

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5 JANUARY 2025

Readings for Sunday, January 5: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

Readings for Sunday, January 12: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.



St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Wednesday. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 5:00 PM in the Church. Benediction at 5:00 PM.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
6 Jan. MON. 9:00 AM	Michael & Lawrence Vitacco and John Della Penna	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
7 Jan. TUE. 9:00 AM	Theodore Emil von Mechow, Jr.	St. Gabriel Women's Society
8 Jan. WED. 9:00 AM	Nicholas Lenhardt	Wife, Mary
9 Jan. THU. 9:00 AM	Margaret Bucciaglia	Shirley Wambach
11 Jan. SAT. 4:00 PM	Agnes Slaby	Daughter, Sharon
12 Jan. SUN. 9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	



ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.
PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.
REMEMBER OUR TROOPS: Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.



NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in this special Marian Devotion.

SANTINO KITCHEN GIFT CERTIFICATES are being sold by the Women's Society. The certificates are \$15.00 each. They are good on any item on the menu. Certificates are available at the Parish Office.



THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP leads the recitation of the Rosary every Sunday before the 9:00 AM Mass. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to

join in these Marian Devotions.



2025 MASS BOOK - Requests for Masses to be offered in 2025 can be made at the Parish Office. There is a limit of one Mass on weekends per person requesting the Mass Intention. This is necessary due to the limited number of weekend Masses available.

LOST WEEK

Collections ©PPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR DECEMBER 22, 2024. \$3,584
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. \$105,104
Figures from the December 29 Collection will be printed
in the January 12 bulletin.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, January 11 and 12 will be the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your generosity reflects the love of Jesus for those who are vulnerable and needy, both around the world and right here at home.

WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE to support Religious Education:
DECEMBER DRAWING - M/M Stephen Pasko - \$278.00.

MASS ATTENDANCE for December 21/22:
4:00 PM Mass - 122
9:00 AM Mass - 126
Total Attendance - 248



APPAREL ALERT! Orders are being accepted for our parish apparel. Items available are: T-Shirt - \$10; Sweatshirt with hood - \$25; Men’s and Women’s Polo Shirts - \$25. Colors available are Kelly Green and Sunburst Yellow.

1/4 Zip - \$35; Full Zip hoodies - \$30 - color is Forest Green. Logo on all apparel is in the upper left corner. Sizes: S to XL - larger sizes are available (just add \$2) and we have youth sizes too! **PROMOTE YOUR PARISH!!!** Complete the order form in the vestibule of Church and return to the parish office along with payment or contact Maria Boyer (mboyer@sgsm62.org).



CHURCH MAGNETS are available at the Parish Office. They can be placed on your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00 each.



PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Winning ticket number must be the exact number drawn for the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are sold on a monthly basis. The prize for the winning ticket is \$50.00 on weekdays and \$100.00 on Sundays and one specially-designated weekday. **This is our major fund raiser for the parish. We encourage each family to purchase at least one ticket each month. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- December 16 - #355 - unsold
- December 17 - #961 - unsold
- December 18 - #842 - unsold
- December 19 - #578 - unsold
- December 20 - #220 - unsold
- December 21 - #254 - unsold
- December 22 - #148 - unsold

CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
Call the Parish Office for more details.

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

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AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on January 6 and 20 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The American Red Cross faces challenges during the winter holidays because donors are taking time away to enjoy the holiday. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.RedCross.org to donate blood.

The Corner

The Epiphany of our Lord gives us a chance to reflect on the family-centered nature of this Feast Day and its original connection to the celebration of the Holy Family. The Magi were willing to take the risk of searching for the Child, in what they believed was a monumental event. They were the first Gentiles to encounter Jesus, and remain a powerful example to us. Search for Jesus, He is right there beside you!

p.s. Can you name the 3 wise men? Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JANUARY 11/12

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Tamaro & Tamaro; Choir, George

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Vitacco & Donnelly

Altar Servers - Francis & Miller


Greeter - Hildebrand

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH
MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of:
DAVID DE FRANCESCO from Anne Chizauskie.

