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WHERE IS THE NEWBORN KING OF THE JEWS?
WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE
COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE
MATTHEW 2:1-2



JANUARY 3, 2021 • EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

OUR MISSION

St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic Church steeped in history, yet forward thinking, creating a positive impact on our community while bringing brothers and sisters in Christ together to be the hands and feet of Jesus. In the true Franciscan way, we sow the seeds of the future in the good soil of tradition.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021

11:30am - Intentions of the DeStefano family

4:30pm - Rosa, Pat and Sal Izzo†

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

8:00am - St. Francis Parishoners

10:00am - Edwina & Joseph Mordarsk†

12:00pm - Catherine Reichert†, Rose Madonia†,
Thomas Zimmer†, Marion & Etta Martello†

5:00pm - Youth of St. Francis

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

8:30am - Sr. Maureen Christine O'Conner†

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021

8:30am - Intentions of the Arrows Mission for Our Lady

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021

8:30am - Eugene Wilson†

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021

8:30am - Julia Fried†

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021

8:30am - Victor Excorbores†

DEVOTIONAL LIFE - HOLY HOURS

HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

Mondays: 12:30pm - 1:30pm

SACRED HEART HOLY HOUR

Wednesdays: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

PATRIOTIC HOLY HOUR

Fridays: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

ADORATION

Mondays & Fridays: 9:00am - 5:00pm

ROSARY - Daily at 8:00am

HAITIAN MASS - Every 3rd Saturday at 6:30pm

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021

4:30pm - Bob Bauge

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

8:00am - Gawaine Esteibar

10:00am - William O'Brien

12:00pm - Neil Coscio

5:00pm - Albert Porpora

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021

4:30pm - Mary Lemp

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

8:00am - Rosemarie Esteibar

10:00am - Henry Bokuniewicz

12:00pm - Nancy Christensen

5:00pm - Michael Kitakis

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021

4:30pm - Carol Ann Gallo Russo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

8:00am - Diane Lake

10:00am - Michael Mordarski

12:00pm - Paul Papa

5:00pm - Jeffrey Froh

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021

4:30pm - Mary Schlaikjer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

8:00am - Linda Costello Roth

10:00am - Peter Dowd

12:00pm - Ellen Lobasso

5:00pm - Albert Porpora

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021

4:30pm - Bob Bauge

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

8:00am - Gawaine Esteibar

10:00am - William O'Brien

12:00pm - Neil Coscio

5:00pm - Michael Kitakis

BULLETIN REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, we read of the coming of the Magi to adore the newborn Son of God

LIVING STEWARDSHIP PILLAR OF SERVICE

As the Magi presented the newborn Jesus with gifts, we can also give gifts to Him when we help others. We can offer our time, talents and treasures to Jesus through the Church and those in need.

THE PASTOR'S DESK

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

Last month just before Christmas there occurred a “Conjunction of planets”- (Saturn and Jupiter) To our line of sight they appeared to almost merge into one brighter object. People immediately asked could this be how the “Star of Bethlehem” was formed that led the wise men to the Christ child?” Perhaps! We can also ask questions about the details of the famous story to which can get interesting answers while the facts of history remain hidden! Can we focus on the main point of the drama and the benefit spiritually?

The Magi (wisemen) had to “get on the move; “Get up and Go” so to speak. They could not remain “stuck”! In this instance, they undertook a great and dangerous journey – of hundreds of miles at least!

If we are to grow in faith, you and I must be more like them searching for God and willing to move (to change some of our routine when He shows Himself) We speak of the journey of faith, it means movement from one set of activities, relationships and priorities to others- we are familiar with changes thrust upon us by family, finances, aging, external events “we must not merely go with the flow”; we need to choose the path that God shows us.

Move a muscle, Change a thought! Introduce one new thing, eliminate something from our schedule. Lift the anchor, you cannot sail away in an anchored boat! All these expressions offer perspectives on the journey of faith. We cannot stand still forever; let us move by faith in a God who wants to fill our hearts with his love!

How many changes have we made of our own initiative? How many did we make seeking to do God’s will? How many did we pray about beforehand? The wise men’s faith and persistence found them the Christ child. Let us imitate them and discover more of God’s plan for our lives.



