

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 6, 2019 – Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord
Blessing of incense, charcoal and Chalk)
Collection for Missions

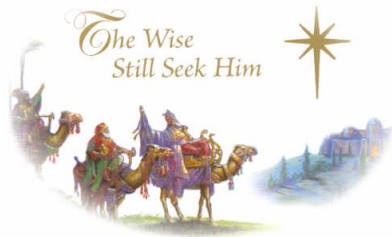
- 9:30 AM Holy Mass
- Monday, January 7, 2018 – Octave of the Epiphany
- Tuesday, January 8, 2019 – Octave of the Epiphany
- Wednesday, January 9, 2019 – Octave of the Epiphany
- Thursday, January 10, 2019 – Octave of the Epiphany
- Friday, January 11, 2019 – Octave of the Epiphany
- Saturday, January 12, 2019 – Octave of the Epiphany
- Sunday, January 13, 2019 – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord
- 9:30 AM Holy Mass

**Today, on Sunday, January 6, 2019
at 2:00 PM**

**Parish Committee Special Meeting
with Rt. Rev. Bishop Bernard Nowicki**

FAITH SHARING

The Greek word Epiphany (*επιφάνεια*), means *appearance* or *manifestation*. First, the angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds. The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi.



Today's Gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring him their hearts and offer their lives to Him. The adoration of the Magi fulfills the oracle of Isaiah (first reading), prophesying that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy City following a brilliant light, bringing gold and incense to contribute to the worship of God.

Today's Gospel reminds us that if God permitted the Magi – foreigners and pagans – to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our sinful lives that would keep God from bringing us to Jesus. There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. The first group, headed by King Herod, tried to eliminate him, the second group, priests and scribes, ignored him, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore him. Let us make sure that we belong to the third group.

CEMETERY ANNOUNCEMENTS



1. When you decorate the graves, please make sure that all items you put over there, especially artificial flowers, have no metal wires inside, even very thin. This kind of decorative items **are forbidden** in our cemetery. Metal wires destroy our lawn mower blades. Our caretaker will trash them as soon as he notice them inspecting the grave sides. We are sorry, but no exceptions. Only metal Veterans emblems with flag holder and emblems of faith and societies are allowed. All such items must be placed with the confines of the flowerbed and meet safety standards. **The following items are not permitted: ornamental fencing, plastic edging, bricks, bark nuggets, glass trinkets, plaster statues, stone dividers, any decorations with metal wires inside or similar items.** Flowerbeds, veterans and memorial emblems/flags and other approved items are not allowed at the foot of the grave; only at the head of the grave.

During the non-growing season (i.e. from November 15th to March 31st), artificial flowers and wreaths are permitted, only at the head of the grave, not more than 8 inches from headstone. These items must be removed each year before April 1st. Cemetery officials are not responsible for any item discarded after this date.

2. Many parishioners plant some live flowers in front of the tombstones. If you noticed they disappear very soon after. Then you complain that your plants have been cut by lawn mower. We assure you that they were not. We have a pretty big deer family living in our cemetery. They eat your flowers, shrubs etc., as soon as you plant them.

No new shrubbery is permitted at any grave. All existing shrubbery and oversized plants will be removed.

3. Some tombstones are leaning due to not deep enough foundation. Unfortunately, some stone companies put too low monument foundations than required by State law. Leaning tombstones are very heavy and we have no heavy duty equipment to take care of them. Please do not require from our caretaker to fix it. Moreover, please do not expect that one man can do it. However, if we can help Patrik on spring time, some of these grave stones can be moved to their proper position. Few, however, which are too heavy, have to be fixed by professionals, who will not do it for free. Some charges might be applied. You will be notified by phone or mail if your grave needs to be fixed.

The Parish reserves the right to install or contract out all foundations and cornerstones. Parishioners or family representatives are not authorized to install or contract out the installation of any foundation, cornerstone or marker.

DONATIONS

May God bless you for donations you have made already for repairing our church heating system. Few families and individuals sent us checks for this project. If you need a receipt for your taxes, please let us know.

However, those donations can't cover the cost of repair or replacement yet. We ask **ALL** our Parishioners and Friends to be responsible for your church. Only together we can do it.

2019 MASS OFFERINGS ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2019 Mass offerings envelopes. There are located in the back of the church. Please take them also for your relatives and friends who are not coming regularly for Sunday worship.

In case you can't pick them up for some reason we can mail them to you. Please call Parish office.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE BLESSING

If you wish priest to come and bless your house, please schedule an appointment. He will come to your home at the most convenient time for you. Please call Parish Office at (215) 535-4978.



OFFICE ITEMS DONATIONS

If you have some unwanted office supplies, such as paper, envelopes, post stamps, etc. and you would like to donate them or you could sponsor them for our Parish Office, please let us know. Even your tiny donation can be helpful to your Church.



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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)



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January 6, 2019



MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date Requested _____ Time _____

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ - _____ - _____ Amount \$ _____

Please mail this form and Mass stipend to: St. Valentine's PNCC, 2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137 or call parish office at (215) 535-4978.