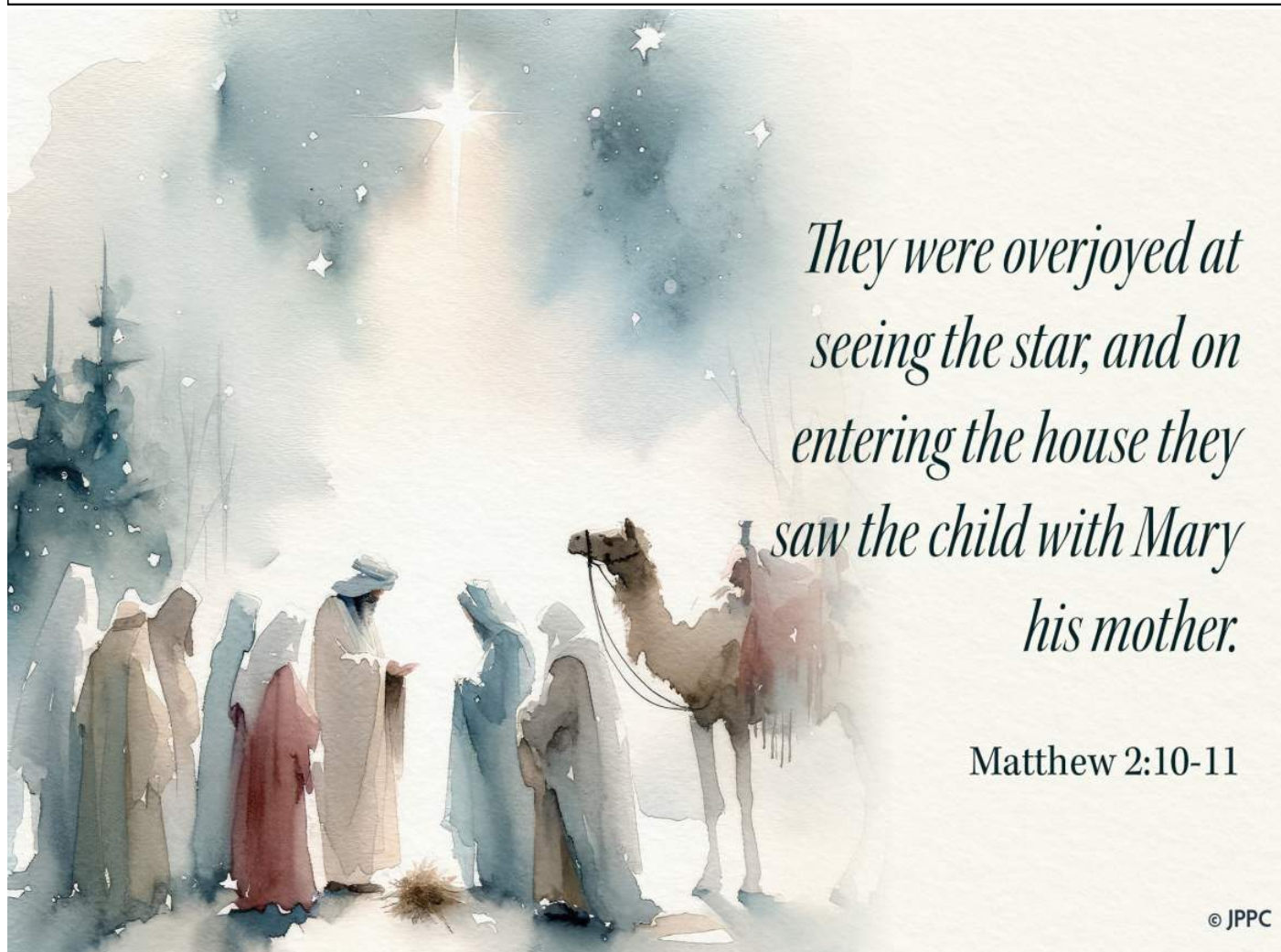


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Saturday: Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:15 am
Monday through Friday at 8:00 am

Sacrament of Penance:

Sunday: 9:30 to 9:50 am
Wednesdays:
7:30 to 7:50 am & 6:30 to 7:00 pm
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm

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JANUARY 5, 2025
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sacred Heart's Caring for Friends Ministry

As we begin the new year, I thought I would share CFF's accomplishments for 2024.

