

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

† <b>Sunday, January 5th: No Social at AOOL</b>	Meeting at AOOL at 7 PM
† <b>Monday, January 6th - Friday, January 10th: Father Dan is on vacation - NO Daily Masses!</b>	† <b>Saturday, January 11th:</b> Reconciliation at AOOL at 4 PM before 4:30 PM Mass
† <b>Wednesday, January 8th: Craft Day at SA 10 AM to 1 PM - K of C Council #15610 Business</b>	† <b>Sunday, January 12th: The Baptism of the Lord</b> - SA will pray the Rosary for the "unborn" before 11 AM Mass

**Pathway Blessings** Maci Smith, Joyce Cowgill, (1/1); Gary McKenzie, (1/3); Mike Wolf, Joe Dodrill, (1/4); Pat Penrod, (1/9); Charles Parsons, Gladys Simmons, (1/11); Claire Barnwell, Susan Doepker, (1/12); Owen James, (1/13); Debbie Seward, (1/14); Mary Douthitt, Makenna Douthitt, Sly Logsdon, Larry Albin, (1/16); Dianna Howard, (1/17); Joe Wolfe, (1/18); Fred Wolfe, Monica DeSoto, (1/21); Fredricka Notel, (1/26); Terry Timbrook, Linda Pyles, Amber Houdersheldt, (1/27); Alex Wilson, (1/29)

We congratulate Paul and Barb Biser as they celebrate their 57th Wedding Anniversary on 1/13.



**Our Spiritual Adoption Tree** - Week 18 - The fetus size is approximately 5.5 inches long and weighs about 7 ounces, similar to the size of a bell pepper. The baby's body and limbs are more proportionate, and movements are becoming stronger. <https://femia.health>

Thank you to all those that gave thoughtful cards and gifts to staff and Fr. Dan during the Christmas Season. We greatly appreciated them! Hoping you had a wonderful Christmas and wishing you ALL a Happy New Year with many blessings and good health!

**Sharing the Gospel** - The Three Wise Men told Herod about a King being born. Herod was jealous. He did not want another king to be more powerful than he. Herod told them to come back and tell him where the baby was. They thought Herod was truly interested in Jesus.



After they gave Jesus their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, an angel warned them, "Go back a different way. Herod wants to kill the baby Jesus."



Prayer Lord, give me the power to help others, not harm them. Mission I will do three favors to help someone in my family today. © LPI

**Congratulations** to Gladys Houdersheldt on her retirement from UPMC Western Maryland on December 30, 2024, after 11 years in dietary services. Her supervisors praised her friendliness, reliability, and excellent work ethic, noting that her employee file was pristine and she had never missed a single day of work in 11 years! The kitchen staff at UPMC is certainly going to miss her! Congratulations Gladys! Enjoy your retirement!!!!!!

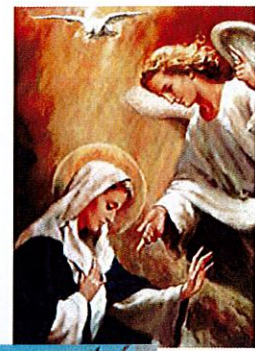
## What can The Epiphany Teach Us?

Christmas is not over yet! In fact, one of the most glorious feasts of Christmastide is right around the corner. The Epiphany is one of the Church's major and spectacular feasts. It occurs on January 6th, the final day of the 12 days of Christmas. This is the day the Church commemorates the Magi arriving to give homage to the newborn King of Kings with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

However, as we celebrate the Magi's arrival, we are not merely celebrating a past event. Rather, we are celebrating a current reality: the coming of all the Gentile nations, those not initially a part of Our Lord's chosen people, into the Kingdom of God. On the Epiphany, we are celebrating God's invitation to us to come worship at the feet of Our Lord. That is why the Epiphany is such a glorious feast and worth celebrating each year!

