Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 5th, 2020



Oh Come Let Us Adore Him!

Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord

God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than candlelight under the rafters of a barn: Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay, And Wisdom's born in secret in a strawroofed stable.*

When I was younger, I wrote music to and recorded Thomas Merton's poem, "Epiphany Carol." If you have never read it, search it out on the internet. Merton's words are profound and paint a picture of the awesomeness of Jesus, the newborn King of Kings, lying in a simple straw bed. The shepherds and Wise Men are drawn to pay homage to the One who has been born above all others and brings with him hope for a broken world.

As Merton correctly points out, the gifts we are called to bring to this baby and lay at his feet are our prayers and penances, next to those gifts of worldly wealth. What is it that you have to bring to the stable on this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord? Unless those prayers and penances lead to a new way of living, our gifts will be void of meaning. What we lay before him speaks to the change in us that he has given to us by his birth. Our daily stewardship is resembled in those gifts. If we are to truly echo the kingdom of God in our lives and actions, what we ultimately offer to him is no less than our entire selves. This baby will give his entire self for us, and his work must continue through our hands and feet.

While we unnumbered children of the wicked centuries Come after with our penances and prayers, And lay them down in the sweet-smelling hay Beside the wise men's golden jars.*

*Excerpts from "Epiphany Carol" by Thomas Merton



WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES
Readings for the week of January 5, 2020

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-13/Eph 3:2-6/Mt 2:1-12 [Epiphany]
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7-12/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 [St. Andre Bessette]
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-8/Mk 6:34-44 [St. Raymond of Penafort]
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14-17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-9/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-7/Ps 29:1-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17 [Baptism of the Lord]

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint John's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.454.2873).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note*: Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity Partners in Faith & Mission

"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Rose Marie at 814.923.4438.

"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452-3395) from Saint Stanislaus, or Kathy Benes (898-1091) or Kathy Smith (392-8974) from Holy Trinity.

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Linda at 814.864.8476.

THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray Luniewski at 882-1032.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshiping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

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H Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., January 6th, 8:00AM - Special Intention Tues., January 7th, 8:00AM - Linda Love (Paul & Renee Gambill) Wed., January 8th, 8:00AM - James Burek (Chet & Sue Szymecki) Thurs., January 9th, 8:00AM - Mitchell Andrews (Zill Family) Fri., January 10th, 8:00AM - Rita & Raymond Glaz (C. & B. Baughman) Sat., January 11th, 4:00PM - Parishioners of Saint Stanislaus (Pro Populo) Sun., January 12th, 9:30AM - V. & E. Gambill & Linda Love (P. & R Gambill)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **MARY & BERNARD BAGNISZEWSKI** [gifted by the family].

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **HOLY NAME SOCIETY** will meet in Sunday, *January 12th* at 8:15AM in the Nazareth Center. All are welcome to come and join!

There *will not* be a **WOMEN'S SOCIETY** meeting in January.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Monday, *January 13th* at 6:30PM. It will be hosted this month at Holy Trinity.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH meeting will be held on Monday, *January 20th* at 7:00PM. It will be held at the Community Center on 14th & Wallace. All are invited to attend.

"CLEANING TEAM A" is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7 at 9:30AM. Thank you for giving your elbow grease to keep our church beautiful.

<u>"31 CLUB" PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS THIS WEEK</u>

1/5 Michelle Inter; 1/6 Joan Oldenski; 1/7 Lori Kresnesky;1/8 Stephanie & Bill Wycech; 1/9 Rose Marie Radomski;1/10 Eleanor Walker; 1/11 Ray Przybyszewski

MANY THANKS!

A special word of gratitude to all who lent a hand preparing for our Christmas liturgies, especially those who helped decorate our environment. Additional thanks to our music ministers, who not only graced us with their talents for our Kolędy and Christmas Masses, but also for our Lessons & Carols service. We are truly fortunate to have so many talented, gifted, and devoted parishioners!



Due to an earlier bulletin deadline because of the holiday, the weekly offertory report is not available at this time. It will be published in a future bulletin.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 4th Server: C. & H. Rohrbach Lector: Ed Czulewicz Gifts: Sunday, January 5th Server: Gabrielle Widomski Lector: David Kurutz Gifts: Saturday, January 11th Server: Jack Ciecierski Lector: S. Wycech Gifts: Sunday, January 12th Server: Shane Green Lector: Dan Pomorski Gifts:

20 + C + M + B + 20

SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

... will be in need of deserts for Monday, January 20th. Please bring your donations to the Nazareth Center the weekend of January 18-19, or on Monday between 2:00 -3:00PM.