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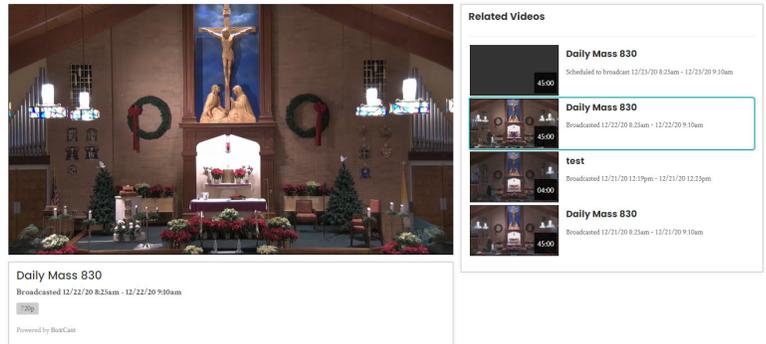
You've heard Fr. Peter talk about it and now it's finally here!!!

Just in time for Christmas!!!!

We are so excited to let you know that ALL of our Masses will now be livestreamed on our website!!!! Including All Christmas Masses!!

What a blessing to have our own Masses celebrated our own priests brought directly into your home.

For those who can't attend Mass, you will now continue to be part of our St. Francis community by viewing our Masses. You can also go back and watch any time by visiting our website at: www.stfrancisgreenlawn.org

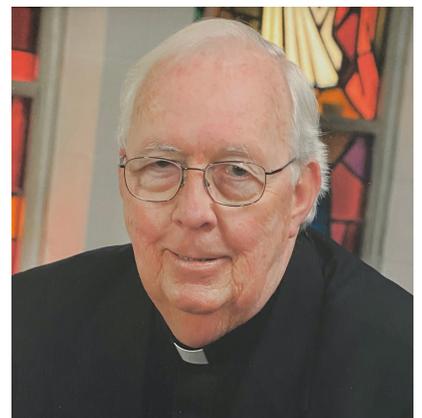


Remembering Fr. Pat

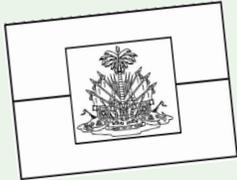
I first met Fr. Pat way back in 1967 right after I was discharged from the US Navy. Fr. Pat was a young priest of 31 or 32 and our first of many memorable moments throughout the years was his officiating at my wedding to my beautiful bride, Joan in 1968 at St. Matthew's Church. It was quite a few years later that I ran into Fr. Pat again here at St. Francis in the 1980's. When I told Fr. Pat that he married Joan and me, his response was "Well, I guess it took!" This was Fr. Pat! We were able to get caught up, and soon enough I became head usher at St. Francis and got to know Fr. Pat throughout the years. I was able to see Fr. Pat at his best and at his most challenged.

He endured a lot of suffering in the end and it was my profound honor to sit with him for 3-4 hours during his chemo treatments and learn from him. We talked about everything from the state of the world, religion and growing up on Long Island. We became real friends. I always referred to Fr. Pat as "Father". At one of his treatments, his nurse remarked about what a wonderful son Pat had! Now if you know me you know I have grey hair! Fr. Pat, always up for a joke, continued to refer to me as his son, Paul, to the nurses throughout his treatments! My biggest blessing was to be able to minister to Fr. Pat, who took care of so many others in his lifetime, while he was at the end of his. Rest in Peace, Father.

- Paul Sepp



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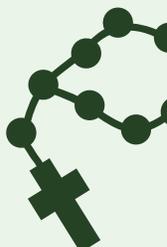
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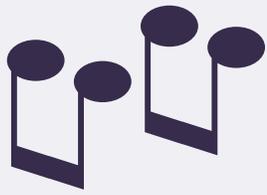
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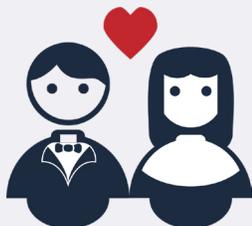
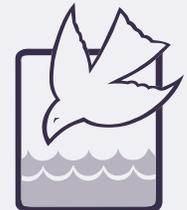


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IN A NUTSHELL

When I tell a story, I have a friend who prefers the “nutshell version “ first. After that she’ll listen to me ramble, but she wants to know the main point right off the bat. When reading and hearing Sunday scriptures one may often find the nutshell by looking at the responsorial psalm or the Gospel acclamation. From Psalm 72 we hear “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.” The verse for the Gospel acclamation is Matthew 2:2 “We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” As a weary world, we need to see the light, to follow with our actions and our words. This is the same hope that is echoed in Isaiah 60:2 “See, darkness covers the earth, / and thick clouds cover the peoples; / but upon you the LORD shines, / and over you appears his glory.” Don’t give up, friends. You must shine!

