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CELEBRATION

OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKEND—Saturday 4:00 pm

—Sunday 9:30 am

WEEKDAY—Tuesday 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from

3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

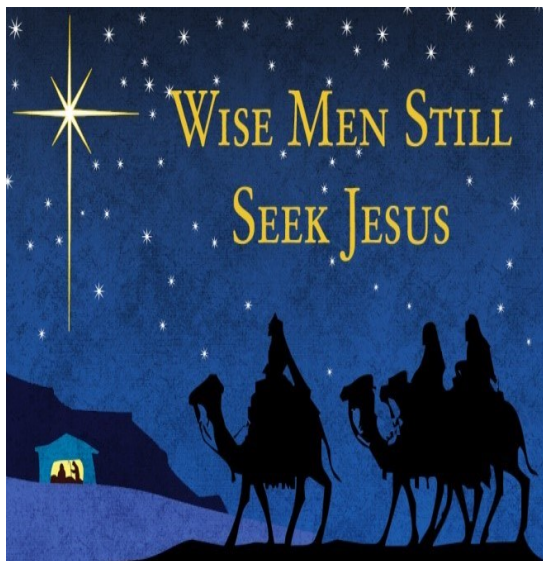
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

TUESDAY—THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2024



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

ISAIAH 60:1-6

EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6

MATTHEW 2:1-12

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the three wise men from the East, left their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king. The Lord revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace, gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. Through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we can understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In believing in our faith, the human will and intellect cooperate with grace.

A Blessed New Year

As we bid farewell to 2023 and look forward to all that 2024 might bring, let us all pray for a New Year filled with

God's grace, peace, and love.

May the God of time and eternity bless us as we begin anew.

A Happy, Healthy, and Hope-filled New Year to All! *Father Joe*



A NOTE OF THANKS!

I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners and friends for your thoughtfulness and generosity this holiday season. Christmas cards, birthdays wishes, gifts, and well-wishes have truly touched my heart and brightened my days. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being such a wonderful and welcoming parish. May God Bless you for all of your kindnesses.

With gratitude, Father Joe



HEARTFELT THANK YOU

to all our parishioners for their

Christmas offering of
\$ 5,816.00 this year.

God bless you always for your generosity.


END OF YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS


TAX STATEMENTS: Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one by calling Diane in the parish office at 570-696-3737. Thank you for your cooperation.

Tuesday	01/09	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Walko	Kathleen Wolyniec & Rosalie Sawchuk
Saturday	01/13	4:00 p.m.	Thomas & Patrick Moore	Mary Ann Knepp
Sunday	01/14	9:30 a.m.	Jack Stephenson	Ray & Flo Mociun

DONATE BLOOD
In Memory of Cecilia "CC" Besecker
COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE
ST THERESE'S CHURCH— SOCIAL HALL
64 Davis Street, Shavertown, PA 18708
Thursday, January 11, 2024
from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS
(1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.

VIGIL MASS FOR LIFE -Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6 PM
 St Maria Goretti Parish, Laflin Principal Celebrant: Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L. Bishop of Scranton All are welcome to join us on the eve of the 48th annual March for Life to pray for a greater respect of all human life.

 **Remember in Your Prayers**
 Please pray for Don Hunter Sr., Bernard F., Sister Jan Marie Kalyan, Joyce Kishbaugh, Florence Mickley, Christopher Mortensen, James O'Neill, Denis Perugino, Tom Roarty, Benjamin Szosak, Jim Starbuck & Lilly Stroud.

 **THE WEEK OF**
JANUARY 7, 2024 TO JANUARY 13, 2024:
THE LIGHT OF THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS BURNING FOR THE GOOD HEALTH OF: JOHN JORDA
REQUESTED BY: RAY & FLO MOCIUN
THE LIGHT OF THE MARIAN SHRINE CANDLE IS BURNING FOR:
LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

WEATHER CANCELLATION INFORMATION—
FOR ANY MASS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, PLEASE CALL 570-696-1144, EXT. 13.

 **SAINT FRANCES X. CABRINI PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**
 We welcome all who wish to join our parish. Please contact the parish office, at your earliest convenience by calling 570-696-3737 during our office hours. We also would like to remind parishioners to please use your weekly envelopes, notify the office of any changes of address, phone number and email addresses. Thank you.

BLESS YOUR DOOR ON EPIPHANY
 The gospel tells us that the magi found Christ "on entering the house." The door to your home is a holy threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing above the door in chalk: the first two numbers of the year and the last two numbers of the new year. 20 + C + M + B + 24.
 Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Adolph Adam points out that it may also mean "Christus mansionem benedicat" or "May Christ bless this dwelling." It's appropriate to bless your door in January—janua means "door" and the first month is the door to the new year. After inscribing the doorway, say this prayer:
 God of Bethlzhem and Cana, God of Jordan's leaping waters, in baptism you bring us into your family. You wed us and embrace us as your beloved. May we fill this place with kindness to one another, with hospitality to guests, and with abundant care for every stranger. By the gentle light of a star, guide home all who seek you on paths of faith, hope and love. Then we will join the angels in proclaiming your praise: Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Amen. Then sing a Christmas carol.

(BLESSED CHALK IS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH ENTRANCES)

COMMITMENT OF TREASURE
Give and it will be given to you. A good measure will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Luke 6:68

WEEKEND COLLECTION OF 12/24/2023	\$ 4,222.00
TOTAL COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS 2023 AS OF 12/31/23	\$ 5,816.00
WEEKEND COLLECTION OF 12/31/2023	\$ 3,675.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY 01/01/2024	\$ 437.00