

The Epiphany of the Lord



Church of St. John
East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

Word, Worship and Prayer

Epiphany

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



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, January 2 - Vigil

4:00 pm (Live Stream Mass with Musicians)
Annelise Reichlen By Father Reichlen

6:30 pm

SUNDAY, January 3

8:30 am Andy Marcinko by Colleen Barone
11:00 am Ventura Alayon Jr, Loreto Aduna Sr, &
Rodulfo Mark Ridad Jr
by the Rivera & Alayon Family

MONDAY, January 4 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

9:00 am John B King Sr by His wife

TUESDAY, January 5 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

12:00 pm Elaine Matos by Laura Jenkins

WEDNESDAY, January 6 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

9:00 am Gary McElligott by MSID Dancers

THURSDAY, January 7 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22

12:00 pm Bruce McCullough by Matthew Delfosse

FRIDAY, January 8 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

9:00 am Debra M. Ballestrieri By St. John's Parish

SATURDAY, January 9 - Vigil

4:00 pm (Live Stream Mass with Musicians)
Raymond & Evelyn Delfosse
by Matthew Delfosse

6:30 pm Horacio & Adriana Chapman by Maria Christ

SUNDAY, January 10

8:30 am Rita Smith by Matthew Delfosse
11:00 am Idalis Maria Paulino by Maria

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Gary McElligott

By The McElligott School of Irish Dance Families
January 2, 2021 — January 8, 2021

TABERNACLE CANDLE

People of our Parish

By The Church of St John

January 2, 2021 — January 8, 2021

" Candles are available for your special intentions. They may be acquired in the Parish Office. These candles are available for honoring the memory of your deceased loved ones along with praying for recovery from an illness, celebrating birthday's, anniversaries, etc. We have a card that can be given out when the candle is reserved.



For those who serve our country and community

At the close of our weekend Masses after the Recessional Song, our community will all kneel and pray three Hail Mary's for those individuals both living and deceased.



FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HOPE, HEALING & HEALTH

Emilio Accomasso, Maryann Albite, Cynthia Lee Atkinson, Dr. Vincent Bellafore, Angelo Benedetto, Eileen Benson, John Bonito, Michele Cross, Kasey Dirato, Maddie Foley, Lance Francois, Ermes Gutierrez, Doug Hilbert, Gladys Hopquins, Lily James, Robin, Andy Kman, Shirley Koenig, Laura Law, Ashlyn Leide, Josephin Macchia, Jerry Mahon, Irene McKenna, Luis Enrique Medina, Jeronimo Mestizo, Hugo Munillo, Samanta Murillo, Mike Murphy, Joseph Perin, Alice Perlowski, Joel Rivera, Erica Rizo, Kirsten Rutledge, Angelo and Laura Scalcione, Tom Shepherd, Javier Suarez, Sebastian Torres, Sabrina Valenti, Troy Van Why, Walker Family, Marge Wilton

To add to this list, please email : stjohnbultn@gmail.com



FATHER'S DESK



Feast of the Epiphany. "Defining Moments" Week 1: Introduction

Happy New Year! We are excited about a new series for the New Year, that can help us all with the fresh start that we all need in 2021. Psychologists tell us that when we look back at seasons of our life, we look especially at defining moments. For example, we probably remember vacations as very positive moments for our families, and we take lots of happy pictures to remember them. On the other hand, we don't remember the stressful events that led up to these positive moments, like packing up your kids in the car, and driving to and from your destination.

Moments are very powerful. **A defining moment is a short experience brimming with meaning.** In that short moment, it helps us to define, or redefine, some aspect of our lives. A defining moment can define how we understand ourselves, our place in the world, our relationships, and our relationship with God. If you were to share 5 defining moments in your life, I would know you much better. These moments show our values – for example, in a moment when we were called to be honest, we showed honesty. We have **moments of decision**, that change the direction of our lives and the lives of people around us. We have **moments of insight**, where we know we need to change our behavior or lifestyle, like the person who goes to the doctor who tells him, "You need to stop drinking, or you will die;" and he stops drinking, from that moment onward. We have **teaching moments** when a certain teacher, coach, or authority figure imparted a life lesson into our heads and hearts. There are **relational moments** in our lives. For example, maybe there were moments when we knew we needed to get out of a bad relationship or business partnership; and there might be the special moment when you realized that he or she will be your future spouse. There are finally **moments of significance** when we tie what we're doing to a higher cause – to God's plan for us and for our lives – and we realize that what we're doing has a greater mission and a greater purpose.

