

# St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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## Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord January 6, 2019



**Masses: 8:00 am** – Traditional Holy Mass      **9:30 am** – Contemporary Holy Mass  
**11:15 am** – Traditional Holy Mass, Cathedral Chapel, Our Savior, Tripp Park

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### TODAY

SOCL Class following 9:30 mass

St. Stanislaus Handbell rehearsal following SOCL Class

10:55 am – Adult Forum

### MONDAY, January 7<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

### WEDNESDAY, January 9<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – Prayer Shawl meeting (see announcement)

### THURSDAY, January 10<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

### NEXT SUNDAY, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord

Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional    **9:30 am** Contemporary    **11:15 am** Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park



Ten little fingers.  
Ten tiny toes.  
On Christmas he came.  
On Easter he rose.

**THANK YOU!** – A heartfelt thank you to all who donated toys for this season's toy drive. Five large bags of toys were delivered to United Neighborhood Center's Christmas Toy Store giveaway to help families put presents under the tree for their children. Your generosity was truly appreciated!

**THE PRAYER SHAWL AND BLANKET MINISTRY** will meet on Wednesday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the cathedral library. Interested individuals are welcome to attend this meeting. You will meet some very fine ladies of this cathedral parish who are trying very hard to follow the teachings of Jesus regarding helping the needy.

**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** – The 2019 Offering envelopes are here. Please pick up your yearly envelopes on the table in the church hall after mass on Sunday. They are in alphabetical order. You can also pick them up during the week from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by coming to the Parish Office door next to the rectory.

**CEMETERY PROJECT** – You may have noticed the large trees near the pavilion at our Cathedral cemetery and the shrub line have been removed. The trees were removed as they were rotting from the inside out and created a safety risk for visitors and patrons who rent our grove. Upon removal of the trees, it also became evident the shrubs were also in poor condition. The plan is to replace the shrub line with fuller and taller shrub and plant several new trees. Shade for guests attending events will be provided by 'sails' that will be attached to poles.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMISSION** – Now is the time for all students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree or a post-secondary certificate to start the application process for the PNU stipend (December 1<sup>st</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>). The criteria for the stipend application, is as follows:

- a student currently enrolled in a college or university, part-time or full-time-(academic year 2018/2019).
- a member of the PNU having a life insurance policy – current paying, single premium, or fully paid-up and in good standing for at least 5 years.
- One application can be filled out in its entirety and returned no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to: PNU c/o Education & Youth Commission- Attn: Mary Ann Stankowski, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18505.
- This application and information sheet can be found through the PNU website ([www.pnu.org](http://www.pnu.org)) as a downloadable form for the Education & Youth Commission, or in your parish halls.

This is a great opportunity for our families and students to research and review the benefits of being a member within the PNU and see what this commission represents so they can become the future leaders within our church community!

Any questions or concerns, please direct to Mary Ann Stankowski, [EYC@pnu.org](mailto:EYC@pnu.org).

**FOOD PANTRY** – Please bring fruit snacks on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

### **THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES**

#### **Monday, January 7**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

#### **Tuesday, January 8**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

#### **Wednesday, January 9**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

#### **Thursday, January 10**

8:30 am – Healing Mass

#### **Friday, January 11**

8:30 – Mass of the day

#### **Saturday, January 12**

8:30 am – sp. Dorothy Strok by Joanne & Bill Golla

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – Jan. 6 – Marie Jarocha; Jan. 8 – Kevin P. McConlogue; Jan 9 – Jocelyn Herrera; Jan 11 – Paul Gorgol, Lydia McConlogue, Lucas Stankowski; Jan 12 – Michael Fick

**FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL** – January 5<sup>th</sup> – \*Mt. View: Rosalie Aebli, Amelia Liska, Paulette Wincovich

**FRIENDS RECOVERING at HOME** – Annette Cimino, Jean Cwynar, Joann Edwards, Ceil Gorgol, Josephine Kwiatkowski, Helen Lukasiewicz, Bob Matylewicz, Chester Nezelkewicz, Stanley (Ozzie) Ocwieja, Jean Sherman, Jake Stankowski. Please pray for them.



### **WHAT DOES THE CHURCH COMMEMORATE DURING EPIPHANY?**

The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord originally commemorated three incidents that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11). Nowadays, most liturgical churches emphasize the visit of the Magi on January 6th and celebrate Christ's baptism on the first Sunday after the 6th.

### **WHO WERE THE MAGI?**

The Magi were members of the religious hierarchy of ancient Persia and Media (the region corresponding to modern Iran). They were scholars and practitioners of astrology, divination, and the interpretation of dreams. Their expertise in these arcane subjects is the reason they were often referred to as "wise men." The Magi of Babylonia undoubtedly came into contact with exiled Jewish priests living among them. Through these acquaintances the Magi learned of the Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming of Christ, including the cryptic "messianic star" passage of Numbers 24:17. This explains why the astral phenomenon described in Matthew 2:1-12 so fascinated the wise men of the gospel narrative.

Many pious legends about the wise men have arisen over the centuries. In the western Christian churches, these include the traditions that there were three Magi who visited Jesus, that their names were Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, and that they were kings.

- from Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, Kingsville, MD