

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity Parish

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January 5, 2025



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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- Mt 2:10

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### From Fr. Brendan Foley

Remember that our celebration of Epiphany is also known as "The Manifestation." Because this day we celebrate something very profound. God is visible for all to see. He is the light to all nations. As Light, God helps us to see all things in Him, through Him, and with Him. By the gifts the magi bring, we learn who this baby Jesus is. He is a *King* like no other King. He is a *priest* like no other priest. He is a *victim* like no other victim.

These gifts weren't very practical for a new family, new parents, a new baby, but they give us a **glimpse of what God's earthly life will be like**. Gold for a king, frankincense for a priest, and myrrh to anoint one who is about to die.

As King, Jesus will be the Good Shepherd. No ordinary king, he chooses a path of humility, willing to offer his life for his sheep—and indeed does so. As His sheep, we will always know His protection as long as we strive to hear His voice, rather than the voice of the world. As a priest, he offers the only perfect sacrifice. Like the paschal lamb, the immaculate lamb, he becomes the sacrifice. He offers his own body and blood in place of ours. His offering is not just a substitution to make reparation for us, but he offers his whole life completely, holding nothing back. As the only true high priest, he offers the once-for-all perfect sacrifice on the cross, and he opens the door to eternal life. How did the wise men know who this child was?

In the light of the star, a star that was the fulfillment of a promise through the prophets. The deep hunger and desire in their hearts led them to go. These wise men left their home, their country, everything that was comfortable for them to go in search of a God faithful to his word. They were seeking, they were courageous, and in the end they even gave of themselves to offer gifts to God.

May we imitate their example and be just as reckless in our pursuit of God, knowing that God is seeking us and seeking us more than we could ever know. By the birth of Jesus, God is visible to us, God longs to be found. He wants to have room in our hearts so that He can be born into this world. I urge you to come and meet him every time you approach the altar. He constantly is here for us in the Eucharist. The Lord desires us to know his intimacy, he wants to be found. What child is this? He is Emmanuel. He is GOD WITH US.

### Mass Schedule SJB/HT

Sunday - 9:00 am

Reconciliation Thursday 4:00-5:00 pm

### Office Hours SJB/HT

Monday - Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm Friday 9:00am - 2:30pm

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**Buildings/Grounds:** Robert Warren

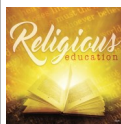
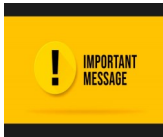
**Religious Education:** Betty Warren

**Sacristan/Grounds:** Allan Chouinard

**Altar Server:** Benjamin Chouinard

## Please Be Aware “Do Not Park”

For your safety, we ask that you **Do Not Park** along the side hill that goes up to the upper lot off of Carbon Street parking area. We had hoped the drainage grate would have been repaired by now but the contractors have not been able to get to it before winter weather. Parking is permitted along all the “Staff Only” areas in our back area.



## Religious Education Announcements

Religious Ed classes resume this week. We offer classes from Pre-K (4 years old) to Confirmation II. Please pray for our Students and our Teachers, that they will have a successful and enjoyable year.

**If you wish to have your child participate, please call Betty Warren at 315-420-6357.**

## SJB/HT Christmas Ornament

The Christmas Ornaments are available for purchase at \$20.00 each. They will be available after the 9:00am Mass, or you can call the rectory to stop by for them. It is a picture of the stained glass window in the church of the Holy Family. And St John the Baptist Holy Trinity is stamped on the bottom. A wonderful memento of our parish.



## Lector - Sunday January 12th

9:00am SJB/HT: Lisa Johnson

## Eucharistic Ministry

If you would like to help as a Eucharistic Minister, contact Betty Warren at 315-420-6357 or email at [warrenbeliz@yahoo.com](mailto:warrenbeliz@yahoo.com).

### Center

Jan. 1 Bob Warren  
Jan. 5 Cathy Horton  
Jan. 12 Karen Fekete  
Jan. 19 Mary Beth Cusano  
Jan. 26 Dave William

### Mary's Side

Betty Warren  
Larry Argiro  
Allan Chouinard  
Betty Warren  
Mary Anne Bergamo



## A Family Perspective Family Life Education

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by “another way.” What in your family needs to be done “another way?” Do you need “another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection?” This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always “another way.”



## Pray For Vocations

St. Paul writes to the Ephesians that he was made a steward of God's grace for their benefit, that they might receive the Gospel and be encouraged to live it through him. How is God calling you to be a steward of His grace for the benefit of others? As a priest, deacon or consecrated religious? Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: [vocations@syrdio.org](mailto:vocations@syrdio.org) and follow us on Instagram [@vocationssyracuse](https://www.instagram.com/vocationssyracuse).