THANK YOU from Holy Trinity's PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program) Families for your support of their Christmas Market. They had a record number of sales this year! The proceeds of the sales support the parish's tuition assistance program.

PCEP families will be sponsoring two "Fish & Pierogi" Lenten dinners (February 26th & March 20th). Their annual Easter Market will be held April 3rd & 4th.

2020 NATIVITY CRECHE

This Christmas Season, we are honored to display the nativity-creche from Saint Hedwig's. This creche was once featured in the Erie Times as a "treasure" of Saint Hedwig's and the Polish community. It was purchased by Fr. Louis Kozlowski with funds raised by the school children of Saint Hedwig's. The set was purchased in Bethlehem and is made of olive wood native to Israel. It is truly a remarkable set and we thank the parishioners of Saint Stanislaus who migrated here from Saint Hedwig's and are sharing this gem with us!

Holy Trinity Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

5:00PM - January 11th Lector: R. Purzycki & E. Beres Servers: C. Beres & B. Purzycki EM: S. Carpenter & S. Trochowski

10:00AM - January 12th

Lector: M. Koszegi & S. Rimpa Servers: B. Lazar & R. Luniewski EM: E. Luniewski, L. Sabastian, & D. Carlson

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., January 6th, 8:00AM - Mass at St. Stanislaus Tues., January 7th, 8:00AM - Dick & Shirley Biancosino (Czulewicz Family) Wed., January 8th, 8:00AM - Mass at St. Stanislaus Thurs., January 9th, 8:00AM - Albert DiMattio (Paul Bruscki) Fri., January 10th, 8:00AM - Norb Ropelewski (Anne Marie & Eileen) Sat., January 10th, 5:00PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo) Sun., January 12th, 10:00AM - Wilma Roma Carlos (Lucia DePalma)

A MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL was celebrated on December 20th for Anna (Nowel) Kaminski. A parishioner of Holy Trinity, Anna had been a resident of Saint Mary's East. She was our oldest parishioner, dying at the age of 104. Please pray for Anna and all who grieve her passing.



January 6th - Casimir Dombrowski January 8th - Alexis Simora & Dale Winarski

MANY THANKS GOING OUT TO OUR PCEP FAMILIES

With earlier bulletin deadlines these past few weeks due to the holidays, these words of thanks to our PCEP Families are long delayed:

- For your participation in our Advent liturgies as wreath lighters and gift bearers. A special thanks for the very edifying student liturgy held on the Third Sunday of Advent.
- For the countless hours making perogies, breads, and other homecooked goods for this year's Christmas Market.
- For staffing this year's Christmas Market. We had a record number of orders this year!

WEEKLY OFFERING (DECEMBER 22, 2019)

Regular Offertory	\$2,758.00	(62/146 mailed)
Loose Cash	\$98.00	
Total Offertory	\$2,856.00	
Mass Attendance:	5:00PM = 64 / 1	.0:00AM = 84

THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal\$3,000.00	\$75,000.00
Amount we need \$2,365.00	\$59,690.00
Amount Received \$2,856.00	
Net over/under \$491.00	(\$1,767.00)

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

1/5 Mary Ann Merski; 1/6 Msgr. Magraw;
1/7 Ed Korytowski; 1/8 Steve Rimpa;
1/9 Marcia Nitczynski; 1/10 Tony Jankowski;
1/11 Sandy Kempisty

PLEASE OFFER PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS THIS WEEK:

1/5 Msgr. Bruce Allison; 1/6 Fr. Mike Polinek;1/7 Fr. Bob Humenay; 1/8 Fr. David Wilson;1/9 Fr. Rich Toohey; 1/10 Fr. Bill Laska;1/11 Fr. Tom Trocchio

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

A special word of gratitude for all who made our Christmas celebrations so inspiring and beautiful: to those who decorated our liturgical space, to all liturgical ministers (lectors, ushers eucharistic ministers, altar servers, and music ministers), to those who donated items Mercy Center Giving Tree and to Community Shelter Services. Fr. Dan and Fr. Jason also truly appreciate your Christmas remembrances. **THANK YOU!**

