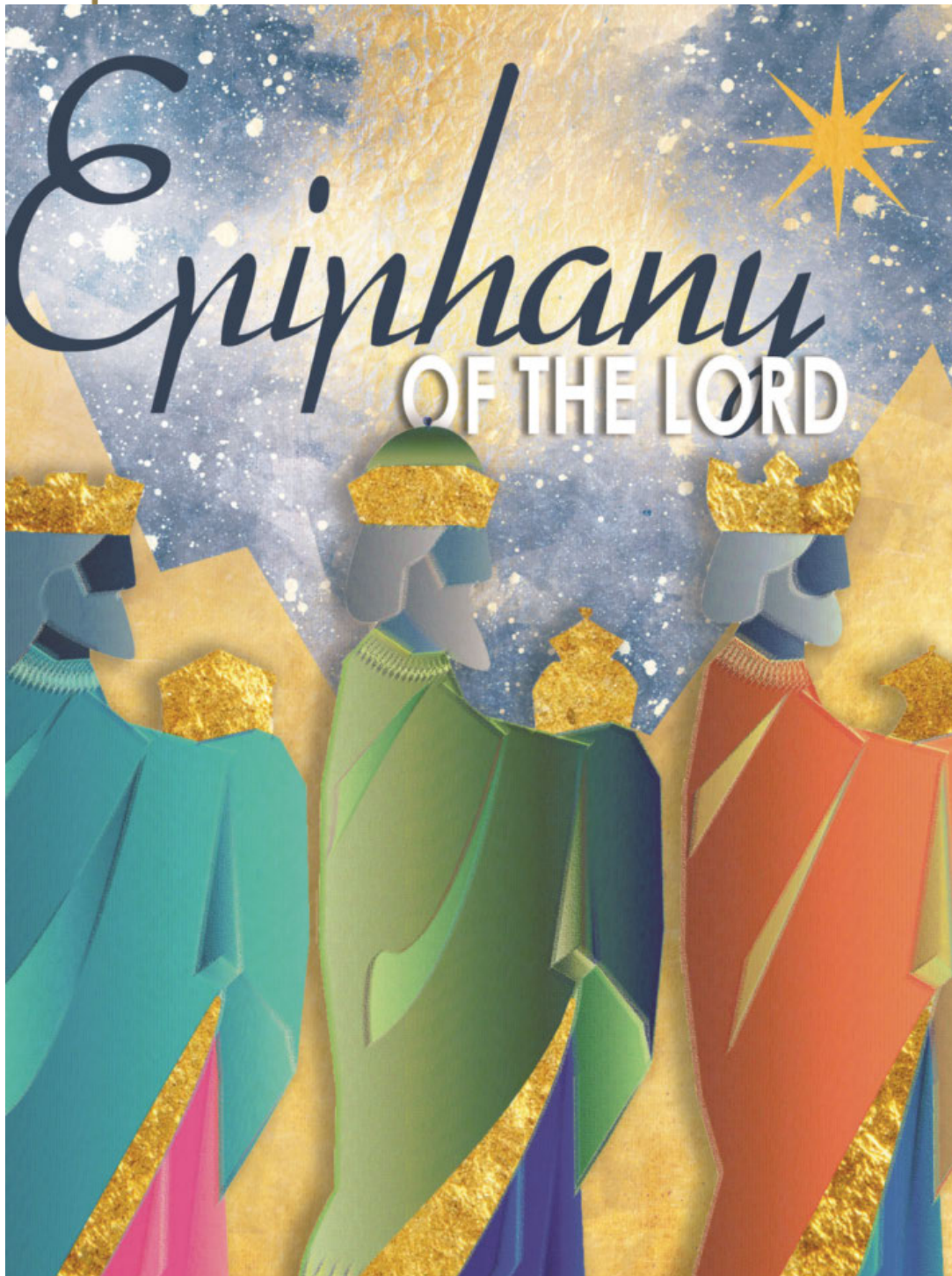


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FR. MARK'S NOTES

The Passing of Pope Benedict

Since I heard of the passing of Pope Benedict XVI, I have seen a stream of articles with people's reflections on the Pope, his personality, his life as a scholar, his tenure as a Pope, and his historic retirement. We hope to talk about all of that this week on our January 8 **Facebook Live** session of "Follow Your Faith." I have read several books by Joseph Ratzinger, Pope Benedict, and one of his best is his early book "Introduction to Christianity." I still read it around Christmas and especially during Holy Week each year. He has had a significant impact on the Church. So, join us, offer your thoughts, and let's speak openly, frankly, and respectfully about a man who is one of the most essential lights of the 20th and 21st centuries.

It Has Been Quite a Week

As I said at one of the Christmas Masses, I thought all the "memorable" Christmas' were behind us when we got back to normal after Covid, even though, in many ways, we have still not yet recovered. But this Christmas was indeed memorable. It all began with the cold and the wind. It was most remarkable and required constant shoveling. Thanks to Andrew, who did most of the shoveling. He was so very generous with his time. I was so edified by how you still came to Church and celebrated Christmas. **You were outstanding.** Thank you. I want to thank all the staff who were all hands on deck, given everything that was going on. You should be honored to have such people serving you in our parishes.

Christmas morning, we had a water break in Holy Grounds. Actually, we had six water breaks. Here's hoping insurance will help us with that, but it took most of Christmas Day to get things under control. I think our repairs will prevent such breaks in the future. That's our hope. We had to get the Church professionally cleaned after Christmas; it was just too big of a job for a mop and a bucket.