From our Eastern brothers and sisters, we can learn much about celebrating the Epiphany. For the Eastern Church, Epiphany is the celebration of not one, not two, but three 'epiphanies,' or revelations of Christ: the arrival of the Magi with their kingly gifts, the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, and Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. These three biblical events are theophanies, or visible manifestations of Who Jesus really is—God Incarnate. [www.catholiccompany.com](http://www.catholiccompany.com)

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The Catholic Parishes of

## ANNUNCIATION of OUR LORD & SAINT ANTHONY

January 5, 2025

## The Epiphany of the Lord



Alleluia, alleluia!  
We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.  
Alleluia!

Matthew 2:2

 <b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b> Saturdays 4:00-4:15 PM (AOOL) Thursdays 6:00-6:15 PM (SA) or by appointment	 <b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b> Thursday 5:30 PM (SA) 1 <sup>ST</sup> Friday of the month 4 PM—6 PM (AOOL)
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**Devotional Prayers** (25 minutes prior to Sunday Mass times):

Divine Chaplet - Every First Sunday of the Month  
 Holy Rosary - On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the Month

## Schedule of Masses

Saturday, January 4 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>	9:00 AM (SA)	Children of the Parish Req. by St. Anthony's Guild
<i>Epiphany of the Lord (Vigil)</i>	4:30 PM (AOOL)	For the People
Sunday, January 5 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9:00 AM (AOOL)	Debbie & Mark Seward Req. by People of the Parish
	11:00 AM (SA)	Larry Wolfe, Jr. Req. by Judy Wolfe, Susan Knisley † Req. by Cumberland Historical Cemetery Organization
Tuesday, January 7 <i>St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest</i>	12:00 (N) (SA)	No Mass
Wednesday, January 8	8:00 AM (AOOL)	No Mass
Thursday, January 9	6:30 PM (SA)	No Mass
Friday, January 10	8:00 AM (AOOL)	No Mass
Saturday, January 11	9:00 AM (SA)	No Mass
<i>Baptism of the Lord (Vigil)</i>	4:30 PM (AOOL)	Thelma & Eugene Clayton † Req. by Joe Hughes
Sunday, January 12 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	9:00 AM (AOOL)	For the People
	11:00 AM (SA)	Greg & Peyton Wolfe

### Weekly Readings



**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 / Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16  
**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 / Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 / Lk 4:14-22  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30



*Thank you for helping us to Promote a Safer Church - The care and protection of children, young people, and adults, involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the LIFE of the Church.*

### Weekly Collections December 29, 2024

**Attendance AOOL: 33 / 70 Weekly: \$ 2,061.00 Christmas: \$ 100.00 Poor Box: \$ 44.00**  
**Debt: \$ 20.00 Catholic Charities: \$ 105.00 Candles: \$ 21.00**  
**Attendance SA: 51 Weekly: \$ 704 .00**



### Jesus, You're My Guiding Star

Jesus, You're my guiding star  
Shining brightly from afar...  
You light my path when it is dim,  
Restoring my soul when life seems grim.

You're my beacon in the night  
That gives me strength and hope to fight,  
Your quiet counsel gives me rest...  
When I am weary from life's tests.

Jesus, you're my ray of hope  
That calms my fears and helps me cope,  
And when anxiety plagues my heart...  
Your healing words make stress depart.

Thank You, Savior, for mercy and grace,  
That by Your death my sins are erased.  
Your resurrection has given me...  
Salvation and life eternally!

*Dennis & Valerie Rousseau*



### From the Desk of Fr. Dan

Hey, hey, hey... **welcome to 2025!** Yep, it's finally here and we put 2024 in our rearview mirror! I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a grand welcome to the New Year. It's hard to believe that next week we return to Ordinary Time. It seems like Christmas just got here and now we are preparing to say goodbye to it until next December. Some of us have already taken down our Christmas decorations and some are hanging on for dear life to them.

