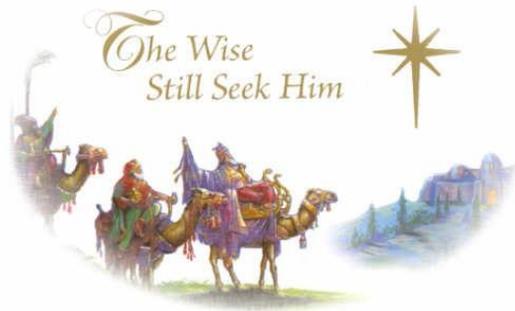


# The Epiphany of the Lord – January 7, 2018



## The Epiphany



The Epiphany is the feast commemorating Christ's manifestation to the Gentiles in the person of the Magi who came to find him in the manger in Bethlehem. The Magi, or Three Kings from the East, were men of wealth, power and education who sought the One True God. When finally they found him, they worshipped him and adorned him with gifts. They returned to their home with the profound peace that comes from the discovery of God.

As we endure this moment of national travail, we pray that all of our citizens will seek the One True God and bow humbly in adoration of him who alone can heal and redeem our nation.

*God bless America!*

*Fr. Tim Byerley*  
*Pastor*



## Leave a Lasting Legacy!

Do you want to leave a lasting impact upon your parish? Here is a way you can do this. There is a tradition among the parishioners of St. Peter's to remember their parish in their wills, trusts, estate planning, and in bequests and charitable gift annuities. It is a kind of parting gift parishioners give to the parish that has nourished them spiritually (sometimes for an entire lifetime), supported them in trial and tragedy, rejoiced with them in marriages, baptisms, confirmations and First Holy Communions, absolved them, consoled them, led them to Jesus Christ, encircled them in the last stages of life, and finally ushered them into paradise with the final rites of the Church.

Many of the great features of our Church and other facilities that you enjoy today are available to you because of the charitable gift planning that your fellow parishioners did before you. Please prayerfully consider a modest or substantial gift in your estate planning as a way to say "thank you" to God and your parish for all the blessings you have received in connection with your faith.

There are a number of different plans, possibilities and ways to do this. There are some plans that can even allow you to share your assets with the parish while you are living without jeopardizing your financial situation, such as life insurance and retirement plan gifts. These are tax-wise gifts that are not subject to estate tax. To learn more about available options, contact me at the rectory. We can help you with the administrative details.

In any case, please prayerfully consider leaving an enduring legacy to your parish so as to preserve it for future generations. In this way, you can realize your spiritual, personal, financial and philanthropic goals while ensuring the financial security of your family and loved ones. This great parish will continue to be a beacon of hope and light in a confused world because of your generosity!

Counting on your goodness,

*Fr. Tim Byerley*  
*Pastor*



*\*Mass Celebrant Code:*

*TB = Fr. Tim Byerley – FK = Fr. Francis Kim – PM = Fr. Peter Muttathottil – MS = Deacon Mike Scott*

<b>Intentions:</b>	<b>Requested by:</b>	<b>*Mass Celebrant</b>
<b>Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
6:45 AM Intentions of Louis DeRose	His Family	PM
9:00 AM James LaRosa	Henner Family	PM
<b>Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup></b>		
6:45 AM Friends & Family	DeRose Family	FK
9:00 AM L/D Mbrs Badame/Taddeo Family	Family	FK
<b>Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup></b>		
6:45 AM Janice Kohr	Nigro Family	PM
9:00 AM Francesco Robles	His Family	FK
<b>Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup></b>		
6:45 AM Stephen Tiver	His Family	FK
9:00 AM James Shanahan	Bob & Nancy Page	TB
<b>Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup></b>		
6:45 AM Margaret McMonagle	Her Son, Joe	PM
9:00 AM Richard Blumberg	MDPVM Sisters	FK
<b>Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup></b>		
9:00 AM Richard Tomko	Family	PM
5:00 PM Joseph Hartigan	Family	TB/MS
<b>Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup></b>		
7:30 AM Catherine Conover	Michael Cornely	FK
9:00 AM Antoinette Pizzotti	Harry & Debbie	PM/MS
10:30 AM Harry McClernan	His Wife, Claire & Family	TB/MS
Connie Schiezzari	Family	TB/MS
Francis Eells	O'Callaghan Family	TB/MS
Kathleen Gore	Knights of Columbus #6735	TB/MS
Albert S. Foley	Joe & Mary Murray	TB/MS
7:00 PM Kathy Gore	Marianne Wright & Family	TB

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Church**

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of  
Gloria DiGerolamo  
the week of January 7<sup>th</sup> – January 13<sup>th</sup>  
requested by the St. Peter Senior Ministry.

