

# Catholic Parishes of St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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**Office Hours:**

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; Closed Wednesday and holidays.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

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*"As we begin the New Year, may we discover anew that faith demands worship. If we can fall on our knees before Jesus, we will overcome the temptation to set off on our own path." (Pope Francis, Jan. 6, 2020)*

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we remember that God came to earth for everyone, every nation, every people.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

The feast of the Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. Epiphany has long been overshadowed by that of Christmas. But unless we realize the significance of this great day, we see only one side of the mystery of the Incarnation. Now after contemplating the staggering fact that God has become a human child, we turn to look at this mystery from the opposite angle and realize that this seemingly helpless Child is, in fact, the omnipotent God, the King and Ruler of the universe. The feast of Christ's divinity completes the feast of His humanity. It fulfills all our Advent longing for the King "who is come with great power and majesty." We see that whereas Christmas is the family feast of Christianity, Epiphany is the great "world feast of the Catholic Church."

**The first** idea of the feast is the manifestation of Christ as the Son of God. The feast unites three events in the life of Christ when His divinity "shines through" His humanity: the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan; and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Moreover, at Epiphany the Church looks forward to the majestic coming of Christ on the "youngest day" when His manifestation as God will be complete.

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## Mass Schedule January 2 — 10

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| Saturday 01/02:<br><small>The Epiphany of the Lord</small> | SA Mass 5:30 p.m.<br>People of the Parish  |
| Sunday 01/03:<br><small>The Epiphany of the Lord</small>   | OLH Mass 8:30 a.m.<br>†Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)<br><br>SA Mass 10:30 a.m.<br>Fr. Gary Zerr        |
| Wednesday 01/06:   | SA No Mass   |
| Thursday 01/07:  | SA Mass 9:00 a.m.<br>†Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)   |
| Friday 01/08:  | SA Mass 9:00 a.m.<br>†Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)   |
| Saturday 01/09:<br><small>The Baptism of the Lord</small>  | SA Mass 5:30 p.m.<br>People of the Parish  |
| Sunday 01/10:<br><small>The Baptism of the Lord</small>    | OLH Mass 8:30 a.m.<br>†Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)<br><br>SA Mass 10:30 a.m.<br>†Amelia Nogoda Gould |

### Bulletin & Mass Announcements

The deadline this week for bulletin announcements is **Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** and for Mass announcements is **Friday at 9:00 a.m. Thank you!**



**Safe Environment**—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.



### **Healing Prayers Offered for Covid-19 Victims**

If you have a family member/friend who has been infected by the Coronavirus, Fr. Tijo would like to pray for the infected person during the private daily Masses and Sunday Masses. A votive candle will also be lit for his/her healing. Please call the parish office or Fr. Tijo to have their names included in his prayers and a votive candle lit.

**Mass Intentions**—In accordance with the guidelines from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Mass stipends are deposited in a separate checking account. **If you are writing a check, please make it payable to St. Anthony Mass Account.**

The current suggested level of giving is **\$20 for a weekend Mass or \$10 for a daily Mass.** Any offering, however, is most welcome, and, if you do not have funds to offer, you are encouraged to request your Mass intention.

### Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

**St. Anthony**—Mary Canterbury, Mary Hanson, David Dodd, Nazira Joseph, Zachariah Kushner, Christina Lopez, Michael McCallister, Maya Clark, Robin Holly, Michael Bee, William Ashworth, Terrie Rosenfeld, Anna Corbin

**Our Lady of the Hills**—Bert Zodorozny, Margaret Hancock, Violet Edwards, Marilyn Spencer, William Spencer, Katie Caroli, Jeanne Rollins, Steven Spencer, Doug Spencer, Harry Crede, Doug Rollins, Anna Corbin, Vickie Ayoob

**Please call Father Tijo George at 304-342-2716, ext. 406 if you would like a visit and to receive communion or a home blessing.**

### Stewardship Report—December 24 & 25, 2020

#### St. Anthony

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Christmas                         | \$ 6,606.85 |
| CCWV—Diocesan Collection          | 327.00      |
| Other including Memorial Donation | 1,220.50    |

Attendance 24th 5:30—42, 24th 10:30—11, 25th—22

#### Our Lady of the Hills

|                          |           |
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| Christmas                | \$ 275.00 |
| CCWV—Diocesan Collection | 405.00    |
| Other including Offering | 840.00    |

Attendance Christmas Day—20

### Stewardship Report—December 26 & 27, 2020

#### St. Anthony

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Offering           | \$ 451.00 |
| Holy Day—Christmas | 150.00    |
| Other              | 75.00     |

Attendance Saturday—16 Sunday—34

#### Our Lady of the Hills

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| Offering                 | \$ 700.00 |
| CCWV—Diocesan Collection | 325.00    |
| Other                    | 90.00     |

