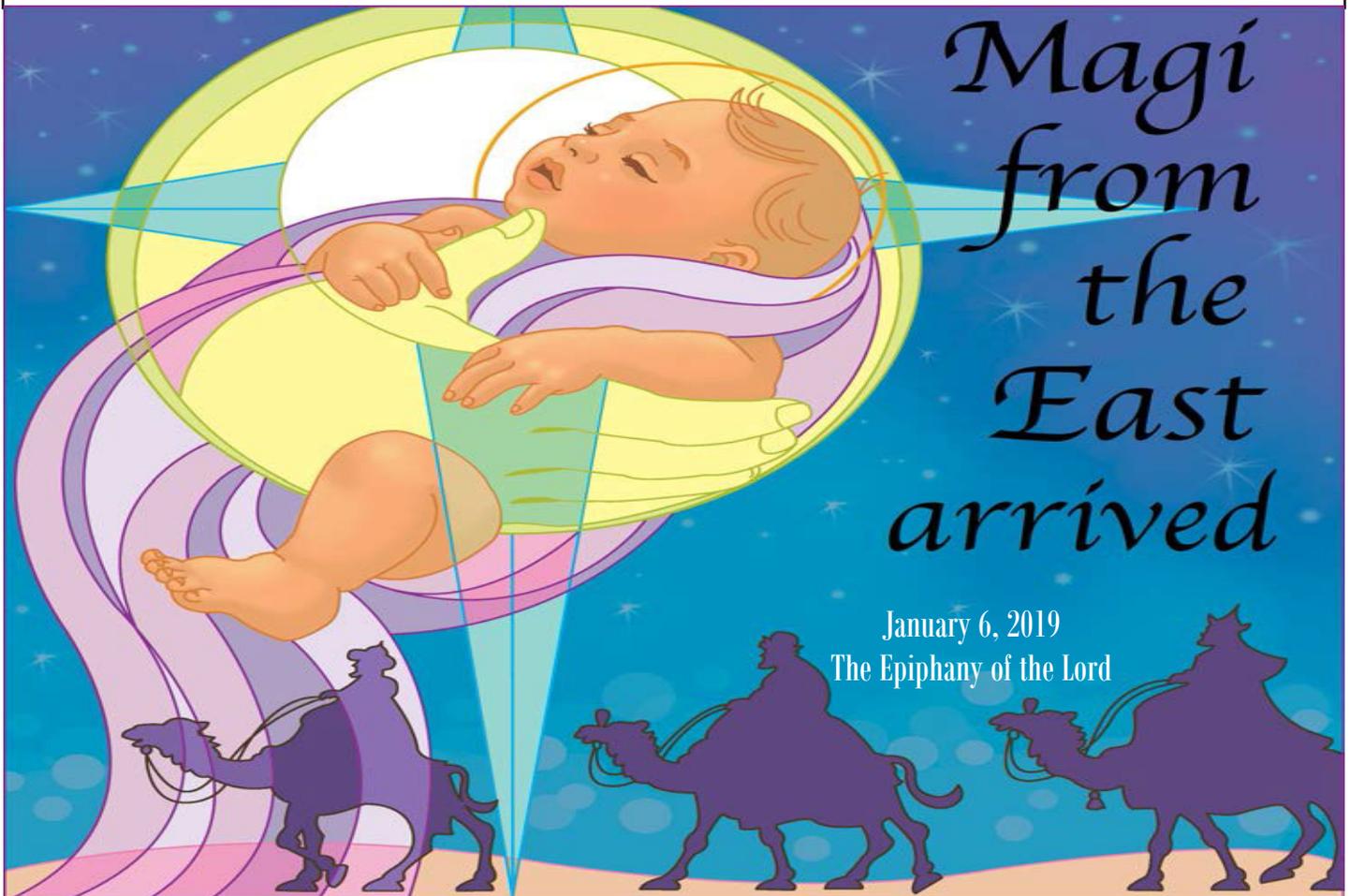


# SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH & DIOCESAN SHRINE

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# Magi from the East arrived

January 6, 2019  
The Epiphany of the Lord

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:00 pm &  
Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 am

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Every Friday after 8:30 am Mass

## CONFESSIONS

Before daily Mass from 8-8:30 am,  
3-3:45 pm Saturday and 1/2 hr. before  
Mass on Sunday  
**ROSARY** - after 8:30 am Masses

*Do You Have Questions About  
the Catholic Faith?*

*Do you have questions about the Catholic Church that  
you have always wondered about? Are you curious about  
how someone becomes Catholic?*

Contact Mike Denz: call 716-266-AMEN or email  
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Mike will answer any questions you have.  
All conversations are kept Confidential.

