

# The Epiphany of the Lord



OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Welcome, Worship, Witness*

167 MOUNT BETHEL RD | WARREN, NJ

*January 8, 2017*

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## Parish Office Hours

### Monday-Thursday

9:30AM - 4:30PM

### Friday

9:30-Noon

### Closed Daily for Lunch

12:00-1:00PM

## Baptisms

Please contact the parish office to schedule and register for the required baptismal preparation for parents.

## Marriage

Please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of desired date to begin preparation.

*\*Articles for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office no later than 10 AM on the Friday prior to our Wednesday publication deadline to cstpierre@olmwarren.org. Thanks!*

## SUNDAY MASSES

Sat. Vigil - 5:00PM Church

Sun. - 8:00, 10:00,

11:30AM Church

## DAILY MASSES

Mon.-Sat. 9:00AM Chapel

## HOLY DAY MASSES

9:00AM & 7:30PM Church

*We Invite You* \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Thursday, February 2

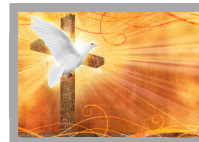
## Discovering Christ

*A life-changing series of seven weekly meetings*

• Dinner • Video Teaching • Discussion • Fellowship •  
Prayer

*A great way to grow in your faith together with your  
fellow OLM parishioners and friends*

*\*see insert for details*



## Confirmation

### **Are you an adult seeking to be Confirmed in the Catholic Faith?**

*Confirmation preparation sessions are now  
available for Catholics 18 years of age and older  
who have already received the sacraments of  
Baptism and First Communion.*

*Please contact Laura Sepesi in the parish office at  
908-647-1075 x103 or by email:*

*lsepesi@olmwarren.org, if you are interested in  
receiving the sacrament of Confirmation at Our  
Lady of the Mount.*

## Parish Offertory

*Christmas & New Year's Offertory will  
appear in the January 15th bulletin.*

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

Join Us For Mass

# Daily Mass Intentions

## Sunday, January 8 *The Epiphany*

8:00 AM For the Intentions of Our Parishioners

10:00 AM William McGovern r/o The Maddalone Family  
*1st Year Anniversary*

11:30 AM Eileen DiCorcia r/o Kathy Pulvirenti

## Monday, January 9 *The Baptism of the Lord*

9:00 AM Martina Schmalz-Palmer r/o Ulrike Howells & Stefan Ehmann

## Tuesday, January 10

9:00 AM Martina Schmalz-Palmer r/o The Castellano Family

Lolita Malfori r/o The DeBorja Family

## Wednesday, January 11

9:00 AM Donald DeFabio r/o Judy & Tony Maddalone  
*Living*

## Thursday, January 12

9:00 AM Lois Dalton r/o Dick & Claire Birmingham

Peter Kearns r/o Dick & Claire Birmingham

## Friday, January 13 *St. Hillary*

9:00 AM Iremeusz Imiolek r/o Helena Sajolera

## Saturday, January 14

9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Ciampar r/o Mr. & Mrs. M. Russo  
*25th Wedding Anniversary*

5:00 PM Erin Michele Tiernan r/o Ray & Geri Vesey

## Sunday, January 15 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Ted Kasperovich r/o John & Bernadette Truglio

10:00 AM For the Intentions of Our Parishioners

11:30 AM Albert Tarantular r/o Art & Peggy Folli

*Please remember in your prayers the sick, homebound and disabled of our parish family, all those listed in the parish book of intentions, and all the men and women of the Armed Forces.*

# In Loving Memory

Please pray for the families and loved ones of the departed who now enjoy everlasting life:

## **Dorothy Morella**

Mother of Robert, Ronald, Daniel,

Matthew, Christopher and Cindy Morella

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*



## *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*

*While we are blessed to have several EMs who regularly serve our parish, the ministry has incurred recent losses - some temporary and some permanent - which has put a strain on those who currently serve. The demands are particularly high on those in our Homebound ministry. **Are you hearing the call to serve?** Please contact Linda Montelione at 908-380-0163 if you are interested in either of these ministries.*

## MINISTERS OF THE WEEK | JANUARY 15, 2017

5:00 PM  
Church

Celebrant:  
Fr. Sean

Reader:  
Nolan Shanahan

Altar Servers:  
Alyssa Galdi  
Christian Galdi

8:00 AM  
Church

Celebrant:  
Fr. Sean

Reader:  
Gary Montemurno

Altar Servers:  
Peter Ainsworth  
Clara Ainsworth

10:00 AM  
Church

Celebrant:  
Fr. Sean

Reader:  
Mary Ann O'Dea

Altar Servers:  
Kaleigh Brunner  
Nolan Brunner

11:30 AM  
Church

Celebrant:  
Msgr. Capik

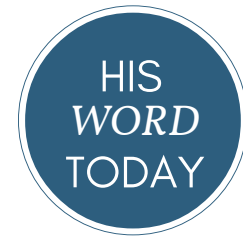
Reader:  
Alison Morrison

Altar Servers:  
Marc Bruno  
Isabella Bruno

# A fresh perspective on the Sunday readings

by Rev. William J. Reilly  
January 8, 2017

*The Epiphany of the Lord*



“I am sure you have heard of the ministry God in his goodness gave me in your regard. God’s secret plan, as I have briefly described it, was revealed to me, unknown to men in former ages but now revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets. It is no less than this: in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise through the preaching of the gospel.”

