

**SAINT BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH**

**THOUGHTS FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

In the Gospel today we find the Magi from the East dressed in exotic clothes, following a strangely bright star in the desert. They did not know where they were going or that the journey would change their lives profoundly. Perhaps you have a “star” in your life right now that is God’s way of prompting you to take an unexpected journey in an unknown destination. Your “star” may be something wonderful like a new relationship, a new child, or a new job. On the other hand, it may be something hurtful such as a broken relationship, a financial setback or an illness. Whatever it is, let God guide you, as the star guided the Magi, on a God-ordained journey. You may not journey over land, your journey may be an inner adventure, that of your soul trying to find God. The gifts you bear may be humility, suffering, praise, or joy, all equally acceptable to God. Accept your journey with great expectations. Then, like the magi who ended their journey standing before Christ, you will find yourself in the presence of our loving God, the perfect light. As you journey toward your star, what gifts do you bring Jesus?

**EPIPHANY**

**Feast of Light**

**January 7, 2018**

*On this day, dear Savior, Your light shines brightly in our midst. You are the Light of the World, the Light in our darkness ever with us, ever showing us the way.*

*On this great Feast of Light, when the Magi came guided by a star, may we like them, offer Your gifts that symbolize our love to You.*

*May we offer You the gold of our faith, the myrrh of our repentance and the frankincense of our devotion.*

*May we bow before you, Holy Savior, as the three Wise Men did with great and abiding joy.*

*On this day, may we, too, stand in Your light and so give glory to our God. AMEN*

Please be generous in next weekend’s January 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Second Collection for the **CHURCH ROOF FUND**. We are hoping to reach \$2,000.00 each time this monthly collection takes place. Thank you for your support of our church.

**PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

*Lord, make the New Year a happy one.....Not by shielding us from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening us to bear it if it comes. Not by taking hardship from us, but by taking all cowardice and fear from our hearts as we meet hardships. Not by making our paths easy, but by making us sturdy enough to treat any pain, Not by granting unbroken sunshine, but by keeping our faces bright even in the shadow. Not by making our lives always pleasant, but by showing us where Your cause needs us most and by making us zealous to be there and to help. God Make Our Year A Happy One!*

**Saint Bartholomew Church  
HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
“MACARONI DINNER”**

**Sunday, January 28, 2018  
Dinner Served at 1:00 pm  
Saint Bartholomew Church Hall  
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**DONATION: \$20.00 Adults  
\$10.00 Children under 10 yrs.**

**Reserve your tickets now at the Parish Office or from Holy Name Society members. Everyone is welcome to attend!**

**St. Bartholomew Church  
MARDI GRAS CAVATI & POLENTA  
BUFFET DINNER**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2018 – 6:30 pm  
St. Bartholomew Church Hall**

**Ticket Donation: \$18.00 — 6-12 years of age: \$9.00  
5 years & under: no charge**

**--No Tickets Sold at the Door – No Take Out Orders--  
Everyone is welcome to attend!**

**SPECIAL RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES—2018**

- Day of Prayer and Penance (USA).....Mon., Jan.22
- National Catholic Schools Week...Sun., Jan. 28—Feb. 3
- World Day for Consecrated Life.....Fri., Feb.2
- World Day of the Sick..... Sun., Feb. 11
- World Day of Prayer for Vocations.....Sun., Apr. 22
- World Day for Social Communications.....Sun., May 13
- Respect Life Sunday.....Sun., Oct. 7
- World Mission Sunday.....Sun., Oct. 21
- National Vocation Awareness Week.....Nov. 4—10

## **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**JANUARY 7, 2018**

### **MASSES FOR JANUARY 8—14**

(Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead.)

However, the following are specifically remembered this week.)

#### **Monday, January 8**

7:30 am – The Baptism of the Lord  
7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

#### **Tuesday, January 9**

7:30 am – Carmino Caparco  
6:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00 pm – Novena Services & Benediction

#### **Wednesday, January 10**

7:30 am – In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

#### **Thursday, January 11**

7:30 am – Intentions of Priest Celebrant

#### **Friday, January 12**

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

#### **Saturday, January 13**

8:00 am – Intentions of Christmas Flower Donors

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

#### **5:00 pm – Collective Mass**

Phyllis Capaldo by family  
Deanna Dilorio by family  
Angelo & Rose Moretti & Arthur &  
Jeanne Weinzierl by Doug & Sandra

#### **6:30 pm – Mass in Spanish**

#### **Sunday, January 14 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **8:00 am – Collective Mass**

A. Peter Sperduti  
Deceased Members of Holy Name Society  
Memorial Shrine Enrollments

#### **9:30 am – Mass in Spanish**

**11:30 am – Antonio & Maria Annina Marinucci**  
by Peter & Lillian

### **MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 8-14:**

**Sanctuary Candle:** Antonio & Maria Annina Marinucci by Peter & Lillian

**Altar Bread & Wine:** Antonio & Maria Annina Marinucci by Peter & Lillian

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENT**

#### **Monday, January 8**

7:00 pm – Ladies Guild Meeting, RH

#### **Friday, January 12**

3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chapel

#### **Saturday January 13**

10:00 am – CCD Classes 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> years  
1:00 pm – Prayer Shawl Meeting, RH

#### **Sunday, January 14**

**Second Collection:** Church Roof Fund

### **+WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT+**

#### **What Our Lord Asks is**

#### **Not Equal Gifts—But Equal Sacrifice**

(logo from Increase Giving Campaign)  
Weekend of December 23—24

Envelopes & Loose Collection: **\$3,100.00**  
No Second Collection

December 24—25  
Special Christmas Collection: **\$3,036.00**

Our sincere thanks to all those making our Increase Giving Campaign possible

### **+THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY+**

Blessed Prayer Shawls are available to all parishioners, relatives and friends who are homebound or suffering from a chronic illness. A shawl and prayer offer special comfort. Everyone interested in participating in the Prayer Shawl Ministry is welcome to attend the meeting on SATURDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. For a Prayer Shawl and information, please call Rosalie at 274-7806.

This week's parish bulletin is sponsored in memory of

**CONCETTA & JOHN B. ROMANO**  
**EVA & PIO A. ROMANO, SR.**  
**STEPHEN & PIO A. ROMANO, JR.**