### Peace on Earth...

**Peace.** This is a popular word people associate with Jesus – often at Christmas time. It is found in St. Luke's telling of the angels visit to the shepherds on Christmas. The angels have just announced the birth of Jesus to the Shepherds and they begin to sing:

***"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased!" -Luke 2:14***

"Peace among men with whom He is pleased." What does that mean exactly? Let's get back to that.

This particular verse is from a translation of the Bible called the Revised Standard Version (RSV). It is a Catholic translation and is considered by many to be the most accurate English translation we have. Let's look at some other Catholic Bible translations of this verse: ***"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests."*** - from the New American Bible. ***"Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will."*** Douay-Rheims Bible.

There is a theme here. *Peace is dependent on something else.* It is for men with whom God is pleased, on whom God's favor rests... people the Douay-Rheims Bible calls "men of good will". "Men of good will" means that your will is good, or in other words, your will is to do God's will. This is the most descriptive and helpful of the translations above, because it doesn't just tell us that peace comes to those who have God's favor or to those God is pleased with. "Men of good will" tells us what we need to do to have peace – we need to follow God's will. This is why the "Gloria" at Mass was changed, from "Glory to God in the highest. And peace to His people on earth" to "Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to men of good will."

By the way, many of us are very used to another translation of this verse that is, well... not quite accurate... and may be another reason for people's confusion about "peace" and "men of good will". In the Peanut's Christmas special, which has aired annually for over 50 years, Linus quotes the King James Protestant Version of Luke's Gospel that reads, ***"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."***

Anyway, back to the Catholic verse. What is peace then? Surely, it doesn't mean that war never comes to those who do God's will. It doesn't mean you will not have enemies or have people who don't like you. Jesus Himself had enemies and still does today. It may help to look at what Jesus said about the peace He brings. After all, He is the "Prince of Peace".

***So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's foes will be those of his own household. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. -Matthew 10:32-39***

Well... that doesn't sound very peaceful, does it? The peace we so often think about is not what Jesus is bringing. He makes it very plain. Following Him will cause division in our lives, right up to losing our lives if need be, because many people will not agree with our choice to follow Jesus, and those people will often be in our own household.

OK, so Jesus does not bring the kind of peace where everyone gets along with everyone else. So what kind of peace does He bring?

***"If a man loves Me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep my words; and the word which you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent Me. These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."***

-John 14:23-27

Jesus gives the kind of peace that comes with knowing you love Him, because you do His will... you keep His word... and the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) come and make Their home with you. So that no matter how much craziness is going on around you, you have God with you, so your heart is not troubled and is not afraid. You are at peace with God.

All baptized Christians who struggle to do God's will have this peace... to a point, but there is so much more! Truly living in God's peace takes time. Sin, anxiety and fear get in the way. To have this kind of peace more fully we need to pray everyday. We need to frequent Mass, adoration of the Eucharist and confession. We need to do God's will more faithfully... everyday.

An excellent book on peace was written by a French priest and spiritual master named Father Jacques Philippe. It is titled, "Searching for and Maintaining Peace". I highly recommend this book, as well as the many other excellent books written by Father Philippe.

By Mike Denz

**FINANCIAL NEWS**

**The collection was:**

Sunday Collection - December 23rd	\$ 4,551.55
Christmas Collection - December 25th	5,157.58
Religious Retirement Appeal	90.00
Other	26.00

**PLEASE ADD TO YOUR PRAYERS!**

Ann Archilla, Kerri Baker, Allie Bielewski, Kelly Boersma, Kevin Bopp, Gerald Brem, Helen Brown, Joan Busch, Cercone Family, Anne Chaffee, Gerald Chiarmonite, Mary Ann D'Amico, Nancy Davies, Dolores Domagala, Daniel Donahue, Sally Duke, Suzanne Freeman, Ken Galas, Tom Gardon, Anna Guarino, Pat Green, Bud Hess, Joyce Habermehl, Ruth Herrnreiter, James Kankiewicz, Ronald Kempisty, David Kerchoff, Elaine Kloc, Phyllis & Joseph Kowalski, Audrey Kruger, Marielle Locher, Jackie Lunz, Mark Lunz, Jane MacPeek, Grace Metz, Karen Metz, Heidi Miller, Francesca Morabito, Nicholas Mueller, Dave Nowicki, Connie Paoletti, Stella Brunatti-Petersen, Tina Piotrowski, Dr. Anthony Pivaronis, David Rand, Thomas Reding, Fred Rischmiller, Joel Rivera, Gerald Robert, Linda Rupert, Thomas Smith, Sharon Stachelski, Philomena Stanko, Helen Szablewski, Kathy Topol, Marguerite Ventresca, Catherine Virtuoso

*Please pray for the recently deceased souls of  
Gloria Kubicki and Nicola Ciccarelli  
and the souls of our Faithful Departed .  
Call the Rectory to keep this list updated.*