While we recall the visit of the Magi, detailing facts of a star, gifts and a hateful king, the real meaning for us is given by St. Paul. We learn three things today, we are: 1) co heirs, 2) members, 3) sharers.

An heir receives a benefit, members gain the status of belonging and sharers enjoy a common life. This details who and what we are as ‘missionary disciples.’ It was not always so. The visitors from the orient represent all who believe and follow today. Jesus is the Savior of the world, of Christians, Jews, Muslims, all humankind. With reverence they brought gifts, symbolic yet real. We bring the gift of self, offering our gratitude for His coming, our desire to follow Him more closely. Like the Magi, we go to our streets and neighborhood, our barrio and homes, willing to bring our experience of Christ’s presence to others.

Did you discover the Christ this Christmas? Be the star to reveal Him to others.

## Readings for the week

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

Sunday

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

## Preparing for next Sunday

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6*

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation “to the ends of the earth.”

*Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

*Gospel: John 1:29-34*

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and “God’s chosen One.”

*“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” MATTHEW 2:11*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.

## *Blessing Of The Home & Household On Epiphany* \_\_\_\_\_

This ceremony of the blessing of the home and inscription of the initials of the three Magi above each door can be performed either by a priest or the father of the family. The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

Prayer:

*On entering the home,*

Leader (Priest, if present, or father of the family) : Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

All Pray: The Magnificat. During the Magnificat, the room is sprinkled with holy water and incensed. *After this is completed,*

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Leader: Our Father. . .

And lead us not into temptation

All: But deliver us from evil.

Leader: All they from Saba shall come

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come to You.



Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee—Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Leader: Let us pray.

Bless, + O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, each room of the home is sprinkled with Epiphany water and incensed. The initials of the Magi are inscribed upon the doors with the blessed chalk. (The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house".)

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Example: 20 + C + M + B + 17

# calendar

## Monday, January 9

9:00AM Mass Chapel

## Tuesday, January 10

8:45AM Our Lady of the Miraculous Chapel

9:00AM Mass Chapel

9:30AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel

## Wednesday, January 11

8:30AM Holy Rosary Chapel

9:00AM Mass Chapel

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Church

7:30 PM Bible Study Fr. Peter

## Thursday, January 12

8:30AM Holy Rosary Chapel

9:00AM Mass Chapel

10:00 AM Bible Study Fr. Russell

## Friday, January 13

9:00AM Mass Chapel

9:30AM Adoration Chapel

9:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy Chapel

3:00PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy Chapel

5:00 PM Evening Prayer Chapel

7:00 PM Benediction Chapel

## Saturday, January 14

9:00 AM Mass Chapel

4:15 PM Confessions Church

5:00PM Vigil Mass Church

Blood Drive Sign Up Foyer

8:00PM AA Fr. Russell Room

## Sunday, January 15

Blood Drive Sign Up Foyer

8:00 AM Mass Church

10:00 AM Mass Church

11:30 AM Mass Church

# upcoming events

## Sunday, January 8

Young Adult Holy Hour

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway

## Monday, January 9

Natural Family Planning Course

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center

Piscataway NJ

(732) 562-1990 ext. 1705

family.life@diometuchen.org

## Sunday, January 15

Young Adult Retreat

This retreat series is for all young adults who want to live life to the fullest in peace and joy!

We will focus on one aspect of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola.

2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Loyola Retreat House, Morristown

## Monday, January 16-March 13

Bereavement Ministry

Holy Trinity Parish, Bridgewater

7:30-9:00 PM John Phalen @ (908) 725-0828

## Monday, January 23

Rally for Life • Trenton, NJ

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Statehouse Steps

125 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

(732) 562-1990 ext. 1543 or 1629

amarshall@diometuchen.org.

## Monday, January 27

March for Life • Washington, DC

visit [MARCHFORLIFE.ORG/MFL-2017](http://MARCHFORLIFE.ORG/MFL-2017)

## Sunday, January 26

OLM Blood Drive & BP Screenings

Shepherds Hall

## Wednesdays, February 15 - May 10

Support Group for the Divorced and Separated

Church of the Little Flower, Berkeley Heights

The program features video presentations from

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide followed

by discussion. Some of the topics covered are:

Finding Strength and Help, Getting Through

Your Anger, Learning to Forgive, Handling

Money Wisely, and Relearning How to Date.

The group is open to all denominations.

divorceministry.lf@gmail.com | 908-464-1585

Registration is required.

## FEBRUARY 15-24

Come experience the Holy Land!

Sister Margaret Tierney and Fr. Garry Koch will

be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

If interested contact Kristine Smart (800) 842-

4842 or kristine@select-intl.com.

