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 Tuesday & Thursday 8: am Wednesday 6:00 pm
 Confessions: Sunday 9:45 –10:15 am Wednesday 6:45-7:15 pm
 (or by appointment) Holy Hour: Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm



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 Wed. 6:00 pm
 Confession: Wed. 5:20 - 5:50 pm
 St. Michael Corner Phelps & Holly Sts. Lyons, NY
 Saturday Mass: 4:00 pm
 Mass: Fri. 8:30 am
 Confessions: Sat. 3:15 –3:45 pm
 St. Patrick Grand Ave. Savannah, NY
 Sunday Mass: 12:30 pm
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 Confessions: Sat. 3:30 - 4:15 pm
 St. Thomas 6927 Main St. Red Creek, NY
 Sunday Mass: 8 am
 (Winter)
 Confessions: Sun. 7:20 - 7:50 am
 St. Jude 580 Main St. Fair Haven, NY
 Sunday Mass: 8 am
 (Summer)

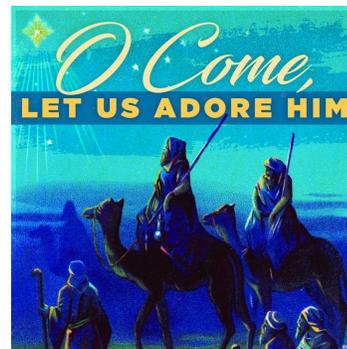
JANUARY 7, 2024 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THE ORIGIN OF “THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS”

“The Twelve Days of Christmas” was written in England as one of the “Catechism songs” to help young children learn the tenets of their faith—a memory aid. At a time when to be caught with anything in “writing” indicating adherence to the Catholic faith could not only get you imprisoned, it could get you hanged. The song gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith. The “True Love” mentioned in the song doesn’t refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to God Himself. The “me” who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. The “partridge in a pear tree” is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, much in memory of the expression of Christ’s sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: “Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered thee under my wings as a hen does her chicks, but you would not have it so...”

- The other symbols mean the following:
- 2 Turtle doves: The Old and New Testaments
 - 3 French hens: The Theological Virtues - Faith, Hope, and Charity
 - 4 Calling birds: The 4 Gospels /The 4 Evangelists
 - 5 Golden rings: The first 5 books of the Old Testament - the “Pentateuch,” which gives the history of man’s fall from grace
 - 6 Geese a-laying: The 6 days of Creation
 - 7 Swans a-swimming: The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit or the seven Sacraments
 - 8 Maids a-milking: The 8 Beatitudes
 - 9 Ladies dancing: The 9 Fruits of the Holy Spirit
 - 10 Lords a-leaping: The 10 Commandments
 - 11 Pipers piping: The 11 faithful Apostles
 - 12 Drummers drumming: The 12 points of doctrine in the Apostle’s Creed Remember, we are now in the twelve days of Christmas.

Celebrate! Have a Blessed and Happy New Year 2024 !
 Fr. Felicjan



MASSES, INTENTIONS AND EVENTS



Sunday, January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord	8:15 am ~ Terry Lee Safford by Hartman Family 10:30 am ~ M/M Guiseppe Fiore By Sandy & Larry Thomas & Family	RCIA
Monday, January 8 The Baptism of the Lord	10:00 am ~ Mass at Newark Manor People of the Parish	
Tuesday, January 9 Weekday	8:00 am ~ Paul Fera, Sr. by Lee Lauster	
Wednesday, January 10 Weekday	6:00 pm ~ Brian Bouwens by Judy & Randy Holy Hour	11:30 am ~ FSI in parish center
Thursday, January 11 Weekday	8:00 am ~ Frank Colasurdo by Frank & Georgia Zappia	8:30 am ~ Bible Study 1 pm ~ Rosary
Sunday, January 14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:15 am ~ Rosario Fantauzzi by Miranda Family 10:30 am ~ Fr. Tim Horan by Barbara Gibbons & family	RCIA

MASS	Altar Server	Lector	Commentator	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter
Jan. 14 8:15 AM	J. Umadhay	J. Sherman	J. Bouwens	G. Donnelly	B. Hegeman L. Poiesz
Jan. 14 10:30 am	B. Sherman	C. Wersinger	D. Doyle	K. Vitaro	D. Dubler S. Eagley

Children's Liturgy 10:30
No CLOW

Money Counter:
Team 3

Nancy Murphy
Coffee Hour
Nona Kelly
&
Sally Mels

Faith Formation *Sue Joslyn, Coordinator*
Class Schedule
Sunday, January 7 & 21 2024
Classes are 9:00 - 10:15 am in
the church hall.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Memorial Candle and Flowers for the week of 1/7/24
Flowers: *Fr. Felix* by Carmella

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY COLLECTION
December 24 \$6354.00
December 25 \$6906.00