## Prayer For Everyday And Everybody Prayer of Rejoicing

Fill our hearts, Lord, with rejoicing as we seek and discover You. Your ways are full of wonder, glory, surprise, and joy. Amen. ©LPi



## 9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT

Sunday January 5, 2025

9:00am SJB/HT - Donald Fox - William Koslowski

Sunday January 12, 2025

9:00am SJB/HT - Ralph Smith - The Family

Giuseppe Migliore - The Family

## (Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini Reflection:** The journey of the magi would have been treacherous and uncomfortable. Imagine the peace in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was. It was an epiphany for them. It can be the same for us.



### The Answer

Have you ever had an epiphany?

I'll confess that I've never spent much time reflecting on the term “epiphany.” In my head, there has always been a strict separation of church and state when it comes to this word. I think of the religious feast of the Epiphany, when we celebrate the magi's encounter with the Christ Child, as totally distinct from our modern understanding of the ancient Greek word epipháneia, which means “manifestation” or “appearance.”

“I've had an epiphany,” I have said many times before, and what I mean is that I have come to a long-awaited realization. I have received the answer to a question which has perplexed me, perhaps troubled me. I now know what course of action I must take.

“Today is the Epiphany,” I say to my children when we make a king cake and bring the little magi figures to our Nativity beneath the Christmas tree (which will, after today, be put back into storage, for the Christmas season has come to its fulfillment).

And I've always thought I meant I was saying two very different things.

But today, I ponder the journey of the magi, one that must have often been treacherous and uncomfortable. I think about their meeting with Herod, a situation that certainly was fraught with tension and fear. And I imagine the feeling in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. I think of the peace they must have felt. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was.

It was an epiphany for them — a discovery of truth. An answer.

It should be the same for us. ©LPi



### Reflect: Readings and Gospel

**Gospel Question:** The visit of the magi teaches us about God's desire for the whole world know about his Son, Jesus. When do you first recall hearing about Jesus?

**1st Reading Question:** Isaiah foresees a time when the people of Jerusalem will be overwhelmed with happiness and prosperity. What gift could you receive that would bring you great joy?

**2nd Reading Question:** Paul informs the Ephesians that he received a revelation of God's plan to save all people through Christ Jesus. What do you think makes your friends or relatives open to this idea? ©LPi





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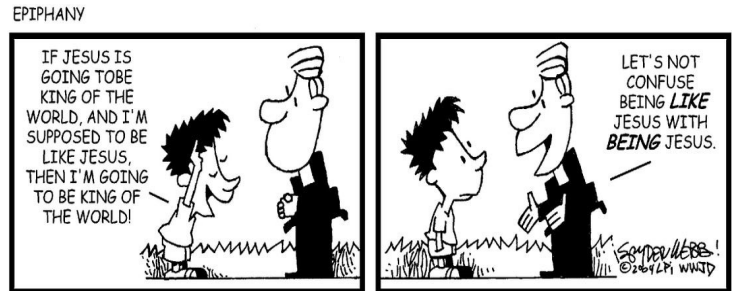
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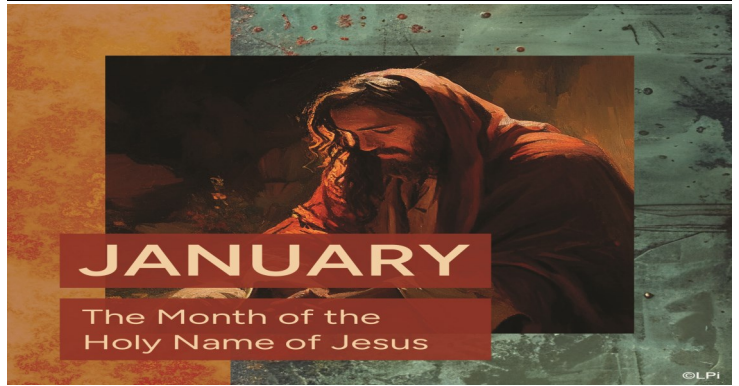
Thank you for your support of the 2024 HOPE Appeal. We have raised \$17,183.33 passing our goal of \$16,968.00. If you have not yet made your gift, we ask you to join us in strengthening our church and serving people throughout our diocese. You may bring your completer pledge card to Mass next week, drop it by the parish office or use the return envelope with your letter. You can also make a gift online at [www.syrdio.org](http://www.syrdio.org).

 **Remember:** Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, B.J. Bubniak Family, Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Jon English, Tenley Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, Tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Emma Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Luciano & Maria Luisi, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Michael & Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Antoinette Perotta, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Timothy K. Suppes, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler and Maureen White. **We also remember in our prayers our Service Men and Women & our Health Care Workers. Due to HIPAA laws, hospitals are not allowed to give names of patients. Please notify the parish office if you have a loved one in the hospital, a nursing home or is homebound and would like a visit.**



*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. — Mt 2:10-11*

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**Mass Schedule OLP/SP 315-422-7163**

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm Vietnamese Mass 6:00pm  
 Sunday - 7:30am, 11:30am  
 9:30am Vietnamese  
 Monday - Thursday 9:00am in the Chapel  
 Reconciliation Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm

**Call the Rectory to arrange** for marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist directly. Information will be provided. Call the rectory for baptisms and hospital/home visits.