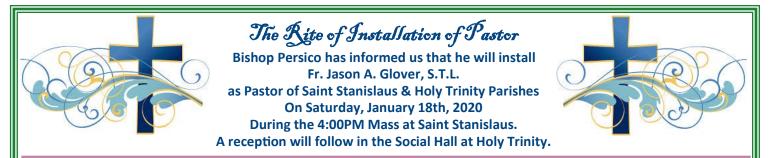
ZABAWA 2020

There will be an organizational meeting for all area chairs at 9:00AM on Saturday, January 18th. All chairs should plan to attend this important first meeting of the year. If you would like to be involved in this coming year's Zabawa, please contact Ray Luniewski or the parish office!

THANK YOU!

Our PECP Families would like to thank the parishioners of Holy Trinity and beyond for supporting our Christmas Market. This event is vital for our fundraising efforts so that our children can have the opportunity and blessing of a Catholic education. Every purchase you made is truly appreciated. We look forward to serving our community again as we take orders during Lent and at our Easter Market. We will also host two Lenten dinners of fish, perogies, and potato pancakes.

"Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you..."



We're excited. You're invited.

On January 18th, both Holy Trinity & St. Stanislaus parish communities will gather together at St. Stan's to celebrate the installation of Fr. Jason as our pastor. Parish Council wishes as many as possible be present to show our support and affirm Fr. Jason as our pastor. *Parish Council has recommended that there* **NOT BE A MASS AT HOLY TRINITY ON JANUARY 18TH**. Please take note of this and plan to attend the Installation Mass at St. Stanislaus.

Following the Installation Mass, there will be a **BRIEF RECEPTION** in the vestibule at St. Stan's. At 6:00PM, Holy Trinity is honored to host Bishop Persico, Fr. Jason, and the parishioners of Holy Trinity & St. Stan's, and guests of Fr. Jason, for a **RECEPTION DINNER** at the Social Center. Please contact either Parish Office if you plan to attend, or complete the bulletin insert and place it in the collection basket, so that we can have an adequate amount of food prepared.

42nd ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST

... will be held at 9:00AM on January 11th at the Bayfront Convention Center. Emmy Award-Winning "Factivist" and author, Ryan Bomberger, will be the keynote speaker. Reservations required. Call 882-1333 for information.

GANNON UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

... is hosting it's annual "CARE" game, formally known as the "Pink Zone" game, on Saturday, January 25th, at 1:00PM at the Hammermill Center, located on 6th & Peach Streets. The event supports cancer survivors in our community through the Allegheny Health Network at Saint Vincent Hospital. The game also includes a gift basket raffle. For more information, call 871-5811.

CASH BINGO

The 3rd Street Falcons will host a Cash Bingo on January 12th starting at 1:00PM; doors will open at noon. The event is sponsored by the Saint Benedict Alumni & Ministries. Each pack costs \$20; extra packs are \$5. There will be instants and a 50/50 raffle. The kitchen and bar will also be open.

Chalking the Door

Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual (adapted for 2019) is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C + M + B + 19.

The letters C, M, B have two meanings

- -They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar
- —They also abbreviate the Latin words Christus mansionem benedicat, "May Christ bless the house." The plus signs represent the cross and 2019 is the year

The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world and an easy tradition to adopt. It's a great practice where we dedicate our year to God from its beginning, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit there.

"May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen."



ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF THE CAUSE FOR GETRUDE A. BARBER

Many of you have likely heard the news that Bishop Persico is pursuing the possible canonization of well-know Erie resident, Getrude Barber. The "opening of the cause" is a very preliminary phase on the path to sainthood, and it begins with collecting as much information about the individual under consideration. To that end, the Bishop has directed that we make his Edict for the cause public; ours is posted on the bulletin boards of the church. Additionally, the Bishop is asking anyone with any knowledge whatsoever of Dr. Barber to come forward with that information. The relevant excerpt of the Edict reads as follows:



"I urge anyone with information, either favorable or unfavorable to this cause, to come forward with that information by contacting the Reverend Monsignor Thomas McSweeney. He serves as the diocesan Postulator of the cause and the main point of contact for the collection of information. He can be reached at 814-878-5953 or through the website for the cause at www.DrBarber.org."

