

OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN
(Week no.1) - - - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - - - JANUARY 7, 2018
Rectory Office: 822-0818

TODAY: Altar Society Sunday observed. Members are encouraged to go to Confession and receive Holy Communion.

MONDAY: CCD classes from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. and Prayer Group.

SATURDAY: Singing practice at 1:00 p.m.

TODAY: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: "They Went Back to Their Own Country" . . . Through the naivety of the Three Wise Men, Jesus came very near to be killed in the first days of His life. It was after all naive of them to ask of King Herod where the King of Israel had been born. It was naive of them to describe exactly when and how the star of the new King had appeared. It was naive of them to believe King Herod would follow them to Bethlehem and pay homage to the Child. Eventually the Three Wise Men found their way to Jesus. They presented Him with gifts, and intended to report everything they had seen to Herod, perhaps even the description of the building in which the Holy Family resided, who owned the home, the number of doors and windows and whether there were any back entrances. Are we not just as naive as the Three Wise Men? With our heads held high we fail to see the earth. With our eyes fixed on a star, we fail to see darkness. Straining to hear the songs of angels, we fail to hear the chuckling of Satan. Full of sympathy for the Lonely Child, we fail to think about the battle over money raging close at hand. Full of wonder for **HIM** who came to serve, we do not want to know about the power struggles being waged. Enchanted by the God who became Man, we ignore much deceit, envy, hypocrisy and greed in our own lives.

DANAS: BLAGDAN BOGOJAVLJENA: "Otiđoše drugim putem u svoju zemlju" . . . Malo je nedostajalo pa da Isus izgubi glavu već prvih dana po rođenju i to -- zbog naivnosti triju kraljeva. Zaista je bilo naivno ići kralju Herodu i i pitati ga gdje se to rodio novi kralj. Naivno je bilo opisivati kad se pojavila zvijezda. Naivno je bilo također vjerovati da bi Herod pošao u Beethlehem i poklonio se svom nasljedniku. Najzad su se tri kralja -- nakon što su Isusa našli i predali mu svoje darove -- kanili vratiti Herodu pa ga o svemu potanko izvijestiti, možda mu čak reći o kojoj se kući radi, kako joj se može prići koja sve vrata izači. . . Nismo li mi baš naivni kao trojica mudraca? Upravljenih očiju k nebu, zemlju više ne zamjećujemo. Gledamo u zvijezde, a na tamu se ne osvrćemo. Prisuškujemo anđeoski pjev, a sotonsko hihotanje ne slušamo. Ispunjeni osjećajima za siromašno Dijete ni ne pomišljamo na bitku za novac. Zavidljivi pred onim koji je došao služiti, ne brinemo brigu što se jagma za vlast nastavlja. Zahvaćeni Bogom koji se utjelovio, koliko je još dvoiličnosti, zavisti, licemjerja podmuklosti kako kod drugih tako i kod naš samih.

DONATION TO PARISH: from Ante (Tony) Cacic. Ante comes from Oklahoma every July and stays three weeks at least to help prepare our grounds for the annual Lawn Fete which will be held July 21st and 22nd. We thank you for your generous donation.

DONATION TO PARISH: from Mr. & Mrs. Harry and Elaine Plotyca who reside in Florida. Thank you for your generous donation.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: St. Luke says Jesus is greater and more exulted than John the Baptist when John answered: "**I am baptizing you with water but there is one to come who is mightier than I am.**"

He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire." Luke does not mention the place where Jesus was baptized nor the person who baptized Him. He does say that God appeared while Jesus was baptized. "**The heavens opened; the Holy Spirit descended.**" At Creation God's Spirit was described as hovering over the vast seas forming the earth. Jesus received His mission through the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. "**A voice from heaven was heard**" ...Jesus received His mission and Messianic dignity through His baptism. He will be faithful to it until death on the Cross.

DECEASED: Mrs. Dorothy (nee Czyz) Pasnik, wife of the late Leonard, died December 31, 2017. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at our church January 5, 2018. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

BLESSING OF HOMES: Father Chris continues to bless homes. Call the rectory if you want Father to come at a certain time or day.

+++VOCATION THOUGHT: EPIPHANY, JAN. 7+++

None of us are without gifts to share for the good of God's Kingdom. Could it be that your gift is a vocation to priesthood or religious life? If God is calling you to a Church vocation call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

AREA ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13: Roe vs. Wade Observance Mass at St. Bernadette Church, 5930 South Abbott Rd, Orchard Park at 5:00 p.m. Bishop Malone is the Main Celebrant.

MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE: On Thursday, January 18 folks traveling to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. by bus will park their cars on our church parking lot. The cars will remain there from early January 18 until very early on Friday, January 19 or early Saturday morning on January 20.

LECTORS THIS WEEKEND:

5:00 p.m. David Petrus
9:00 a.m. Jim Carr
10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric

LECTORS JANUARY 13 & 14:

5:00 p.m. Richard Moretti
9:00 a.m. Jim Carr
10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric

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MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2018

- Saturday, Jan. 6: 5:00 p.m. = dec:** Michael Sarick (Death remembrance) by wife Christine and family.
(Vigil Mass for Sunday) Steve Strnad (Death anniversary) by family and children.
Genevieve Klemenich by niece and nephew Marie and Joseph Grgas.
(+ 2nd and 3rd Mass Sept 19 and Sept. 26 at 7:30 a.m.)
- Sunday, Jan. 7 9:00 a.m. = dec:** Amerstina C.Liberta by Clara Masella.
(Epiphany Sunday)
10:15 a.m.= dec: Ilija i Božica i sve pokojne obitelji Davida Krežić by David Krežić i obitelji.
- Monday, Jan. 8: 7:30 a.m. = :** For all our parishioners.
(The Baptism of the Lord)
- Tuesday, Jan. 9: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** For all souls in Purgatory.
(First Week in Ordinary Time)
- Wednes. Jan. 10: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Christine Klemenich by Peter Klemenich and family.
(Weekday) Thomas Hore by wife Josie and family.
Saunders and Hrizak families by Dave and Sara Hrizak.
- Thursday, Jan. 11: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Robert Dickson by Sara and David Hrizak.
(Weekday) Amerstina C. Liberta by Christine Coviello.
- Friday, Jan. 12: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** For all souls in Purgatory.
(Weekday)
- Saturday, Jan.13: 7:30 a.m. = :** Living and deceased members of Reisch family by Phyllis Petre.
(St. Hilary, Bp. and Dr. of the Church)
(Bl. Virgin Mary)
5:00 p.m. = dec: Stella Peričak (Birth remembrance) by daughter Diane.
(Vigil Mass for Sunday) Abalgiso Monaco by Carmel and Tony Monaco.
Steve Strnad (Death anniversary) by wife Frances and family.
(+ 2nd & 3rd Mass October 3 and October 10.)
- Sunday, Jan. 14,: 9:00 a.m. = dec:** Mary Ann Niziol by Ronald and Nancy Gawronski.
(2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
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