

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD ✠ JANUARY 1, 2017

Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2017

MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017 Mary, Mother of God

8:30 A.M. Intention of Anne Naused
10:30A.M. Salvatore Leone
12:00P.M. Barbara & Walter Apgar

MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND

8:00 A.M. Fr. Jack Logan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 TH

8:00 A.M. Robert Leonardi

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH

8:00 A.M. Patrick Connolly

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH

8:00A.M. Pamela Caravella

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH

9:00 A.M. Fr. Charles Parr

5:00 P.M. Robert & William Rech

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 A.M. Robert Dour & Stella Padlo

10:30A.M. People of the Parish

12:00P.M. Shawn Hicks

SCRIPTURES:

January 8th –The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: JERUSALEM IS EXTOLLED AS A PLACE OF GLORY AND SPLENDOR BECAUSE THE LORD HAS COME TO HIS OWN CITY. (ISAIAH 60:1-6)

SECOND READING: PAUL TELLS THE EPHESIANS THAT HIS SPECIAL MISSION IS TO MAKE THE GENTILES CO-HEIRS WITH THE JEWS IN CHRIST – “MEMBERS OF THE SAME BODY AND SHARERS OF THE PROMISE.” (EPHESIANS 3: 2-3A, 5-6)

GOSPEL: HEROD LEARNS THAT WISE MEN FROM THE EAST ARE SEARCHING FOR THE NEWLY BORN CHRIST CHILD. HEROD INSTRUCTS THEM TO FIND THE CHILD AND TO REPORT HIS WHEREABOUTS TO HIM. THE WISE MEN FOLLOW A STAR TO THE PLACE WHERE MARY AND JESUS ARE AND OFFER THE CHILD GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH. THEY DO NOT RETURN TO HEROD BUT FOLLOW ANOTHER ROUTE TO THEIR OWN COUNTRY. (MATTHEW 2: 1-12)

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-January 1, 2017

Today's Second Reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the law and become sons and daughters of God. New Year's Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question: "Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?"

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MASS CARDS We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. **Please note-** offering is \$15.

RCIA members & team leaders are on break until meeting

Tuesday, January 10th at 7:30pm at the Rectory.

Topic will be: Moral Theology 1.

BAPTISMS

To arrange for a Baptism please call the rectory M-F - 973-663-0211. Next Baptism prep is on Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:15PM for Baptisms to be performed on Sunday, January 8th at 1PM.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ✠

CCD Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/olsosih>

NO CCD SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017 NEW YEAR'S DAY

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5

Sunday, January 8th- 8:45AM –A-Week (Pre-K) classes
9:00 AM – First Penance Workshop 2A
10:30AM- **CLOW**

Sunday, January 15th- 8:45AM –B-Week (Pre-K) classes
9:00 AM – First Penance Workshop 2B

MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

Sunday, January 8th -6:30-8:00PM -A Week classes
Sunday, January 15th -6:30-8:00PM -B Week classes

HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10

Sunday, January 8th – 6:30-8:00pm

Please remember in prayer those who are sick:

Msgr. Leo Carey, Msgr. Pat Brown, Msgr. Martin Rauscher, Fr. Ray Pavlick, Vincent Hicks, Vivian Beyel, Gloria & Frank Nolte, Tommy Vacca, Joseph Gorman, Marlene Caljean, Thomas Herr, Paul Bagordo, Carol Aulbach, Barbara & Chris Young, George & Dan Metro, Mary & Michael Dalessio, Michael Kilroy, James Coughlin, Jr., Christine Profaca & all who are ill at this time.



SICK OR SHUT IN-know someone who is unable to get to church to receive Communion? Please call the rectory at 663-0211 to set up a Communion call.



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION The Christmas collection is truly important to the Parish's financial health. If you have been away during the Holiday season, we would appreciate your Christmas offering as it will help us meet our financial obligations to the Paterson Diocese for insurance & benefit premiums. Thank you for your generosity and support. Fr. Chris



GETTING MARRIED IN 2017-18? Call 973-663-0211 to arrange your wedding at Star of the Sea Church.

NEW TO THE PARISH Welcome! Please call (973) 663-0211 & register to become a member of our active parish.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS and COLUMBIETTES
Annual Pasta Dinner- Sunday January 15th from 2-4:30pm
at the parish center of Our Lady of the Lake. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling 973-668-5161, or see any Knight or Columbiette.

NOTE: OLSOS offices are closed Monday, January 2nd. In an emergency, please call the Rectory at 973-663-0211, & leave a message with phone contact number.



NOTE: FOR YOUR SAFETY, DURING BAD WEATHER WHEN WALKWAYS ARE SLIPPERY, PLEASE USE RECTORY BACK DOOR. It has no steps and is much safer.

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“The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger; once they saw, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. All who heard of it were astonished at the report... Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart.”

Does it surprise me that the first to come and encounter Christ were lowly shepherds? They were certainly not the persons I would expect to greet a newborn baby. Obviously, they accepted the good news and then reported it to others. We who know the Bethlehem story so well, might not have even bothered to go to the cave where Christ was born. We might, like the shepherds, have just returned to the night watch guarding themselves and their flocks. Obviously their story moved others as well.

At the same time Mary both treasured and reflected, sometimes the scriptures say ‘pondered’ or weighed what she knew, saw and heard. How she felt may best be known by the mother of a newborn. It might be fitting to sit quietly like Mary and reflect upon the events. Christmas comes and goes so fast that we might overlook the great outpouring of the Father in giving us a needed Savior, and the role model of Mary treasuring and reflecting. May we treasure the coming of the Lord.



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS