

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*



## **Celebration of the Eucharist**

Weekday: (Mon through Fri) 9:00am

Saturday: 5:00pm,

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am & 12 noon

## **Confessions:**

Saturday - 4:00-4:45 PM in the Church



## Epiphany of our Lord



# January 2, 2022

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Today's gospel shows King Herod inquiring with the *magi* about where Jesus was to be born. (cf. Matt 2:4) The nefarious king sends the *magi* to Bethlehem with instructions to "[g]o and search diligently for the child." (Matt 2:8) And, then, disingenuously adds, "[w]hen you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and pay him homage." (Matt 2:8)

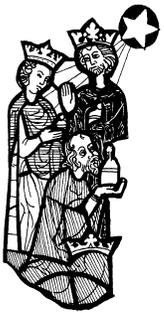
The disingenuousness of the king is nothing compared to his murderous design. The evangelist tells us only a few verses following today's passage that Herod "ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under." (Matt 2:16)

On the Solemnity of the Epiphany, the focus continues to be on a Child, the Christ Child. According to the evangelist, the Christ Child waits with His mother and foster father until the three kings reach Bethlehem under the guidance of a star. (cf. Matt 2:2) For as the gospel for the Mass of the Epiphany also indicates, these strange and mysterious men from the East have come with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. (cf. Matt 2:11)

We ourselves are on a search for the Christ Child. On Christmas, we may have thought that our search was over by adoring Him in Bethlehem with the shepherds and the angels. Today on "Little Christmas," our search continues, aided by another event concerning Jesus' infancy. Simeon, a righteous and devout man awaiting the consolation of Israel (cf. Lk 225), takes the Infant in his arms in the temple and tells His mother, "[T]his child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign which will be contradicted." (Lk 2:34)

Jesus' birth signals that a new order has arrived. A new kind of king ushers in a new scale of values with the Incarnation. Pilate fails to recognize this when he interrogates Our Lord about His kingship. Jesus must then explain to him: "For this I was born and came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." (Jn 18:37)

The old year is behind us now and the new year is just getting started. Perhaps after some soul-searching we have concluded that what is missing from our lives is the truth of Christ. The Solemnity of the Epiphany reminds us that Christ's truth is not just for simple shepherds. The wise and the sophisticated need a new measure for truth also. Acknowledging this is never easy, for it almost always involves contradicting and opposing revered cultural icons.



The Magi teach us not just the importance of paying homage to the truth. They teach us, too, that after encountering the truth, we can no longer remain unaware. It is necessary to pursue "another way." (Matt 2:12) Christ, the Truth, leads us along His way and this yields life. (cf. Jn 14:6) The truth is that we must pass the Way of the Cross before we can experience the new Life of the Resurrection. (cf. Jn 14:6)

The Solemnity of the Epiphany establishes conclusively that what happened in Bethlehem of Judea is indeed not just for Israel. The birth of Christ is an invitation for all of us to search diligently for what is missing in our lives. We will only find Christ if we are mature enough to admit that the Babe of Bethlehem's kingship is ageless. Chronological age ought never to be an obstacle in realizing our childhood in God. The Christ Child assures us that we must grow up in faith, all the while testifying in word and deed that the Kingdom of heaven belongs to those who are child-like. (cf. Matt 19:14)

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

## A blessed New Year to all of the parishioners of Saint Margaret!

With the coming of every new calendar year, we experience the hope of new life. Resolve to make this new year a time for drawing on the wisdom of Christ and the Church by joining us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Jesus is truly our Alpha, our beginning in all things. From Him, we receive an inspiration to undertake all the challenges which will characterize our lives in 2022. May we rise to meet these challenges through Christ's grace and peace.

Msgr. Batule ~ Pastor



# A New Dawn for Catholic Education on Long Island

In January 2020, the *Marianists*, *Tomorrow's Hope Foundation*, and the *Department of Education* launched the Morning Star Initiative (MSI) to revitalize Catholic education on Long Island through a robustly Catholic culture, academic excellence, safe and supportive communities, and fiscally sustainable schools.

## DONOR IMPACT TO DATE

To date, fellow Catholics and foundations have pledged more than \$3 million to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation for vital MSI programs and local Catholic school needs, including:

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# Christmas Flowers

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## Sunday, Jan 02, 2022 SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD **The sanctity of home**

"Home is where the heart is" is an ancient proverb. Many folks find their deepest level of satisfaction and fulfillment in family life. But home is also where the hearth is: the place to which we come in from the cold to restore ourselves, where we put up our feet, sigh, and relax. Our homes are sacred to us; why not commend them to God? On Epiphany, we're invited to gather with our loved ones to bless the door, walls, and table of our dwelling. Compose your own blessing together or visit the USCCB's Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany for the rite of home blessing. TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20)*. "The star they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."

