

# HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**OVERJOYED**

AT SEEING

THE STAR

— MATTHEW 2:10 —

January 7, 2024

## *The Epiphany of the Lord*

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I truly at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.  
— Father John Muir ©LPi

### **Special Holy Land Collection**

We are all aware of the current Hamas-Israeli war and the escalation in violence in the Holy Land. Our Bishop Mark has approved a special collection for the Holy Land region to be held the weekend of January 13-14, 2024. The money collected will be sent to The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), a papal agency for humanitarian and pastoral support. They will provide the essentials of water, food, and emergency kits on the ground in the Holy Land. CNEWA has offices in the region and know where and what kind of help is needed the most. Checks are to be made payable to Holy Rosary and on the memo line indicate *CNEWA Holy Land Collection*. We will then send one check for all contributions for this collection to the DWC Finance Department. Thank you for your generosity to the cause. Please continue to pray for peace and for all those who have suffered losses during this war.

## **Saint of the Week**

Lena Rose Walker is this week's "saint" of the Week. She is 14 years old and an eighth grader at BUMS, where she is part of the student council. Lena Rose is active in both church and school. She attends church regularly, participates in youth group, and Adventure Club activities. She graciously shares her beautiful voice by being a Cantor. She participates in basketball, swimming, and Cross Country. She has medaled in some of her X-Country races. Her favorites are math, the color teal, and eating at Las Trancas restaurant. Lena Rose likes playing Summer Camp Game and visiting the beach. She has two older brothers, Samuel and Harrison. James and Roseanne are her parents. Keep Lena Rose in your prayers this week.



## **Help in Honduras**

Can You Help? This year Kennedy Lewellyn will be traveling to Honduras with Global Medical and Dental Brigades to provide medical, dental, and public health assistance to those in need. They would appreciate your donation to buy supplies such as soaps, toothpaste, and sunscreen to provide free hygiene packs to under resourced communities. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Kennedy or Krista Lewellyn, or go directly to [give.wvu.edu](http://give.wvu.edu). Thank you for your generosity!

## **Adventure Club Fun!**

The January Adventure Club activity is **tubing** at Canaan Valley State Park. This adventure will take place on Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. **\*\*We need you to sign-up on the sheet in Marist Hall by 12/31/23 to ensure that tickets will be able to be purchased. Please include your phone number for contact in case of changes. \*\*Please only sign up if you are planning to attend since we will be purchasing tickets in advance of this adventure!** **\*\*Must be at least 4 years old AND 42 inches tall to tube. Cost of tubing will be covered by the Adventure Club!**

## **Big Thanks**

We are very grateful to you, our dear parishioners, for your Christmas gifts and best wishes over the holidays. We appreciate you very much! Happy New Year, and God bless.  
Fr. Ed, Fr. John, Deacon Rue and Frater Tin

**This Week's Psalm Response**  
**"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."**

## Discussion at West Virginia Wesleyan

West Virginia Wesleyan College's Religious & Spiritual Life and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion offices are conducting a discussion on Dr. Martin Luther King's sermon "The Drum Major Instinct" which will be facilitated by The Rev. Jeremiah Jasper on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 2:30 PM in Chambers Lounge of MRC. Clergy and laity are invited to this conversation about service. If you would like a copy of Dr. King's sermon, please contact Father Ed.

## Our Bulletin Prayer List

January is the time that we generally renew our bulletin prayer list. Our friends and family in need of prayer have been added throughout the year and we try to refresh this list for the year to come. Please, we will be happy to add anyone who is in need of prayer at this time. You may drop your prayer requests in the collection basket or give them to Father Ed or Father John. We will continue to pray for all those in need. This is the last week for the prayer list below.

**Prayers, Please:** Jalen Welcome, Tori Odom, Dolores Reynoso, Christine Kate Deasy, Linus Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Pat Dagneault, David Daignault, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Ellie McCarthy, Barbara Bengle, Frances Beckes, Daphne Johnston, Tony Derico, Helen Kee, Kay Sienkiewicz, Shanna Ericsson, Vonda Allman, Louise Hawkinberry, Dennis Cortes, Mary Kriner, Jeanne Madigan, Jane Baxter, P.T. Garton, Joseph Moore, Colleen Hoover, Alina Vernarsky, Eleanor Betler, Stephen Tilson, Anthony Lewellyn, Carolyn Collins Heater, Cindy Raffety, Bruce Maine, Angie Murphy, Jerry Hull, Janey Notary.

