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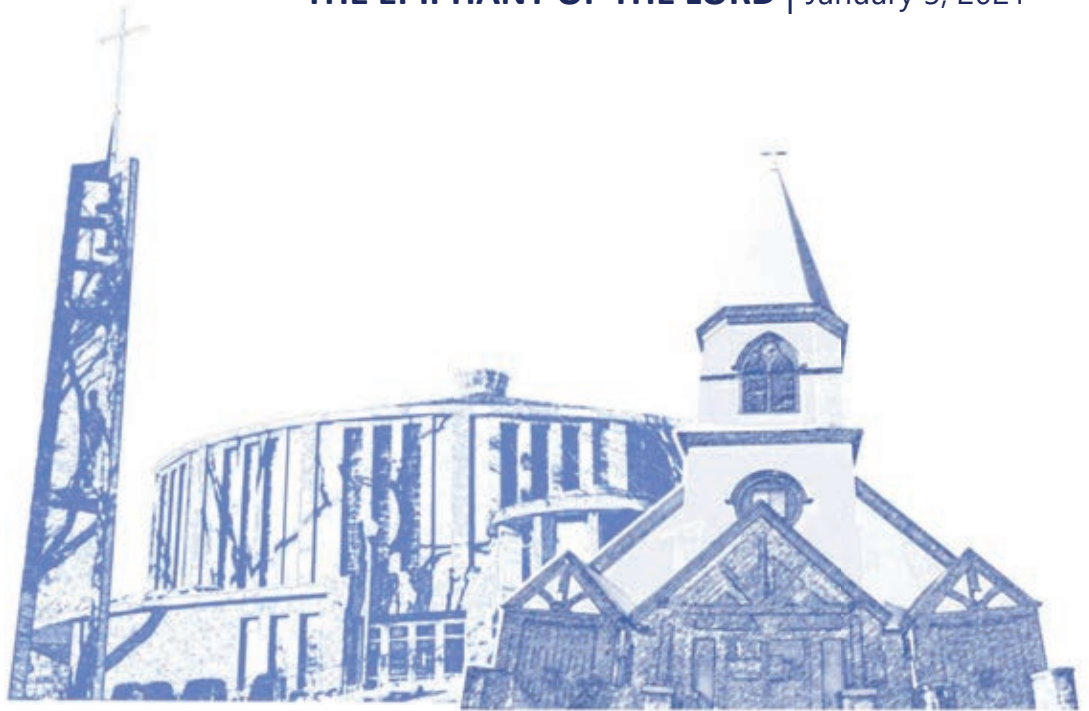
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | January 3, 2021



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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday 4 PM (*St. Catharine*)
5 PM (*OLPH*)

Sunday 8 AM (*OLPH*)
10 AM (*OLPH*)
10 AM (*St. Catharine*)
12 PM (*OLPH*)

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon–Fri 8 AM (*OLPH*)
9 AM (*OLPH*)
9 AM (*St. Catharine*)

Saturday 8 AM (*OLPH*)
9 AM (*St. Catharine*)

CONFESSION

Saturday 3–3:45 PM (*St. Catharine*)
4–4:45 PM (*OLPH*)
And by appointment

BAPTISM

2nd & 4th Sunday 1:00 PM (*OLPH*)
Please call office to schedule

1st Saturday 12 PM (*St. Catharine*)
Please call office to schedule

MARRIAGE

*6 Month Planning Period Please
Call office to schedule*

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners:

It seems that every Christmas season we hear stories of different groups or municipalities protesting the use of religious symbols on public property. The debates go on and people make their opinions known and ultimately a decision is made. The interesting thing is that often times they go after the wrong symbol, namely a Christmas tree, thinking it has some religious significance when in fact it does not. Those who object often want to live in a world that is devoid of any symbol of religiosity. Do you ever wonder why?

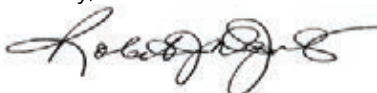
Symbols are common parts of our daily life. They provoke in us a response, a pattern of behavior, an acknowledgement of responsibility. Symbols are a non-verbal communication, taking the place of words, but powerful in their own right. The symbols are not of value in and of themselves but in what they cause us to do, how they make us react. The response we make is based on conditioned behavior patterns and re-enforced over and over again.

If we are driving along the highway and we see a police car sitting along the shoulder of the road, don't we look to the speedometer to see how fast we are going? How often do we see signs with a slash through a cell phone or cigarette to indicate that the use of these items is prohibited in a certain area? Signs that encourage us not to litter or to recycle are usually without words as well.

Today's Feast of the Epiphany involves a sign (a star) that leads three people to find the child Jesus. It is a completely nonverbal interaction between the sign and the kings, but it motivates them to want to seek something beyond themselves and to fill a deep void in their life. That sign enables them to be in the presence of the Lord and has a transforming effect in their lives.

