

**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 4, 2026
Mass Intentions**

January 4, Sunday, The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00AM+David Seidel, Birthday (Wife)
10:00AM+John & Pat Vargo (Bridget Sutton)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

January 5, Monday, Saint John Neumann, Bishop
12:00PM+Mary Moffa Jenaway (Estate)

January 6, Tuesday, Saint Andre Bessette, Religious
12:00PM+Larry Dugan (Tom & Becky DeHaven)

January 7, Wednesday, Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest
12:00PM+Ann Rhodes, Birthday (Family)

January 8, Thursday, Christmas Weekday
12:00PM+Barb Rossi (Jean & Randy Koury)

January 9, Friday, Christmas Weekday
12:00PM+Herbert Kutruff, Birth (Family & Tom & Ada Oerthee)

January 10, Saturday, Christmas Weekday
12:00PM+Freddie Martynuska (Joe & Bonnie Russo)
Vigil : The Baptism of the Lord
5:00PM+Robert Beck, Birth/ Frances Pagliaro, Ann. (Family)

January 11, Sunday, The Baptism of the Lord
8:00AM+Geraldine Petrunak (Richard & Dottie Gosman)
10:00AM+Bob Cowan & Mary Janette Marlett (Cowan Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People



[End of Christmas Season/Taking Down Decorations](#)

Since the Christmas season ends with next Sunday's Feast of our Lord's baptism, help will be needed to take down our decorations on Monday, January 12, at 8:00 A.M. The poinsettias will be bagged and you're welcome to take as many as you want home.

OFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, December 28, 2025, \$ 9,703.15

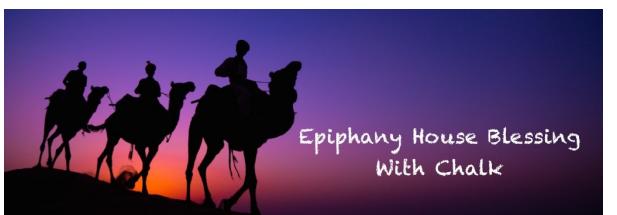
Thank you for your monetary and personal contributions to the life of our parish.

Stewardship Reflections

As our celebration of Christmas continues, this week we observe the great feast of "The Epiphany of the Lord". The word "epiphany" comes from Greek and means manifestation of appearance. The stewardship way of life is one of which we live in grateful response to God's countless manifestations in our lives.

As Christian stewards, we are all called to manifest God's love to each other in the sharing of the gifts. St. Paul describes this beautifully in our second reading in his letter to the Ephesians, saying, "You have heard of a stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit." We have all been given unique and wonderful gifts from our good and generous God. He wants us to share these gifts to benefit others and so to give Him glory.

Let us rejoice in God's manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.



The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God's blessing on our home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart. [A piece of chalk and a blessing are available in packets at our entrances this weekend.]

The ritual is simple: a member of the family calls down God's blessing and an inscription is made about the door with chalk.

The inscription this year is: 20+C+M+B+26. The initials C, M, and B represent the traditional names of magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, and also signifies the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless this house." © LPI



This Sunday, January 4, The Solemnity of the Epiphany, is this month's Eucharistic Day of Prayer. We will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from after the 10 o'clock Mass until Benediction at 4:45 P.M. There is a sign-up sheet in the cross aisle of the cathedral.

Night of Worship for Vocations

Holy Spirit Ministry and Fr. Brian Norris invite you to a very special Night of Worship with Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations. It will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 7-8 pm at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. The evening will include a special talk from Father Norris on how all the faithful can help promote and pray for vocations. The evening of prayer will also include Eucharistic Adoration with beautiful praise & worship music, followed by prayer ministry. All are most welcome!

Thirty-Ninth Annual Respect Life March:

Sunday, January 18th, 2026

We will begin at 12:00 noon with a Prayer Service at St. Matthew Church in Tyrone. We then walk 1.25 miles to Oak Grove Cemetery to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe, for another short prayer service. A hot luncheon will be served in the parish hall after the march.

You are cordially invited to spend a couple hours as we publicly show our love to God's most defenseless children, both born and unborn. You will enjoy the fellowship as we draw upon the strengths of each other as we continue to battle the lack of respect of life at all stages, from the unborn child to the terminally ill. Please join us as we walk prayerfully and meditate upon the atrocities. You are encouraged to bring a sign, if you are unable to walk this distance, please feel free to join in by driving at the end of the procession.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR SEMINARIANS

The Men's Club of St. Mary and St. Michael Parish in Hollidaysburg will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, January 21, at St. Mary Social Hall at 312 Clark Street from 4-7 P.M. The dinner features both dine in or take out meals. In addition, a basket bingo will be held with winners being drawn at 7 P.M. Proceeds will be support diocesan seminarians. Dinner tickets can be purchased in advance since only a limited number of dinner tickets will be available for walk up purchase. Tickets may be purchased by calling St. Michael Parish office at 818-695-0912 or by contacting John Elder at 814-270-1051. Donation of \$10 for adult dinner and \$5 for children 10 and under.



Like most families, the parish family of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament needs the support of its members to celebrate Christmas well. Gratitude is extended to the Men's Crew, decorators, liturgical ministers, and music ministers who helped to make our celebrations of Eucharist prayerful and beautiful. A note of thanks is also extended to our Social Committee who prepared refreshments for those who decorated the cathedral.

Parishioners and visitors are so often enriched by their experiences at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

Christmas season blessings to you and your family.

Msgr. Stan Carson



Gratitude is extended to all the volunteers who participated in this year's Christmas Parade Entry. We won First Place Prize. The donation of your time and talent is deeply appreciated.

Float Construction Crew

Randy Isenberg	Gabbie Cronin
Matt Isenberg	Bob Jones
Beck's Maintenance	Lindsay Dill
Bill & Grace Smith	Paige Hammond
Paula Miller	Dave Kimmel
Mark & Nathan Golden	John Fischer
Mark Sanker	Tony Kibelbek
Cory Geishauser	Natasha & Daniel Boydston
Carol Galioto	Dick Moran
Ethan Potter	

Parade Group Children and Adults

Jacob Dey	Renee Dey
Carson Mangiacarne	Connor Mangiacarne
Nora Vogel	Violet Vogel
Shiloh Vocco	Jayden Dougherty
Morgan Geishauser	Cora Strohm

Hospitality Group

Mary Ann Bell	Beth Moore
Marie Bettwy	

Candy People

Larry Drobneck	Christine Drobneck
Tony Kibelbek	Angela Blough



The Altoona Gabriel Project is a Catholic Pro-Life ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies with supplies, as well as providing spiritual and emotional support. Our parish has a collection crib at the alley entrance for non-perishable baby items (diapers, wipes, clothing, bibs, towels, blankets, etc.).

The Cathedral is a distribution site on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 P.M..

If you know of moms who need help, call 814-440-1021.

Gratitude is extended to all who participated in the Gift Tag project and our parish's Respect life Committee for facilitating the initiative.



THE SHRINES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Msgr. Stan Carson plans to lead a pilgrimage in 2026 to Rome and some of the shrines of Italy from Monday, October 12, to Thursday, October 22, 2026. Brochures are at the entrances of the cathedral. Details can also be found at

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link1377752>

You may also call Brenda Ajay at 888-462-9299.

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, JANUARY 4, 2026

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Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary**

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12. Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Pre-Kindergarten thru 8. Grades 9-12 Sunday evening at 6:15 P.M.

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Mass Times

Sunday:	Weekday:
5:00 PM (Vigil)	12:00 Noon
8:00 AM	
10:00 AM	
5:00 PM	Saturday:
	12:00 Noon

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