

# Holy Family Parish

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# EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD MASS

OPENING HYMN

Bulletin

Installation of 2019 Parish Council

Blessing of Incense Charcoal & Chalk

Entrance Hymn

Malachi 3: 1b; Matthew 2: 2

P: The Messenger of the Covenant in Whom you desire. Yes, He is coming says the Lord of Hosts.

R: We saw His star at its rising, and have come to do Him homage.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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GLORIA

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OPENING PRAYER

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72

R: Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Acclamations.

Matthew 2: 2

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12

## SACRAMENT OF THE WORD

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CLOSING HYMN

Bulletin

**Opening Hymn: Hymn: “Lo, the Monarchs”**

PNCC Hymnal #50

Lo, the monarchs of the East now wend their way to Bethlehem  
There to find the promised savior There with gifts to greet Him  
In a manger poor and lowly lies the precious Savior  
Born to rule the hearts of mankind in eternal splendor.

King and wise men not the malice at the child directed,  
Dreadful tidings and great sadness, Herod’s plot affected,  
But the fearless monarch hurry, forward on to Bethl’em  
As the star leads to the Savior, giving hope unto them.

Standing there before the mother precious gifts each bearing,  
Bowing low before the Savior, Kings present their off’ring,  
//O what fortune beyond measure we cannot but envy,  
Who will say what we can offer to the Holy Baby. //



**Closing Hymn: “The First Noel”**

PNCC Hymnal #82, verses 4, 5, & 6

**R: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born in the King of Israel**

This star drew nigh to the northwest, O’er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
And there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where  
Jesus lay; **R**

Then entered in those Wise Men three, full rev’rently upon their  
knee, and offered there in His presence their gold and myrrh and  
frankincense. **R**

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly  
Lord, that has made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood  
mankind hath bought. **R:**

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, January 6, 2019**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

Confessions 8:30 A.M.

Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.

Installation of the 2019 Parish Council

Blessing of incense, charcoal & chalk

SOCL Classes 10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass 11:00 A.M.

**Wednesday January 9, 2019**

Bible Class 6:00 P.M.

**Thursday, January 10, 2019**

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 P.M.

**Saturday, January 12, 2019**

Church Undecorating 9:00 A.M.

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**

**Baptism of the Lord**

Confessions 8:30 A.M.

Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.

SOCL Classes 10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass 11:00 A.M.

**Today's Sunday Ministry**

**9:00 A.M.**

**11:00 A.M.**

Greeters: M. Sleczkowski

A. Fioravanti

Lectors: Red Team

L. Zaucha

Ushers: J. Bagshaw & L. Guy

J. Wagner

**Next Sunday Ministries**

**9:00 A.M.**

**11:00 A.M.**

Greeters: C. Trumpe

A. Fioravanti

Lectors: Youth Team

L. Zaucha

Usher: R. DeLong & D. Newcamp

J. Wagner

## Epiphany Word Search

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BETHLEHEM  
EAST  
INFANT  
KING  
STAR  
HOMAGE  
LEADER  
DATE  
CHILD  
DELIGHT  
GOLD  
MYRRH



### 2019 Special Intentions

Requests for special intentions for 2019. to schedule a Sunday for anniversaries, requiems or special blessings can be made by calling Fr. Bruce @ 412.276.5562or emailing him at bsleczkowski@aol.com

*Persons interested in some of our parish ministries as Greeters, Lectors, Ushers, Singers, Altar Care and Sacristans, please contact Fr. Bruce. The more we offer our talents, the more improvement there is for Holy Family Parish.*

### **Flowers**

After Mass today, if you would like to take your poinsettia home, you may do so. Thank you for your offering to beautify our parish this Christmas with your purchase.

### **Church Undecorating**

Next Saturday, we will be putting away all the Christmas decorations. Your help is definitely needed. We will begin at 9:00 A.M. Come and help.

## **Parish Council Installation**

We will be installing our 2019 Parish Council today after the opening Hymn. Council members are asked to come forward to the sanctuary to take their oaths.