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Convent Chapel**

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the  
Holy Souls in Purgatory  
the week of January 7<sup>th</sup> – January 13<sup>th</sup>  
requested by A Parishioner.



**Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel**

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**F**ather's Quick Quote "For by gold the power of  
a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of  
God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and  
accordingly they offer Him gold as King,  
frankincense as God, myrrh as Man."

~ St John Chrysostom



# Weekly Readings

Your Word is a lamp to light my path

## Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

### The Epiphany of the Lord

First: Isaiah 60:1-6  
Second: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

## Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

### The Baptism of the Lord - Feast

First: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or  
Isaiah 55:1-11 or  
Acts 10:34-38 or  
1 John 5:1-9  
Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

## Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

First: 1 Samuel 1:9-20  
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

*When the Baptism of the Lord occurs on Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time, the readings assigned to Monday may be joined to those of Tuesday so that the opening of each book will be read.*

First: 1 Samuel 1:1-8 and 1 Samuel 1:9-20  
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 and Mark 1:21-28

## Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

First: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20  
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

## Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

First: 1 Samuel 4:1-11  
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

## Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

First: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a  
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

## Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

### St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

First: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a  
Gospel: Mark 2:13-17

## Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19  
Second: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
Gospel: John 1:35-42



## Family Prayer for the Feast of the



**Father:** Christ has appeared among us.

**All:** Come, let us adore Him.

**Mother:** The precious gifts which the Magi brought to the Lord this day are threefold, and they are signs of divine mysteries. By gold the power of the King is signified, by frankincense His great priesthood, by myrrh the burial of the Lord.

**All:** The Magi worshipped the Author of our salvation in the crib, and of their treasures they brought to Him gifts of mystic nature.

**Child:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Father:** Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star Thou didst manifest Thine only begotten Son to the Gentiles on this day; mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith, may be brought to contemplate the beauty of Thy majesty. Through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son.

**All:** Alleluia.

## Christmas Gifts



It is because of the gifts of the Magi that there arose the custom of celebrating the Lord's birth by giving gifts to one another.



**Miraculous Medal Novena  
Schedule**



Rosary @ 7:05 pm  
Novena @ 7:30 pm

Every Monday of the Month

except the First Monday which is reserved for the Monthly Mass of Reconciliation @ 7:00 pm

**Adoration Chapel**



*You are cordially invited to spend an hour with Our Lord!  
All hours are available most especially:*

Sundays ~ 1:00 AM – 2:00 AM

Sundays ~ 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Sundays ~ 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Mondays ~ 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Call Flora @ 665-4833 or Stacey @ 856-304-2261 or Ben @ 662-4338 to schedule your hour.

**Intercessory Rosary Group**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month @ 3:00 PM in the Convent Chapel.

*All are welcome!*

**Parish Weekly  
OFFERINGS**



First Collection for the weekend of December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> was **\$15,567.00**.  
Second Collection was **\$2,337.00** for a total of **\$17,904.00**.

First Collection for Christmas December 25<sup>th</sup> was **\$41,230.34**.  
Second Collection was **\$4,420.32** for a total of **\$45,650.66**.

First Collection for the weekend of December 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> was **\$11,936.00**.  
Second Collection was **\$1,726.00** for a total of **\$13,662.00**.

First Collection for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God was **\$3,778.36**.  
Second Collection was **1,122.21** for a total of **\$4,900.57**.

*Thank you for building up God's Kingdom in our Parish!*

**Parish Sick List**



Please call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 to add a loved one to the list. *You are kindly asked to inform the person that their name will appear in the Bulletin.*

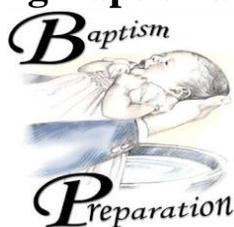
Joan Anders, Vincent Barone, Buzzy Bianco, Theresa Brown, Barbara Brownholtz, Carol Burg, Eva Burgess, Barbara Burkhardt, Matt Curley, Ray Dick, Anthony DiFranco, Rose Marie Finnegan, Louis Grosso, Justin Hickey, Bridget Hopkins, Joe Junikka, Maryann Kearney, Alicia Kureczka, Irving Lamb, Jr., Joseph Lesniak, Agnes Marcella, Scott McDowell, Salim Mikhael, Mary Moran, Marilyn Ott, Frank Pedano, Bob Piekarski, Frances Roberts, Francis Rooney, Geraldine Rooney, Joyce Stiles, Mark Stevens, Joe Teti, Roe Wackerle, Jean Wilson, Alan Young, Andrea Young.

*May God heal them in mind, body and spirit!*

*Thank you for your prayers for our sick and shut-ins.*

**PLEASE call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 when your loved one has recovered!**

## Upcoming Baptismal Classes



**Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Class begins at 8:00 PM in the Senior Center.*

**You may schedule the Baptismal date at the class.** Please call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 to register for a class so that we have adequate materials. Godparents are welcome, if able to attend. Both parents are encouraged to attend the class and children are welcome.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL GODPARENTS**

- ✓ They are Baptized Catholic having received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- ✓ They are 16 years of age or older.
- ✓ If single, they are living a chaste life, that is, not “living together” with someone.
- ✓ If married, the marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church.
- ✓ They attend Holy Mass every weekend and Holy Days of Obligation.

## Important Reminders:

### *Anointing of the Sick*



Please call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 to request a Priest. **PLEASE** do not wait until the moment of death or an emergency to request this Sacrament of Healing and Health! Arrangements can be made for those homebound Parishioners who would like to receive Holy Communion. Our Extraordinary Ministers are happy to serve your needs.

Call the Rectory @ **856-663-1373**  
to make arrangements.

## School News

### The St. Peter School Youth Basketball Clinic



**starts January 13<sup>th</sup>!**

Sign up your child on our school website at:  
<http://www.stpetersschool.org/athletics/basketball/>.  
**Please sign up by January 6<sup>th</sup>.**

The Clinic welcomes children from Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and is open to St. Peter students, CCD students from St. Peter Parish and homeschooled students from St. Peter Parish. This highly successful program introduces girls and boys to the fundamentals of basketball in a fun and disciplined environment. The program is run by dedicated coaches who teach the children basketball and sportsmanship while instilling the confidence they need to execute their learned skills on and off the basketball court.

The Clinic begins on January 13<sup>th</sup> and runs through the All Star Day on February 24<sup>th</sup>. The Clinic is held on Saturdays from 9:00 until 10:30 am in the gym and the cost is \$25 per child.

*More information can be found on our website listed above.*

## Religious Education ~ C.C.D.

### *Mandatory First Penance Dates*

**January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9:45 – 11:45 AM in Pastors' Hall**  
**FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT**  
by JMT Productions

**January 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> & February 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**@ 4:30 P.M in Church**  
**PRACTICES for First Penance**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**@ 10:30 - 11:45 AM in Church**  
**FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE**  
(Snow Date February 10<sup>th</sup>)

## Community News

### Our Lady of Fatima Statue



The Legion of Mary invites you to a *week* with Our Lady of Fatima. To have the statue visit your home, please call Mary Ellen @ 856-952-6496.

### Knights of Columbus News



#### Monthly Business Meeting

Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 PM in the Knights' Room

Tim Hesser

Bob Blessinger

[BNABLES315@verizon.net](mailto:BNABLES315@verizon.net)

Grand Knight

Membership Director

(856) 317-5855

#### Roses for Life Drive



The Knights of Columbus will be at the doors of the church after all the Masses THIS weekend January 6<sup>th</sup> and January 7<sup>th</sup> for their annual Roses for Life Drive. Any monetary donation is greatly appreciated. All donations collected will go to support great organizations like the National Life Center in Woodbury, Good Counsel Homes and other pro-life groups in our parish area.



#### AT ST. PETER'S WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!

Doors open at 5:30 PM.

#### BINGO starts at 7:00 PM.

Admission is \$3 & includes cards for 7 regular games.

#### Service Dates for Bingo Teams

January 10<sup>th</sup> – Team B

January 17<sup>th</sup> – Team C

## POSITIONS OPEN



The Bingo Committee is in immediate need of **three** parishioners to join our team. Please commit to working bingo **once a month** and support your parish and your fellow parishioners in this important fund raising endeavor. One Wednesday a month is all it takes. The work is not difficult nor demanding, but it is very gratifying.

