

SUNDAY, Jan. 8, 2017

SUNDAY, Jan. 8, 2017 – Epiphany

7:15 Noel Villarica
 8:30 Rita Rizitiello
 10:00 Maria & Frank Adinolfi
 11:30 Doris & Joseph Wilkowski
 1PM Jennifer Diaz-Davis

MONDAY, Jan. 9 – The Baptism of the Lord

7:00 Pro Populo
 9:00 Alberto Orsini

TUESDAY, Jan. 10

7:00 Joseph Santamauro
 9:00 Vito & Genoveffa Nardulli

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 11

7:00 Balfour Lohar, Jr.
 9:00 Joseph Lo Schiavo

THURSDAY, Jan. 12

7:00 Serafino Malgioglio
 9:00 In Honor of the Guardian Angels & Archangels

FRIDAY, Jan. 13 –St. - Hilary

7:00 Robert Gritz, Sr.
 9:00 Emerald Rita & Clifford Rodrigo

SATURDAY, Jan. 14

7:00 For All the Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 Jean Rosario

SUNDAY, Jan. 15, 2017

7:15 (*Italian*) Pasquale, Giuditta & Eugenio, Jr.
 Nigro
 8:30 Kevin Druitt
 10:00 Dina Genovino
 11:30 Frank Bastone
 1PM COBM

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JAN. 14/JAN. 15

LECTORS

5 PM	L. Cahill	10:00	H. Corbie
7:15	E. DiPaolo	11:30	M. Burke
8:30	B. Diaz	1PM	C. Ortiz

ALTAR SERVERS

5PM	D. Brown/F. Lavezzari
8:30	D. Boucard/E. Noel
10:00	C. & S. Colon/J. Carbonetti
11:30	J. Bennett/J. Trocio
1PM	D. Pierre/J. Obiekwe

**On Sundays, confessions will be heard from
 9AM to 9:45AM**

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — “members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

Monday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

*This week the Sanctuary Lamp is
 donated in honor of Stephen Heffernan*

Parish Meetings this Week

Sunday	HNS Communion Mass 8:30AM
Monday	RCIA MSR 7:30PM
Tuesday	Eucharistic Ministers' Mtg 7:30PM in Church
Wednesday	Adult Choir - 7:15 – 8:45PM in Church
Saturday	Children's Choir 11:30-12:30 in Church

Rectory Office Hours

MONDAY – THURSDAY:

9:00AM – 9:00PM

FRIDAY: 9AM – 12 NOON

SATURDAY: 9:00AM – 5:00PM

SUNDAY: SEE YOU IN CHURCH

MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS – The pink Mass attendance cards for students will be stamped after Mass in the vestibule. **After the 10 AM Mass**, cards will be stamped in Father Winters Hall.

**Church of the Holy Rosary / Nativity
of Our Blessed Lady**

Clergy

Rev. Fr. Dennis Williams, Pastor

Rev. Fr. Sebastian Pandarathikudiyil, V.C.

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Fr. Anthony J. Pleho, Nursing Home Chaplain

Rev. Fr. Hippolytus U. Duru, Sunday Associate

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Lord's Day – Saturday, 5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday: 7:15 AM, 8:30 AM,

10:00 AM, 11:30 AM Solemn with Choir; 1:00 PM.

Weekdays: Monday – Friday 7:00 & 9:00 AM

Saturday: 9:00 AM

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**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15th
1PM MASS**



Our Committee of Black Ministry invites you to our annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration Mass on Sunday, January 15th at 1:00 PM. The celebrant and homilist will be Fr. Ransford Clark of St. Elizabeth Parish in Washington Heights. Music will be provided by our Adult Choir, Children's Choir and guest cantor John Dominic of Holy Rosary School.

**THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF
FATIMA will be with:**

Chinyere Felista Opara – Jan. 8 – 14

Denise Francis – Jan. 15 – 21

Carmela DiNitto – Jan. 22 – Jan. 28

**The TRAVELING DIVINE MERCY IMAGE
will be with:**

Chinyere Felista Opara – Jan. 8 – 14

Denise Francis – Jan. 15 – 21

Mary Bruno – Jan. 22 - 28

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

Traditionally offerings are made in memory of a deceased loved one. The funds collected help to cover the sizable cost of the greens and flowers for the entire Christmas Season. Envelopes are available in the church lobby.

Candy Canes

The Candy canes came to us through the kindness the staff at McCalls Bronxwood Funeral Home, 4035 Bronxwood Ave, Bronx, 718.231.7647.

The Black Heritage Calendars are courtesy of McCall's and Granby's Funeral Homes.

Christmas Ornaments – Thank you to all who worked on hundreds of Christmas ornaments for our troops and veterans! Yvette and Ricardo, Leif and Nanette, Jerry and Rosemarie, Omar, Carol, Ben, Carmela and Silvana put a lot of love into the 'USA LOVES YOU' ornaments that were delivered to "Tuesday's Children", an organization that works with 9/11 families, troops and veterans in the Bronx Veterans' Hospital.....We will continue making ornaments throughout the year. If you are interested in helping, leave a message at the rectory for Yvette Armstrong.