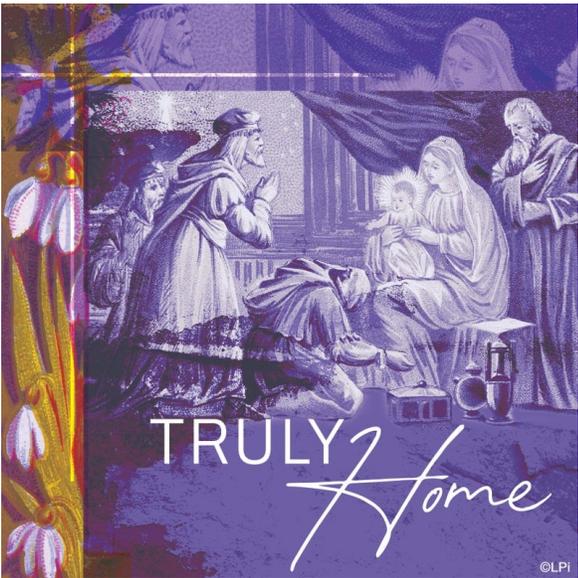
Attendance	8:15 am	10:30 am	4 pm	10 pm
Dec. 24	119	82	277	95
Dec. 25	(8:30) 92			

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL ADULT VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE
If you have volunteered at St. Michael's Church any time in the past year, you are invited to attend our VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE
On **FRIDAY**, January 26th from 6-8 pm in the **PARISH CENTER**.
This is hosted by St. Michael's staff as thanks for the dedication of your time and talents to St. Michael's Church.
Please RSVP by calling the Parish Center at 315-331-6753.

BIBLE STUDY every Thursday, 9-10:30 am in the church hall. You are invited to join, and study the Mass readings for the following Sunday. So much can be learned by the discussions. Everyone is welcome to join.

Recitation of Our Lady's Rosary is every Thursday, 1 pm in our Mary's Garden behind the Parish Center, (weather permitting), or in the chapel. . All are welcome to join.

Vive con si fueras amado(a) por Dios.
Sí, tú eres completamente amado por Dios. ¡E incluso le gustas además de todo ese amor! Haz que este sea el año en el que te sientes justo en medio de ese amor y empápalo en tu alma. Nada puede separarte de Su amor. Nada puede impedirte hacerlo. Nada detendrá jamás el inmenso amor de Dios por ti. Pon tu confianza en el amor de Dios.



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MASSES and INTENTIONS



NEWS & NOTES....



Faith Formation classes will be held at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 21st, February 4th & 25th, March 11th & 25th, April 14th & 28th and May 19th.

For more information contact Debbie Liseno 315-651-2733.

Saturday, January 6 Vigil The Epiphany of the Lord	4:00 pm St. Michael Madeline Cassavino by Lisa Donovan
Sunday, January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord	10:30 am St. John William & Ann Garofono, Richard & Geraldine Norton By Bill & Gloria Garofono 12:30 pm St. Patrick Yolanda & Harry Lambert by William Lambert
Monday, January 8 The Baptism of the Lord	8:00 am St. Michael Agnes Proseus by Bob & Sue Proseus
Tuesday, January 9 Weekday	8:30 am St. John NO MASS
Wednesday, January 10 Weekday	6:00 pm St. John NO MASS
Thursday, January 11 Weekday	8:30 am St. John NO MASS
Saturday, January 13 Vigil Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:00 pm St. Michael Carmella Sykora by Angela, Terry & Andrew Switzer
Sunday, January 14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30 am St. John Flora-Ann Bray by The Family 12:30 pm St. Patrick Mary Visconti by Carol Petrosino



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
William Goodell



Memorial Candle and Flowers for the week of 1/7/24
St. John Candle: Lucy Stickles
by Roland & Toni Kanaley

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION
December 24 \$4795.00
December 25 \$3068.00

Attendance	St. John	St. Patrick	St. Michael
Dec. 24	88	29	104
Dec. 24 Eve	161 47		65
Dec. 25	57	38	



Please pray for all of our sisters and brothers who are ill, at home or in the hospital, especially those listed in our book of intentions. **St. Joseph the Worker Parish Prayer Lines** Parishioners attending St. John or St. Patrick churches who want prayers said by the members of the parish's prayer chain, please call Marianne Weaver, 315-923-7153. St. Michael parishioners please call, Judy Tuck, 315-946-4011.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Step Into the Light

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance," writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

"See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory."
— Isaiah 60:2

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



EPIPHANY

OF THE LORD

MASSES and INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6 Vigil The Epiphany of the Lord	4:30 pm St. Mary Magdalene Mary McQuown by Cathy Eldridge
Sunday, January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord	8:00 am St. Thomas Jean Mrzywka by Gerry & Luba Laforge
Monday, January 8 The Baptism of the Lord	8:30 am St. Mary Magdalene NO MASS
Friday, January 12 Weekday	8:30 am St. Mary Magdalene NO MASS
Saturday, January 13 Vigil Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:30 pm St. Mary Magdalene Rich Bielemeier by Eileen Bielemeier
Sunday, January 14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am St. Thomas David & Wilfred Dauphin by Steve & Kathy DeMass

Holy Hour is Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at St. Mary Magdalene.

