The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2020

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

As we read our Christmas gift, “Rediscovering the Saints”, let’s all claim our unique call to be saints – to be the very best version of ourselves.

Next Alpha Course

I always feel like we are at our best when we are doing an Alpha Course!! Our next Alpha Course begins Monday, January 20th. If you haven’t done the Course yet, ask yourself, why not!! We would love to have you join us. In the last Alpha Course, one couple shared with me that they were getting tired of me always mentioning and talking about Alpha. Always Alpha!! What’s the big deal with Alpha?? Then they took the Alpha Course. Now they understand why I am always talking about Alpha!! Come, and if you have already done the Course, who should you invite?

Thank you

I just wanted to say thank you one more time for the beautiful Liturgies at Christmas. This year, so very many of you stepped up and made things more beautiful than ever!! From our decorations, which reflected the noble simplicity of the Season to our lectors, servers, those who clean the Church, Eucharistic ministers, hospitality, and all those who attended Holy Mass, thank you. So many of you did so much to make things special. I am very grateful to those in the music ministry who served us at each Mass this Christmas. There are now more people involved in our music ministry than ever before!! It’s wonderful. At each Mass, we had many who came to sing and to serve the parish with their music. I am grateful to all of you! You put your heart and soul into this one!! You all did such a great job, and people commented to me over and over about how welcomed they felt. Jesus was/is indeed born to us here at Our Mother of Sorrows & St. Michael’s. As we read our Christmas gift, “Rediscovering the Saints,” let’s all claim our unique call to be saints – to be the very best version of ourselves. As Merton writes, “The Church exults as the angels come down to announce not merely an old thing that happened long ago, but a new thing that happens today. For, TODAY, God the Father makes all things new, in His Divine Son, our Redeemer, Jesus!!”

January Prayer Meeting

Friday, January 10 @ 7 pm
WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [bab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Mark your Calendars:

• High School Social—Sunday, Jan. 5 @ 6 pm
• Life Teen begins—Thurs., Jan 16th
• Youth Alpha begins—Sun., Jan. 19th—6 pm
• 11th Grade All Day Retreat—Saturday, Feb. 1

Stay tuned for more details!

Social Night
January 5, 2020
6 to 8 pm
Come to Holy Grounds. Join the Fun!
Wear Your Old Black Clothes & Bring Your Friends
for a Night of Food, Fun & Fellowship!
Glow in the Dark Paints, Games, Music
Ice Cream & More
When Everyone Brings Their Own Flame to the Fire, it Grows Brighter and Stronger so That More & More are Illuminated by it, Drawn to it.

This star was a sign from God

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SMALL GROUP NEWS

Happy New Year, everyone! We have a few weeks before the Fourth Season of Arise begins on March 1. This is a great opportunity to spend time studying the weekly scriptures. If you are looking for some reflections and questions, check out the Sundayscripturestudy.com website, Year A. If you are interested in joining a small group or hosting a group for Arise, contact Julie Sheehan at jsheehan1081@gmail.com or register on-line.

CENTENNIAL NEWS

January 18th is our blanket making day. Our goal is to make 100 blankets for kids in our area. If you can tie a knot, you can make a blanket. Join us on Serve Others Saturday morning for this parish-wide effort. If you would like to donate to the purchase of materials, please leave your donation at the Parish Office by January 11, and we will use Scrip to purchase the necessary supplies.

If you have made blankets in your small group or family, please drop them off in the Parish Office by Jan. 11 so we have a good count before Serve Others Saturday. Thank you for your support.

Get your team together for our first OMOS Trivia night on January 25th. You can register as a team or individually and we will put you on a team. We have a limited number of tables so get registered soon! Questions will be wide-ranging and include OMOS history, Bible history, and general trivia. Test your group’s range of knowledge and join in a night of fun and fellowship. Winners will get bragging rights! See you all on the 25th!

Your “freebie” trivia question is: How many books are in the New Testament? (Answer page 5)

ST. MICHAEL’S NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came out to decorate the church for Christmas. The poinsettias were beautiful and the church looked great for the Christmas liturgies.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Angel Tree. Your donations helped those less fortunate

WHAT IS ALPHA?

Over 26 million people worldwide have experienced Alpha and over a thousand at Our Mother of Sorrows

What is Alpha? It is an opportunity to explore the questions of life around a meal, a video, and a small group discussion.

