

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5 p.m.

Daily

Monday to Saturday
8:30 a.m.

Sunday

8 a.m.
10 a.m.

Holydays

7 p.m. Vigil, 8:30 a.m.
& 12:05 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday
3:30-4:30 p.m. & by appointment

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. & by appointment
Closed for lunch: 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday: By appointment only
Sunday: By appointment only

*A mail slot is located in the
front door of the rectory.*

Sun., Jan. 8, 2023



The Epiphany of the Lord

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Parish Activities for the Week

Sunday, Jan. 8—Three Kings Breakfast at 11 a.m., GH.

Monday, Jan. 9—St. Vincent de Paul at 6:30 p.m., RMR.

Wednesday, Jan. 11—Legion of Mary at 10 a.m., RMR; Young Women's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m., RMR.

Thursday, Jan. 12—Boy Scouts at 7 p.m., UFCW Hall (3031 Walton Rd.); Women's Bible Study at 7 p.m., PC, Knights of Columbus at 7 p.m., RMR.

Sunday, Jan. 15—Youth Ministry Christmas Party at 7 p.m., PC.

Location Key

C=Church S=School PC=Parish Center GH=Grady Hall
RMR=Rectory Meeting Room

Upcoming Parish Activities & Events

St. Vincent de Paul Mon., Jan. 9

Are you interested in making an impact on our community? Join our St. Vincent de Paul Society! We meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Contact Bud at cyanak@gmail.com.

Young Women's Bible Study

Interested in deepening your faith and meeting other young women? You are invited to become part of our *Walking with Purpose* Young Women's Bible Study beginning **Wednesday, Jan. 11**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Contact wwp@epiphanyoffourlord.com for more information.

Parish Life Committee

The Parish Life Committee will be holding a meeting on **Wednesday, Jan. 18**, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. New members welcome!

Contact parishlife@epiphanyoffourlord.com.

Thank you!

Gaudeamus Music Ministry wishes to extend sincere thanks to all for your attendance at the concert in December and for supporting their charitable efforts.

Thanks to generous donors like yourself, Gaudeamus Music Ministry is able to support Vera's Village and other organizations.

Learn more about Gaudeamus Music Ministry at letusrejoice.org.

Catholic Relief Services

The annual second collection in support of the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is next weekend, **Jan. 14-15**.

Learn more about CRS at crs.org.

Communion of Saints

What is meant by the phrase "The Communion of Saints?" Come to the next Patricians meeting on **Wednesday, Jan. 18**, from 6:45-8:45 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Bridgeport, to learn more.

For more information, contact Edel at r.edel.lukens@gmail.com or (610) 256-7125.

Anxiety and the Christian Life Seminar

Cranaleith Spiritual Center invites you to attend a virtual seminar for discussion and reflection on anxiety and the Christian spiritual life as seen through Scripture and theological tradition in the Church on **Thursday, Jan. 19**, 7-8:30 p.m.

Register at <https://cranaleith.org/retreats-spiritual-programs/811/anxiety-and-the-christian-spiritual-life-online/>.

March for Life



The annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. will take place on **Friday, Jan. 20**. Holy Martyrs Parish, Oreland, is sponsoring a bus. The cost is \$50/person in advance.

Contact Chris at (215) 913-6410.

Traditional Men's Retreat

The Holy Spirit Group at the Malvern Retreat House invites men for a retreat titled *Finding Peace, Healing and Hope in Today's World*, the weekend of **January 27-29**.

Email or call Carlo Borgia at CGB58@verizon.net or (610) 544-6369.

Come and See Weekend

High school age men who are discerning a call to the priesthood are invited to a Come and See Weekend at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary **Jan. 28-29**.

There is no cost to attend and a single room and all meals are included.

For more information and to register, please visit Heedthecall.org/ComeandSee or contact Fr. Friel at fr.dfriel@archphila.org.

Marriage Programs

Resolve to “Live your best life in love” in 2023 by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

In-person experiences in the new year are: **Feb. 10-12** and **Apr. 21-23** at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown.

For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.

Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of **Feb. 10-12**, at the Family Life Center in Malvern.

For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call (215) 766-3944. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Blood Drive Success

Our December blood drive was very successful. Forty-nine blood donors participated and 49 units of blood were collected. We thank all those who made a blood donation, thanks also to Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School for the use of the facility, to the American Red Cross, and all volunteers who assisted with the drive. The next drive is **Monday, Mar. 20**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Martha's Choice Marketplace

Martha's Choice Marketplace, a part of Catholic Social Services, operates a food pantry on Johnson Highway in Norristown. Food and personal care items are distributed to those in our area who are in need.

Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated at this time: size 6 diapers, dish soap, single toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and sanitary pads.

There is a bin in the back of church to leave your donations. Expired food, even in cans, cannot be accepted. Thank you!



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While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars on December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set. Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall between March 22 and April 25.

