

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD****January 5, 2020****BANNS OF MARRIAGE:**

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**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.** Today we celebrate one of the oldest Christian feasts, the feast of Epiphany or revelation of Jesus as the Light to the nations. Though the number of kings or magi who came to adore the Christ Child is traditionally set at three because of the three gifts that are mentioned, in various Christian traditions, the number of magi differed greatly. The three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh were symbolic gifts reflecting who this Child of Bethlehem is. Gold is a gift for a King, because Jesus truly was the king of Israel and of the universe. Frankincense is a gift for God, for God alone is to be worshiped. And myrrh is a spice used for burial, a symbolic gift that this king will suffer death and be buried for the salvation of the world. Today's Feast of Epiphany is one of several manifestations or epiphanies of the humanity and divinity of Jesus during these Christmas holidays: his birth in Bethlehem, his revelation to the magi from the East, his Baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY CORPORATE COMMUNION** will be at the 8:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, followed by a meeting in the Slovenian Room. Plans for the upcoming Reverse Raffle (Feb. 8, 2020) will be discussed.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR HAITI.** We are edging closer to our goal of \$7,000 to build a new house for a very needy family in Haiti. In cooperation with Cross Catholic Outreach. So far 75 people have contributed \$6,215. Only \$785 to go. If you have not made a contribution please do so as soon as possible. If only 400 registered household from the parish gave a gift of \$20, we could easily reach our goal.

**SLOVENIAN SCHOOL ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER** will be on Sunday, January 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Pork chops and roast beef will be served. All proceeds will benefit our Saturday Slovenian Language School.

**CHURCH FLOOR IN PEW WORK.** We are expecting to begin working on repairing and refurbishing the church floor and restoring pews the week of January 13, 2020. During the time of work, use of the church will be limited. Daily Mass will be celebrated in the Slovenian Room, but we still hope to be able to use a part of the church for funerals and Sunday Masses. Work is expected to be finished by April 1, 2020 in time for Holy Week. We ask for your patience in understanding.

**TODAY 'S PSALM RESPONSE:**

**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

**Sunday's Offering Dec. 22rd: \$ 6,883.00**

**Sunday's Offering Dec. 29th : \$6,819.00**

**Christmas Day: \$ 47,011.35**

**Church Needs:** \$50 in memory of Rudy Ujcich from Marija Ujcich; \$70 in memory of the deceased members of the Habat & Kozar Families from Greg & Sheila Kozar; \$50 in memory of Millie Senger from Greg & Sheila Kozar; \$1,000 in memory of Julia Floran from Michael & Linda Floran; \$200 in memory of Mary Marsic from Vera Marsic

**Special Christmas Gifts:** \$750 from St. Mary Court #1640 Catholic Order of Foresters; \$1,000 from American Mutual Life Association; \$500 from Vic & Annie Kmetec; \$10,000 anonymous for organ maintenance; \$5,000 anonymous; \$2,000 anonymous; \$400 in memory of Viktor Lamovec from wife Antonia; \$100 in memory of Lojze & Mici Mohar from John and Teri Young & Family; \$1,000 in honor of Marie Ogrinc from son, Frank & wife, Nancy; \$1,000 from PAKO Industries; \$250 from Sally Yozipovich; \$100 from Paul & Laureen Suhay; \$1,000 anonymous; \$100 from Joseph Zorko.

**Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!**

**IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LIKE LIKE SPRINGTIME.** So it was for Christmas 2019. Both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were warm and sunny, which seemed to lift the spirits of many who came to celebrate the Birth of Jesus at St. Mary's. The luminaries along E.155th & E.156th, Holmes and Saranac Rd. reminded both our neighbors and parishioners that Christ is the Light of the world dwelling among us. We have Mary and Kevin Oliveri to thank for this project. How festive it was to see all of these lights glowing after the 5:00 p.m. Children's Mass to the wee hours of Christmas morning. The Church was beautifully decorated many saying it was exceptional this year. We thank our choir and music director Ed Ferrazzoli for the beautiful music for our Christmas liturgies. And of course what would the Children's Mass be without the Christmas Pageant under the direction of Toni Jo Kozak. The children were once again tremendous in sharing with us the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. This year was a little special because "Baby Jesus" was the newborn daughter of Mark & Rose Kocin, who also played Joseph and Mary in the pageant. After Mass, little baby Theresa Anne Kocin was baptized into the Faith. What a truly wonderful Christmas gift. It was great seeing so many people with roots at St. Mary's coming home for the holidays. To everyone who participated in our Christmas liturgies, to all who donated for flowers and decorations, our sincere thank you. And special thank you to our bell ringers and everyone who helped make Christmas at St. Mary's so special this year. Christ is born!

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE.** Herod was frightened of Jesus. He feared Jesus would replace him and he would lose control. In families, fear appears when we are threatened by what is out of our control. We fret but it does us no good. Give these situations to the Lord and let Him lead us like He led the Magi.

**Masses for the Week of January 6-12, 2020**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>(1/6) ST. ANDRE BESSETTE (Religious)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Nezka Tomc (Rose Coan)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>(1/7) ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT (Priest)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Lojze Bajc (Family)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>(1/8) CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY</b>
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>(1/9) CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY</b>
7:45 a.m.	Jane Hozjan (Evelyn Pipoly)
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>(1/10) CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY</b>
7:45 a.m.	Matija & Marija Gerič and Daughter, Ana (Daughter & Sister, Terezija Sugar)
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>(1/11) CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY</b>
7:45 a.m.	Frances Coberly (Ivanka Turk)
1:30 p.m.	Wedding/Heile & McKeever
5:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of Cetinsky & Mihelick Families (Cetinsky Family)
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>(1/12) BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Zalik and Kavaš Families (Dennis Zalik & Family)
10:00 a.m.	Jennifer Ribič (Family)
12:00 noon	Parishioners

**Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers  
(Weekend of January 11/12th)**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Stan Zalar/Kathy Spilar/ Cathy Cerer
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Louise Daley/Tim Daley
	10:00 a.m.	Maria Bruner/Vince Rozman/ Monica Zalar
	12:00 noon	Laura Merkun/Marie Kushner

**Please Pray for Our Sick:** Josephine Strle,  
Chris Chermely, Helen Jecic

**May They Rest in God's Peace:** + Josef Lah  
+ Rose Kocin

**DELO NA CERKVENIH KLOPEH IN TLEH.** Pričakujemo da bomo začeli s popravilom tla in obnovitvijo klopi v tednu 13. januarja 2020. V tem času dela bo uporaba cerkve omejena. Dnevna maša bo obhajana v slovenski sobi, toda še vedno upamo da bo del cerkve lahko uporaben za pogrebe in nedeljsko mašo. Delo pričakujemo da bo končano 1. aprila 2020, pravočasno za Velikonočne praznike. Prosim, za potrpežljivost in razumevanje.  
**DRUŽINSKA PERSPEKTIVA.** Herod se je bal Jezusa. Bal se je, da bo Jezus nadomestil njega in bo on izgubil kontrolo. V družinah strah se prikaže kadar nam grozi kar je ven iz naše kontrole. Mi smo vznemirjeni, toda nam to ne pomaga. Dajmo te situacije Gospodu in pustimo Njemu, da nas vodi, kakor je On vodil Modre.