When? Join us on Monday, January 20, 6:00 p.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Hall or St. Michael’s Community Room.

No pressure. No follow-up. No charge.

For more information and to register, please visit our website: www.omostoday.com and sign-up today!

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

The Marriage Course, a marriage enrichment program, will begin Thursday, January 9, and continue each Thursday until February 13 from 6—8:30 pm. For more information, call or email Rick & Evie at 814 410-5050, 814 254-2648, or email WessRickR@gmail.com

CEM (Changing Expectation Ministry) Each Wednesday from 4-6 pm at the Albright United Methodist Church. CEM is a nondenominational ministry in Coopersdale that helps at-risk kids by providing a meal and committed mentors. We are hoping for two groups of 4 to 5 OMOS volunteers to alternate Wednesdays. For additional information or to sign up please call the Wess’ at 814 410-5050 or 814 254-2648.

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WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, January 6
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m.—Mass
Server: Charlie Neumann
Tuesday, January 7
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
7:30 a.m.—Mass
Server: Bradyn Younkins
Wednesday, January 8
7 a.m. Praise & Worship
4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 p.m.—Confession
6 p.m.—Mass
Server: Tim Burgess
Thursday, January 9
6 a.m.-Eucharistic Adoration
9 a.m.—Mass
Servers: Divine Mercy Students
Friday, January 10
6 a.m.-Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m.—Mass
Server: Lucy Smith
7 p.m. Prayer Meeting at OMOS
Saturday, January 11
3 pm—Confessions
4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Haley Kesslak & Euch. Min. Michelle Rivetti (2), Jim Kukura, Joyce Dailey, Linda Rosenbaum, Michelle Petrell, Bridget Byrne, Mary Kay Clark
Hosp. Val Deater, Evie Drapchak, Sue & Tom Krise, Tom & Nancy Simmons, Kathy Ashcom, Jim Galiardi
Saturday, January 11
6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael’s
Servers: Tim Burgess & Lucy Smith
Lector: Mary Ann Rizzuto

Sunday, January 12
8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Nico White & Alyssa Kush
Euch. Min: Janet Bowser (2), Mary Jo Gardill, Monica Purazo, Ed & Julie Sheehan, David & Estelle Milligan
Hosp: Karen & Jeff Wood, Carol & Ron Golias, John Esch, Arlene Owens, Marjorie Lechene, Martin Malek
Sunday, January 12
11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Nathan DiFrancesco & Domenick Barger
Euch. Min: Krissy (2) & Adam Weir, Keith Santee, Tom & Mary Polacek, Mary Beth Cartwright, Maria Nesmith
Hosp: Patty & Don Falcone, Jim Patrick, Janice Rayha, Gil McDonald, Tami Buchan, Michele Varner, John Onufro

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 4, 2020—Vigil
4:00 p.m. Leo O’Connor (wife, Polly)
Sunday, January 5, 2020 Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 a.m. Bernice Oleksak (Rick & Lisa Bruce)
9:30 a.m. Rosemarie Gabrielle (Bernice Stem)
**Sanctuary Candle in Memory of All Military Families
11:00 a.m. Margaret Goetz (Ron & Betty Peschock)
Monday, January 6, 2020
8:00 a.m. Jean Buchan (Patty Poole)
Tuesday, January 7, 2020
8:00 a.m. Sister Dorothy Antonazzo, CSJ (Dan & Vanessa Hummel)
Wednesday, January 7, 2020
6:00 p.m. Sandra Orlosky (Justin & Tom)
Thursday, January 9, 2020
9:00 a.m. Eleanor Hornick (Deacon Dave & Pat Hornick)
Friday, January 10, 2020
8:00 a.m. Mary Jane Messich (Jim & Kathy Ridella)
Saturday, January 11, 2020
4:00 p.m. Concetta Morbit (Paul, Barbara, Loretta, Delores, and Ralph Morbit)
6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of All Military Families (Shrum Family)
Sunday, January 12, 2020—The Baptism of the Lord
8:30 a.m. Dr. Paul Burns (Pete & Lena Omodio)
11:00 a.m. Wong Wing (Ed & Ellen Dumayas)

Trivia Answer: 27 books