

PASTOR'S CORNER

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – As we celebrate today the feast of the Magi's visit to Bethlehem, it's important to be reminded of how our Orthodox brothers and sisters are observing this feast. In the Orthodox church, Epiphany is celebrated on 19 January. Epiphany is one of three major Orthodox Christian celebrations along with Christmas and Easter. In the Orthodox Church, Epiphany celebrates the baptism of Jesus rather than the arrival of the Magi (Three wise men) which is celebrated on 6 January as Epiphany in the Western Church. Now you know the rest of the story!

OUR ST. ROSE 2022 CALENDARS COMING SOON – Labor shortages have delayed the delivery of our church calendar this year. Thank you for your patience.

2022 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, JANUARY 18-25 – The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 is "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him." This theme was selected by the Middle East Council of Churches and originates from the churches in Lebanon. Present times in Lebanon are extremely difficult and economically disastrous. All this combined with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have made the situation quite stressful. The power of prayer in solidarity with those who suffer is a demonstration of Christian unity and a sign of communion.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD -- JANUARY 23, 2022 – Two years ago on the feast of St Jerome, Pope Francis proclaimed that the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time be observed annually as the Sunday of the Word of God. He declared it "*a Sunday given over entirely to the Word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people.*" He goes on to vividly describe the power of the Word of God: it "makes a pathway within us. We listen to it with our ears and it passes to our hearts; it does not remain in our ears; it must go to the heart. And from the heart, it passes to the hands, to good deeds. *This is the path which the Word of God follows: from our ears to our heart and hands*".

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Friday, January 7, 2022
at St. Rose of Lima Church
8:00 PM - 11:00 PM
St. Rose Hour is from 8 to 9.

CANDLES - CHRISTMAS:

Special Intention of the Jacobs Family Requested
by Ralph and Michele Jacobs

Daniel and Helen Mirabella Requested by
Frances Bell and Family

Paul Franco Requested by Frances Bell and
Family

CANDLES - JANUARY 1/2 :

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.

Weekdays

Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M.
Holy Day Vigil 7:00 P.M.
Holy Day 7:00 A.M. 8:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. January 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord
 Wed. January 5- 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, January 3 - Monday after Epiphany

8:30 a.m.
 †Nema Labriola (*Daughter Janice & Family*)

Tuesday, January 4 - Memorial of Saint Elizabeth

Ann Seaton, Religious

8:30 a.m.
 †Jean Lane (*Reimer Family*)

Wednesday, January 5 - Memorial of Saint John

Neumann, Bishop

8:30 a.m.
 †Sister Bertha Bumann (*Mary Engelman*)

Thursday, January 6

8:30 a.m.
 Members of the Altar Rosary Society

Friday, January 7

8:30 a.m.
 †Elsie Massimilla (*Mary Engelman*)

Saturday, January 8 - Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord

4:00p.m.
 †Antonio & Maria Maniglia (*Family*)

Sunday, January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People
 10:30 a.m.
 †Nick & Augusta Orsena (*Orsena Family*)

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children. *Reprinted with permission: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar.*

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING
 December 18/19 2021**

Regular	\$9,191.00	Children's	\$21.00
Loose	\$221.00	New Year's	\$3.00
Christmas	\$455.00	Vigil Candles	\$70.00
Christmas Flowers	\$160.00	Immaculate Conception	\$51.00
Catholic Register	\$ 5.00	Tornado Relief Kentucky	\$577.00
		Total	\$10,754.00

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: We observe today the great Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. From poor and humble shepherds to the international group of magi, Jesus makes it clear that He offers Himself as a gift to everyone. We also learn through the Gospel of Matthew that God uses what is familiar to us to draw us to Him. Our Lord continues to speak to each one of us. How can we be attune to "hear" and "see" with our spiritual senses? As stewards we **must** spend time with the Lord in prayer. In the same way that we set professional goals or goals for better health, we need to set spiritual goals to ensure that we are taking the time to **listen intentionally** to God. We will find that the the Lord continues to speak to us throughout the day. We will more easily recognize the "stars" He places before us to draw us into closer relationship with Him. (*Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 01/03/2019*)



Religious Education News

January 8: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM 10th Grade Retreat at St. Therese in Fr. Kelley Hall - Students must have sponsor, parent, or grandparent with them.

February 6: 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM 9th Grade Session 2 - ALL students, CCD & BG

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

The Panagia *Portaitissa* icon (*Portaitissa* means Keeper of the Gate in Greek) is also venerated under the title of Mary Gate of Heaven. Here is the story of this icon:

In the 9th century, under the reign of Theophilus Eikonomachos, an iconoclastic emperor, the icon belonged to a pious widow from Nicaea, who venerated it in her private chapel. When the imperial officials came to the widow's home to seize her icons, a soldier pierced this one with a spear, and the image started to bleed. Since then, this icon is always reproduced with a small black mark on the cheek of the Virgin.

