

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday	1/6/18	4:00 PM	William M. Lape, <i>by Estate</i> ; Edwin LaBrie, <i>by the Family</i> ; Edith Buono, <i>by the Family</i> ; Shirley Smith, <i>by the Family</i> ; Mike Remington, 10 th Anniversary, <i>by the Family</i> .
Sunday	1/7/18	9:30 AM	Carmela Vona, <i>by Maria Simeone, Madeline DiNardo & Nicolina Spezio</i> ; Vincent Janenka, <i>by Ann Ryan</i> ; Valentino Fiacco, <i>by the Family</i> ; Gerardo Quattrocchi, <i>by the Family</i> .
Tuesday	1/9/18	12:10 PM	Viola Gale, <i>by Estate</i>
Thursday	1/11/18	12:10 PM	Fr. Tom Hiney, <i>by Estate</i>
Saturday	1/13/18	4:00 PM	Jose Mauro, <i>by wife Edie</i> ; Bessie Hulihan, <i>by Rosemary & Felix Pugliese</i> ; JoAnn Sakkestad Schepisi, <i>by Agnes & Ken Borden</i> ; Myron "Mickey" Butler, <i>by Joan Gochee</i>
Sunday	1/14/18	9:30 AM	Vincent S. Janenka, <i>by Jean O'Donnell</i> ; James S. Millea, Sr., <i>by Jack Millea</i> ; Carmela Vona, <i>by Mr. & Mrs. Silvano Attura & Family</i> ; Alesandria Gimenez, <i>by Maria Quattrocchi</i>

HONORED FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Bread and Wine: Richard Ryan, *by the Family*.

Sanctuary Light: Richard Ryan, *by the Family*.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice." Fran Barrington, Nicholas Cristo, Joan Dwyer, Daniel Gallucci, Bob Gawel, Bob Grant, Noelle Barresi-Jones, Laura Kross, Jean O'Donnell, Dylan Pollack, Wayne Simmons, Marge Waterbury and Christine Wilson. ***We pray for our men and women serving in our armed forces, both here and abroad, especially for Andrew Barresi and Corey Russo.*** Let us also pray for our Priest Aspirants, all the men who are in Formation with the Diocese of Albany.

WINTER CHOIR

Come join us for **"Winter Choir"**! Would you like to try singing in the choir? Come to Mass on Sundays, about 9:10am, we'll have a short practice before Mass. In January, there will be no regular choir practice sessions.

CoNSERNS-U

Weekly pantry needs: hearty soups, canned meals (stew, ravioli, chili, etc.), canned meats (spam, Vienna sausage, potted meat), and toiletries (shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.). Thanks! Colleen and Mary.

In The Parish This Week

Sun. 1/7	7:00 PM LCC Mass @ CSM
Mon. 1/8	7:00PM Queen of Peace Prayer Group
Wed. 1/10	6:30PM Baptismal Prep @ CSM
Sat. 1/13	1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun. 1/14	1:00PM Rensselaer N.A. Meet Rm 100

A GATHERING FOR FAMILIES OF LGBT CATHOLICS

Join Bishop Scharfenberger **today, Sunday, January 7th**, to share how families support the LGBT members of their family. We will join for prayer and reflection on the gifts of our families from 2:00 – 4:00 pm, at the Church of St. Mary, 163 Columbia Turnpike. RSVP to Mary Fay 518-453-6644 or at mary.fay@rcda.org.

2019 PEACE RETREAT

Sisters of St. Joseph and Associates invite you to the 2018 Peace Retreat, sponsored by Home/Land and Justice Committees. **January 12-13, 2018** at the Carondelet Hospitality Center. Guest speaker is Sister Gail Worcela, SGM, who will discuss "A Communion of Subjects". \$100 for overnite guests, \$55 for commuters. Contact Sr. Joanne St. Hilaire at 518-389-2666 for more information

SPRING BREAK BASKETBALL CAMP

Sage Gators' Spring Break Basketball Camp for boys ages 7-15: April 2-6 @ Sage College of Albany. Register online at Sagegators.com or contact Brian Barnes at 518-292-1969 or by email: barneb@sage.edu for more info.

MARCH FOR LIFE EVENT, WASHINGTON, DC

RCDA Respect Life: 'March for Life' bus opportunities to the event. The March for life as a Diocese with Bishop Scharfenberger on **Friday, January 19, 2018 (Note corrected date.)** Bus locations and contact information to reserve your bus ticket: **Albany, Catskill, & Rensselaer Areas:** Dr. Philip Fratteriggo 518-456-3995; **East Durham Area:** Neil Wallace 518-634-2028; **Saratoga Springs & Round Lake Area:** Lisa Kent 518-584-6122, Ext. 25. Contact us at: <http://marchforlife.org>. **or** contact Renee Morgiewicz coordinator of parish services at 518-453-6609.