BLESSING OF THE HOME ON EPIPHANY: The blessing of homes on Epiphany is a centuries-old custom in the Church. Blessed chalk is used to mark the doors of the house while praying for protection and blessings for all who live there – drawing forth imagery from the book of Exodus and the first Passover. The chalk on the door is a visible reminder to all of their Christian life and a challenge to live virtuously both in and out of the home. The door is marked with the initials of the names traditionally given to the Magi: **C**aspar, **M**elchior, **B**althazar, surrounded by the numerals of the current year. The initials CMB can also stand for the prayer *Christus mansionem benedicat*, Latin for “May Christ Bless the House.”

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Prayer: O Lord, holy Father Almighty, everlasting God, we beseech thee to hear us: and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven, to guard and cherish, protect and visit, and evermore defend all that dwell in this house. I call upon thy Saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect my family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place this mark over my door to remain as a constant reminder to us and all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord. O God, make the door of my house the gateway to thine Eternal Kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ thy Son and Lord. Amen.




Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
JEFF CAVINS and SARAH CHRISTMYER

A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH SALVATION HISTORY

The Bible is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. But where do we start in reading it? This program will guide participants through Jeff Cavins' "The Bible Timeline" learning system. This study seeks to draw us into God's plan of salvation, and thus in a deeper relationship with Jesus.

MONDAYS 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 24

Register at QR code or contact
Sophie Schneible
SSchneible@saintalloysius.net
610-326-5877 x 426



Cost: \$30 for workbook
St. Aloysius Parish
Lower Level of Gathering Center
223 Beech St. Pottstown

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICE CLUB

Sunday Morning Breakfast - Beginning January 2025, our Sunday Morning Breakfast will be moving to the First Sunday of the month. Come and enjoy a breakfast of your choice on January 5. We serve pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, scrapple, eggs your way, a variety of omelets and different types of breakfast bowls. Breakfast is served from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

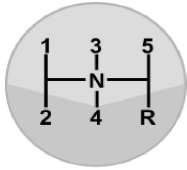
Fund Raiser Dinner - The Youth of the Neocatechumenal Way of St. Aloysius is hosting a Fund Raiser dinner for their upcoming pilgrimage to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025 in June. Meal includes salad, baked ziti with meatballs, garlic bread and dessert. Cost is \$20.00. Held on January 11 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased online at www.caseyservice.net, after Mass on the weekend or at the door.

POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL PAWS PROGRAM - The PAWS (Panthers Achieving Worthwhile Success) Program supports the individual needs of students with learning differences through instruction and academic accommodations within our academic support hub, the Panthers' Learning Center. An Information Session about the program will be held on Thursday, January 9 at 6:00 PM in the Panthers' Learning Center at PJP to outline the program objectives and support structure, enrollment process, fee, and financial aid opportunities. To register contact Mr. Joseph Rogers, Director of Academic Support at jrogers@pjphs.org.

*A Message
From The
Pastor*

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My father's step-father was a huckster. I have a very vague recollection of him, since I was so young when he died. I most certainly remember the truck though. You know



boys and trucks! My dad had responsibility for it briefly prior to its being sold. It was a drab green old Chevy panel van circa 1955 or so. It had, in this little guy's opinion, a really huge shift lever! It was literally a long stick with a black knob atop it. Even my father, who drove and commanded a tank in the army,



seemed to have trouble shifting this old van from one gear to another. My step-grandfather needed this van to do his huckstering. Oftentimes when we think of hucksters today, we think



of those infomercials and the guy selling that new, must-have, versatile, never-before-seen kitchen gadget that will make your life so, so, so much easier. It may even foster

world peace. So, buy two! Pop-pop George's huckstering was of a different sort. He sold fresh fruits and vegetables at a very modest and attractive price with the convenience of coming right to you in your neighborhood. Sales were good. I believe that my father thought briefly about continuing the business, but it simply wasn't his calling. George's customers were sad at his loss and the loss of their locally



delivered farm fresh fare. Hucksters generally get a bad rap, but that was not the case for Pop-pop who was simply an honest man making an honest living while providing a good and needed service honestly.



Perhaps, it could be said that Jesus, Himself, was simply a very honest and honorable huckster providing a much needed service to say the least. Wow! Jesus, the Huckster! Talk about an Epiphany!