SEARCHING

In Matthew’s Gospel today we see two extremely different perspectives, two different reasons for searching for Jesus. In some ways, this resembles the polarization of our nation in today’s time. What one group sees as good for the nation, those with opposing views think will wreck the country. The Magi were astrologers who saw a vision in the sky and were trying to find a way to follow it and discover the new king of the Jews. Herod heard about this king, and his reaction was dark and negative. He saw the birth of such a king as a threat to his power as the Roman leader of the country and wanted the Magi to pass on to him what they knew about this Christ child. Similarly, on a more personal level, we can either feel threatened or excited by changes that may come, depending on our perspective.

GIVING HOMAGE

In our minds, it is easy to mix up bits and pieces from Luke’s account of the shepherds coming to see Jesus in the stable and the story of the magi. Clearly, it has taken the magi time to get here, and the reading speaks of them coming to the house where the star led them. Nevertheless, they “prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures ... “

How do we do this? Do we continue looking for Jesus, even if takes a while and he is not where we expect to see him? Are we paying attention to the signs showing us the way? What gifts do we have with which to pay him homage? After seeing him, the Magi were warned in a dream not to go back the way they

came. But if we have seen the Christ child, how can we go back to where we were? We must continue to respond to God’s call to move forward and grow in our lives. We must seek the right and just path and turn away from the “Herods “ and inherent evils in our life.

Nutshell: Seek God. Pay homage. Amen.

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TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12



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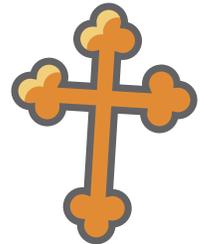
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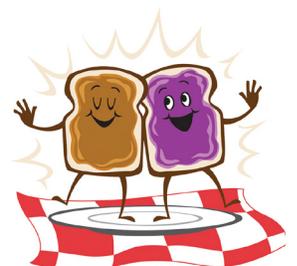
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St. Vincent de Paul Society



January 3: Epiphany of the Lord

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

*Checks made payable to Society of St. Vincent de Paul and dropped in the collection baskets will help us serve our neighbors in need throughout the Greenlawn area.

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Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise; give
thanks to him and praise his name.
Psalm 100:4



ALL ABOARD

Ella Ella Francinella Story by Barbara Campbell
Illustration by David-Peter Campbell

Danny here, it's my birthday! I hate birthdays, Dad and everyone else are asking me what I want so I said I don't need anything then Ella says, "Dan it's not about what you need it's about what you want". So here's the thing, when people give you gifts it can get really scary because they stare at you when you are opening them and you have to come up with something really cool each time. I mean just think of all the things saying thank you can mean? I mean what if you don't really love it, then what? So Grandpa Gooshey says when that happens we have to rewire our brain to be happy for a 6 instead of a 10. Anyway I don't wanna be stared at and thank-you's are risky business and yeah I know Mr. Mouse always says the word of God tells us that our thank-you's can open up the gates of heaven. I guess those gates can get pretty stuck.

Grandpa Gooshey is the most grateful person I ever met in my whole life. He is always saying thank you even for the smallest thing you do for him. I guess that's why when you're around him you always end up feeling better about yourself. He not only opens the gates of heaven, he puts you right into the courtyard. Anyway Grandpa Gooshey has this great train set he is giving us for under the Christmas Tree this year. Ella kept saying, "Dan come and look at this! Dan come and look at this!" Like I said I don't like getting gifts in case I'm not 110% happy with them. So I'm still working on seeing the train set but meanwhile I told everyone to give me cash for my birthday. One baby-step at a time Goo always says!



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The St. Francis Chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of new members.

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