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## Our meetings are the second Saturday of the month after our 8:00 AM Mass.

We gather and share hospitality and fellowship, prayer, discussion and share our values and experiences.

We look forward to learning how to better pass on our faith and enrich the lives of our children and grandchildren.

We welcome all grandparents to join us as we begin a new year and together joyfully foster our faith to multigenerational families.

Please join us on Saturday, January 13, after the 8:00 AM Mass!

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TIME: 4:30 - 7:00 PM

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### ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 8<sup>st</sup> - Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

Monday, January 8 - The Baptism of the Lord

6:30 a.m. Ed Kolakowski 9:00 a.m. Rosemarie Calvaresi

Tuesday, January 9

6:30 a.m. Grace Orlando

8:00 a.m. Dale & Sandy Hollenbach

Wednesday, January 10

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Anthony Lucchese

8:00 a.m. Peter Marabella

Thursday, January 11

6:30 a.m. Kristin Nawoczenski Wassil

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Tom & Maureen Devaney

Friday, January 12

6:30 a.m. Linda Bardi 8:00 a.m. Irma Farina

Saturday, January 13

8:00 a.m. Joseph Mraz 4:00 p.m. Eunice Ramagano

Sunday, January 14 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Bill Vojtasek

9:00 a.m. Augustine Hoanh Doan

10:30 a.m. Intentions of Christopher Heim

12:00 p.m. Jeffrey Crisafulli

#### GOSPEL MESSAGE

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long-awaited Messiah and king with the gift of their lives.

#### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 13/14**

1 SM 3:3b - 10,19 / Cor 6:13c - 15a,17 - 20 / Jn 1:35 - 42



Next Knights of Columbus BREAKFAST Happy New Year 2024!

January 21st ~ 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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#### GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. The Gospel account of the three magi traveling to meet Baby Jesus is one that we know well. Yet, when we pause to reflect on this moment when these men met Christ for the first time, we recognize that there is much to be said for us still today.

When the magi entered the house, it says, "they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage." Clearly these men knew that they were in the presence of their King. They also came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which symbolize Christ's kingship, divinity, and humanity.

Christ is still manifesting Himself to us today. We enter God's house weekly, and we are in His presence. When we meet Him, do we offer Him our gifts - our time, talent, and treasure? As Christian stewards, we are called to respond with love, reverence, and gratitude.

Let us prepare our hearts to receive Christ's many manifestations in our lives. We just need a grateful disposition to receive them.

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

#### THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

Inspired by the example of the Blessed Mother, may we, like Mary, have the courage to say "yes" to God's gift of human life.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

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Please take note of the businesses advertising on the last pages of our bulletins. We thank them for their support and ask you to consider patronizing them.

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM, 12 Noon

Daily: Monday through Friday: 6:30 & 8:00 AM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

First Friday: 7:00 PM

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER / ADORATION - CHAPEL** Tuesdays **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** after 8:00 AM Mass until 10 PM

Wednesdays Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 AM until 7 PM Evening Prayer & Benediction

Reconciliation/Confession:

Saturday - 3:00 - 4:00 PM - Church Confessionals

Baptism: Third Sunday of each month 1:30 PM. Baptism Seminar: First Sunday of each month 1:30 PM - JP II Rm. Seminar attendance is required for parents before Baptism. Please call the Rectory at 610.678.3767 to register for the Seminar.

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