- Donations from the Knights of Columbus and generous members of our parish and CFF Ministry amounting to \$2,700.00 have been sent to Caring for Friends on behalf of Sacred Heart.
- On average, we had 20-25 people attending our monthly gatherings.
- 2,622 meals were delivered to Colonial Neighborhood Pantry in Conshohocken.
- In July we scooped 600 Rita's Water Ice and delivered to Colonial Neighborhood Pantry.

Please mark your calendar for our next gathering which will be held this **Wednesday, January 8 at 6:00PM**. CFF is now "more than just soup". In addition to homemade soup we are now accepting additional comfort foods like homemade Chili, Stew and Mac and Cheese.

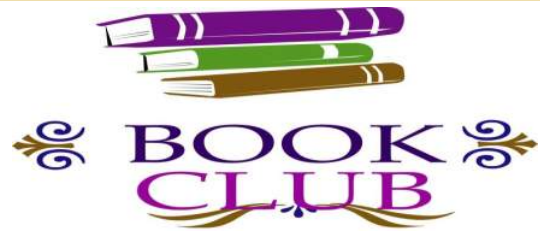
We would love to have you come and join us for an evening of Fellowship. For any additional information contact Elisa Pagnotti 610-639-7704.



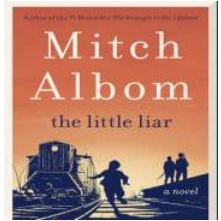
Monday Night Rosary will be recited in church each Monday at 7 p.m.

Pro Life Holy Hour at 12:00 noon each Wednesday in church.

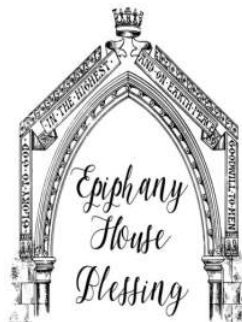
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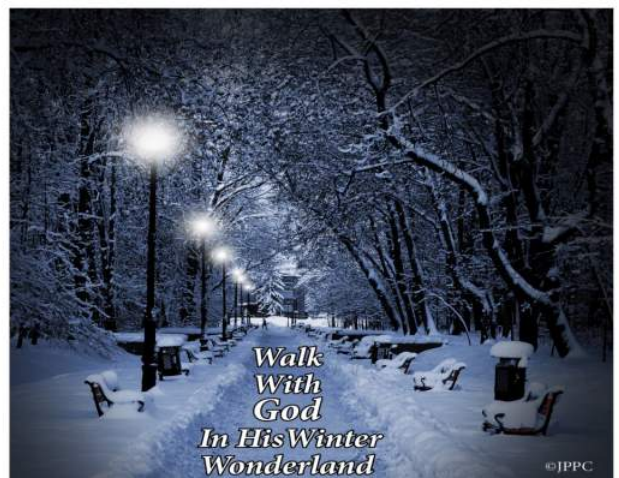
The book for **January & February** will be The Little Liar by Mitch Albom - an unforgettable story of truth and lies set during the Holocaust. We will read 1/2 the book for the January 21st meeting and the remainder for the February 18th meeting.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 4

4:00pm Daniel Paciello

Requested by Sally Haines

Sunday, January 5

8:00am Kathy Moffa & Anthony Moffa

Requested by Wanda Opielski & Family

10:15am Thomas Putz

Requested by Mike & Nicole Vern

Monday, January 6

8:00am MaryAnn Brzoska

Requested by Barbara Roskos

Tuesday, January 7

8:00am Lizzy Musi

Requested by Lou Puco

Wednesday, January 8

8:00am Vincent Sangrigoli

Requested by Danielle Cantando & Jared Carbone

Thursday, January 9

8:00am Daniel Paciello

Requested by Lou Puco

Friday, January 10

8:00am Edward F. Ferry

Requested by Jo-Ann Lawler

Saturday, January 11

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Anthony Moffa

Requested by Moffa & Opielski Families

Sunday, January 12

8:00am Judith Dexter

Requested by The Sulpizio Family

10:15am Anne Rodgers

Requested by Anne Marie Rodman & Family



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, January 11:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Joan Koeck

Lector: Connie Capaldo

Sunday morning, January 12:

8:00am

Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Andy Moletzsky

Lector: Daniel Fahy, Jr.

