

# The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

**Light:** Epiphany has come to us in a roudabout way. Like the magi, this feast came from the East. In the fourth century, a pilgrim to the Holy Land reported that the Nativity of Christ was celebrated in a vigil that began in the darkness of January 5 and lasted well into the sunrise on January 6. Though the Western Church celebrated Christmas on December 25, it eventually adopted this Eastern celebration called Epiphany (from the Greek word meaning “manifestation” or “appearance.”) Both Christmas and Epiphany are celebrations of light: Christmas coincides with the winter solstice and the lengthening of daylight; Epiphany follows the light of the star and becomes the great “Festival of Lights” that celebrates the dawning of the Light who is Jesus Christ.

Stars are bright and beautiful. Poets sing of them. Mariners once plied the seas by them. Travelers were oriented by them. A great star stood in the sky for all to see. This feast day is important because it is ours. It beckons all the earth’s inhabitants to seek the Maker of the stars and to confess their faith in the Maker’s Son. On this day, we set out on a journey of faith. We keep our eyes of faith clear. We do not blink when faith becomes difficult. We do not fear when faith is racked with doubt. We see and bow low. We seek to be received by the one we have come to see. We return home another way.

## PARISH NEWS

**Saturday Mass:** January masses will be held at St. Michael’s.

**(SJP & SMP) Parish website:** [stjoseph-stmichaelparishes.org](http://stjoseph-stmichaelparishes.org)

**Hall rental for St. Joseph’s:** If you would like to rent the hall, you will now need to contact the church office.

**Funerals:** All funerals are at 10 am (unless it conflicts with daily mass).

**Weddings:** All weddings are at 1:00 pm at both churches with no exceptions. Permission is needed before having a visiting priest perform the ceremony. Anyone preparing for a wedding needs to contact the office at least 6 months prior.

**Rosary:** Making the rosary a family prayer is very pleasing to me. I ask that all families strive to do so. But be careful to say the Rosary with great devotion, meditating on each mystery and striving to imitate in your daily lives the virtues depicted. Live the mysteries of the rosary as I lived them, and it will become a chain binding you to me forever. They who are found in the circle of my rosary will never be lost. I myself will lead them at death to the throne of my Son, to be eternally united to Him. Our Lady of America

**St. Michael Church Roof Update:** So far, our total available monies for the project are \$604,492. The contractor’s estimated cost for the entire project is \$642,000.00. Please consider joining your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort by donating to this fundraiser. St. Michael Church also has 2 hearts handcrafted from pieces of broken glass from our steeple windows available for a donation of \$10,000.00. Please contact Cathie Zacherl at 814-782-3938.

**Thank you for your support** of the Angel Tree Giving Project this year. Your generosity helped provide gifts for the children in our community. This year 65+ children in the North Clarion area will have a brighter Christmas because of the gift provided. The children will receive clothing, hat/gloves, toys, art supplies and special items that were chosen specially for each one. Thank you for your generosity and kindness to the children. Merry Christmas!

## PARISH NEWS

**Office:** Contact the office at St. Joseph with any questions or concerns you may have from either Parish. (814)226-7288. Thank you!

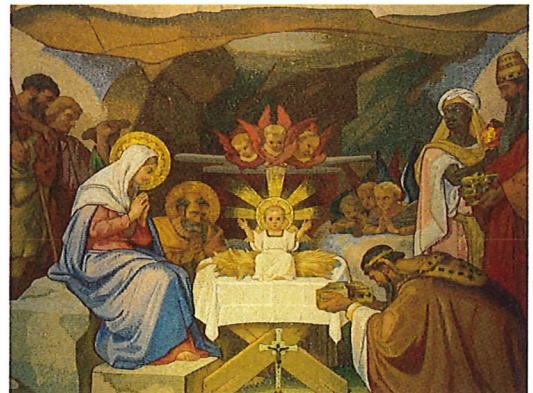
**Mona Rita Guth is convalescing** at the home of her daughter, Diane Williams, in California. If you would like to send her a card or anything else her address is: 5324 Indian Wood Drive, Redding, CA 96001.