As we look into January, we see a pretty calm month, at least around here, hopefully. Some of us have flown the coop to Florida to spend the winter in a warmer climate, catching the rays and relaxing on the beach. While they are wearing T-shirts and shorts, we're here freezing and bundled up in our finest winter coats. But, you know, we have each other and Jesus to keep us warm. Maybe not warm physically, but warm spiritually. Through our love for one another as a family of faith, and in many cases family by DNA, we care for one another. We're there for one another. Of course, God's love surrounds us and envelops us. The Spirit is that fire inside of us burning brightly, guiding us as we live out the Christian life. May the flame of God's love always burn within us no matter where we are and no matter what life throws at us. Even if we are shaken, we know that we are there for one another and God is especially there with us.

I wish all of you the brightest and warmest of New Year wishes. May God's love burn brightly in you and keep you warm by the fire of his love.

Here it comes:

The coffee shop sign read: "No WIFI, pretend it's 1973." So, I paid 10 cents and lit a cigarette.

Did you know that the first French Fry wasn't made in France? It was cooked in Greece.

# Happy New Year!

**AOOL Faith Formation Aide** for grade Pre-K through Kindergarten needed. **No experience necessary!** Lesson books are provided. A rewarding position and a lot of fun helping the young ones learn about their faith and God. If interested, contact the office or DRE - (Matt Sisk).

**CARE FOR CREATION TIPS** It's time once again for New Year's resolutions. Quite a noble time, really, when we look ahead to ways we can improve ourselves. Consider embracing a resolution related to the environment this year. As Pope Francis wrote, "We must not think that these efforts are not going to change the world. They benefit society, often unbeknown to us, for they call forth a goodness which, albeit unseen, inevitably tends to spread" (Laudato Si', 211). So pick something, large or small, that will be manageable but a good challenge for you or your family to care for creation this year. © Center for Ministry Development. Published by the Pastoral Centre. All rights reserved.

**Please Pray for:** Pam Adams, Dena Albright, Walter Aumuller, Alex Balice, Paul & Barb Biser, Grayson Bishop, Nathan Blubaugh, Barbara Bonat, Darlene Bridges, Mary Kay Britt, Ron Brackett, Vicky Brown, Cathy Case, Carla Clark, Julia Codire, Marsha Combs, Robert Dayton, Nick Dearcangelis, Richard Delaney, Logan Duncan, Jenny Emerick, John & Eileen Engel, Jan Evans, Father Bob, Jamie Fazzalore, Lily Fletcher, Patricia Folk, Leia Gallen, Aaron Glinke, Dawn Green, Dale Hankinson, Roy Harsh, Lucy Haywood, Jim Hymes, Jim Howard, Janet Jack, Marc Jedlowski, Kenneth Jenkins, Todd Jones, Wanda Kirk, Doris Klipstein, Michael Knotts, Margritt Krams, Stacy Kobe, Liz Lantz, Ernest Lease, Bob Lewis, Annie Light, Ed Lindner, Ty Linthicum, Catherine & Kierstin Lippold, Doug Long, Bob Maiers, Galen Markley, Jim Martin, Janice McBride, Tom McCoy, Greyson McCullough, Marty Medovic, Maddox Mervinsky, Joey & Heather Miltenberger, Adrienne Monroe, Steve Morgan, Robin Patch, Colleen Patton, Steve Pelaez, George Perry, Heather Peters, Bonnie Price, Mary Susan Resser, Jeanie Rigney, Jacob Robey, Kira Robey, Bertha Romine, Malea Rugg, Cody & Jenny Saville, Debbie Seward, Samantha Shank, Shawnee Simmons, Luke Sites, Destinee Smith, Barry Steed, Harper Struntz, Donna Struntz, Christine Thibault, Lu Thibault, Adam Watts, Reva Waybright, Carl Welch, Mark Wilbourne, Joe Wolfe, Judy Wolfe and Family, Bob Wolford, Mary Margaret Wollan, Harlow Wooton