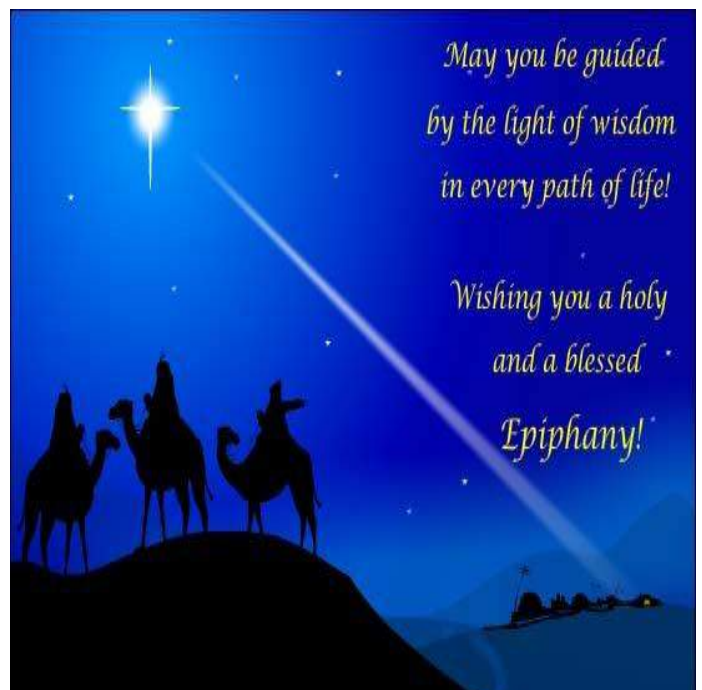


Weekly Report

December 21 - 22, 2024

\$8,045.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



**ETERNAL REST,
GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!**

*In your kindness,
please pray for the happy repose of the souls of*

Andrew Andreyko, Sr.

*Who was called from this life on
December 20, 2024*

George F. Mardi, Sr.

*Who was called from this life on
December 21, 2024*

*"May Their souls and all the souls of the
faithful departed Rest in peace."*



*Please Pray For All Who Protect Our
Country, especially...*

John F. K. Benedict (Major, USAF ANG), son of Christine & Vince Benedict; **Anthony C. Brandt** (CW3 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army Reserves), son of Eileen Brandt; **Zachary T. Brandt** (Sergeant U.S. Army), grandson of Eileen Brandt; **Matthew J. Capaldo** (Commander, U.S. Navy) son of John & Connie Capaldo; **Michael DeStefano, Jr.** (Sergeant U.S. Army) grandson of Jack & Sue DeStefano; **Michael Gutkowski** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy), grandson of Pat Gutkowski; **Samuel Hoey** (LCpl, U.S.M.C), grandson of Leona Cottone; **Noel Irizarry** (Specialist, U.S. Army), son of Patricia Epright; **Shane Jones** (Sergeant U.S. Marines), grandson of Fran Toth; **Matthew McNulty** (Chief Warrant Officer 4 U.S.M.C.), son of Irene McNulty; **Rick McVoy** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy) son of Rich McVoy; **Greg Philips** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy); **Jessica Prostack** (CW2 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army), daughter of Richard Prostack; **Jeffrey Seamans** (Captain, U.S. Army), son-in-law of Dolores Burton; **Stephanie Zugay** (National Guard), granddaughter of Greg & Grace Zugay.



