

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Epiphany of the Lord, January 2, 2022

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass
Thurs.— 8:30 am Mass

Reconciliation:

Before Mass or by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism – Baptisms are celebrated during the Saturday 5:30p.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Marriages – Diocesan Policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the Pastor before setting a date. No Weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

Hospitalized Parishioners – Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

Mass Intentions:

1/1/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Lucille Christensen (Altar & Rosary)
1/6/22 Thurs. No Mass
1/8/22 Sat. 5:30pm + Clifford Steichen (Friends)

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Parish Office. Suggested Donations is \$10.

Remember in Prayer our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace!

Liturgical Schedule for Lectors

1/1/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget
1/8/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane



Holy Father's Intention for the month of January: *General Intention:* 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.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 740.00
Christmas Offering \$ 1567.00
Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick

Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, Debbie Turner, and Michael Mullen

During the months of January and February we will not have Daily Mass. If you would like to attend Daily Mass during these months, please join me in South Wilmington on Tuesdays for 6:30pm Mass. Wednesday and Thursdays Mass at 7:30am. Thank you! Fr. Stan

Eucharistic Adoration—January 5 from 11am – 1pm at St. Lawrence O'Toole in Essex. Everyone is invited to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on every **1st Wednesday of the month.** Hope you can find time to stop by an visit with Jesus during this time.

2022 Offering envelopes are available. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please call the office and we will be happy to provide a box to you. In order to receive a tax statement, you will need to use a box of envelopes.

NEW YEAR BLESSING—May Angels keep you night and day, and Mary guide you on your way; and may the Christ-Child fill your heart with peace, as He only can impart- - All this and more I ask for you, **BLESSINGS to last the New Year**

Blessing of a Home—Although there are fine texts for the blessing of homes, neither the *Book of Blessings* nor *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* explains the traditional method for blessing homes this day using incense, chalk (an incarnational image because it reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we were made), and "Jordan water." The chalk is used to mark over doorways. The numerals consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the magi—Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar—and also stand for the Latin motto *Christos mansion benedict* ("May Christ bless the house"). We have available to you Epiphany Kits and instructions so you can bless your homes.

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10).

Statistical Parish Data for the year 2021 -Baptisms - 0, Weddings - 1, Funerals - 1, Registered Families - 40

Support the works of the Lord through the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal -The 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is now underway, and we are asking everyone to pledge their support to this important effort for our diocese, and our parish. This year's CMAA theme, *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*, illustrates how the many ministries our annual appeal supports allow us to join together to do God's work throughout our diocese. From helping the poor and vulnerable to forming future priests and educating people of all ages in the faith, the ministries funded through your gifts are far more extensive than our parish could provide on its own. Our parish's goal for the 2022 CMAA is \$3,500 and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office to request one.

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord [Christmas] Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God – Saturday, 01 January 2022 Numbers 6:22-27. Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8. Galatians 4:4-7. Luke 2:16-21.

The Manger. The shepherds find Jesus, not in a crib, but in a manger, a feedbox for cattle. This image reminds us that he is indeed food for us now – Body and Blood in Communion. Let us also be amazed. What continues to amaze me about Jesus' gift of himself? How can I glorify and praise God this day and this new year? What mercy work can I do to help those in need of shelter?

The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity – Sunday, 02 January 2022 Isaiah 60:1-6. Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6. Matthew 2:1-12. **Gifts.** The Magi, these foreign interpreters of dreams, do the following: follow a star, travel a great distance, trust the words of others, bring and give gifts. In some countries, Epiphany and not Christmas is gift-giving day. This twelfth-day (when on the traditional 6th of January) brings to completion the manifestation of Christ – first to the Jews and today to everyone. No one is foreign to God's good grace. How will I search diligently for Jesus? Because God is merciful to me, what mercy work can I do for another? What gifts will I give to others in need?