**GOSPODOVO RAZGLAŠENJE-TRIJE KRALJI.**

**PRAZNIK GOSPODOVEGA RAZGLAŠENJA.** Danes mi obhajamo enega najstarejših krščanskih praznikov — praznik Jezusovega razglášenja, kot luč narodom. Čeprav število kraljev ali Modrih, ki so prišli počastiti Dete Kristusa je tradicionalno tri zaradi treh darov ki so omenjeni, v različnih krščanskih tradicijah se število Modrih zelo razlikuje. Trije darovi zlata, kadila in mire so simbolično darovi, ki odražajo kdo je to Dete iz Betlehema. Zlato je dar za Kralja, zato ker Jezus je resnično kralj Izraela in vesolja. Kadilo je dar za Boga, zato ker samo Boga častimo in molimo. In mira je dišava za pokop, simbolični dar, da ta kralj bo trpel smrt in bo pokopan za odrešenje sveta. Današnji praznik Gospodovega razglášenja je ena od več manifestacij ali razglášenja človečnosti in božanstva Jezusa ob božičnih praznikih: njegovo rojstvo v Betlehemu, njegovo razglášenje Modrim iz Vzhoda, njegov krst v reki Jordanu in njegov prvi čudež na svatbi v Kani Galilejski.

**IN ZGLEDALO JE BOLJ KOT POMLAD.** Tako je bilo za Božič 2019. Na božični večer in božični dan je bilo toplo in sončno, ki je dvignilo razpoloženje mnogim, da so prišli na obhajanje Jezusovega rojstva k Mariji vnebovzeti. Lučke ob E. 155. in 156. cesti, Holmes Ave. in Saranac cesti so spomnile naše sosede in župljane, da Kristus je luč sveta in biva med nami. Zahvaliti se moramo Mary in Kavinu Oliveri za ta projekt. Kako praznično je zgledalo vse te lučke žareti po otroški maši ob 5:00 uri v zgodnje ure božičnega jutra. Cerkev je bila lepo okrašena pripombe ljudi, da je letos izjemno lepo. Zahvala našemu zboru in organistu Edu Ferrazzoli za lepo petje pri naših božičnih liturgijah. In kaj bi bila otroška maša brez božičnega prizora otrok po vodstvu Toni Jo Kozak. Otroci so odlično povedali nam povest Jezusovega rojstva v Betlehemu. Letos je bilo posebno ker "Dete Jezus" je bila novorojenka hčerka Marka in Rosie Kocin, ki sta bila Jožef in Marija v prizoru. Po maši je bila mala Theresa Anne Kocin krščena v Vero. Kako res čudovito božično darilo. Lepo je bilo videti ljudi s koreninami pri Mariji vnebovzeti, da so prišli domov za praznike, Vsem, ki ste sodelovali v naših božičnih liturgijah, vsem ki ste darovali za cvetje in dekoracije in naša iskrena hvala našim pritrkovalcem in vsem ki ste pripomogli narediti tako čudovit Božič pri Mariji vnebovzeti letos. Kristus je rojen! Naj nadalje slavimo Njega z duhom božične radosti in miru skozi to Novo leto.

**DRUŠTVO NAJSVETEJŠEGA IMENA** ima skupno obhajilo pri maši ob 8:00 uri naslednjo nedeljo. Sledi sestanek v slovenski sobi. Razprava bo o načrtu za bližajoč Reverse Raffle, ki bo 8. februarja 2020.

**BOŽIČNI DAR ZA HAITI.** Mi smo na robu našega cilja \$7,000 da zgradimo novo hišo za ubogo družino na Haiti. S sodelovanjem Cross Catholic Outreach. Do sedaj je 75 ljudi darovalo \$6,215 Samo še \$785 je treba. Če še niste darovali, prosimo, storite to čimprej. Če samo 400 registriranih družin ali posameznikov bi darovalo \$20 bomo brez težav dosegli naš cilj.

**KOSILO SLOVENSKE ŠOLE,** bo v nedeljo 19. januarja od 11:00 do 1:00 ure popoldan v župnijski dvorani. Servirali bodo svinjske zarebnice in govejo pečenko. Ves dohodek gre za našo sobotno Slovensko šolo.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:  
GOSPOD, VSI NARODI TI BODO SLUŽILI.**