The widow obtained a delay of one night before she had to surrender the icon to be destroyed. She gave it to her son, who threw it into the sea after saying a fervent prayer for its preservation. This son became a monk at Mount Athos. One evening, a strange occurrence left the monks of Mount Athos perplexed: a column of fire was standing upright on the sea. Upon closer look, they saw the icon floating on the water!

The community carried the icon to the church of their monastery at Ivron, but once there it miraculously moved itself to a place just above the door. Hence its name *Portaitissa*, guardian of the gate. Her presence at the monastery and on the Holy Mountain is considered to be a sign of the Mother of God's special protection of Athonite monasticism.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Pinnacle Palliative Care, a Catholic palliative and hospice care company, is looking for volunteers for the following:

Patient Sitters
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Crafters (sewing, knitting card making, etc.)
Pinnacle volunteers will be oriented in our training program to ensure you have the proper skills for patients and their families. For more information, please contact Sarah Marchi at Pinnacle Palliative Care at 814-201-2532

"It is to those who have the most need of us that we ought to show our love more especially" -Saint Francis de Sales

Readings for the Week of January 2, 2022

Sunday	Epiphany of the Lord Is 60: 1-6/ Ps 72: 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/ Eph 3: 2-3a. 5-6/ Mt 2: 1-12
Monday	Monday after Epiphany 1 Jn 3: 22- 4: 6/ Ps 2: 7bc-8. 10-12a/ Mt 4: 12-17. 23-25
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton, Religious 1 Jn 4: 7-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4. 7-8/ Mk 6: 34-44
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 4: 11-18/ Ps 72: 1-2. 10. 12-13/ Mk 6: 45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4: 19-5: 4/ Ps 72: 1-2. 14 and 15bc. 17/ Lk 4: 14-22
Friday	1 Jn 5: 5-13/ Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/ Lk 5: 12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5: 14-21/ Ps 149: 1-2. 3-4. 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3: 22-30
Sunday	Is 40: 1-5. 9-11/ Ps 104: 1b-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30 (1)/ Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7/ Lk 3: 15-16. 21-22

WORRIED ABOUT A LOVED ONE? St.

Leonard's Personal Care Home in Hollidaysburg provides medication management, personal hygiene assistance, socialization, meals, house-keeping and a 24 hour staff in a home-like environment. We serve men and women 62+ for whom it is no longer safe to live alone. To tour our beautiful mansion or for more information, call Mrs. Connie Cretin, administrator, at 814-695-9581 ex. 107 during weekday business hours. We are a faith based facility but accept all eligible applicants, and will assist with financial aid applications where applicable.

PRAYING WITH ICONS CLASS: Icons are not simply art; they are a way into contemplative prayer, and therefore one way to let God speak to us. Praying with Icons focuses on the Festal Icons (the major events in the life of Christ) and the Sacred Scripture that speaks to us through the sacred images. This class will be taught as a Zoom Class by Deacon Michael Russo. The registration fee for this class is \$35. The dates and time are TBD. If you are interested in attending this class, please email Marybeth at mheinze@dioceseaj.org or call (814) 361-2000. All are welcome!

January Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for January 2: Epiphany

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please remember to support your St Rose SVDP Conference in 2022 so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours!

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!

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JOIN US FOR ZOOM CLASSES THIS NEW YEAR!

The following classes are open to all!

- Sacraments taught by Deacon Michael Russo, Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM (8 weeks) beginning January 11th.
- Christian Prayer and Spirituality taught by Deacon Michael Russo, 6:30—8:30 PM (10 weeks) beginning Wednesday: February 16 & 23 and then moves to Tuesdays beginning March 1st.
- Church History taught by Deacon Don Gibboney, Wednesdays from 6:00-8:30 PM (2 ½ hour classes – 8 weeks) beginning February 23.

For registration please visit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or contact Marybeth, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

AN INVITATION TO SERVE: The St. Rose of Lima Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is inviting caring men and women of all ethnicities and cultural backgrounds to assist God's people in our community needing food, clothes, rent assistance, utility assistance and other emergency needs. Let us remember from Matthew 25, the Last Judgment: "The king will say, 'For I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; naked you covered me; sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.' And the just will say, 'Lord, when did we do these things?' And the King will say to them, 'Amen, I say to you, as long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me.'" **Is it time for you to really live your religious convictions and give something back for all you have received?**

Come join us Wednesday, January 12th at 6:00 pm at St Rose of Lima Church to find out more about what we do.