

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**January 2, 2022****A BLESSED AND HAPPY, HEALTHY, PEACE-FILLED NEW YEAR 2022 TO ALL!!**

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD. Today the Church observes the wonderful manifestation of Jesus to the Magi who came from the East in search of the new-born king. Known as "Little Christmas" or the "Feast of the Three Kings", we too follow the star, which is the light of our faith, that we may seek, find and worship Christ the Lord, truly Son of God, and Son of Mary, not with gold, frankincense and myrrh but with the gifts of our sincerity, our trust, and our complete devotion.

IT WAS BEAUTIFUL! The weather was almost spring-like, the music was uplifting in unfolding for us the miracle of Bethlehem, the bell ringers kept the tradition of greeting those attending Midnight Mass, and the church was beautifully decorated as usual. We offer our gratitude to our organist and music director Ed Ferrazzoli and all of the members of the choir, and a special thank you to Maria Fiorta for trumpet at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass and our clarinet and saxophone Quartet of John Nemeč, Phil Hrvatin, Martin Marsic and Tony Hocevar at the Midnight Mass for the wonderful music. Our gratitude to Margret Wein for taking care of tastefully arranging the flowers in the sanctuary. The Covid virus continued to be the Grinch trying to steal our Christmas. Fewer people attended Christmas Mass either because of sickness or quarantine due to family members being infected with the virus, but this was fairly common in all of our churches. One of our western suburban parishes had both of their priests infected so they were scrambling for priest replacements for the Christmas weekend. We continue to pray that this fast-moving Omicron variant will quickly move on from Northeast Ohio and that those infected will have very mild symptoms. For those not yet vaccinated, get vaccinated for your own good and the good of others.

We look forward to more normal times, safer times, but in the meantime, we heed the message of the angel to the shepherds on that first Christmas in Bethlehem, "Do not be afraid! For behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that today a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." May we keep that message of Christmas in our hearts throughout this New Year.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER.

May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain, but by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making our path easy, but by making us sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from us, but by taking fear from our hearts;

Not by granting us unbroken sunshine, but by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making our life always pleasant, but by showing us when people and their causes need us most, and by making us anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, and joy to us for the year ahead.

(Author unknown)

Sunday Offering, Dec. 19th: \$5,624**Sunday Offering, Dec. 26th: \$4,411****On-Line Donations: \$1,514****Christmas Day Collection: \$37,267**

Church Needs: \$500 from Kristjan & Maria Sedmak in thanksgiving on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary; \$1,000 from Greg Urbas; \$150 from Andrej & Pamela Lah for church roof repairs; \$100 from Stanley Gerich; \$200 for church repairs from Charlie & Majda Loncar; \$200 in memory of Bob Klancher from Mara Dale; \$25 in memory of Bob Klancher from Carol Ule; \$250 in memory of Karl Zajec from Will & Laurie Kastelic & Family; \$100 in memory of Karl Zajec from Cassie & Tim Kastelic; \$25 in memory of Bishop Anthony Pilla from Nada & Bill Malone; \$20 in memory of Bob Klancher from Leonard Farrell; \$50 anonymous in memory of Bob Klancher; \$10 in memory of Ana Staniša from Maria Draginc; \$400 in memory of Mary & Dušan Maršič from Vera Maršič; \$250 in memory of Peter Hauptman from Clement & Emily Grum.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS: \$10,000 anonymous; \$5,000 in memory of Aloysius & Mercedes Nemeč from daughter Karen; \$275 from Roseann Hudock; \$500 from Bob & Sue Frederico; \$500 anonymous; \$50 in memory of the deceased members of the Senger, Mah, Anzer, Kozar and Habat Families from Greg & Sheila Kozar; \$50 in memory of Walter Majer from Irene Majer; \$100 from John & Maryann Semen; \$100 from Joyce Hribar Fiebig; \$600 from Folklorna Skupina Kres; \$200 from Primorski Klub; \$100 from Lidia Mazi; \$150 from Pevski Zbor Korotan; \$180 from Rev. John Retar; \$300 in memory of the Zernic & Turocy Families from Michael & Monica Zernic; \$225 for candles for Marija Pomagaj Shrine from Donna Strainer; \$250 from Tony & Vida Hauptman; \$200 in memory of Matthew & Lillian Dolenc from Laura Dolenc; \$200 in memory of Matthew & Lillian Dolenc from Christine Dolenc; \$2,500 from the Hauptman and Hren Families at Sunset Industries; \$1,000 in honor of mother & mother-in-law Marie Ogrinc from Frank & Nancy Ogrinc; \$100 in memory of grandparents from Fr. David Misbrener; \$200 from Frank & Magdalene Lavriša; \$250 from Tony & Cathy Cerer; \$250 in memory of Tony Petkovsek from Joey & Lisa Tomsick; \$50 from Alexija Lah; \$250 from Kathy & Bob Zabak; \$100 from Theresa & John Sabbath; \$1,000 in memory of Milena Ferkul from John & Michaela Ferkul.