**Please pray for men and women in the military and please pray for those who have died. And don't forget to pray for our first responders.**

**Please pray for our Homebound:** Mary Stump, Ron Frye, Rocenia Asbury, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Shirley Linger, William McLea, Barbara Hillberry, Donnie Cox, Rose DeProspero, Linda Coyner, Jerry Stankus, Jean Lantz, Janine Robinson, Barbara Elmore, Helena Bessinger, Alan and Jimmie Jo Simms.

## Mass Requests for 2024

Do you have a specific mass intention for next year? Would you like to have a mass offered for a loved one or a deceased member of your family? Please drop your intentions (plus your \$5 donation) in an envelope or give it to Father Ed. Specific dates may go quickly, so act now. Please note that Canon Law requires a parish to offer one mass each weekend for the intentions of its parishioners. Since we only have two masses per weekend, it is difficult to schedule all of your requests on a weekend. We will do the best we can to accommodate your requests. If your chosen date is already taken, we will try to have a mass said as close as possible to your date.

## Last Week's Offering

Envelopes: \$1,645

Loose: \$153

Attendance

12/30: 37

12/31: 72

*Thank you for all of your kind donations in 2023!*



January 7 – Epiphany

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Ministers	Sat. Jan. 6	Sun. Jan. 7	Sat. Jan. 13	Sun. Jan. 14
Lectors	Rosanne W.	Lindsay Z. Addison Z.	John W. Rachel W.	Joe B. Pat M.
Greeters	Diana T.	Donna & Joe	Marianne G.	Mary H.
Musicians	Lena Rose Shirley L.	Ed P. Diane P.	Sarah Z. Jalna J.	Elaine A. Shirley L.
Eucharistic Ministers	John W. Rue T.	Mike E. Charlie M. Tracy M.	Elliot L. Rue T.	Amy W. Sue S. Charlie M.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Now accepting January Celebrations!*

Kathy Angus January 6  
Mary Kathleen Blake January 7  
Colleen Hoover January 22  
Father Ed Tetteh January 24  
Joe Broslawsky January 29  
Virginia Carmona January 31



## Liturgy Committee Meeting

The Liturgy Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 1 pm in the parish meeting room. All are welcome.



The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic Tradition. Continuing in this long-standing practice, you can remember someone who has died recently or many years ago. But intentions do not have to be just for the dead. They make beautiful gifts for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc. You can also offer an intention for someone who is struggling with a serious illness or other life trauma.



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### What Do You Seek? | The Search | Episode 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.



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### Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan. 6 pm	Parishioners	Holy Rosary
Sun. Jan. 7 - 9 am	Edward Sienkiewicz+	Holy Rosary
Sun. Jan. 7 - noon	Sacred Heart Parishioners	Sacred Heart
Mon. Jan. 8- 7:30 am	Kelly Marie Hain	Hospital
Tues. Jan. 9- 7:30 am	Bobby Zirkle+	Holy Rosary
Wed. Jan. 10 6 pm Holy Hour	We pray for families going through difficult times.	Holy Rosary Holy Hour
Wed. Jan. 10 7 pm	Catherine Sabo+	Holy Rosary
Thurs. Jan. 11 7:30 am	Betty Lanham+	Holy Rosary
Fri. Jan. 12 7:30 am	Lynn Rupp+	Hospital
Sat. Jan. 13 7 pm	Our Parishioners	Holy Rosary
Sun. Jan. 14 9 am	Betty Lanham+	Holy Rosary Sacred Heart



**Forever Fit**  
Every Tuesday, 11 am  
Marist Hall –Free to all!

January 9	SoulCore
January 16	Silver Sneakers
January 23	Walking
January 30	Silver Sneakers
February 6	Walking
February 13	Silver Sneakers
February 20	Walking
February 27	Silver Sneakers

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