

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

**THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER**  
**OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**



## **The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Excerpt from a sermon by Pope St. Leo the Great (from the Roman Breviary)**

"Dearly beloved brethren, rejoice in the Lord; again I say, rejoice. But a few days are past since the solemnity of Christ's Birth, and now the glorious light of His Manifestation is breaking upon us. On that day the Virgin brought Him forth, and on this the world knew Him. The Word made Flesh was pleased to reveal Himself by degrees to those for whom He had come. When Jesus was born He was manifested indeed to the believing, but hidden from His enemies. Already indeed the heavens declared the glory of God, and their sound went out into all lands, when the Herald Angels appeared to tell to the shepherds the glad tidings of a Saviour's Birth; and now the guiding star leadeth the wise men to worship Him, that from the rising of the

sun to the going down thereof, the Birth of the true King may be known abroad; that through those wise men the kingdoms of the east might learn the great truth, and the Roman empire remain no more in darkness."

"The very cruelty of Herod, when he strove to crush at His birth this King Whom he alone feared, was made a blind means to carry out this dispensation of mercy. While the tyrant with horrid guilt sought to slay the little Child he did not know, amid an indiscriminate slaughter of innocents, his infamous act served to spread wider abroad the heaven-told news of the Birth of the Lord. Thus were these glad tidings loudly proclaimed, both by the novelty of their story, and the iniquity of their enemies. Then was the Saviour borne into Egypt, that nation, of a long time hardened in idolatry, might by the mysterious virtue which went out of Him, even when His presence was unknown, be prepared for the saving light so soon to dawn on them, and might receive the Truth as a wanderer even before they had banished falsehood."

"Dearly beloved brethren, we recognize in the wise men who came to worship Christ, the first-fruits of that dispensation to the Gentiles wherein we also are called and enlightened."

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE JANUARY 1 - 7

**SUNDAY: OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**  
8:00 AM LOW MASS  
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

**MONDAY: HOLY NAME OF JESUS**  
7:45 AM LOW MASS

**TUESDAY: FERIA OF CHRISTMASTIDE**  
7:45 AM LOW MASS

**WEDNESDAY: FERIA/ST. ELIZABETH SETON W**  
7:45 AM LOW MASS

**THURSDAY: FERIA/ST. JOHN NEUMANN C,  
COMM. ST. TELOSOPHUS PM**  
7:45 AM LOW MASS

**FRIDAY: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

5:00 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR  
6:00 PM LOW MASS

**SATURDAY: SATURDAY OF OUR LADY**

8:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR  
9:00 AM MASS

#### CONFESSIONS

**SUNDAY: 7:15 AM AND 9:30 AM**  
**MON-THURS: 7:25AM - 7:40AM**  
**FRIDAY: 5:10 PM - 5:40 PM**  
**SATURDAY: 8:10 AM - 8:40 AM**  
**OR BY APPOINTMENT**

## Announcements and Upcoming Events



*"A Child is born to us,  
a Son is given to us;  
upon His shoulder  
dominion rests; and His  
name shall be called  
the Angel of great  
counsel."*

ISAIAH 9:6



### Young Adult Winter Dance Saturday!!!

**When:** This Saturday, January 7th, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the parish hall. Please bring a dish, appetizer, dessert, drink etc to share!

### Bake Sale and Card Sale This Sunday in the Hall!!!

The youth planning to go to the Washington DC Pro-Life March are raising money for the bus with delicious baked goods and artisan stationary for sale in the Parish Hall. Please help them get to Washington!

### Pope Leo the Great continued

"Let us then keep this Feast with grateful hearts, in thanksgiving for our blessed hope, whereof it doth commemorate the dawn. From that worship paid to the new-born Christ is to be dated the entry of us Gentiles upon our heirship of God and co-heirship with Christ. Since that joyful day the Scriptures which testify of Christ have lain open for us as well as for the Jews. Yea, their blindness rejected that Truth, Which, since that day, hath shed Its bright beams upon all nations. Let all observance, then, be paid to this most sacred day, whereon the Author of our salvation was made manifest, and as the wise men fell down and worshipped Him in the manger, so let us fall down and worship Him enthroned Almighty in heaven. As they also opened their treasures and presented unto Him mystic and symbolic gifts, so let us strive to open our hearts to Him, and offer Him from thence some worthy offering."

### Epiphany Water Blessing

This upcoming Thursday morning, January 5th, is the vigil of Epiphany we will have the Epiphany Water Blessing following the 7:45 am Mass. We will bless personal containers of water holding 1 gallon or larger. There will be water available to fill smaller, personal containers. Please have your containers labeled and here by Thursday morning.

### 2023 Envelopes are Here!!!

Please pick yours up in the vestibule and if there are any issues or you did not receive them please let us know so we can make it right.

### Children's Secret Santa

For those participating in the Children's Secret Santa, please have presents wrapped and under the tree in the parish hall by next Sunday, January 8th.

Christmas Party and Pageant next Sunday following the 10:15 am mass!!! Sign-up in the vestibule for the potluck!



### MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 1 - 7

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

Pro Populo

Christmas Octave

rb: Intentions of Parishioners

Monday: 7:45 AM

In Reparation for Blasphemies

rb: St. Michael Parish

Tuesday: 7:45 am

Finn and Zito Families

rb: Ann Finn

Wednesday: 7:45 AM

Tina Howe

rb: Nancy Noll

Thursday: 7:45 AM

Jessica Zajac

rb: William and Valerie Zajac

Friday: 6:00 PM

Bob & Cathy Seeley

rb: Bonocore Family

Saturday: 9:00 AM

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rb: Jack McGovern