**St. Michael 2021 Loot Lotto Calendar tickets** will be available for purchase at the back of the church following Sunday Masses. Tickets are \$10 each - see flyer insert for more information!

**St. Joseph School** is selling January Lottery Calendar tickets. There are two chances to win every day. One \$20 donation gets you 62 chances to win between \$50 and \$500. Payout is based on the Pick 3 PA Daily Lottery at 7:00 pm. St. Joseph School will mail out each winner to the address on the ticket stub at the end of the month. Tickets may be purchased from St. Joseph School, Kelly’s, Lander’s General Store, Ochs Building Supply, and School Families.

**A Big Thank You** to everyone who participated in or attended the Wreaths Across America event at St. Joseph’s Cemetery!

**Thank you to both St. Joseph and St. Michael Parishioners** for your continued monetary support of both churches.



**Liturgy Schedule January 9<sup>th</sup> & January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 p.m.  
St. Michael Church**

**Lector:** Theresa Seitz  
**Altar Server:** None  
**Ushers:** None  
**Rosary:** Mary Caye Stecki

**8:00 a.m.  
St. Joseph Church**

**Lector:** Mike O'Neill  
**Altar Server:** Eliza Datko  
**Ushers:** None

**10:30 a.m.  
St. Michael Church**

**Lector:** David Smerkar Jr.  
**Altar Server:** Mason Hooper  
**Ushers:** None  
**Rosary:** Cathy Longacre

**Mass Schedule January 4<sup>th</sup> - January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 p.m. - (SJP) James "Tiny" Judy by Dave & Gerry Weaver**

**Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**-8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Josephine Eckel by A Parishioner**

**Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 a.m. - (SJP) Marian Ochs by Marge Wolbert**

**Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 a.m. - (SMP) Stewart E. "Ed" Black by The Parish**

**Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 a.m. - (SJP) Peter Lander by John & Betty Seitz**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Confession at St. Michael, 4:00 p.m.**

**5:00 p.m. — (SMP) Parish Family**

**Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 a.m. — (SJP) John O'Neill by The Family**

**10:30 a.m.—(SMP) Rose Marchand Lowman by The Parish**

**Collection Counters**

**SJP: Annette & Robert Wielock, Ken Lander  
SMP: Eric Schmader, Ray Beichner, Jen Detar**

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burning in memory of**

**SJP: Robert Gentile by Carole Gentile  
SMP: Barbara J. "Jean" Schill by Gene & Janet Fesenmyer**

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

**Parish Family, All Special Intentions**

**Service People on Active Duty**

Sluggar Wagner, Steve Phillips, Jayleigh Ochs, Brendan & Terry George, Punkie & Joe Griebel, Jim Pfaff, Barb Wigton, Traci Kumer, Chuck Zacherl, Fr. Daniel Prez, Roxanne Miller, Adam Lutz, Sally Hockman and a special intention

All victims of disasters and violence

If you'd like to add someone, call the office or drop a note in the collection basket.

**School News (814) 226-8018**

—You can register your children now for the '20-'21 school year. Call the school for more information. (814) 226-8018.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Joseph's**

**DATE: December 19<sup>th</sup> & December 20<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday Collection: \$2,114

Loose Collection: \$506

**Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Michael's**

**DATE: December 19<sup>th</sup> & December 20<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday Collection: \$1,697

Loose Collection: \$98

**SJP: St. Joseph assessment to Diocese: \$29,345**

Parishioners Pledged: \$40,128

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$38,788

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0

Roof money: \$9,443

**SMP: St. Michael assessment to Diocese: \$36,015**

Parishioners Pledged: \$38,158

Parishioners Paid to Date: \$36,778

Balance Due to Diocese of Erie: \$0

Roof money: \$763

Roof Money to Date: \$604,492

# St. Michael's Church 2021 Loot Lotto Calendar

**\$10,000 in Potential Winnings!!!**

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**Winning Number Based on PA Lottery Pick 4 Evening Drawing**

