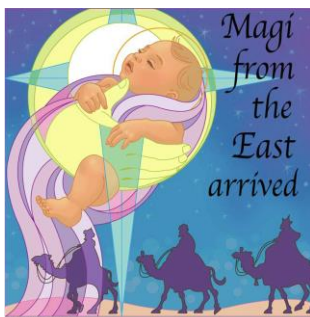


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January 7, 2024

## Epiphany of the Lord

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**FIRST READING:** Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**PSALM:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**SECOND READING:** The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**GOSPEL:** Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION: PROMISE FULFILLED

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM  
Lector

Saturday Jan 13<sup>th</sup>  
Volunteer

9:00AM  
Lector:

Sunday Jan 14<sup>th</sup>  
Denise Lakatos

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: -- (January 8<sup>th</sup> - January 14<sup>th</sup>)

MON 01/08 7:00AM . . +.Rich Poplinski - (Debbie & Joe Seeley)  
TUES 01/09 7:00AM. . +.(B) Anna V. Christian - (Husband, Bob)  
WED 01/10 7:00AM. . +.(A) Shelley Poplinski - (Family)  
THURS 01/11 7:00AM. . . Intention Dantis  
FRI 01/12 7:00AM. . +.For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirila Gralcar  
SAT 01/13 5:30PM. . +.Jack & Ester Sloan - (Family)  
SUN 01/14 9:00AM. . . Christian Mothers

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**Stewardship Reflections:**

Our Christmas season concludes with the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus was not baptized because He needed to repent – rather, He was revealing who He is and what He came to do. By submitting to the baptism of John, He affirmed His humanity, revealed His divinity as the Son of God, and signaled His mission to save man from sin.

Although Jesus' baptism was just the beginning of His ministry, it revealed all that He came to accomplish. And it is from His mission that we can receive the Sacrament of Baptism – the moment we become adopted sons and daughters of God. From that moment, we belong to Christ – we become His stewards. Our lives should be a reflection of this relationship. The way we live and act should reveal Whose we are. Our readings today call us to reflect on what it means to be a Christian steward – to belong to Christ.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord today, let us reflect on what it means to be a son or daughter of God. Let us resolve with conviction to make God the King of our hearts, live by His commands, and share with Him our time and gifts. Let us pray that our lives might be a reflection of our relationship with Christ.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS  
Dec 29<sup>th</sup> & Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**Collection:**

Weekly	\$ 1,890.00
Monthly	\$ 300.00
Fuel	\$ 10.00
Christmas	\$ 207.00
Easter	\$ 52.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 87.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Offer	\$ 30.00
Ascension	\$ 12.00
Assumption	\$ 1200
All Saints	\$ 12.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 22.00
World Mission	\$ 50.00

*Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!*

**January 7, 2024 Epiphany**

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

**Families and the Gospel (Mark 1: 7-11)**

Even Jesus needed RECOGNITION ("You are my Son"), AFFECTION ("My beloved") and AFFIRMATION ("I am pleased.") It is too easy to focus on irritating behaviors in our family and take for granted all the positives. In this New Year take a lesson from Our Father and be an AFFIRMER, not a BLAMER.

**St. Francis of Assisi Youth Event** – St. Francis of Assisi Parish is hosting a Youth Event for High School students in grades 9 – 12. The Youth Event will be held on Saturday, January 20th from 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center at 134 Barron Ave, Johnstown, PA 15906. The event features a six-piece band, a variety of games, snack and beverages! Admission is \$2.00 per person!!

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**Queen of Angels Parish in Central City (Somerset County) will host a lecture by Joseph Bielecki who will offer a presentation on Slovak culture** on Monday Jan 22 in their activity center (738 Sunshine Avenue). The presentation will focus on three topics – regional differences in Slovakia, why Slovaks came to Western Pennsylvania, and cherished Slovak Easter customs. Joseph S. Bielecki received his BA, MA and JD from Duquesne University. He was the recipient of a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Travel Grant to Hungary in 1982. Attorney Bielecki has been the Chairman of the Czechoslovak Classroom Committee at the University of Pittsburgh's Nationality Rooms Program since 1992. In 2000 he received a Millennium International Volunteer Award from the United States Department of State. The talk will be held from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM and will include refreshments. To register please call the Queen of Angels Parish office, 814-754-5224.



**Prayer at the Manger:**

With the Magi

Let your light shine on us, O God,  
as the star showed the way  
to those who searched for Christ.

Fill us with wisdom;  
help us walk in your ways,  
now and forever. Amen.

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