While I'm on a roll, let me share some of the other recent happenings. First, we have begun to have lighting issues which we still have as I write this. Our light fixtures are old and in need of attention. Of course, we will not let things go and will address all that immediately. So, I'll keep you posted on what needs to be done. Also, the pillars between the school and church desperately need to be repointed. Then, when we had the driveway between the school and the church paved, we discovered a pipe was crushed, and we have not yet assessed the damage with all of that. Finally, given all that sewer work, we need to repair sidewalks soon.

So, it's been a lot. I'm sure all of you homeowners can relate. Thanks for reading. The staff thought I should tell you all of that. And I'm just giving you the headlines. Please keep praying we will get it all worked out. It was still an awesome Christmas. MEMORABLE!! Let's have a joyful New Year.



FOLLOW YOUR FAITH—JANUARY 8

Follow Your Faith will return on Sunday, January 8, at 7 pm. Join Fr. Mark, Marty, Jerry, and Steve as they discuss Pope Benedict, his legacy, and his scholarly contributions to the Catholic Church.

ARE YOU OR A FRIEND GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE?

Grief is a long and lonely journey. Please consider joining us for **Sharing the Journey**, an ongoing bereavement support group meeting on the third Sunday of each month. Our first meeting is on **Sunday, January 15, from 3-4:30 pm** at Holy Grounds. These informal gatherings are intended to provide the opportunity to share, listen to others who have experienced loss, and open our hearts to Jesus. There is no need to pre-register. You are welcome to come as often as you would like.

For more information, contact Mary Petrak at (814) 502-6076 or mfpetrak@hotmail.com.



It is that time of year when everyone is looking for something to improve themselves in the new year. You may want to grow your relationship with Jesus through small groups. If you would like to try a small group, go to omostoday.com and sign up or call the Parish Office (814) 535-7646 to speak to Julie Sheehan. All are welcome!

SPEND TIME SERVING THE HUNGRY

St. Vincent de Paul’s Saturday’s Kitchen operates the Family Kitchen on the weekends for the hungry. There is a need for volunteers to serve the meal and provide the dessert. OMOS has agreed to offer 5-6 volunteers for the January 28 meal. Saturday’s Kitchen is a great service project for a small group or a few interested individuals. If you are interested, please contact Julie Sheehan at (814) 535-7646 for more information.

ADVERTISE IN THE GUIDEBOOK!

We have contracted with Guide Book Publishing to publish a Church Directory for our parish families that will be updated and delivered directly to your homes. Everyone should receive a copy of the directory in late January 2023. The book is provided at no cost to our Church. Local businesses that would like to support the directory through advertising are asked to consider placing an ad in the directory.

If you own or manage a business or know someone that might want to be featured, please call Marlene Richards at 845-492-1547 (cell) directly or email marlene.richardsgbp@gmail.com for more information on how to advertise. **All information should be received by January 13, 2023.** Thank you for your help and support.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- ◆ Serve Others Saturday—January 21
- ◆ Stuff the Truck—January 28/29
- ◆ Assistance Ministry 2nd Collection—January 28/29
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul—food donations and serving food for Saturday’s Kitchen.
- ◆ Family Dinners—Franklin Street United Methodist Church
- ◆ Donate blanket kits to keep our local children warm—drop off kits in Holy Grounds or leave them on Welcome Desk in the Church
- ◆ Saturday’s Kitchen—January 28

PRAYING IN COLORS

A presentation by Rosie Sekerak will be offered at Holy Grounds at 11 am on January 11, followed by lunch. For more information or to R.S.V.P., please call, text, or email Evie Wess at (814) 254-2648 or Eviewess51@gmail.com.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Stay tuned for the “2023 Winter/Spring Adult Faith Formation” offerings. We will offer some of the same classes and offer a few new ones. The new sessions will begin on Sunday, January 8 at 9:45 a.m.

The Chosen: Season 1—(with Sue Lovette & Jerry Clark) Season 1 tells the story of Christ’s early ministry while he is still an anonymous Jewish wanderer. The show’s story is incomplete, but the first eight episodes cover Christ’s meeting with the six first disciples and Mary Magdalene.

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible: (with Marty Radovanic) - This video series helps to simplify the complex. It allows you to uncover the story woven throughout Scripture to get the “big picture” of the Bible and get an understanding of what it is all about. Best-selling author Edward Sri leads you through this video series.

Mom’s Group: This is a children-friendly environment for moms to discuss the challenges a woman faces when she becomes a mother. Motherhood can be exhausting and frustrating, but it is also rewarding. Join us in the basement of the school for this fun, child-friendly class.

Dad’s Group: (with Brian Koch & Matt DiFrancesco) This group offers Dads and all men a place to come together and explore the Sunday Gospel readings by employing Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina is a way of becoming immersed in the Scriptures very personally.

Catholic Social Teaching: (with Karen & Mike Blaisdell) The Church’s social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about a just society and living lives of holiness amid the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been shared through various papal documents and Church teaching. The seven principles will be discussed, and how by incorporating them into our lives, we can live our faith as 24/7 Catholic Christians.

Women in the Bible: (with Shelley Lowes & Chris Cosgrove) This semester, this class will feature “Revealing the Gift: Living the Feminine Genius” by Lisa Cotter. In this book, Lisa uncovers a transformational vision of a woman’s purpose, meaning, and gifts, which might not be exactly what you expect.

Answer the Faith: (with Norman Ed & Sean O’Dowd) This is a question-based class! Bring your questions, Sean and Norman will do some research and do their best to bring answers. The following week. Some questions this past year have dealt with church traditions, miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, just to name a few. This class is open to high school and older. Your questions and your thoughts are welcome.



ME 25 SURVEY

The results are in! We are just beginning to dive into the results and will have the summary available for everyone to see soon. The summary will be available online or in hard copy.

We look forward to sharing the results with you and discussing what the results mean for our parish.

PRAYING WITH BODY, MIND, AND VOICE

BOWING: Bowing signifies reverence, respect, and gratitude. In the Creed, we bow at the words that commemorate the Incarnation. We also bow as a sign of reverence before we receive Communion. When entering and leaving the sanctuary, the priest and other ministers bow to the altar, a symbol of Christ. Finally, as a sign of respect and reverence, even in our speech, we bow our heads at the name of Jesus, the mention of the Three Persons of the Trinity, and the saint whose particular feast or memorial is being observed.