Christmas Cards- The Christmas Card Fundraiser was a great success and many people have said how beautiful the cards are. Many thanks to Yvette Armstrong for her generous and beautiful work.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Estella & Myrna Alvarez, Shawaun Ali Aviles, Salvatore Amedio, Rachel Acre, Francis Bele, Kim Benack, Joseph Bonocore, Linda Bravo, Sidney Brown, Mary Alice Burgan, Phillip & Anthony Capano, Ana Caturano, Christina Celantano, Lorna Courtney, Theresa Coutain, Anna Cristina, Fitzroy Daniel, Michael Dannucci, Maureen Darner, Audia DeJesus, Helen De Alto, Rosemarie DeNegris, Ben Diaz, Gina DiLorenzo, Bob & Cynthia Dukes, Marie Echevarria, Rosa Echevarria, Laticia Elliot, Irene Farenga, Marie Ferrari, Albert Ferri, Beatrice Galeano de Maduro, Iris Grubler, Amelia Gugliotta, Grant Haile, James Heame, Donna Hellgrone, Erik Hernandez, Marilyn Iarossi, Mary Iorio, Kay Johnson, John Joseph, Camille Knight, Singh Latchman, Theresa Lewis, Maurice Lisby, Fey LoPresti, Connie Lorelli, Debbie Lorelli, Bonita McSchane, Brunilda Mandozza, Frank Matice, Jim Messenger, Anthony Militello, Lucille Montemuro, Demarco, Donyae, Damika & Donya Murray, Alisa Nicovic, Dorothy Oliver, Carmen Ortiz, Jose Ortiz, Jennifer Padro, Beth Pagan, Carol Ann Pascucci, Elena Pascucci, Millie Perota, Mary Pirro, Angelina Rader, Michael Ramirez, Giuseppe Regina, Iris Rivera, Pablo Rodriguez, Amelia Ascenio Ruiz, Dorothy Santomauro, Arthur Simmons, Hopeton Williams, Karen Williamson and all of our homebound and the residents of our local Nursing Homes.

THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE

Look at the humility of God....

*Therefore hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves,
so that He who gives Himself totally to you
may receive you totally.*

- St. Francis of Assisi (Letter to the Order)



St. Francis of Assisi began the tradition of the Christmas crèche near Greccio, Italy in 1223. He brought live animals to a cave where Midnight Mass was celebrated, and the local people who were present saw the baby Jesus appear in the manger he had prepared in front of the altar. The crèche helps us to focus in on the true meaning of Christmas.

Prayer for a Child in Danger of Abortion

*Jesus, my Lord, through the intercession of Mary, Your Mother, who bore you so lovingly and of Saint Joseph, strong man of faith, who protected you both, I beg you to spare the life of an unborn child who is in danger of abortion. Please give the parents of this particular child the grace and courage to bring this child into the world.
AMEN*



The Feast of the Epiphany - Jan 8

20 + C + M + B + 17

This Feast -- also known as the "Theophany" or "Three Kings Day" -- recalls Christ revealing Himself as Divine in three different ways: to the Magi, at His Baptism, and with His miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

For families who practice traditions involving "the Magi" or "La Befana" leaving gifts for children, the day begins with the little ones discovering what was left for them while they slept on Twelfth Night.

This week, there will be a blessing of Epiphany Water and chalk. When Mass (10AM) is over, you will be able to take some of the blessed chalk and Epiphany Water home with you. When you get home, sprinkle some Epiphany water in the rooms of your house to protect it and bring blessings. This Holy Water recalls the waters of the Jordan, and is a visible reminder of Christ's Divinity,

of Jesus' revealing Himself as God at His Baptism, when we heard the words from the Father: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."

Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

Please bring a bottle if you want to take home the blessed water.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, walk through the house and bless each room by sprinkling with Epiphany water. Then write an inscription on the outside lintel above the front door. The series of numbers, letters and crosses changes only slightly from year to year. For example, at the start of the year 2017, the line will read as follows: 20+C+M+B+17. The four digits designating the new year appear at the beginning and end of the line. Because Epiphany comes so near the beginning of the New Year, the numbers represent an annual renewal of God's blessing.

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*. "May Christ bless the house." The letters recall the day on which the inscription is made, as well as the purpose of the blessing. The crosses represent Christ, whom we invoke, and the saintliness of the magi. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God's blessing. The month of January still bears the name of the Roman god Janus, the doorkeeper of heaven and patron of the beginning and end of things. This blessing adds a Christian dimension to the traditional observance of the first month. The inscription is made of chalk, a product of clay, which recalls the human nature taken by God's eternal word in this holy season. Epiphany Water and Blessed Chalk will be available by the crèche after the 10AM Family Mass.

Dear Jesus, as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You. Mary, Our Mother, help us to know Your Son. Amen.

Also, in many places the traditional *Three Kings' Cake* is enjoyed by all (search on the internet for recipes.)

2017 CHURCH CALENDARS

The calendars come to us through the kindness of Sal Farenga and his staff at Farenga Bros. Inc Funeral Homes 920 Allerton Avenue, The Bronx, 718.654.0500.

Our parish has a Website!

**Please check it out at
<http://holyrosarybronx.org>**

SECURITY NOTICE – Parishioners are reminded to always keep an eye on their belongings when attending Holy Rosary Church or events in Father Winters Hall.Please turn off all free WiFi applications from your mobile devices in order to prevent criminals from gaining access to your personal information.

PARISHIONERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

In order to make attendance at Mass easier and more pleasurable for you we encourage you to consider two things:

1) Those with walkers, canes, or who cannot get up for communion: Please sit in the front pews. We will bring Holy Communion to you.

2) **Those with wheelchairs – Please place your chairs in the Baptismal area to the right of the sanctuary. We will bring Holy Communion to you.**

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