**CALENDAR -  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY** See p. 4 for details.  
**HOLY NAME MEETING** - No Meeting for January.  
**MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS**  
**PRAYER CENACLE** - Meets every Monday from 10-11:00 am in Parish Center.  
**HEART TO HANDS MINISTRY** - Resumes January 7th.  
**BISHOP FULTON SHEEN Book Study** - We will resume in January.  
**FUNDRAISER MEETING** - Tues., Jan. 8th at 6:30 pm  
**HEALING MASS:** Wed., Jan. 30th, 2019 at 7:00 pm  
**WHY ARE YOU CATHOLIC?**  
 Will resume Tuesday, January 8th, 2019 at 7:00 pm.  
 Our new topic will be The Blessed Virgin Mary.  
**THE MYSTERY OF PRAYER**  
 —**WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW**  
 One day class with Mike Denz, Wed, Jan. 9th at 6:30 pm.  
**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY BASKET RAFFLE**  
 Saturday, February 2nd from 3:30 to 6:00 pm and  
 Sunday, February 3rd from 8:00 am to 12:45 pm.  
**PARISH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**  
 Thursday, February 7, 2019, see p. 4 for details.

**"Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name."  
1 Peter 4:16**

**WELCOME!**

Welcome to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish & Diocesan Shrine. For information regarding becoming a New Parishioner, Baptisms, Marriages, Anointing of the Sick, Letters of Recommendation, etc. please call the Parish Office



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 5th**

8:30 am Pastor's Mass for Parishioners  
4:00 pm Alice Dudas  
By Joseph Dudas

**Sunday, January 6th**

8:30 am Joseph Lostracco  
By Altar & Rosary Society  
11:00am  
Thomas Huefner  
By Barbara Berlin

**Monday, January 7th**

8:30 am Joseph Lostracco  
By Sandy & Jerry Huefner

**Tuesday, January 8th**

8:30 am Helen Dell'uomo  
By Michael & Mary Beth Campo

**Wed., January 9th**

8:30 am  
Doris Hoy  
By Warren & Pam Hoy

**Thursday, January 10th**

8:30 am Catherine Frank  
By Daughters

**Friday, January 11th**

8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of Pera Family  
By Thomas Pera

**Saturday, January 12th**

4:00 pm Pastor's Mass for Parishioners

**Sunday, January 13th**

8:30 am Thomas Huefner  
By Holy Name Society  
11:00am  
Edward Konieczny  
By Wife & Children

**Presentation of the Gifts during Mass**

If you have requested a **weekend or Holy Day Mass** for someone special, you or the recipient's family are welcome to take up the gifts at that Mass. Please see the ushers at the back of the church before the start of Mass and let them know you are present and would like to take up the gifts. If no one comes forward before Mass the ushers will ask a volunteer to fulfill this privilege.

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### Altar & Rosary Society

#### January Altar & Rosary Events

There will be no group Mass or meeting in January.  
Wed., Jan 9th at 9:15 am - Sandwich Making  
Thurs., Jan. 17th at 9:30 am - Church Cleaning

### Holy Name Society

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There will be no group Mass or meeting in January.  
Our next meeting will be on Tues., February 12th at 7 pm.



*The next  
healing Mass will be  
Wednesday,  
January 30, 2019 at 7:00 pm.*

#### Split Club

You can be our December Split Club winner! Just drop the blue envelopes, that can be found by the door of the church, into any collection or bring it to the Rectory during office hours.

#### Super Bowl Sunday Basket Raffle

Mark your calendars for our 4th Annual Super Bowl Sunday Basket Raffle. This year's raffle will be on Saturday, February 2nd from 3:30 to 6:00 pm and Sunday, February 3rd from 8:00 am to 12:45 pm. The drawings will begin at 1 pm. To our generous donors, please utilize the after-Christmas sales to add to your baskets.



More information will be provided

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#### SACRED HEART PARISH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

This year we are assembling **1,000 bags of comfort and personal care items for people who need a little extra love and support.**

They will be assembled on  
**Thursday, February 7, 2019.**

They will be sent to Horizon Rehab Facilities, Haven House and Other Child & Family Service locations.

**Collections will take place the first two weeks in January,** please consider putting some of your Christmas funds aside now. For information regarding bulk products, such as: chap stick, washcloths, body wash, notepads, gloves, hats, socks or pens), please contact Julie at (716)462-9919.

#### FAT THURSDAY POLISH TRADITION



Anyone interested in helping to put together an event here at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on Thursday, February 28, 2019 to celebrate Fat Thursday please call the Rectory.

Father Dom would like to see if there is interest in planning and organizing this fun-filled Polish Tradition here at our Parish.