This Tuesday's topic is:
For the conversion of hearts throughout the world.



The Catholic Community of the Blessed Trinity Men's Group is back in session!

The Men's Group will be meeting at St. Thomas at 7 pm on the last Monday of the month from now until June. While the study of St. Paul will be the main focus, discussion is rarely limited strictly to study. Open conversations are encouraged and the environment is non-judgmental. Food is served with pizza typically a centerpiece, but often complemented with various treats brought by fellow members. Men of all ages are encouraged to attend.

The Return of Coffee Hour/Dinners

Everyone is invited to come downstairs for our potluck dinners at SMM following the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass. Dinners will be held on the first Saturday of each month. Please join us for fellowship, a little music, and food. If you choose to bring a dish to share, it's always greatly appreciated!

In Sympathy Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Memorial Candle for the week of 1/7/24
St. Mary Magdalene Candle:
Deceased members of the Cechanek Family
by John & Susie Gallo

BLESSED TRINITY WEEKLY COLLECTION
December 24 \$1460.00
December 25 \$1588.00



Pregnant and parenting moms are in need in our parishes and neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference. Everyone in our parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

Our parish is joining a nationwide effort entitled "Walking with Moms in Need", (www.walkingwithmoms.com.) As part of this initiative, our parish will undertake a yearlong process to assess, expand and better communicate resources to pregnant and parenting moms in our local community. We invite all parishioners to join us as we begin this journey together. For more information, please contact Eileen Bielemeier, 315-594-2385 or bielemeier@gmail.com.

Attendance	St. Mary Magdalene	St. Thomas	St. Jude
Dec. 24/25	43/70	32/43	N/A



BOOK TIME AGAIN

The Catholic ladies book group will resume on Friday, January 26h at SMM after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We will be starting a new book titled **Faith Still Moves Mountains** by Harris Faulkner. This is authored by a news anchor who shares miraculous stories of the healing power of prayer in these turbulent current times. The book group welcomes anyone who would like to join. Please procure your own book which is available on-line or in stores, and we'll see you then.



Any questions, please contact Jill Lee at 315-744-4932.
Thank you!

Non-Perishable Food Campaign

Social Ministry is sponsoring a Non-Perishable Food Campaign to benefit the food cupboards in Red Creek and Wolcott. The campaign will run through mid-December. Our local food pantries are always grateful for our donations. Suggested needs are as follows: Bisquick (or other baking mixes that can be used to make pancakes, waffles, muffins and biscuits), peanut butter, jam, jelly, canned goods (soups, vegetables, fruit, meats, fish, beans, baked beans, stews), pasta (canned or dry) and pasta sauces. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. **Please be sure to check the expiration date on any food donated.** Thank you for helping to feed the hungry in our community. Please direct any questions to Marie Smith (315-591-1051) or Pam AuClair (315-529-2742).



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Corey Ginett
Confirmation Coordinator

Classes are the first Saturday of the month.
Classes start at 9 am and end about 11 am and are held at
St. John's in Clyde. For more information,
Please contact Corey by text at 585-451-3902

Debbie Liseno Faith Formation Coordinator
315-651-2733 liseno.debbie@gmail.com



"I am the bread of life." John 6:51

After the Altar is prepared, the bread and the chalice, filled with wine and a few drops of water, are lifted up, and offered to God in prayer by the priest. Next we come to the washing of the priest's hands. The priest may incense the gifts and then washes his hands with water, assisted by the altar servers, at the side of the altar. The washing is a ceremonial relic of the Jewish tradition present at the time of Jesus. At that time, the high priest washed his hands before making the sacrifice of killing an unblemished, spotless lamb in the Temple of Jerusalem on the day of Passover. So, too, celebrating Mass today, the priest prepares to offer up the Lamb of God (Jesus Christ) to God the Father, so he ceremonially washes his hands to offer a spotless sacrifice. Often times, many connect the priest's hand washing during Mass with the hand washing act by Pontius Pilate (the Roman Governor of Judaea who condemned Jesus to death on the Cross). This is not the case. The Church views that scene as a symbolic gesture wherein Pilate claims that he's washing his hands of the death of an innocent man (Jesus). The hand washing of the priest isn't a connection with Pilate but a ritual purification, such as a connection with the high priest who made a symbolic sacrifice in the Temple of Jerusalem. The Catholic priest re-enacts the real sacrifice of Jesus on the altar. Sincerely, Fr. Felician



The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas,

but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say.



Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."

National Eucharistic Revival website
eucharisticrevival.org
Diocese of Rochester website
eucharisticrevival.dor.org




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To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah House
585-328-3228, ext. 1555
Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.

**2023/2024
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**



CHURCH 12/27/2023	GOAL	DONORS	PAID
St. Michael	\$42,000.00 58.88%	139	\$24,730.00
St. Joseph the Worker	\$33,000.00 47.67%	94	\$15,730.00
Blessed Trinity	\$15,000.00 70.67%	50	\$10,600.00



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