Attendance Sunday—29

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Music for Liturgy

LITURGY



AND MUSIC

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|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Entrance:</b>    | We Three Kings — #105              |
| <b>Gloria:</b>      | Mass of Healing                    |
| <b>Offertory:</b>   | The First Nowell — #109            |
| <b>Communion:</b>   | As with Gladness Men of Old — #106 |
| <b>Recessional:</b> | Go, Tell It on the Mountain — #100 |

LITURGY



AND MUSIC

**Mass on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 is cancelled.**

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY** *(continued from page 1)*

A **second** important idea in Epiphany is the extension of Christ's kingship to the whole world. The revelation of Christ to the three kings at Bethlehem is a symbol of His revelation to the whole of the Gentile world. Epiphany presents to us the calling of not merely a chosen few, but all nations to Christianity.

A **third** idea running through the Epiphany feast is that of light. During Advent, the world was in darkness. At Christmas the Light shone forth, but dimly, seen only by a few around the crib: Mary and Joseph and the shepherds. But at Epiphany the Light bursts forth to all nations.

Epiphany lifts our eyes from the family celebrations and demands that we should include in our vision "all the ends of the earth." It demands that, like the three wise men, we should have the courage to follow the light of the star we have seen, however hazardous the journey; that the light of our faith, like that of the wise men, should be so strong that we are able to see and recognize our Lord and Ruler in however unexpected a way He may present Himself to us; and that having recognized Him, we should bow down and adore Him, offering Him our total loyalty, radiating that light in the darkness of our own world.

~ Elsa Chaney

### **NINE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EPIPHANY**

#### **1. What does the word "Epiphany" mean?**

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." An epiphany is thus a time when something is shown, displayed, or manifested to an audience.

#### **2. What is the feast of the Epiphany about?**

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi). In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.



#### **3. When is Epiphany celebrated?**

In some countries, Epiphany is a holy day of obligation and is celebrated on January 6th. In North America, Epiphany is not a holy day of obligation, and its celebration is transferred to the first Sunday after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## **NINE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EPIPHANY** *(continued from page 3)*

### **4. Why is Epiphany connected with January 6th?**

In the third century, the feast of the Epiphany emerged in the East on January 6 and the feast of Christmas in the West on December 25. The two feasts had different emphases because of the different religious and cultural contexts in which they arose, but essentially their meaning was the same: the celebration of the birth of Christ as the dawning of the new light, the true sun, of history. Eventually, however, the emphasis on January 6 shifted—particularly in the west, to reflect manifestations of Christ beside that which occurred at his birth (namely, those that occurred at the coming of the magi, at his baptism, and at the wedding feast of Cana).

### **5. Who were the Magi?**

Among many opinions, for the Magi as presented in the Gospel of Matthew, even if they were not exactly members of the Persian priesthood, they were nevertheless custodians of religious and philosophical knowledge that had developed in that area and continued to be cultivated there.

### **6. Why did the magi come to see Jesus?**

They apparently had material of a prophetic nature that allowed them to identify the birth of the new "king of the Jews" astronomically. They may have been especially motivated to come see this king of the Jews since there was an expectation at the time that a universal ruler would shortly come from Israel.

### **7. Why did they go to Herod?**

Probably, because they assumed the newborn king would be a son of Herod—the current "king of the Jews."

### **8. What was the star?**

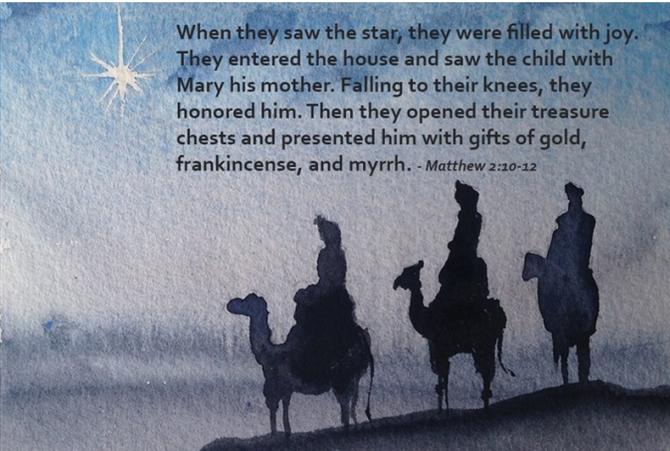
It is hard to know. Whether or not this was a natural phenomenon, God can work through any circumstance.

### **9. Does this mean astrology is okay?**

No. As the Catechism explains: All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to "unveil" the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology . . . contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone [CCC 2116]. God may have arranged for certain signs to attend the birth of his Son, but this is the opposite of what astrology involves.

It is not the star that determines the child's destiny, it is the child that directs the star.

~ Jimmy Akin



When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Matthew 2:10-12

### **PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