## **Payouts**

**Solemnity of Mary (Jan 1), \$50**  
**Easter (Apr 4), \$50**  
**Ascension (May 13), \$50**  
**Memorial Day (May 31), \$35**  
**Independence Day (Jul 4), \$35**

**Assumption (Aug 15), \$50**  
**St. Michael Day (Sept 29), \$500**  
**All Saints Day (Nov 1), \$50**  
**Immaculate Conception (Dec 8), \$50**  
**Christmas (Dec 25), \$50**

**All Other Days, \$20**

**Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day, \$2,000**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!**

**\$10 Donation Each – 4 different numbers per ticket**

- **Calendar runs from 01/01/2021 through 12/31/2021**
- **All tickets are retroactive: If you purchase tickets AFTER January 1<sup>st</sup> or any time throughout 2021, you are still eligible to receive prize money if your numbers were drawn prior to the date of your ticket purchase.**
- **Each ticket contains four different 4-digit numbers.**
- **Winning numbers are based on the PA Lottery Pick 4 Daily Evening Drawing!**

**To purchase tickets, please contact the following sellers:**

**Janet Fesenmyer, 814-428-2328**

**Becky Vickers, 814-657-2656**

**Jill Foys, 814-229-6004**

**Emily Weaver, 814-673-1623**

**Tim Gilara, 814-657-3393**

**Cathie Zacherl, 814-227-7139**

**Parish Office, 814-226-7288**

**Tickets are ONLY available for purchase through the sellers listed above!**  
**No online sales!**

**All proceeds benefit St. Michael's Parish of Fryburg**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The second principle I would like you to have established in your spirit at all times is that God is our Father. What do you have to fear, since you are the daughter of a Father whose providence knows every hair on your head? It is truly a great marvel. Being children of such a Father, how can we have any other thought than loving him and serving him? Be attentive to take care of yourself and your family according to his will, and do not worry about anything else. If you do this, you will see that Jesus is taking care of you. One time he said to St. Catherine of Siena that she should think about him because he was always thinking about her. (To Antoinetta Vona, November 15, 1917)

*Padre Pio's Spiritual Direction for Every Day*  
By Gianluigi Pasquale

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month:** Who are the perpetrators? Traffickers can be anyone who profits from the selling of a child for sex to a buyer, including family members, foster parents, friends, gangs, trusted adults, or "boyfriends." Much of the trafficking of children has moved from street corners and truck stops to the internet where children are sold for sex. Online classified sites allow traffickers and buyers anonymity and accessibility when exploiting children. In some case, there is no identified trafficker, and it is the person buying sex from the child who is exploiting the child's vulnerabilities. A child cannot consent to being bought and sold for sex, and anyone purchasing sex from a child is committing a serious crime. If you suspect a case of Child Sex Trafficking you can call 1-800-THE-LOST or make a report at [www.CyberTipline.org](http://www.CyberTipline.org). Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

**The Solemnity of the Epiphany** is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the *Magnificat* at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (*Ceremonial of Bishops*). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts. — *Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year*, Msgr. Peter J. Elliott, Ignatius Press.

## The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 10, 2021

(Lec. 21)

- I. Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
- II. Acts 10:34-38
- III. Mark 1:7-11

### Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah presents the Suffering Servant, sent to save God's people.

In the Book of Acts, Peter declares salvation is available to all people, and is not restricted to the Israelites.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is baptized by John. The heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends like a dove, while God the Father calls Jesus his beloved Son.

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Catholic Rural Ministry** (814) 677-2032

7 Pulaski St., Oil City, PA 16301

Sister Tina Geiger, RSM ~~ Sister Marian Wehler, OSB  
srtinag@gmail.com or marianwehler@yahoo.com

**24 Hour Emergency**

Pregnancy (814) 459-3103

Community Counseling (814) 793-6602

Faller Funeral Home, Inc.