All He and His motley crew of twelve would have needed was an old beat-up, Chevy panel van circa 1955. And I'm rather certain that Jesus would have been able to drive the old manual stick-shift with ease. One big

difference though is that Jesus wasn't selling His fine fare even at a discount. He was giving it away. He still is. All that's required on our part

is that we bring a large brown bag – just like the ones in which the Magi brought their gifts – and go out to meet this Happy Huckster when He comes to our neighborhood.

He'll fill your bag and mine with all kinds of wonderful and nutritious fare beyond imagining and if you're lucky, He may even give you a spin around the block in His



truck! Listen. I think I hear His truck outside now. It's time to meet, greet, and get to know this Happy and Heavenly Huckster, Who doesn't sell anything at all, but rather gives it all away!

Peace,
Fr. Wilson


 walking with purpose
SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

**All women are invited to the
 next Connect Coffee
 Thursday
 January 9th
 Vianney Hall
 9:30-11:15 am
 and
 7:00-8:30 pm**

~ Refreshments ~ Fellowship ~
 ~ Inspirational Talk ~



scan to visit us online:



Questions?: Contact Tracey Klauder
klauderhickory@comcast.net

Join us for a cup of coffee and authentic conversation.
 Never been to Walking with Purpose? Drop in!
 We look forward to welcoming you to learn more.

January 20 - March 3, 2025

A SEVEN-WEEK EXPERIENCE

discovering CHRIST

"What are you looking for?"
"Come and you will see."
John 1:38-39

COMING SOON

INFORMATION NIGHT to LEARN MORE

Date: Monday, January 6, 2025
 Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM
 Place: Saint Eleanor Parish Center - Vianney Hall

or email: christlife@st-eleanor.com

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Happy New Year from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia
 Catholic Charismatic Renewal
 Join us for prayer, praise
 hope and joy in 2025!






Conference - Saturday, May 10, 2025

With The Most Reverend Efrén V. Esmilla

Epiphany of Our Lord Church in Plymouth Meeting, PA

Leadership Day

Retreat - June 20-22, 2025

Malvern Family Life Center

November 8, 2025

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

SPEAKER INFORMATION COMING SOON!

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EVENTS AT PADRE PIO CENTRE

Novena to Our Lady of Hope - Wednesday, January 8 to Thursday, January 16 following the 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet. Devotion to Our Lady of Hope is one of the oldest Marian devotions. Join us as "Pilgrims of Hope" as we honor Our Lady of Hope with a special novena during this Jubilee Year. Pray this Novena along with us either in person at the National Centre of Padre Pio, Barto or via livestream on Facebook: www.facebook.com/PadrePioInc or YouTube: [www.https://YouTube.com/@PadrePioInc](https://www.youtube.com/@PadrePioInc). For more information about the Novena contact angela@padrepio.org or call 610-845-3000.

Padre Pio Prayer Group on Saturday, January 18. Padre Pio envisioned the prayer groups as a way to cultivate the faith and to unite both our intentions and actions to Jesus in a community setting. Prayer Group sessions at the National Centre for Padre Pio are not held virtually. Contact angela@padrepio.org if you live in the area and would like to join the Prayer Group. Schedule: Confessions 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM. Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:30 AM. Spiritual talk following Mass. Rosary and Benediction following the Spiritual talk. Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio following Benediction. Concludes at approximately 12:00 PM. Father John Frink serves as the Spiritual Director.

METANOIA is an active community of Catholic young adults in Montgomery County. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our upcoming events begin at 7:30 PM on most Tuesdays unless otherwise noted. As gathering circumstances are always changing, please be sure you are subscribed to our newsletter to receive access to our latest information by heading to www.metanoiayoungadults.org.

Friday, January 10: Ice Skating at Spring Mountain Adventures at 7:00 PM.

Tuesday, January 14: Bible Study at St. David's, Willow Grove.

Tuesday, January 21: Theology on Tap at Local Tap, Lansdale. Doors open at 7:00 PM, Presentation begins at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, January 28: Prayer, Penance, Pub at Mary Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales.

Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information.