This is a very serious inquiry and urge anyone with said information to contact Msgr. McSweeny as soon as possible.

Sunday, Jan 05, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD **Shoot for radiance** Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 *"Then you shall be radiant at what you see,*

your heart shall throb and overflow."

There's not much we can do about last year—beyond remembering and, perhaps, repenting. But the new year is laid out before us smooth as glass and innocent as a baby. Why not aim higher, cast our thoughts in a more benevolent direction, and shoot for radiance? Isaiah leads the way, beckoning us to walk in celestial light. A certain group of Magi did just that, and it led them to the Christ child. Affix a star where you can see it regularly. Let it remind you to keep your attention on the child at the end of its rays.

Monday, Jan 06, 2020

MEMORIAL OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS **Really see who's at the door** 1 John 3:22—4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 *"He cured the people of every disease and illness."*

No matter how humble your work, sainthood is your call. The life of André (Alfred) Bessette (1845-1937) makes that clear. Rejected initially, Brother André was eventually accepted into the Congregation of Holy Cross. Physically frail and undereducated, he was given the work of doorkeeper at Montreal's Notre Dame College. He greeted and prayed with visitors, asking Saint Joseph to intercede for all who came seeking physical healing. In time, people came simply to pray with Brother André. When he died at age 91, more than a million mourners came to honor the Miracle Man of Montreal. Greet everyone today with love and compassion.

Tuesday, Jan 07, 2020

MEMORIAL OF RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST Good works live on

1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44. "When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd..."

Today the church honors the brilliant Dominican Saint Raymond of Peñafort (d. 1275). At the behest of the pope, he organized decades of church decrees into the *Decretals of Gregory IX*, which made a major contribution to the development of Canon Law, and as head of the Dominicans, he wrote a congregational constitution that lasted nearly 700 years. Saint Raymond had no way of knowing his contributions would have such enduring impact. As you use your talents to help build the Kingdom for good, remember that your contributions are part of a lasting legacy.

> Wednesday, Jan 08, 2020 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY Take a break with God 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 "He went off to the mountain to pray."

Need a vacation to recover from the holidays? We all know the feeling. As busy as most of us are—even in our leisure time—it's understandable when we fantasize about getting away from it all. That actually can be a good thing—when we do it to reconnect with God and recharge our spirit. Christianity has a long tradition that supports retreating from the world for prayer and reflection—whether for a lifetime or just a weekend. Jesus himself often took time-outs from his ministry. It's break time!

Thursday, Jan 09, 2020 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

The greatest of these is love 1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22a "If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar."

Last weekend, the church celebrated the Epiphany—revealing Christ to the larger world. This weekend, we observe the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, where Jesus is revealed once more, this time by divine proclamation: "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased." While many of us slog through the chilly bleakness of January, Saint John the Evangelist—often called the Beloved Disciple—warms hearts by reminding us that we too are beloved. If today finds you struggling with postholiday blues or the darkness of winter days, reach out in love to others, remembering that faith, hope, and love abide—but the greatest of these is love.

Friday, Jan 10, 2020 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

Sit. Stand. Kneel. Repeat. 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 "And when the leper saw Jesus, he fell prostrate."

Why is there so much up and down and gesturing in Catholic rituals and prayers? When we pray, we pray not just with a part of us but with our whole being—mind, body, feelings, thoughts. The posture of the body can express what is on our hearts, and, when we do postures in common, we also express our unity with one another and the universal church. For example, though infrequently used, the posture of prostration involves lying face down on the ground. This is a symbol both of deep humility and of placing ourselves in the embrace of the God who made earth and heaven. What postures help you communicate with God?

Saturday, Jan 11, 2020

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY Ours is a fluid faith 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 "Jesus and his disciples went into the region of Judea, where he spent some time with them baptizing."

Today's gospel opens with both John and Jesus busy baptizing their followers. It's really no surprise that Baptism has been part of the Christian tradition from its earliest days. Even children understand the symbolism of water and its association with cleanliness and purity. From the River Jordan to today's baptismal font, the waters of Baptism and the deep desire for a clean, new life in Christ has a strong pull on us. The next time you place your hand in water, recall your own Baptism and pledge to follow John's simple directive in today's gospel: "He must increase; I must decrease."