All Saints Roman Catholic Church

JANUARY 5, 2025

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Mass Times:

Daily at 8:00 AM as scheduled (See schedule on next page) Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM Sunday at 9:00 AM Holy Days at 8:00 AM (7:00 PM - see schedule)

Confessions: Saturday 3:30-4:00 PM or by appointment

Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.

Parish Registration Forms are available on the bulletin board in the gathering space or on the website.

Bulletin deadline: 10:00 AM Mondays, in writing, please.



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD THEY WERE OVERJOYED AT SEEING THE

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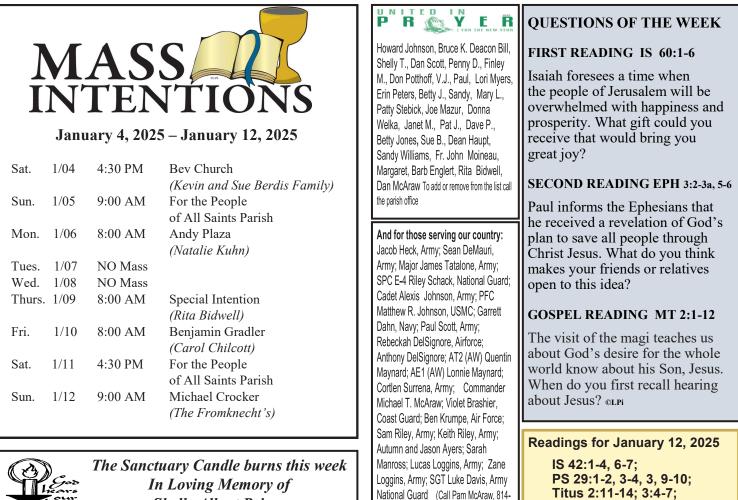


GOSPEL MEDITATION - January 5, 2025 - The Epiphany of the Lord - Matthew 2:1-12

Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer. — Father John Muir ^{©LPi}



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FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, Jan. 5, Youth Mass and Epiphany Play Wednesday, Jan. 8, 6:30 PM EDGE Sunday, Jan. 12, 10:00 AM for Gr. Pre/K-5 Wednesday, Jan. 15, 6:30 PM EDGE Wednesday, Jan. 15, 6:30 PM PURPOSE Sunday, Jan. 19, 10:00 AM for Gr. Pre/K-5 Wednesday, Jan. 22, 6:30 PM EDGE Wednesday, Jan. 22, 6:30 PM PURPOSE



Join us after Mass on January 5, 2025 as our youth present an EPIPHANY play! Help us to praise and adore our newborn KING in prayer and song!

A Family Perspective

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need a new approach to resolving differences, communicating, or showing affection? This new year is the perfect time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from the wise men—there's always "another way."

Mission of the Family videos

Explore a free opportunity for your family to deepen their faith through five short videos titled "The Mission of the Family", produced by the Knights of Columbus. These videos, each under 14 minutes long, are available on the Knights of Columbus website. Access them here: https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html.

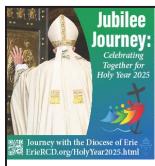
A parishioner who lives in Waterford near the Bobcat dealership (North intersection of Rts 19 & 97) is looking for a ride home every Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass. If you are interested in this commitment please call the parish office for more information. Thank you.

BOOK OF PRAYER INTENTIONS

Look for this small book located in the Holy Family Shrine on the North side of the worship space near the prayer intention candles. Write in your general prayer requests (no names please) and they will be raised in the prayers of our parish as they are taken to the altar at Mass.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday 1/05	9:00 AM Mass - Epiphany play after Mass
Tuesday 1/07	NO Mass
Wednesday 1/08	NO Mass
Wednesday 1/08	6:30 PM EDGE
Saturday 1/11	4:30 PM Mass



Jubilee Called to Connect: Pilgrims of Hope As we prepare for this upcoming Holy Year, I want to share with you some reflections on the significance of this Jubilee Year: "Pilgrims of Hope". The Holy Father has called us to "fan The flame of hope that has been given us" and to help others "gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

This theme underscores the commitment we have made in our own diocese to look forward after facing the challenge of pastoral planning to embrace our future with trust and faith. As we unite during this sacred time, may our hearts be opened to the graces and blessings of this extraordinary celebration. Whether you are making a pilgrimage to Rome or encountering the Lord in your local community, let us honor this Holy Year with a renewed sense of mission and hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Lawrence T. Persico, JCL, Bishop of Erie

The MINISTRY SIGN-UP SCHEDULE for Lectors, Altar Servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can now be found in the <u>Sacristy</u>. Please take a moment to fill in a spot on the schedule. Thank you.

END OF YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS WILL BE SENT UPON REQUEST. Sign the list in the gathering space or call the parish office, mornings, 814-796-3023, or email allsaint@allsaintsrcc.org and a copy of your statement will be sent to you. Those who use our online giving platform exclusively may print their statement from there. Thank you for your support of All Saints Parish!

ALL SAINTS BINGO ON SATURDAY JANUARY 18 Doors open at 5:30 PM: first game starts at 6:15.



Cost for Bingo is \$25 for a 12-card bingo paper or \$20 for a 6-card bingo paper. Special bingo game papers are \$1 each. *Cash prizes!* Food is available to purchase. Must be 18 to attend.

Help spread the word! Posters are available in the gathering space to place at businesses around town. Share it on Facebook, tell your friends and family! Do you have ideas on other ways to spread the word? Call the parish office, mornings, to share your thoughts.

Let's reach a record number of attendees (50 or more!) this month for this parish fundraising event!