maria Canalini, Carlos Linares, Alba Martorella, Frank DeSena, Kim Camarand

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Electronically**

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Wednesday Prayer Group

The Wednesday Prayer Group that meets in St. Cecilia's Chapel on Wed. from 3pm to 4pm will not meet for the months of January and February 2019.

WEDDING BANNS

Hernandez & Mingo
St. Nicholas Church

Rosary Society

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will take place on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 in the auditorium of St. Cecilia, on North Henry Street at 7:00 pm.
New Members welcome!

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Cecilia Church**

Sunday, January 6, 2019

9:30am James Corless by the Dittus Family
Rosary Society
Susan Gernert
Ed & Jo Collins
Eamon & Ray McGinn
Rev. James Krische: Living Intention
7:00pm Open Intention

Monday, January 7, 2019

8:30am Open Intention

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

8:30am Vincenzo Martello by Rosa

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

8:30am Open Intention

Thursday, January 10, 2019

8:30am Agnes Riccio

Friday, January 11, 2019

8:30am William & Emily Nappi

Saturday, January 12, 2019

8:30am Deceased Members of the Corless Family by Dittus Family

Sunday, January 13, 2019

9:30am Bernadette Criscio (Anniversary)
Barney & Angie Cavallo
Lucy & Peter La Veglia
Caliendo Family
Rose & Sam De Angelis
7:00pm Open Intention

St. Cecilia's Church

Memorial Gifts January 6, 2019

Bread & Wine

Susan Gernert donated by Ann Goodman

**Coming to the March for Life in
January? Join us for the
National Prayer Service
25th Annual National Memorial
for the Preborn and their Mothers and Fathers
March for Life in Washington, DC
Friday, January 18, 2019
at historic DAR Constitution Hall.
Visit: www.NationalPrayerService.com.**

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RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94th Precinct who took the time to speak at a few concerning public safety issues. The old adage applies—If you see something, say something. Following is some information about reporting criminal or suspicious activity.

Call 911—Emergencies

Call 311—Quality of Life Issues

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Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm