

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



*January 8, 2023*



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## OFFICE HOURS

MON—THURS  
9:00AM — 2:00PM

SUNDAY

*The Church is open during  
Parish Office hours  
for prayer.*

## WORSHIP WITH US

### MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 4:30PM

SUNDAY 8:00AM  
10:00AM  
11:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation  
9:00AM & 7:00PM

31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ



### WEEKDAY MASS

St. Catherine's Chapel  
1 West Main Street Farmingdale

MONDAY 9:00AM  
TUESDAY 9:00AM  
THURSDAY 9:00AM  
FRIDAY 9:00AM

## DEVOTIONS

**Miraculous Medal Novena**  
Monday's immediately following  
Weekday 9 AM Mass at Chapel

### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the Month  
immediately following Weekday  
9 AM Mass at Chapel

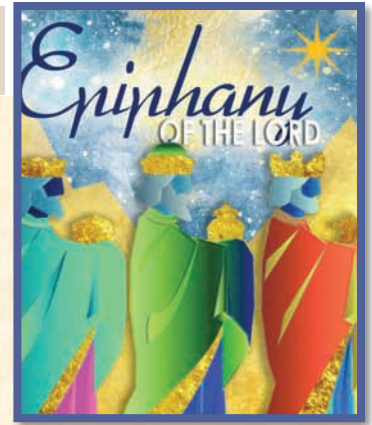
## RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 3:30—4:00PM

Other days by Appointment



# A Message from our Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

The three Wise Men from the East had not only observed the signs of the time but also drawn conclusions from them. God knew the greatest desire of their heart. Whether they were kings or not, we are not so confident. But what do we notice about them? They did not remain obsessed with the affairs of their kingdom or set their hearts on how to play power politics. They had an ambition, a desire more significant than all these things --- to see the face of the Messiah.

God knew the deepest longing of their hearts and gave them a sign: the Star. They readily responded to God's call and set out without fear, though the way was unknown and dangerous. To get a glimpse of the newborn King and offer him gifts was their aim, and no hazard, however great, could stop them. Finally, they arrived at their destination but found the 'newborn king' in a tiny, insignificant place, in conditions unthinkable for a king. Yet their faith reassured them; they fully believed the Child was the King and Savior of humanity and offered him their gifts.

Have you seen his Star? Have you heard his call to search for him? He sends His Star today to you in different ways and through other persons and situations to find him and adore him. A wise person and only such one who will recognize the Star of the Lord. He is attuned to the spirit who speaks to him. He will know his vocation and calling and have the courage and generosity to follow it.

The question is: Are you ready to listen to, to recognize the One who calls you, and do you want to meet him? Are you prepared to take the risk, accept challenges in following him and offer your life as a gift to him through faith, hope, love, and service?

Nothing could stop the Magi until they had met the Lord and could offer him their gifts. What about you? Are you afraid? Can anything in the world, be it fame or glory or pleasures or wealth or fear, stop you from meeting the Lord?

Created in the image of God, man carries within him God's image. Man, or at least his soul, is in search of God. The three wise men could represent our soul-seeking God. The wise men sought, found, and adored God. When the soul meets God, it spontaneously falls prostrate in adoration: there is something childlike in it.

An intellectually puffed-up adult won't do it. It was the wise men that discovered the Child in the crib, and the Child in the crib smiled at the child in the wise men --- the source and summit of religion. The wise men forgot that they were wise; they became light-hearted and playful. It was a child's world all over, a kingdom of God where only children and the child-like have entry. It was God-man in a child and man with the God-child!

Baby Jesus in the crib, help me to be child-like and kneel before you in adoration with the simplicity of heart and humility of mind. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

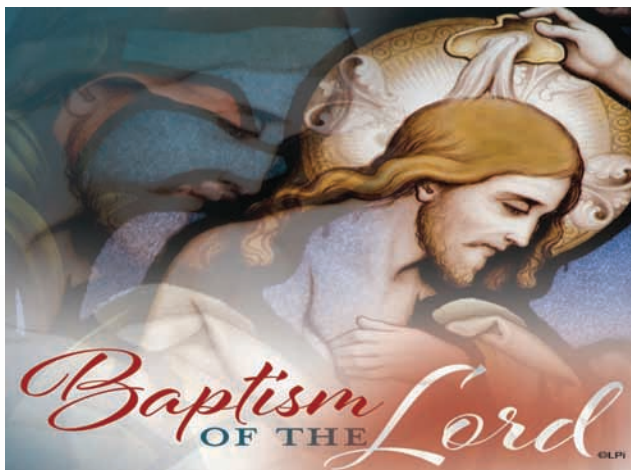
# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2023

- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17
- Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9//Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2023

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord
- Monday:** The Baptism of the Lord
- Friday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saving over 14,000 Korean refugees during the Korean war in what is still the largest marine rescue in the history of the world, Servant of God Leonard LaRue's bravery and love of the Lord inspired his cause for sainthood to be opened in 2021.

## PRAYER

God, our Father, Creator of the seas, Protector of refugees, and all those in need, You called Captain Leonard LaRue to recognize Your Son Jesus Christ in the faces of the Korean refugees, and led him as Brother Marinus to a life of prayer and service in the tradition of St. Benedict.

May his life be an inspiration to us and lead us to greater confidence in Your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the people of the sea, welcoming those who are refugees from war, and deepening all the faithful in their prayer and work of service.

We humbly ask that You glorify Your servant Captain Leonard LaRue/ Brother Marinus, O.S.B. on earth according to the design of Your holy will, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <http://www.aos-usa.org/pdf/Capt.-LaRue-Bro.-Marinus-O.S.B.-Prayer-for-the-Cause.pdf>)

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*Well done, good and faithful servant.*

MATTHEW 25:21



*In Loving Memory, Rest in Peace.*



May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed. And especially for:

**Michael McGarry**

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday • January 7**

**4:30 PM**

† **George & Helen Steinecke & son, Arthur**

*r/b Patty & Stephanie*

**Sunday • January 8**

**8:00 AM**

† **Pietro Ciaravino**

*r/b The Ciaravino Family*

**10:00 AM**

† **Lisa Marie Snow**

*r/b Loving Family*

**11:30 AM**

† **William H. Neubeck**

*r/b Nancy & John Doran*

**Monday • January 9**

**9:00 AM**

† **Rev. Joseph J. Miele**

**Tuesday • January 10**

**9:00 AM**

† **Patrick & John Gaughan**

*r/b Eileen & Bill Murphy*

**Thursday • January 12**

**9:00 AM**

† **Alice M. Lissemore**

*r/b Jim, Marian & Richard Ferris*

**Friday • January 13**

**9:00 AM**

† **Frank Annunziata, Jr.**

*r/b Jim, Marian & Richard Ferris*

# Liturgical Life

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide praying the annual *9 Days for Life* novena, January 19-27. Sign up today at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)!



On **Jan. 20, 2023**, the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton will come together in prayer and solidarity to proclaim the *sanctity* of all human life.



All are invited to a *Mass for Life*

CELEBRATED BY **Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.**



**St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, Freehold** • Beginning at **11 a.m.**

Mass will be livestreamed on  [Youtube.com/trentondiocese](https://www.youtube.com/trentondiocese)

**Lunch and seminar to follow** • From **12:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

FEATURING AUTHOR AND SPEAKER **Dr. Charles Camosy**

TOPIC: **Bringing the Church together to Build a Culture of Life**



*This is an event for all, especially clergy, Respect Life groups and ministry groups who assist the poor and marginalized, including food pantries, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Charities, Knights of Columbus and more.*

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For more information and to register visit [dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life) or scan the QR code

Additional questions may be sent to [jramos@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:jramos@dioceseoftrenton.org)



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

### Question:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

### Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Parish Registration

#### Question:

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

#### Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish.

Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

Please call the parish office to sign up.

# Our Parish Family



*With Joyful Hearts, We  
Welcome  
Our Newly Baptized.*

**Sienna Grace Hipolito**

**James Luiz Fontanella**

**Jack Vincent Rogers**

*May God bless these  
children and their  
families always.*



**WELCOME TO  
OUR FAMILY!**

# We Celebrate the Sacraments

## SPONSORSHIP FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

The godparents, together with the parents, must be willing to help the baptized grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparents will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 872-874).

### Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate/Letters of Eligibility

In St. Catherine's Parish and in all Catholic Parishes in the U.S.

- A sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, & Confirmation and if married, married in the Catholic Church.
- A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age.
- A sponsor attends Mass faithfully participating in the life and support of the Church, receiving the Eucharist, and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.

**For sponsor requests from St. Catherine's, you must be registered at St. Catherine of Siena Parish and registered for at least six (6) months prior to the request, showing participation in the life & support of the Church.**

*Note, if he/she received all his/her sacraments here at St. Catherine of Siena Parish years ago **but now lives elsewhere, he/she is not a member of this parish.***

*Rather, he/she is a member of the parish in whose territory he/she resides. **This is where the sponsor certificate must be obtained.***

## Anointing of the Sick

Please call 732-938-5375.

## Baptism

First-time parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to scheduling the Baptism.

Godparents are required to provide Sponsor Certificates before a Baptismal date is given.

Please call the Parish Office for information.

## Matrimony

Engaged Couples should contact our parish at least one year in advance of the proposed date of marriage and before making other arrangements.

## Ministry to the Homebound

For Homebound requests, please call the Parish Office.

## Rite of Christian Burial or Memorial Mass

Please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

## Reconciliation

3:30 p.m. Saturday—Parish Hall Narthex  
Other days by appointment.

## Low Gluten Host

An extremely low-gluten host (37 micrograms) is available for those in need. Please notify the Priest prior to the beginning of Mass.

## Altar Flowers

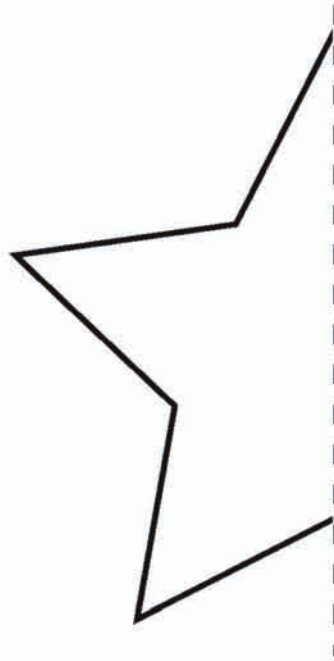
Floral pieces start at \$50 and can be ordered except during Lent. Please call the Parish Office.



## KIDS CORNER

### READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Can you draw the second half of this star?



#### SHARING THE GOSPEL

When Jesus was born, angels sang. I'll bet you never thought stars could sing for Jesus, too. But the stars in the sky sang in their own way, just by moving and twinkling in the sky. The Savior was born. Jesus was the King that God's people had been waiting for. Magi who had been watching the sky saw a star much brighter than the rest. They followed that star until they found Jesus, and they worshipped their new king.

#### PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for making the stars move and twinkle in a special way, so that the Magi could find Jesus.

#### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your family if you can visit a planetarium, or look through a special telescope, so you can see the stars God made.



Welcome Back Students & Catechists! Religious Education Classes return from Christmas Vacation.

**REMINDER: CLASSES ARE CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY : JAN. 15, 16, 17.**

# Around the *Community*



## Basketball Free Throw Contest



St Veronica Gym      4219 Route 9 North, Howell, NJ  
January 15, 2023      12:30pm



Knights of Columbus Council 6201 (Howell/Jackson) is sponsoring the annual Basketball Free Throw Contest. All boys and girls ages 9 through 14 are invited to participate. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the competition will begin at 1:00. Winners of the competition will move onto the district competition.

All contestants on the local level will be recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For more information contact Frank Schear at [mrmojo4477@gmail.com](mailto:mrmojo4477@gmail.com).

Healing After Abortion: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates are: Jan. 14, Feb. 4, March 11, and May 20. For more dates and locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866) 575-0075 (tollfree) or reach us by email at [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).

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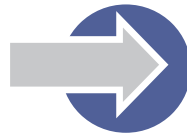
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Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

- Mt 2:1b-2

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# Parish *Support*



## Ways to Give

### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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Sign up for online giving through WESHARE.



#### WEEKLY OFFERTORY



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### Weekly Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, December 17-18, 2022

|               |                   |            |
|---------------|-------------------|------------|
| 4:30 PM Mass  | \$1,047.00        | 82 People  |
| 8:00 AM Mass  | \$1,034.00        | 111 People |
| 10:00 AM Mass | \$1,367.00        | 137 People |
| 11:30 AM Mass | \$1,159.00        | 170 People |
| Online Giving | \$1,968.00        |            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$6,575.00</b> |            |

### Weekly Sunday Collection

Saturday/Sunday, Dec. 31, 2022—Jan. 1, 2023

|               |                   |            |
|---------------|-------------------|------------|
| 4:30 PM Mass  | \$919.00          | 103 People |
| 8:00 AM Mass  | \$1,088.00        | 67 People  |
| 10:00 AM Mass | \$801.00          | 78 People  |
| 11:30 AM Mass | \$943.00          | 115 People |
| Online Giving | \$2,569.00        |            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$6,320.00</b> |            |

*Thank You for Your Generosity.*

### OTHER COLLECTIONS

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Solemnity of Mary        | \$1,738.00 |
| Candle                   | \$187.00   |
| Maintenance and Repairs  | \$519.00   |
| December 25, 2022 Weekly | \$7,263.00 |
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