

The Epiphany of the Lord

Faith, Humility, Generosity, Wisdom



∞ 10:00 AM Mass Celebration

- ✦ God's Healing for Lennox Osouna

∞ 12 Noon Mass Celebration

*Altar Bread offered In Memory of ~
Nova & Gerard Bastien* Req. Myrtha & Pascale

- ✦ Birthday Blessing for Eric Hazel
Req. Linda Caleb Hazel
- ✦ In Thanksgiving for Good Health
Req. Georgette Jean
- ✦ In Memory of Antoine Jean Birthday in Heaven
Req. Georgette Jean

∞ 5:00 PM Mass Celebration

Remember in your prayers for God's Healing

Fr. Joseph Abraham, Sandy Bryant, Georgeann Campbell,
Doris Colon, Beverly Correia, Ron Copland,
Anthony Davis, Dr. Rose Marie Dorvily, Cynthia Fairly,
Carolyn Green, Linda Hazel, Will Holmes, Troy Lima,
Roland Melhado, Lennox Osouna,
Terrace & Doris Palmer, Katherine Randall,
Santos Rodriguez, Carl Spivey, Evelyn Washington,
Yvonne Young

2nd Collection Next Sunday

The donation from our collection will be used when Bishop DiMarzio receives appeals for support from various missions in the Diocese of Brooklyn and when mission appeals are requested from different missionaries.

If you are giving a check please write "Diocesan Mission" in memo.

Morning Mass – 8:30 AM
Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday
St. Benedict the Moor
Thursday – Friday ✦ St. Bonaventure

Monday: **Joyful Mysteries**
The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: **Sorrowful Mysteries**
1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28
or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd
Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: **Glorious Mysteries**
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: **Luminous Mysteries**
1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: **Sorrowful Mysteries**
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: **Joyful Mysteries**
St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mk 2:13-17

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Glorious Mysteries
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 6:13c-15, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Faith Formation has resumed.

Please send your children to schedule Faith Formation on time. When they miss a class, they miss a lesson.

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

What an awesome example the Magi gives us in their visit to the baby Jesus. First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God's word, spoken through the prophet Micah: *"And you, Bethlehem ... from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel"* (cf. 5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trusted that they will find this newborn king of the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophecy announced.

Upon their arrival at the stable where the Holy Family was housed, the Magi also gives us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to *"prostrate themselves"* and give homage to a tiny baby. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as He sits on the lap of His mother.

The generosity of these three "kings" is also evident as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent His divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing He will receive upon His death.

Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country *"by another way."* Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves.

Faith, Humility, Generosity, and Wisdom.

These gifts are the real legacy of the Three Kings. Today, let us ask God for the blessing of having these gifts in our lives.

Our Sacrificial Giving To our Parish



Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$5,000.00

✦ 10:00 AM 87 ~ \$1,779.00

✦ 12 Noon 80 ~ \$1,106.00

✦ 5:00 PM 45 ~ \$433.00

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2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

Please help us meet our goal!

We need \$5,821.00!

78 Donors Pledged- \$19,725.00

Collected to date - \$17,634.00

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2018 Contribution Envelopes

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Weekday Mass Intentions \$15.00

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In a timely manner – one (1) week before requested date
of intention or Tuesday of the Sunday requested.

Monday & Thursday's ✦ 7:30 PM

Youth Basketball & Karate: 5:00 – 7:30 PM

Adult Physical Training,

Self Defense & Karate 7:30 – 9:30 PM

St. Benedict the Moor Church Hall

Mr. Sam 929-353-9373 or Mr. Rey 646-296-1171

Epiphany, like Christmas, is celebrated in various ways by different cultures.

The initials C+M+B is written in chalk over the doorway.

"20+ C+M+B+18"

The letters are the initials of the traditional names of the Three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. These letters also abbreviate the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*, *"May Christ Bless Our Home."*

The beginning and ending numbers are the year, 2018 in the example above.

The crosses represent Christ.

We are asking God's blessing on our home, Marking it as though the Wise Men had come and found therein the Christ Child.



An Epiphany Prayer

God of all heaven and earth, from the breath of your love Mary bought forth Your gift to the world.

We are amazed at the brightness of the star that illuminated the sky guiding the Magi and us to Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Be our daily star, guiding our lives to search for You and Your Son's love and mercy.

Help us to follow Your light of truth in all that we say and all that we do, forever trusting, hoping and believing in Your Word. Lift our eyes today to see Your eternal life shining brightly, Leading us home to You. Amen.

St. Anthony International

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Save the Date ✦ Saturday, June 9, 2018

St. Bonaventure – St. Benedict the Moor

Rosary Society

Is returning to Lancaster, Pa.!

We will visit Sight and Sound Theatre to see...

Jesus, The Heart of the Story

The trip includes: Round trip bus transportation

on coach bus / Tickets to Sight and Sound

Theatre production of *Jesus* Family Style Lunch /

Shopping / **See flyer for details & Reservation**

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, make Me Holy. Body of Christ, Save Me.

Blood of Christ, Fill Me with Your Love.

Water from Christ's Side, Wash Me.

Passion of Christ, Strengthen Me. Good Jesus, Hear Me.

Within Your Wounds, Hide Me.

Never Let Me Be Parted From You.

From the Evil Enemy, Protect Me.

At the Hour of My Death, Call Me,

and tell Me to come to You,

That with Your Saints I May Praise You Through All Eternity.

Amen

To our Societies & Ministries please submit your event forms for parish endeavors for

January to June 2018

Thank you!