Your generosity to the parish is appreciated!

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FRANCES AND JANE S. LAUSCHE FOUNDATION, in memory of former U.S. Senator Frank J. Lausche for a grant in the amount of \$3,000 for the maintenance of the Lausche Atrium. We are truly grateful.

SUNG LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will be next Sunday, January 9th immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass, on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, the last day of the Christmas Season. It is proper and fitting that we honor the Mother of God during the Christmas Season because it was her "yes" to God that allowed the Mystery of our redemption to unfold before us.

Masses for the Week of January 3-10, 2022

Monday:	(1/3) HOLY NAME OF JESUS
7:45 a.m.	Eleanor Pavsek (Son, Richard)
Tuesday:	(1/4) ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON (Religious)
7:45 a.m.	Frank Juhant
Wednesday:	(1/5) ST. JOHN NEUMANN (Bishop)
7:45 a.m.	James Saponaro (Jean Saponaro)
Thursday:	(1/6) ST. ANDRE BESSETTE (Religious)
7:45 a.m.	Dorothy & Mike Hodnichak and Louis & Mary Hitty (Family)
Friday:	(1/7) ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT (Priest)
7:45 a.m.	Cetinsky & Mihelick Families (Cetinsky Family)
Saturday:	(1/8) CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Marija Brodnick (Frank Vidmar)
5:00 p.m.	Jože Žalik (Sons, Robert & Dennis Žalik)
Sunday:	(1/9) BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Anton & Pavla Adamič and Radmila Veider (Dolinar Family)
12:00 noon	Frances Coberly (Ivanka Matič)

Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers**(Weekend of January 8th/9th)**

Friday	5:00 p.m.	Jeanne Matuch/Lou Drasler
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Florian Osredkar/Tony Ogrinc
	10:00 a.m.	Metka Zalar/Tom Kastelic
	12:00 noon	Joe Valencic/Mary Ojnik

Please Pray for Our Sick: Tom McNulty, Ted Jenda, Norah Konrad, Kristjan Sedmak, Sally Kerman, Mladen & Dusanka Lengel, Anica Knez, Mimi Cendol

May They Rest in God's Peace:

+Ignatius Omahen
+Jennie Jesek



PATRIOTIC ROSARY will be prayed in church on Wednesday, January 5th at 6:30 p.m.

TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

POSEBNA ZAHVALA FRANCES IN JANE S. LAUSCHE FOUNDATION, v spomin na nekdanjega ameriškega senatorja Franka J. Lauscheta za dar \$3,000 za vzdrževanje Lauschetovega Atrija. Iskrena hvala.

PRISTAVSKA NOČ 2022, PRAZNOVANJE 60+ LET, bo v soboto, 22. januarja 2022 v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Ave. od 5:30 zvečer do polnoči. Dar je \$60 na osebo. Za rezervacije vstopnic ali več informacij pokličite Elizabeto Žalik na 440-537-1941 ali po email na ekavas111@aol.com.

DANES JE PRAZNIK GOSPODOVEGA RAZGLAŠENJA

BLAGOSLOVLJENO IN SREČNO, ZDRAVO, MIRU POLNO NOVO LETO 2022 VAM VSEM!!

