

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## 8 JANUARY 2023

**Readings for Sunday, January 8:** 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 15:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:28-34.



**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>
9 Jan.	MON.	9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families
10 Jan.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Beatrice Galloway
11 Jan.	WED.	9:00 AM	Agnes M. Slaby
12 Jan.	THU.	9:00 AM	Peter & Dorothy Chuck
14 Jan.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Thomas Marcheskie, Jr.
15 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.



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



**2023 MASS BOOK** - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day in 2023 can be made at the parish office. Mass stipend is \$10.00 and must be paid at the time you request the Mass. There is a limit of 2 weekend Masses per person requesting the intentions.



**THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY** next themed basket will be for Valentine's Day. Selling chances after Masses beginning January 28 and 29 until February 12 when the winner will be drawn. Chances are \$1.00 for one or \$5.00 for six.



**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** on January 9 and 16 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

# Collections ©IPPC thank you

<b>DEPOSIT FOR DECEMBER 25, 2022.</b>	..... \$11,403
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections.	..... \$112,321
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections.	..... \$108,900
<b>DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 1, 2023.</b>	..... \$4,792
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections.	..... \$117,113
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections.	..... \$113,815

## **MASS ATTENDANCE for December 24/25:**

4:00 PM Mass - 182

9:00 AM Mass - 104

Total Attendance - 286

## **MASS ATTENDANCE for December 31/January 1:**

4:00 PM Mass - 134

9:00 AM Mass - 83

Total Attendance - 217

## **"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"**

**ST. GABRIEL LODGE**

610-326-4137

## **CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.**

Call the Parish Office for more details.



All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish.

Go to our parish website and click on the FORMED.org picture on the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible Studies for all age groups.

## ***The Corner***

We know that **The Epiphany** is traditionally celebrated all over the world on January 6, (this year we observe it today January 8) and is dedicated to the birth of Christ, which includes a nod toward the three Kings who followed the star, traveling from their countries to pay tribute to the Son of God. But

### **Did You Know....**

The three Kings represent Europe, Arabia and Africa?

—Catholic Online



**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 19 - #476 - unsold

December 20 - #337 - unsold

December 21 - #136 - unsold

December 22 - #965 - unsold

December 23 - #723 - Darlene Matta - \$50.00

December 24 - #074 - unsold

December 25 - #776 - unsold

December 26 - #425 - unsold

December 27 - #570 - unsold

December 28 - #066 - unsold

December 29 - #900 - unsold

December 30 - #407 - Karen Levan - \$50.00

December 31 - #785 - unsold

DECEMBER FIGURES: 247 tickets sold - \$1,235.00.

Payout to winners - \$350.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00.

Profit for December - \$785.00.

January 1 - #986 - unsold

## **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - January 14/15**

**4:00 PM Mass**

Lector - Villano

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

Altar Server - Holmes & Francis

Greeter - DiMarco

**9:00 AM Mass**

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Server - Donnelly & Griffin

Greeter - Neiman



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*Where are you?* This was a question asked of Adam in the Garden at the Beginning. It is a Christmas question for sure and one that must be asked. There is no getting around it. It's not that God didn't know where Adam was. It was Adam that no longer knew. He was lost and it would be quite some time before he was found by a little child on a rather silent night in Bethlehem. We are Adam's progeny.



The same question is asked of us today as it has been throughout history. Scholars of our day usually divide history into two periods designated as the Common Era (CE) and Before the Common Era (BCE). I'm not exactly sure when these designations began, but I do know that in grade school I learned something different. In school, I learned that history was divided into the periods Before Christ (BC) and after (AD). *AD* comes from the Latin *Anno Domini* meaning the *Year of Our Lord*. I understand that the modern scholarly designations are meant to be more inclusive. However, the traditional designations in and of themselves are a part of our history and how the passage of time has been marked. History is *His-Story*. The whole world changed on that most silent night for Adam and for all of us. Antiquity did not know the Christ. It could only at best hope for Him. Those who didn't even know of such hope could only philosophize and ask question after question in a rather circular way. Christ ends the circular chase. He enters our history and He is the Answer. It is not just a matter of keeping Christ in Christmas. He *is* Christmas and it is a matter of keeping Christmas throughout the year and especially for us now in this New Year of Our Lord, 2023. A new era has begun. That's quite an Epiphany!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection funds Catholic agencies that work for the benefit of our brothers and sisters around the world who are marginalized and in critical need of assistance. By providing humanitarian aid, resettling those displaced by warfare or strife, and advocating on behalf of victims of atrocities such as human trafficking, beneficiaries of the CRS collection fulfill the Church's mission of mercy. They respond affirmatively to the Gospel's call to love others as we love God and proclaim our fundamental belief that every human life is sacred in a concrete way. The annual Catholic Relief Services collection challenges American Catholics to put their faith into action and to see the presence of Christ in the faces of the poor and to demonstrate love for Christ by responding to their needs. A small amount from the collection is retained by the Archdiocese to help cover local efforts to promote the collection.

This year's collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia during the weekend of January 14-15, 2023. The American Catholic community, and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in particular, have always responded very generously to this annual collection. The majority of funds collected support relief efforts overseas and a small amount is retained locally, for charitable endeavors undertaken by our local Church.

I am grateful for your compassionate response in past years and ask that you be generous once again. Be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.**

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Archbishop of Philadelphia



**ST. GABRIEL OF THE  
SORROWFUL MOTHER FEAST  
DAY WINTER SOCIAL** on  
Saturday, February 18. Happy  
Hour (BYOB) from 5:00-6:00 PM.  
Dinner and dancing from 6:00 PM  
to 9:00 ish PM.

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH  
MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:**

DEB SULLIVAN from Tony & Theresa Vitacco;

KAREN LEVAN from Tony & Theresa Vitacco.

**VOCATION PRAYER**

God our Father,  
in Your plan for our salvation  
You provide shepherds for Your  
people. Fill Your Church in the  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia,  
especially St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish  
with the Spirit of courage and love.  
Raise up from our families future  
priests: worthy ministers for Your  
altars, generous and ardent  
servants of the Gospel.  
We ask this through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

**BLESSING OF THE HOME ON EPIPHANY** - The blessing of homes on Epiphany is a centuries-old custom in the Church. Chalk is used to mark the doors of the house while praying for protection and blessing 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: **Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar**, 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 this House."

**20 + C+M+B + 23**

**Prayer**

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 our Lord. Amen.