In the course of this series, we'll look at a few main points. First, it's important to know that when it comes to our spiritual lives, God uses defining moments to connect to him. We see this over and over again in Scripture – in defining moments, God reveals himself to people, or challenges people to grow, or tests them, or invites them into his mission, or encourages them. We believe in God's providence (Psalm 31:16: "**My destiny is in your hands**") – all time and all moments are in God's hands. What happens is not an accident. Second, God uses defining moments to help us to know ourselves better. We may have negative moments we hold onto in our hearts, and God wants to heal our hearts from these painful experiences. Third, we can leverage moments to love people. If we understand some key moments of the lives of our friends, coworkers, and family members, we would understand them better, and have greater patience and kindness for them.

Questions for Small Groups:

1. The message offered five kinds of moments: moments of decision, insight, teachable, relational, and significance. Which of those moments struck a chord with you and why?
2. What moments in your life have you felt close to God or understood his clear direction for your life?
3. Do you agree that your time is in God's hands? How does that verse help us to make sense of the moments that impacted us?
4. What would you say are the three defining moments of your life that best explain who you are and where you are in life?
5. What kind of moments do you hope to create for the people you love and serve?

With blessings,
Fr. Reichlen

Youth Group

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Rite Of Christian Initiation Of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA classes are for adults who are wanting to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation.

For RCIA questions or registration contact the Parish Office at 570-223-9144.

Virtual Grief Support Group

Winter and the post-holiday season can be difficult times to navigate grief, particularly during an ongoing period of social distancing. Please consider joining the virtual grief support group offered by the Cathedral of Saint Peter Parish in Scranton. Anyone is welcome; you do not have to be a member of a parish to participate.

The group will convene online, Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The dates of the virtual meetings will be January 6, 13, 20 & 27.

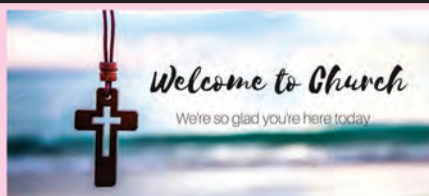
For more information please contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570-814-5133 or the parish office at 570-344-7231

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly of 980 is offering three (3) \$1,000.00 scholarships for young Catholic men and women to be used for their first year of college or university. The candidates must provide all required information no later than the postmarked date of April 16, 2021.

Applications may be obtained in the Church of St John's Parish Office.





This Week at St. John's

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting

7:00 pm Rosary

7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer

6:00 pm BSA Troop 902 Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer

7:30 pm AA Meeting

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 am - Confessions

5:00 pm - Parking Lot Communion Distribution

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

10:00 am Faith Formation

12:00 pm - Parking Lot Communion Distribution

St John's Organizations

ACTIVE -

Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meeting every Friday night at 7:30 pm.

Focolare Word of Life Gathering - 3rd Thursday at 5:30 pm. Prayer meeting based on the Gospels conducted via Zoom. For information, please call Carole Lippold 718-863-1105.

Knights of Columbus -

1st (7:30 pm) and 3rd Tuesday (7:00 pm). For more information, please contact: Julio Cruz (Grand Knight) 570-656-0842. All parishioners are invited to join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm to pray the Rosary for pro-life intentions.

St. John's Columbiettes - 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm. Women interested in becoming members, e-mail Violette -President - FRANCOIS_3 @ msn.com

SUSPENDED - UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Adult Church Choir - 11:00 am Mass. To join, please contact Gil Cuffari and Nancy Gordon, Music Ministry at 570-223-9144.

Charismatic Group - Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Come join us and learn about the Holy Spirit and how he manifests his gift through us. He leads, guides, teaches and protects us as we sing, pray and worship him.

"Mady's Kitchen" Free Community Dinner -

The last Sunday of each month. St. John's Church Hall Call: Laura - 570-588-1707

St John's Seniors - 1st Tuesday at 1:00 pm. President - Felix Martinez. Contact Laura Zaso - Secretary - 570-588-9358

Special Needs Worship Ministry - In honor of Deacon Thomas Dello Russo. Our mission is simple; to welcome and support people with special needs and their families to grow in faith and participate in the life of our parish community. For all those interested, call Mary Galayda at 570-588-9242.

Guidelines for Events At St John's

There is no need for a reservation to attend public Masses. However, please be aware that if our church is filled to capacity, you may have to wait in your car and follow the Mass Live Stream, until the time for Communion in the Parking Lot. Note that all the procedures, as mandated by the Bishop, still apply – (1) stay home if you or members of your household are vulnerable or sick; (2) maintain social distancing; (3) wear a mask properly; and (4) exit immediately after Holy Communion so that the church can be sanitized.

Communion Distribution will be in the Parking Lot on Saturdays at 5:00 pm, and Sundays at 12:15 pm. Please follow the directions of the parking lot attendants. You will be expected to exit your car and walk to a designated space in the parking lot in order to receive Communion. Procedures may be altered because of inclement weather.



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