Each day we are called to be signs to one another of the constant and never-failing presence of Jesus in our life. We may speak often on his behalf, but words at times can be quickly forgotten. What does make an impact is the way in which we choose to live. The sacrifices that are made within a family to sustain the common good, the generosity of spirit that compels us to reach out to others; the gestures of welcome and forgiveness that become part of our ordinary daily existence. All these are powerful non-verbal signs in a world that often is too noisy and sends conflicting messages.

Sincerely,



Rev. Robert J. DeJulio,
Pastor

Mass Intentions

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

8 AM - Mark Walsh

9 AM - Rose Hobert (Living)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

8 AM - Dominga Gamboa

9 AM - Annette Zambetti

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

8 AM - Helen Smith Amato

9 AM - Kathleen & George Tsatsis

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

8 AM - Domenico Festa

9 AM - Jeanne Hertzog

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

8 AM - Jean DelGrasso

9 AM - Maureen Mulligan

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

8 AM - Maryann Mancuso

ST. CATHARINE

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

9 AM - Justin Rende

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

9 AM - Elise Moliterno

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

9 AM - Mary Pellicci Chase

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

9 AM - Maria Grazia DiPietro

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

9 AM - John Williams (Living)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

9 AM - Rev. Joseph Novak

Parish Announcements

Longest Married Couple Search

The search begins for the Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of New York! To enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York.

The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The winning couple will be interviewed and featured in an article in Catholic New York. Winners are determined by how long the couple has been married as of World Marriage Day, February 14th, 2021.

For further information, or to submit an entry, contact Kathleen Crayne at the Family Life Office at kathleen.crayne@archny.org (preferred method) or 646-794-3182.

Virtual Bible Study

Our next Bible Study Program will start on Thursday, January 7th at 7:00PM on Zoom. The program will run bi-weekly and registration is required. Please call the office at 738-1449 to register. All are welcome!

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, Jan 5t @ 7:00PM. This year, the biweekly meeting will be held virtually-via phone. Simply call 1-720-740-9707 and enter the access code 2990487#. You will be asked to state your name, and then will be connected. All are welcome!

Feed the Hungry

It is getting chilly outside and HOPE Community Services needs your continued help to feed the hungry. All non-perishable goods are welcomed. Please place your donations in the back of the church next Sunday. Thank you!

Report

"To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims assistance coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure."

HOPE Soup Kitchen

St. Catharine's next HOPE meal is on Wednesday, January 20th. Food should be brought to the Parish Center by noon on that day. Our menu is sloppy joes and rolls, potatoes salad, green salad, and cookies for dessert.

OLPH next HOPE dinner is Friday, Jan 22nd. and the meal is hamburger cheese rolls, green salad, and cookies for dessert. Food should be brought to the Church lobby by 1PM on that day.

If you would like to help, but are unable to get to the store, DeCicco's in Pelham is helping us by preparing and delivering the food. Simply contact Brittany Arocho at brittanya@deciccos.com or 914-775-8880. Thank you for your support! Several people may go in on this.



Are you new to the parish?

WELCOME!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help-St. Catharine is a Catholic Parish located in the town of Pelham, New York.

We invite you to make our parish your spiritual home.

Visit our webpage: olph-stcatharine.org for more information or to register, or simply call the parish office 914-738-1449.

The Twelve Days of Christmas

The Twelve Days of Christmas are from Christmas Day until the Epiphany. The tradition of giving a gift on each of the twelve days is pretty much gone but, in some cultures, it remains as a sign of the season.

There is a legend that says that the song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' was written in England as a 'catechism song' that enabled catholic children to learn and sign about their faith in a country where it was not permitted to be Catholic. The songs words had hidden Catholic meanings and the words 'true love' refer to God himself. The partridge in a pear tree refers to Jesus and the sadness He experiences over the people of Jerusalem.

- 1.- Partridge in a pear tree- The one true God revealed in Jesus
- 2.- Turtles Doves – The Old and New Testaments
- 3.- French Hens – The virtues of faith, hope and charity
- 4.- Calling Birds – The Hour Gospels and their writes
- 5.- Golden Rings- The 'Pentateuch' – the first five books of the Bible
- 6.- Geese A –laying – The six days of creation
- 7.- Swans a – swimming – The seven sacraments & gifts of the Spirit
- 8.- Maids A – milking- The eight Beatitudes
- 9.- Ladies Dancing – The nine fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10.- Lords A – Leaping – The Ten Commandments
- 11.- Pipers Piping – The eleven faithful Apostles
- 12- Drummers Drumming – The twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

As tempting as it seems there is no substantive evidence to demonstrate that the song was created as a secret means of transmitting the faith or that this 'legend is anything but modern-day speculation. It does however make one think...



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