



## The Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mary's/  
St. Patrick's, and St. Peter's Cathedral:

This year we get to celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord on the proper date: January 6. The twelve days of Christmas are completed, and we now look at the mystery of the incarnation in its aspect as the revelation of the Lord to all nations.

This hope is expressed repeatedly in the Old Testament from the time of God's promise to make Abraham the father of many nations. But with the coming of the wise men, these mysterious gentiles from the east, Jesus' mission to all peoples begins. It will continue in his ministry when on numerous occasions he reaches out to Gentiles. He also warns the Jews not to presume on God's mercy because of their status as children of Abraham – a warning that extends now to us. We should not presume God's mercy and favor because of our status as Christians or 'good people'; we should constantly endeavor to live more fully as disciples of Christ.

That means reaching out to those in need of God's mercy, to the many lost and confused of our day, to the kin who have wandered from the faith, and to those who use the scandalous failures of priests and bishops as an excuse to turn their backs on Jesus and the sacraments. Let the Epiphany light shine in your deeds and your words. Let people see the difference in your life and know that it is because of Jesus.

*For several weeks I have given no updates on my health because there was little news and publication schedules required writing these columns a week or two in advance.*

*I now have news that I have shared with several of you and with Bishop Malooly. After prayer and reflection on the risks and options and after serious conversations with my wife and our specialist at the University of Pennsylvania, I have decided to undergo a bone marrow transplant, most likely in mid-February. It is a major procedure involving a month in the hospital and months of recovery, and there is a risk of mortality. But the leukemia I have would most likely end my life within two years, and I wish to spend more time with my family and in the exercise of my priesthood. In addition, if all goes well, as it most likely will, I will be cured and might yet live well into my eighties like my father and grandfathers.*

*Nothing is certain in this life, but I have determined to commit myself to God, the doctors, and your prayers which have already helped to bring me to the near-miraculous remission which makes the transplant possible.*

May the light of Christ dawn in all your hearts.

Fr. Klein  
Rector

### Pray for the Sick

Darlene Bargelski, Facenda Burton, Michael Dineen, Helen Dugan, Cal Fuhrmann, Jaxon Gardner, Valencia Giannantonio, Ann Hagan, David Kidd, Kathy Kingsley, Fr. Leonard Klein, Rita Lynam, Bill Marshall, Barbara Mondzelewski, Francesca Olivere, Alice Goetz O'Neill, Teresa Rodriguez, Earlene Roles, John Sarnecky, Howard Scott, Cheryl Smith and Olga Yapó.

### Birthday Wishes

Prayers and warm wishes for the following parishioners who have birthdays this week: **January 6:** Phyllis Muzzi; **January 8:** Elvira Sarnecky; **January 9:** Matthew Hummel, Maria Cahill

### Contribution Report

If you need a copy of your contribution report for your 2018 tax return, please call the Parish Office. Contribution reports are only sent upon request.

### Masses/Services for the Week

#### Saturday, Jan. 5

4:00 PM Anna E. Smith

#### Sunday, Jan. 6 (The Epiphany of the Lord)

8:00 AM Frances Licki

11:00 AM Parishioners

#### Monday, Jan. 7 (m, Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest)

12:10 PM Jim Poppitti (L)

#### Tuesday, Jan. 8

12:10 PM Pat Walsh (L)

#### Wednesday, Jan. 9

12:10 PM Fr. Leonard R. Klein (L)

#### Thursday, Jan. 10

12:10 PM Elizabeth Darcy

#### Friday, Jan. 11

12:10 PM MaryJo Mento

#### Saturday, Jan. 12

4:00 PM Parishioners

#### Sunday, Jan. 13 (The Baptism of the Lord)

8:00 AM Charles Hayman

11:00 AM Jackie Sarnecky

### March for Life

St. Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus has chartered a bus for people of all ages, weather permitting, for the *March for Life* to be held on Friday, January 18 in Washington DC. There will be a stop at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for those unable to make the March. Seats will be available on a first come basis. The only cost to the individual passenger is a tip for the bus driver. Brown bag lunch recommended. Please contact Jo Ann Van Heest at 12374Columbiettes@gmail.com or (302) 239-0739 for details or to sign up. The theme for this year's March is "Unique from Day One"

**History Book in Celebration of the 150th Anniversary** "Rejoicing in the Lord," has been published to help commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. This book features histories and photographs of all Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. Books will be available after all Masses in the back of Church. The cost is \$35.00 per copy. If you would like to reserve a copy while supplies last, please call the Parish Office at (302) 654-5920 or email cathedralstp@comcast.net.

### Book of Sacred Liturgy

#### *The Epiphany of the Lord*

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Readings/Responsorial Psalm Pg. 491

We Three Kings #804

The First Nowell #790

As With Gladness Men of Old #803

### Word of Life

"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!"

—"Address of John Paul II to the Bishops and Apostolic Administrators of Albania on their 'Ad Limina' Visit, February 3, 2001" ©2001, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

### Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January

Young People and the Example of Mary. That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

### Catholic Forum

Listen to *Catholic Forum* anytime at [www.cdw.org/Catholic-Forum](http://www.cdw.org/Catholic-Forum), or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. Next Sunday, January 13, Maureen McCullough will discuss the work of Catholic Relief Services who recently celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### Marriage Help

Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. The next program begins on the weekend of February 8-10 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be held in April and August. For more information or to register for one of the weekend programs, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

### Vocation Reflection

An "epiphany" is a revelation. Every day, God uses religious sisters, religious brothers and priests to reveal His great love for the people He has chosen to be His own. Is the Lord calling you to serve the Church through a religious vocation? If you think so, call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302) 573-3113; [vocations@cdw.org](mailto:vocations@cdw.org). And check out our website: [www.cdw.org/vocations!](http://www.cdw.org/vocations!)

### Birthright Bottles for Babies

Birthright wishes to thank the parishioners of the Cathedral for their support in the Bottles for Babies fundraiser. Our parish raised \$622.89. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

*Best Wishes*

*for a Happy, Healthy New Year!*