### **2019 Parish Board**

The 2019 Executive Board of Directors are: Ted Gibala, Chairman; Donald Newcamp, Vice Chairman; Terry Kleckner, Financial Secretary; Janis Gibala, Recording Secretary; Sharon Kish, Treasurer. Board of Directors: Helen Mulac, Wendy Blotzer, Brian Stahurski, Dolores Eagan, Jean Crouch, Dennis Crouch, Janet Griffith, and Frank Pociask. Alternates: Kathy Trumpe & Debbie Parknavy. Auditors: David Kost, Marian Sleczkowski & Kathy Guy; Parish Tribunal: Janet Korch & Rosalie Clark. The parish thanks Marcia Angel and Bozena Kijowski for their service and chose not to run for another term.

### **Tree of Life**

A new leaf has been added to our Tree of Life in memory of Poppy Tom Piotrowski from the Parknavy Boys.

*Information about leaf purchases can be found in the bookcase located in the vestibule.*

### **Epiphany Visits**

If you would like your homes to be blessed for 2019, during the Epiphany Season, please contact Fr. Bruce @ 412.276.5562 so arrangements can be made for this special home blessing.

*Always check the parish bulletin board in the narthex for information in and around our community and Church.*

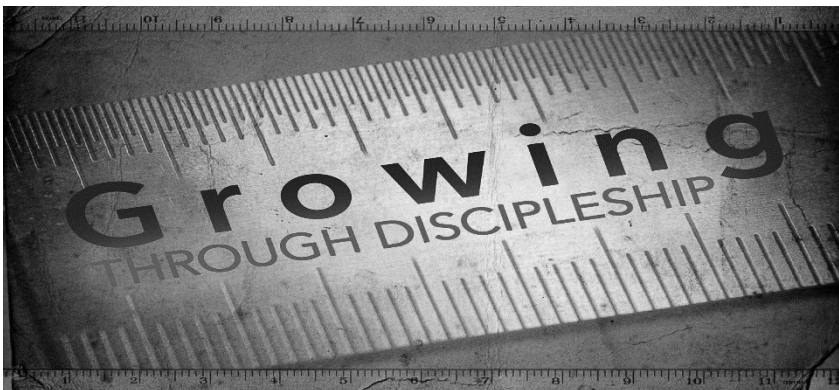
## **2019 Discipleship Future Directions**

Our Lord radically transformed the nature of the relationship between teacher and student in that He, Himself, is the perfect teacher (Jn 13:13), He, Himself, is the subject matter (14:6) and He, Himself, is even the didactic methodology (Mt 11:28-30). The ultimate end of discipleship is to grow ever closer to him, in every way, in every aspect of our lives. He who started the Church by calling the Apostles by name to follow Him, has called all of us to an ongoing discipleship as the irreplaceable foundation for the entire course of our lives, the standard by which we should make every decision and the surest principle of all our actions. Knowing this, we must always assiduously and consciously journey with Jesus our Teacher, recognizing that we will never arrive at our ultimate destination until we reach the fullness of that Kingdom which He inaugurated, about which the Church preaches and labors to build.

Therefore, as the New Year's resolutions fall from our lips, may they take the form of a sincere prayer of recommitment to the Lord and a promise to persistently engage our call to be authentic disciples of Jesus and everything that this entails, never giving up even should we stumble and fall for the Lord will always help us get back on the pathway that He has marked out.

Indeed, each new year brings to us an opportunity for a fresh start...and thanks be to God for that because we usually need it! We, as Polish National Catholics, will have the opportunity to embrace this together in 2019—may we do so with irrepressible joy. So, ring the bell! It's 2019 and...class is in session. But, then again, for us it's always in session.

Check out our Prime Bishop's message on our Facebook page which also can be access through our website.



## Epiphany of the Lord

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60: 1-6

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 72

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3: 2-3a,5-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 2: 1-12



**KEY VERSE:** “We saw His star at its rising and have come to o  
Him homage.”  
Matthew 2:2

**READING:** Our first reading from Isaiah is a song about the new Jerusalem, the city of God, to which all nations will come with gifts. The era of the new Jerusalem has dawned with the birth of the Messiah. God’s plan of salvation was not fully known before the coming of Christ; as Paul wrote to the Ephesians; now all people can know it. In Matthews’s Gospel, Jesus is recognized by the Gentiles, whose gifts symbolize priesthood, kingship and redemption.

**REFLECTING:** In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the Time of Manifestation or Showing. Today is the Feast of the Manifestation, or the Showing of the Savior to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: “All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord. “The same is true of the key word in the second reading: “Revelation”. Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God’s plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Savior’s birth revealed at last to us.

**PRAYING:** Father, grant that we may be generous in our self-offering, a favor we ask through Christ our Lord.