In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical Year. On Epiphany Sunday, the upcoming dates were "proclaimed" after the gospel in this way:

Epiphany Proclamation 2023

Dear brothers and sisters,
the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord (his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising) celebrated between the evening of the *Sixth day of April* and the evening of the *Eighth day of April*,
Easter Sunday being on the *Ninth day of April*.

Each Easter -- as on each Sunday -- the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death.
From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the *Twenty-second day of February*. The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on the *Eighteenth day of May*.

Pentecost, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the *Twenty-eighth day of May*. And, this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the *Third day of December*.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the Holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Holy Rosary Review

Two of our 8th grade students have been named 2023 Neumann Scholarship winners. This honor from the Connelly Foundation entitles each of these students to a four-year scholarship to an Archdiocesan high school of their choice. This year's winners from Holy Rosary are Colin O'Curran and Christopher Monahan. Their hard work and dedication has earned them this outstanding achievement. We are very proud of them.

Our 7th graders have been working on a Mock Trial since September and they went to court on Tuesday, December 13th. Our students invested a great deal of time, energy, and research to get ready for trial. This has been a project our 7th grade students are not soon to forget.

Every Thursday, the Director of the Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement and one or two lawyers spent 2 hours with our students. We have had Judge Rendell's law clerk, prosecutors, and criminal defense attorneys provide direction as our students prepared their case. Every attorney that has worked with our Holy Rosary students and read our opening statements, witness questioning, cross examination and closing statements has been more than impressed by the work the students have completed. This was an academically challenging undertaking and Mrs. Scullin knew this class was up for the challenge. They have not only met this challenge, but have surpassed everyone's expectations. There is a lot of reasons to be proud.

From Father:

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Happy Feast Day! Today we celebrate our wonderful patronal feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord. Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem, He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they represent all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. We are reminded that God leads all of us to His Son, as Christ is the manifestation of God's love for the world. We have had so many wonderful events to celebrate this feast, and it is through the dedication of so many, so I wanted to pass on a word of thanks to everyone who made these celebrations possible.

Oremus pro invicem, Fr. O'Donald

Weekly Tithing Report—Dec. 25, 2022

Sunday In-Pew Collections: \$ 7,798
Sunday Mailed in Envelopes: \$ 5,531
Sunday E-Giving: \$ 3,445
TOTAL: \$ 16,772

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan. 9

8:30 a.m.

Christian Auch

Tuesday, Jan. 10

8:30 a.m.

Rosemary Barton

Wednesday, Jan. 11

8:30 a.m.

*Megan McLaughlin
Patterson*

Thursday, Jan. 12

8:30 a.m.

Celina Cieslik

Friday, Jan. 13

8:30 a.m.

Frank Puia

Saturday, Jan. 14

8:30 a.m.

Mary MacDonald

*Adoration Chapel Votive
Candles are Dedicated for:*

Jason Vaughn

*Joe
DeChristopher*



Please Remember in Prayer

In Loving Memory

Fred Shaughnessy, Who died Nov. 23

*Husband of MaryEllen Shaughnessy
and former wife Mary Shaughnessy.*

Father of Mary, Megan, Moira, and Fred.

Connie Johnson, Who died Dec. 16

*Wife of the late James. Mother of Patricia
and Mary Ann.*

Joseph Kohler, Who died Dec. 17

*Husband of the late Maryanne. Father of
Rebecca.*

Rita Gibbons, Who died Dec. 23

*Wife of the late Thomas. Mother of
Donna, Thomas, Kevin, Karen, and Christina.*



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Are you, or is someone you know in our community, in need of financial assistance? The St. Vincent de Paul Society may be able to help!

We encourage to call or email us. All requests are kept in the strictest of confidence.

Phone: (267) 627-4436

Email: eolsvdp@gmail.com

Please Pray for the Sick

Parishioners listed in bold.

Frank Campolongo
Josephine Paoella
Catherine Rush

Joe DeChristopher
Marge Philippsen
Luke Winterbottom

Contact the Parish Office to update the list.

USCCB Prayer for an end to the Pandemic

Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your fatherly providence grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Parish Office Requests

To register in the parish, arrange for a baptism, or request a Certificate of Eligibility for sponsorship at Baptism or Confirmation, contact the Parish Office during office hours at eol@epiphanyofourlord.com. Also, please advise our office staff of any change of address, telephone number or family status.

Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday of the month after 8:30 a.m. Mass or by request. Please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible when any parishioner becomes seriously ill or is admitted to the hospital.

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays upon request. Both first-time parents need to attend a Pre-Jordan class, which is held the first Wednesday of every month.

Pre-Registration for the class is required by contacting the Parish Office. Sponsors not from Epiphany are required to submit a Certificate of Eligibility from their parish two weeks prior to the Baptism.

Matrimony

Notify the Parish Office of your intention to marry at least six months before the date of the wedding to assure sufficient preparation and to arrange for Pre-Cana sessions.

Miraculous Medal—Perpetual Novena

After 8:30 a.m. Mass every Saturday.

Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Communion to the sick and homebound. Call the Parish Office at (610) 828-8634 to provide the office staff with the name, address and phone number of the sick or homebound parishioner.

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