**Please call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 or Pat Leone at 856-486-4357** or just come out on Wednesday to sign up and we will put you straight to work! Thank you in advance for answering this call for help!

**“Saint Joseph the Worker, pray for us!”**

**Thank you for supporting Bingo!**



#### Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

Super Stretch with Rossana  
Senior Self Exploration  
Afternoon Bingo with Joyce

#### Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

Senior Exchange  
Trivia with Rocky

#### Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

Fit & Focused with Rossana  
Intercessory Rosary led by the Legion of Mary  
Senior Portraits

#### Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

*Happy 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
St. Peter Senior Ministry Seniors!*



Heartfelt thanks to all of you who have prayed and supported our wonderfully vibrant seniors these past seven years.

May our good God continue to bless you and yours in abundance.

#### Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

“Balancing Act” with Rossana

## PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY: INSPIRATION OF THE EUCHARIST



Fr. Tim Byerley will be leading a pilgrimage to Italy with the Collegium Center for Faith and Culture

**May 21 – May 30, 2018**

The pilgrimage will include visits to all of the key religious and historical sights of Rome, a papal audience, the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica, the Catacombs, and day-excursions to Assisi, Orvieto and Siena. Orvieto is the place where the miraculous host is reserved that turned into flesh and began to bleed during Mass in 1236. The cost is \$4,095.00 from Newark.

For more information, contact Kristine at Select International Tours @ 800-842-4842 or via email @ [Kristine@select-intl.com](mailto:Kristine@select-intl.com).

## Catholics Fight Racism: A Day of Prayer, Education and Action



Saturday, January 13, 2018

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

176 Stagecoach Road ~ Sicklerville

In the face of racism in this country, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. What can we do to promote racial justice in our own communities?

This year's annual Diocese of Camden Life & Justice Gathering is designed to help Catholics throughout South Jersey reflect on how they can fight racism in their parishes, schools, homes, and hearts. Through a process of reflection, dialogue, prayer, and education, the day will begin to equip you to work for racial justice.

For more info and to purchase tickets (\$12.00) visit [www.camdendiocese.org/fightracism](http://www.camdendiocese.org/fightracism).

## Service Schedule

Extraordinary Ministers for January 13 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	
5:00 PM	B. Boulger, K. Burns, E. Kradzinski, F. Sinatra
7:30 AM	D. Doyle, J. Foster, T. Presenza, M. Ralbusky
9:00 AM	M. Campbell, B. Kwiatkowski, A. Lipenta, M. O'Callaghan
10:30 AM	K. Bailey, M. Kenney, A. Naidas, S. Novella
7:00 PM	T. Crymes, M. D'Amico, M. DiPiero, C. McCoy, T. Taylor

Lectors for January 13 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	
5:00 PM	P. Bilinsky & R. Dominiano
7:30 AM	C. Leone & P. Leone
9:00 AM	O. Rivera & R. Curley
10:30 AM	W. Hartman & A. Marinelli
7:00 PM	C. Gundersen

Altar Servers for January 13 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	
5:00 PM	Brian Clemens, Timothy Janiszewski, Luke Mesco, Mark Mesco
7:30 AM	Jackson DiBease, Brian Dungee, Taylor Megee, Ryan O'Callaghan
9:00 AM	Andrew Magno, John Paul Dunphy
10:30 AM	Gabe Fowler, Peter Frombach, Anthony Marinelli, Giovanni Marinelli
7:00 PM	Anthony Faust, Teresa Faust, Shane Wood-Embry, Marian Yanka

Altar Servers for the Week of January 15 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday</b>	
9:00 AM	Michael Ricci & Aidan Riley
<b>MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA – Monday Night</b>	
Charlie Miller & Ignatius McWilliams	
<b>Thursday – Friday – Saturday</b>	
9:00 AM	Luke Kenney & Giovanni Marinelli



Please pray for all who are entering into the Holy State of Matrimony especially:

*Robert Gelzins & Alicia McGrath*

### !!! Take Note !!!



Please be reminded that germs are often spread by shaking hands. During this flu season, at the Sign of Peace, you may simply opt to say to those around you, "Peace be with you" without shaking hands.

*May God bless you and keep you healthy!*

# Readings for the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

## January 7, 2018

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### **First Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

### **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13**

***℟.* Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

***℟.* Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

***℟.* Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

***℟.* Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

***℟.* Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

## Second Reading – Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

## Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, 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.” When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.”*

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.” After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