## Monday, Jan 03 MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS **Initial reflections**

Do you have anything monogrammed with your initials, perhaps towels or clothing? While monogramming is decorative, it also marks your belongings as yours. Jesus has a monogram too: "IHS," which stands for the first three letters of the Greek spelling of the name of Jesus. Later the monogram was associated with the Latin phrase *Iesus Hominum Salvator* (Jesus Humankind's Savior). There is power in the very name of Jesus and so Catholics venerate it. Perhaps you've seen this monogram on altars or vestments. Jesuits use the IHS monogram as the emblem of their society. You can bear his monogram too—by calling on his name and showing to the world that you belong to him. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 (212)*. "And great crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan followed him."

## Tuesday, Jan 04 MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS **Fed by the bread of life**

Raised Episcopalian, Elizabeth Ann Seton knew about Jesus multiplying loaves. On Sundays, she was a devout communicant at historic Trinity Church on Wall Street. But it wasn't until Elizabeth went to Italy with her children and husband in 1803, attending Mass with Catholic friends, that she was drawn to the Real Presence in the Eucharist. "How happy would we be, if we believed what these dear souls believe," she wrote, "that they possess God in the sacrament, and that He remains in their churches and is carried to them when they are sick!" In honor of Mother Seton, the first U.S.-born saint, resolve to receive Communion more often this year. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 (213)*. "He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people."

## Wednesday, Jan 05 MEMORIAL OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP **Get to know your neighbors**

Today we celebrate the feast of Saint John Neuman, the first Redemptorist priest ordained in the United States and the first male U.S. citizen named a saint. Neumann, who emigrated to the United States from Bohemia as a young man desirous of being a missionary, is revered for his tireless work among immigrants in the Northeast. He had a talent for understanding people and knowing what would bring them peace and comfort. Seek to emulate this holy man, who one of his fellow bishops observed, "had a solution for every question posed," and an "unruffled composure, which betokened deep humility and perfect self-control. I always regarded him as a saint." TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 (214)*. "If we love one another, God remains in us, and [God's] love is brought to perfection in us."

## Thursday, Jan 06 MEMORIAL OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS **The comeback kid of Québec**

Saint André Bessette's remarkable life began when he was born into poverty in 1845. Orphaned by age 12, considered a failure in school, he practiced unskilled trades until his pastor encouraged him to join the Congregation of the Holy Cross. The congregation reluctantly admitted him, concerned about his frail health. Brother André defied expectations, living to age 91 and becoming famous throughout Québec for the many healings people experienced after visiting him in his role as a humble doorkeeper. Why not ask Brother André for his intercession, be it for mental, spiritual, relational, or physical healing? TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22 (215)*. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

## Friday, Jan 07 MEMORIAL OF RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST **Make straight your path**

Through its long history, the church has been careful to make a distinction between the canons, or rules, of the church and the laws of the state. The canons, from the Greek *kanon* for "straight," were meant to guide Catholics toward the mission of the church—to keep them on the straight and narrow of faith, so to speak. There are 1,752 canons, many that pertain to all of us. For example, Canon 210: "All the Christian faithful must direct their efforts to lead a holy life and to promote the growth of the church and its continual sanctification, according to their own condition." In honor of the patron saint of canon lawyers, Saint Raymond of Peñafort, do your best to follow the rules of the church and give witness to God's saving love. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 (216)*. "God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

## Saturday, Jan 08 SATURDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **Increasing Christ**

Tomorrow, the Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. The days, dates, and seasons of the church's liturgical calendar focus the whole People of God on the same celebrations. During Advent we prepare. In Christmas we welcome. Lent is a time of reflection and repentance. Easter is new life. In Ordinary Time we celebrate the ongoing effects of God's grace. So when "Silent Night" or "We Three Kings" is sung throughout the world, the air fills with the grace generated by God in our hearts. Sing a Christmas hymn today and know that the stars are singing with you. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 (217)*. "He must increase; I must decrease."



**Baptisms**

Geneva Rose Johnson  
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**Congratulations Honor Roll Students**

St. Margaret's Parish family would like to congratulate the Honor Roll students from **St. Anthony's High School, Huntington**

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**Becoming a Catholic Christian~ RCIA**

Do you know a friend or family member who has expressed a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith? Is there someone who has mentioned to you that they are thinking about becoming a Catholic and does not know how to proceed? Are **you** someone who is reading this yourself and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith? If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes," then you are invited to continue your exploration with the members of our RCIA team. RCIA stands for **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.**

The first stage is called "Inquiry," a time to ask questions and receive answers without any pressure to make a decision. The goal is to help adults move toward a commitment to the Lord and full participation in the Catholic community at their pace. It is meant specifically for adults who are seeking Baptism, or those who have been baptized but have not received Confirmation or Eucharist. For more information, please call the Parish Center (631-732-3131 x 133).



**Diocesan COVID Update:**

**"The Governor of New York State has included houses of worship in her recent directives. Therefore, since the Church does not require parishioners to present proof of vaccination in order to worship God, we ask that all parishioners (two years of age and older) comply with the requirement to wear masks when participating in any activities on parish grounds. This State requirement is currently in effect through January 15, 2022. We will continue to adapt accordingly as new information becomes available. Your patience and Christian charity towards one another during this difficult time is appreciated."**