LEPO JE BILO! Vreme je bilo skoraj pomladansko, glasba je bila povišana da je razvijalo za nas Betlehemiški čudež, potrkovalci so ohranili tradicijo da pozdravijo tiste, ki so prihajali k polnočnici, cerkev pa je bila lepo okrašena kot običajno. Zahvaljujemo se našemu organistu in glasbenemu vodju Edu Ferrazzoliju in vsem članom zbora ter posebna zahvala Mariji Fiorti za igranje trobente pri Božični Maši ob 5:00 ter našemu kvartetu klarinistov Janezu Nemcu, Philu Hrvatinu, Martinu Maršiču in Tonetu Hočevanju pri polnočni maši za lepo glasbo. Hvaležni smo Margaret Wein, za lepo razvrstitev cvetja na oltarju. Covidov virus je še vedno bil 'Grinch', ki je poskušal ukrasti naš božič. Manj ljudi se je udeležilo božičnih maš zaradi boleznih ali karantene, ker so družinski člani okuženi z virusom, vendar je bilo to povprečno v vseh naših cerkvah. V eni od naših župnij v zahodnem predmestju, sta bila oba duhovnika okužena, da sta s težavo iskala namestnike za božični vikend. Molimo še naprej, da bi se ta hitro premikajoč Omicron virus hitro premaknil iz ven severovzhodnega Ohia in da bodo okuženi imeli zelo mile simptome. Za tiste, ki še niste cepljeni, dajte se cepiti za svoje dobro in dobro drugih. Veselimo se bolj normalnih časov, bolj varnih časov, medtem pa upoštevajmo angelovo sporočilo pastirjem na ta prvi Božič v Betlehemu "Ne bojte se! Glejte, oznanjam Vam veliko veselja, veselje za vso ljudstvo: Rodil se vam je danes Zveličar, ki je Kristus Gospod." Naj to sporočilo božiča ostane v naših srcih skozi to Novo Leto.

GOSPODOVO RAZGLAŠENJE. Danes Cerkev praznuje čudovito Jezusovo proglasitev modrim, ki so prišli od vzhoda v iskanju novorojenega kralja. Znani kot "Mali Božič" ali praznik "Treh kraljev", tudi mi sledimo zvezdi, ki je luč naše vere, da iščemo, najdemo in častimo Kristusa Gospoda, resnično Božjega Sina, in Sina Marije, ne z zlatom, kadilom in miro, ampak z darom naše iskrenosti, našega zaupanja, in našo popolno vdanost. **NOVOLETNA MOLITEV.**

Naj Bog osreči vaše leto! Ne tako, da nas ščiti pred vsemi žalostmi in bolečinami, ampak tako, da nas okrepi, da to prenesemo, ko pride;

Ne tako, da si olajšamo pot, ampak tako, da postanemo trdni za potovanje po kateri koli poti;

Ne tako, da nam jemljemo stiske, ampak tako, da vzamemo strah iz naših src;

Ne tako, da nam podari neprekinjeno sonce, ampak tako, da ohranimo naš obraz svetel, tudi v senci;

Ne tako, da naredimo življenje vedno prijetno, ampak tako, da pokažemo, kdaj nas ljudje in njihovi vzroki najbolj potrebujejo, in da si želimo pomagati.

Božja ljubezen, mir in veselje nam v prihajajočem letu. (avtor neznan)

PETE LITANIJE MATERE BOŽJE bodo naslednjo nedeljo, 9. januarja, takoj po 10:00 maši, na praznik Kristusovega krsta, zadnji dan božičnega časa. Kako primerno je, da počastimo Božjo Mater med božičnim časom, ker je njen "Da" Bogu, ki je omogočil skrivnost našega odrešenja, da se razgrne pred nas.

PATRIOTIČNI ROŽNI VENEC bomo molili v sredo, 5. januarja ob 6:30 zvečer v cerkvi.

ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:

Gospod, vsi narodi ti bodo služili.