

**January 8, 2017
Epiphany of the Lord**



From the Desk of Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Corrigan:

Globalization, Technology and Climate Change are already changing our planet and the people who live on it. In the future these forces will be even more world-changing. The greater challenge for us is how to control these forces for the betterment (and not the destruction) of humanity.

Our feast today, the Epiphany, speaks to us today about "globalization". This story in the gospel of Matthew was written to help the early Christians welcome the newcomers (non-Jews) into their community. This change in policy seems so obvious to us today that we can't imagine how earthshaking it was for the first followers of Jesus. It is so easy to look back but it is very difficult to actually live during such changes. Our world is experiencing the beginnings of a worldwide shift in population. How we respond may determine the future of our planet.

I have been almost obsessed by the new discoveries in our universe. It is overwhelming to know that our universe contains billions of galaxies, each one containing billions of stars. Our sun is only one of these stars. Yet all these galaxies and stars are only 5% of the universe. The other 95% is either dark matter (25%) or dark energy (70%) of which we know very little. It is called "dark" because it doesn't interact with light, is not made up of atoms and doesn't carry any electric charge. The star of Bethlehem in today's gospel reminds me why I keep searching the universe. Will I find empirical proof for the existence of God? I believe God exists but it would be wonderful if we found proof in the universe. If we ever do, it will be our star of Bethlehem.

Food collections on the first Sunday of the month will continue. Food that we receive is given to the needy of our parish. Last week's report in our bulletin was incorrect.



COLLECTION: The Collection for last Sunday, January 1, 2017 was \$3,133.

The second collection today will be the Catholic Communications: your contribution helps the Catholic Church connect people here in the United States and around the world to the merciful love of Christ through social media, television, radio, and print media. And half of your donation stays in your diocese to support local communications projects.

Epiphany of the Lord:

This year our Christmas season ends early, with the Baptism of the Lord being celebrated tomorrow. That makes today the last Sunday of this year's Christmas season. As we gather to hear once again the story of the magi, let us reflect on its significance in our own lives and pray for the grace to recognize where God is being revealed to us today.

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6:

Darkness covers the earth, and heavy clouds hang over the people. But the light has come, and the glory of the Lord shines bright.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you!"

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a:

In Christ Jesus, Gentiles and Jews are co-heirs of the family fortune and co-sharers in the saving promise.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12:

The magi from the east followed the star until it stopped still over the house. They entered, found the child with Mary, prostrated themselves, and did him homage.

Parish News!



Mass Intention Book: The Mass intention book is now open for 2017 please make your intentions for Masses early so that the dates you would like will be available to you. Also please remember that it is one name per Mass intention.

Online Faith Formation Courses: The Archdiocese of NY & Fordham University have partnered to offer new online courses for those in parish ministry and those who simply wish to learn more about their faith. For a limited time, these courses are being offered for FREE! To learn more and sign up: www.nycatholicfaith.org/learn

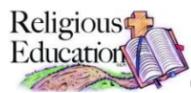


Attention all Catholic Teachers in Public Schools: The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office is sponsoring *A Morning Day of Prayer for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools*.

When: January 28, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where: the Maryknoll Society Center, 55 Ryder Road, Ossining NY 10562
(914-965-0490)

Who: Catholic Teachers in Public Schools throughout the Archdiocese of New York; both active and now retired teachers. A suggested donation of \$25.00 is requested to help defray the cost. Make checks payable to the Catechetical Office and mail it to 56 Dunston Ave. Yonkers, NY 10701



Classes have resume, Children are to line up in the Parish Hall between 9:15 and 9:20 am. Classes start promptly at 9:30 am



"May nonviolence become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions." Pope Francis



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Mass Schedule For the week of
January 8, 2017 to January 15, 2017
Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05
Below are the special intentions for this week

Sunday January 8, 2017 7:30 for the Parishioners 9:00 Raquel Ayala Diaz 11:00 Celina Antao	the Hispanic Community Esther & Eduardo Rodrigues
Monday January 9, 2017 12:05 Mary Cronin	Maureen & Vincent Mangan
Tuesday January 10, 2017 12:05 Ron & Ellen Huzman & Family (L)	Mary Mazzo
Wednesday January 11, 2017 12:05 Terry & Barry Sheehan Jr. (L)	Mary Mazzo
Thursday January 12, 2017 12:05 Mary Louise Harding (L) 7:00 Brian Steven Lawrence	Mary Mazzo Yesenia Antepara
Friday January 13, 2017 12:05 Margaret, Henry & Son(Hank) Ferens	Mary Mazzo
Saturday January 14, 2017 12:05 Beatrice Zambrosky 5:00 Robert Arme LLine 7:30 Marinna Perez DeLirano	William Zambrosky Joann Kunny Lila Perez
Sunday January 15, 2017 7:30 for the Parishioners 9:00 Maria Reyes Ramriez 11:00 Thomas & Honor Reid	Maria Aquino & Family Catherine Reid