**FRIDAY NIGHT
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Friday, January 10th

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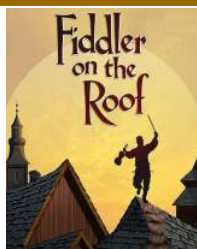
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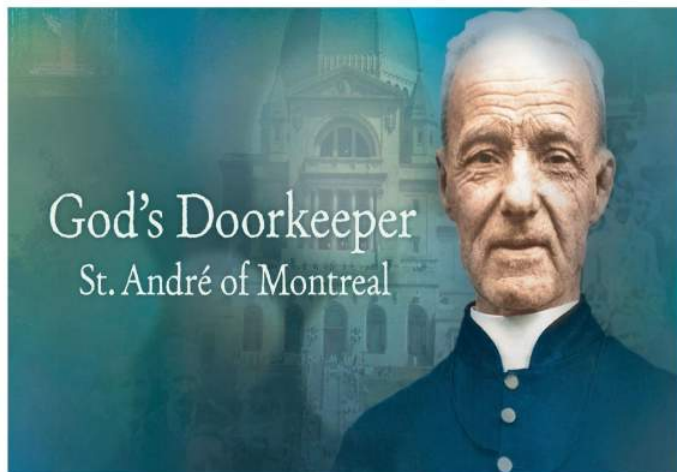
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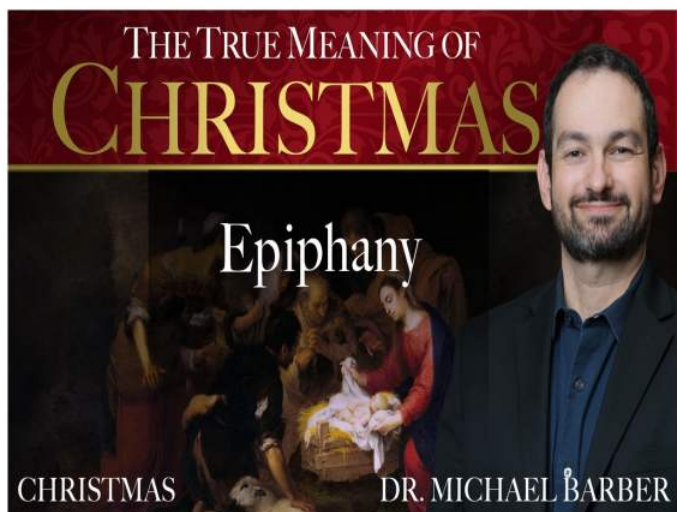
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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 5, 2025

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

FOLLOW THE LIGHT



It truly is “the most wonderful time of the year” and this story of the Visit of the Wise Men is yet another lyrical element of the Christmas story. Into the drab stable cave come these Gentile visitors from the Orient richly dressed in vibrant colors. Whatever is of gold in their garb catches the light of the fire there. We can also hear the tinkling of the bells on the camel harness as the stately animals make their moves. They are a stark contrast to the locals gathered.

Analyzing Matthew’s story, a bit makes us wonder. How many visitors were there? Three or thirteen? After all, it’s the number of gifts they brought that makes us compute the group size. Along the way, these exotic visitors became the Three Kings. Tradition further conferred names on them: Caspar (who is made black), Balthazar and Melchior in the Western Church.

Their gifts became highly significant. Gold highlights the kingship of Jesus. The frankincense His divinity. The Myrrh, an embalming fluid no less, stands for Christ’s redemptive suffering. We can see that this story is more than meets the eye.

Remembering that Matthew wrote his gospel for Jewish converts to Christianity, we must recognize his main point: Jesus came for Gentiles as well as Jews. He is the designated Savior of all mankind.

This last aspect of the story had to be a challenge for Matthew’s readers. They had a long tradition behind their generally accepted belief that Yahweh God had chosen them as His people. That is true even in our own time. But this was a choice that had to call for expansion. Otherwise, God is rendered too small. Believers in the myriad Gentile gods had to know that paradise was an option for them that entailed belief in the one supreme Lord.

We contemporary believers must maintain an immense respect for the children of Abraham. After all, as the Roman Canon declares: “Abraham (is) our father in faith.” The baby Jesus came to us as a Jew. The Blessed Mother and St. Joseph were good practicing Jews. So were most of Our Lord’s closest early followers. Anti-antisemitism has no place in a Christian heart. That evil threatens the beautiful poetry of this feast on this first Sunday of the new year. The axiom is true: “Wise men still seek Him.”

***“We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.”***

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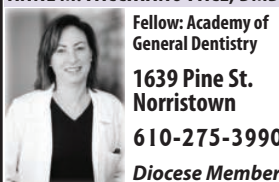
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