

## JANUARY 2, 2022 | EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

# **WELCOME**

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### Sacrament of the Reconciliation

Wednesday at 6:00 pm, Saturday at 3:30 pm Anytime by appointment

### <u>Baptisms</u>

At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after 9:00am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the rectory for arrangements.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the rectory for arrangements six months prior to the wedding.

#### **Prayer Requests**

Margaret Burnside, 814-486-0344 or online @ www.stmarkemporium.org or prayers@gmail.com

## MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JAN. 3 8:15 AM TONI CARVER (Janie Fitch) (1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)

TUESDAY, JAN. 4 No Mass (1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5 8:15 AM GARY WOLFEL

(Wed. Morning Prayer Group) (1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)

#### THURSDAY, JAN. 6 8:15 AM DONN WALKER MUNZ

(John & Mary Grace Minard) (1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)

FRIDAY, JAN. 7 FIRST FRIDAY8:15 AMJOSEPH M., CECILIA and<br/>TOMMY MALIZIA<br/>(Sherry Malizia)

5:00 PM MILLIE CLARK (ANNIV.) (Jim & Mary Laughlin) (1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16) SATURDAY, JAN. 8 4:15 PM ANGEL GRIMONE

The Epiphany OF THE LORD

"Since from you shall come a ruler,

who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

ERICKSON (Betty Reigel)

SUNDAY, JAN. 9 BAPTISM OF THE LORD 9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES (The Pastor) (Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22)

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## Food Bank Collection Week:

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month is Cameron County Community Food Pantry Collection Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food items and drop them in the designated location at the church. If you'd prefer a monetary donation, please place an envelope labeled 'Food Bank" in the collection. Thank you so

very much for your help providing food to individuals and families of Cameron County. - Cameron County Ministerial Association.



## Child Protection and Creating Safe **Environments**

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Sharing the Catholic faith in northwest Pennsylvania 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.

Visit https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/ to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.



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## News and Events

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## SOLEMNITY OF THE **EPIPHANY**

Today, January 2nd, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Epiphany takes its name from a Greek word meaning: an appearance or a revelation. This feast day celebrates the revelation of the Son of God as a human being. The Epiphany represents three themes: divine manifestation, royal kingship, and light. What the Church reveals today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem. He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Like the wise men, all Christians should have the courage to follow the light of our faith; recognize our Lord as Ruler, in whatever unexpected way He may present Himself to us; and bow down and adore Him, offering Him our total loyalty. This feast day is an affirmation

of universal salvation.



## **GIVING CRIB**

Thanks so very much to Darlene Vogt, & Tana Smith and their 'Little Elves" who did

such an wonderful job with the Giving Crib. We are so glad you helped us to care for our local children and individuals who benefited from this nice outreach!

## OUTDOOR NATIVITY

Thank you so very much to Art May & his crew who set up the outdoor Nativity!

### CHURCH CALENDARS

Thank you to The Barnett Funeral Home for the gift of our lovely church calendars!



The widely popular series, THE CHOSEN. Season one. will be shown in O'Connell Hall beginning SATURDAY night, JAN. 8TH following

4:15 PM Mass. This series offers a creative, fresh perspective; an exploration of the life of Jesus Christ

through the eyes of those that interacted with him. Each episode is less than an hour. This is a great way to get

through the darkness of winter after the holidays. A new season will be shown every other week. What a great way to work our way from the New Year through Lent, finishing season one on Palm Sunday.

Please join us.... we'll have the



popcorn maker going!!





In Memory of: **ROBERT "JAKE" ROBINSON** RICHARD & VIOLET WILLIAMS The NELSON & COPPERSMITH FAMILIES

Correction: GENE DRUM, RICH BAUER and **DRUM & KEENAN FAMILIES** 

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, JANUARY 7, 2022 Please join us at 8:15 AM or 5:00 PM mass.

A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church for adoration.

Please consider spending time with the Blessed Sacrament.





passed away recently. May her soul and the souls of all the

faithful departed rest in peace. Amen



Thank you to those who gave gifts, cards, Thank You prayers, goodies and all the nice little things to the rectorv!

St. Mark/St. James people are so wonderfull I enjoyed reading the cards, eating scrumptious food and opening gifts! Thanks for your gifts to St. Mark staff too! I also benefit greatly from your prayers and spiritual bouquets. May the Lord bless you greatly during this Christmas season!



# CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Logue

Mrs. Beverly Coppersmith

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Straub

Mrs. Ruth Drum



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