GENUFLECTING: As a sign of adoration, we genuflect by bringing our right knee to the floor. Many also make the Sign of the Cross as they bend their knees. Traditionally, Catholics genuflect on entering and exiting the Church if the Blessed Sacrament is present in the sanctuary of the Church. The priest and deacon also genuflect in adoration after he shows the Body and Blood of Christ to the people after the consecration and again before inviting the people to Holy Communion.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 9

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m. —Mass at OMOS
Server: Meara Gleason

Tuesday, January 10

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration
 7:30 am—Confession
 8 a.m. —Mass at OMOS
Server: Wynn Curtis

Wednesday, January 11

7 a.m. —Praise & Worship
 4:30 p.m. —Eucharistic Adoration
 5:15 p.m. —Confession
 6 p.m. —Mass at OMOS
Server: Tim Burgess

Thursday, January 12

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration
 9 a.m.— School Mass
Server: Divine Mercy Students

Friday, January 13

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Stanley Smith

Saturday, January 14

4 p.m. —Mass at OMOS
Servers: Nicolas & Dominic Barger
Lector: Cathy Vigna
Euch. Min. Michelle Rivetti (2), Tom & Nancy Simmons
Hosp. Kathy Lepsch, Ann & Jim Mattie, Gerri Isban, David & Jane Solomon, Cathy Vigna, Helen Hromulak

Saturday, January 14

6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael’s
Servers: Tim Burgess & Stanley Smith
Lector: Mary Anne Rizzuto

Sunday, January 15

8:30 a.m. —Mass at OMOS
Servers: Joe Nibert & Isabella Segear
Lector: Dave Milligan
Euch. Min: Denise Esch (2), Rick Messina, Heather Nibert
Hosp: Marjorie Lechene, Karen Findish, Julie Fontana, Jim & Joan Frischauf, Michelle Kush, Marge Pipan, Kevin EVans

Sunday, January 15

11:00 a.m. —Mass at OMOS
Servers: Domenick & Mason Lokesak
Lector: Anita Altman
Euch. Min. Mary Polacek (2), Nelson Lowes, Tom Polacek
Hosp: Barb & Rich Luckner, Joyce Nesmith, John Onufro, Rick Phillips, Joyce Radovanic, Linda & Ken Salem

End of the Year Contribution Statements

The End of the Year 2022 Contribution Statements will be available after January 20. If you would like a copy of your contribution statement, please email Joyce Dailey at jdailey@dioceseaj.org or call 814 535-7646 ext. 6. We would be happy to email your statement.

REST IN PEACE

Vince Saccone
 Husband of Rose Saccone

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 Mother of Robert & Bonnie

Our sympathy goes out to all the family and friends

Saturday, January 7—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Emily Maslar (Michael & Monica Garver)
 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of Military & Their Families

Sunday, January 8—The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Thomas Hammerle, Sr. (Thomas & Michelle Maurer)
 11:00 a.m. Stephen & Eleanor Rist (Family)

Monday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Toni Ham (Mary Pittenger)

Tuesday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Agnes Mash (Gail Roth)

Wednesday, January 11

6:00 p.m. Marilyn Shorto (Jim & Elsie Kukura)

Thursday, January 12

9:00 a.m. Rose Mirabile (Sofia Facaros)

Friday, January 13

8:00 a.m. Andrew Ciupak (Loretta Ciupak))

Saturday, January 14—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Marilyn Shorto (Dolores & John Dalesandro)
 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of Military & Their Families

Sunday, January 15—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Jeffrey & Shirley Vien (Jim & Joan Frischauf)
 11:00 a.m. Jim Cuthbert (Tom & Toni Ramos)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9//Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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