#### Response-to-Love Center

During the month of January we are collecting Chef Boyardee type canned meats-Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli and ready to eat soups for the Response-to-Love Center. Please place your donations in the barrel in the front vestibule of the church.

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#### WHY ARE YOU CATHOLIC CLASS

Our next class will be

Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 pm

Topic - *The Blessed Virgin Mary*

Just drop in and join the conversation.

**Come and See! Everyone can learn.**

**No degrees or special skills are needed.**

**All are Called!**

#### Formed.org

Have you checked out the **"FORMED" Website?** If you haven't registered yet it's **FREE and EASY!**

Just go to 'Formed.org' and click on the register button at the lower right hand side of the page.

Then enter the following code: **4VZHMT.**

Next, enter your email address and any password you like. That's it! Use your email and password to login from now on. Enjoy! The best things in life are **FREE!**

#### Heart to Hands Ministry



*Jesus said, "Come and See."*

John 1:39

**Welcome one and all helping hands!**

Thank you to all who have been a part of our ministry this year! Our beautiful handmade knitted/crocheted baby caps and blankets for the newborns in the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit and "fidget blankets" for patients with Dementia/Alzheimer's have been truly appreciated.

May God bless you for all the love you put into everything you make! Our next meeting will be Monday, January 7th at 1:30 pm. Please just stop in for further information or call the Rectory at 683-2375.

—Ann & Sandy

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalms** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you  
(Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners  
in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.  
(Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the  
newborn king of the Jews  
(Matthew 2:1-12).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;  
Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;  
Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,  
3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;

**RESPECT LIFE  
LOVE WILL END ABORTION  
ABORTION...A pagan rite**

**“Abortion is the ultimate exploitation of women.”**  
- *Alice Paul American Suffragist, feminist & women’s  
rights activist (1885-1977)*

**Prayer for the Unborn:** Dispel the fear and selfishness of  
pregnant women and give them true womanly hearts to love  
their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a  
mother can give. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever. Amen

**“Lord have Mercy on us”**

**Winter weather is now here and we are still  
looking for volunteers to occasionally help with  
managing the snow and ice by operating the church’s  
snow blowers, snow plow and shoveling walks.  
Specifically, backup help is needed on weekends for the  
safety of those attending weekend Masses and Faith**

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**Formation classes. Training will be  
provided as needed. If you can help,  
please call Barb at the  
Rectory to sign up and you will be  
contacted with further information.  
(716)683-2375**

**GIFT CARDS**

**Don't forget to stop in the Rectory to stock  
up on your Gift Cards!**

Available at the Rectory Tuesdays through Thursdays.

The Parish makes 1.25%-10% on the sale of these cards  
and all fundraising monies remain in the Parish.

Please support your parish by purchasing gift cards.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**



**Meat Raffle!! Chesterton Academy of Buffalo**



**Saturday, January 12th | 6pm: Registration | 7pm: First Wheel Spin!**

1339 Indian Church Road West Seneca, Ny 14224

**Presale: \$8 At the door: \$10**

Party of 8 for \$58!! (presale)

Tickets include: 2 slices of Pizza, Beer, Pop; A chance to win a Door Prize!!

Questions? (716) 674-8101 or office@buffalochestertonacademy.org

**EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES**

**The Suffering Heart of Jesus!**

**Presenter: Mr. Jeffrey Skurka**

**Monday, January 28, 2019 at 7 PM**

**Our Lady of Pompeii Church**

**158 Laverack Ave., Lancaster, NY (716)683-6522**

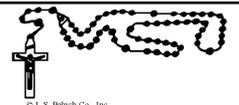
Medical professionals had determined that samples taken from  
consecrated communion hosts of verified Eucharistic Miracles  
when scientifically examined have proven to be inflamed human  
myocardial tissue. Thus leaving the medical community  
Dumbfounded. Come learn why Jesus keeps  
showing us his suffering heart.

**Refreshments follow. All are welcome.**

**“Love of Heaven is the only way to Heaven.”**

- John Henry Newman

**Please pray the  
“Chaplet of Reparation”  
Offering of the Precious Blood  
for Priests.**



**(Prayed on ordinary rosary beads.)**

**On the Our Father Beads:**

*“Eternal Father, I offer you the Precious Blood of your Be-  
loved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb without blemish or spot, in  
reparation for my sins and for the sins of all your priests.”*

**On the 10 Hail Mary beads, pray:**

*“By your Precious Blood, O Jesus, purify and sanctify your priests.”*

**At the end of each decade, the prayer is:**

*“O Father, from whom all fatherhood in heaven and on earth  
is named, have mercy on all your priests and wash them in the Blood of  
the Lamb.”*

**What a beautiful prayer to say for the renewal of the clergy!**

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