January 7, 2018

DEACON'S DESK: *"May the Child Jesus be the star that guides you through the desert of your present life."* ~ St. Pio of Pietrelcina ~

Christmas presents are long opened and either put to use (or returned or exchanged). Those I-phones a lot of us got come with the option for GPS, *Global Positioning System*. That's where you can enter an address and find instant directions from anywhere to anywhere. Even with this modern technology, sometimes it fails to deliver.

What never fails is the guidance followed by the magi on their way to find the Child Jesus. They travelled miles and months over roads and deserts to honor the new king of the Jews. I can imagine their dismay, when on arriving in Jerusalem, not even those leaders were aware of what was unfolding around them.

On this **Feast of the Epiphany**, we honor the gift of God's salvation through Jesus Christ for all who recognize the meaning of the star of Bethlehem as the dawn of redemption for all humanity. Our God who continually surprises us as the plan unfolds, opens the door for all peoples of the world to be welcomed as coheirs to the Kingdom of God.

The Star of the Child is the beacon that should by our guide through the highways and byways of our life. Whether it be a desert or straight path, we can trust that God's loving plan of salvation is a plan that includes you and me.

Many gifts were exchanged these past weeks. None had the depth of love and care as the gift Jesus gives us: eternal life. More precious than gold, frankincense, or myrrh, the gift of God's love in Jesus is a beacon of life and of hope for all who gather around the Child this and every day of our lives.

In peace,

Deacon Greg

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**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**SCHOLARSHIP**

The *Capital Area Council of Churches* awards this scholarship each year to graduating seniors who, in part, show a commitment to the ideals and teachings of Dr. King. Applicants are rated on financial need, academic record, and evidence of service to school, faith community and society. Those students chosen as finalists are invited for an interview before the committee. Applications are available in the Parish Office. The deadline for applications is **March 31, 2018**, it is also available on line at: [www.capareacc.org](http://www.capareacc.org). Click on Scholarships and Awards.

**Serving Next Weekend 1/13 - 1/14**

**If unable to serve, please find a replacement.**

| <b>Saturday</b>   |                 | <b>4 PM Mass</b>    |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Tabernacle Host   | Rita Zenzen     |                     |
| Tabernacle Cup    | Susan Shook     |                     |
| Center Host       | Mary Ann West   |                     |
| Joseph's Host     | John White      |                     |
| Joseph's Cup      | Deacon Greg     |                     |
| Lector I          | Diane Allen     |                     |
| Lector II         | Cynthia Buono   |                     |
| <b>Sunday</b>     |                 | <b>9:30 AM Mass</b> |
| Tabernacle Host   | Bill Mahar      |                     |
| Tabernacle Cup    | Mary Reilly     |                     |
| Center Host       | Mollie Shook    |                     |
| St. Joseph's Host | Stephen Janenka |                     |
| Joseph's Cup      | Theresa Baird   |                     |
| Lector I          | Lynda DeCelle   |                     |
| Lector II         | Jerry Wainman   |                     |

**PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY**

**Winter Mini-Presentation**

**"Christ Reveals Himself in Tears"** presented by *Yervant Kutchukian*. currently employed as a full-time chaplain at AMC, has an extensive background in Pastoral Care as an instructor for Pastoral Care Ministry's Pastoral Visitation Program. He will explore how these 'tears' be a source of healing for those we minister to, and ourselves. Sat., **Jan. 27th** at the Pastoral Center, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany, 9:00am to 12:00PM. Check-in 8:30am. No cost to attend. Pre-registration is required, register online at: <http://portal.rcda.org:81/PastoralCareRegistration/> Registration deadline is January 12, 2018, or contact Maria Schollenberger @rcda.org or at 518-641-6818.

**STEWARDSHIP** - Thank You for your generosity!

+ Please consider including us in your will. +

| <b>Week Ending December 31, 2017</b>         |                   |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Amount Received from Collection              | \$11,393.50       |
| Amount Received from E-Giving                | \$45.00           |
| Total Received Last Weekend                  | \$11,438.50       |
| Budgeted Weekly Need                         | \$4,327.00        |
| Last Week's Difference Over (Under) Budget   | \$7,111.50        |
| <b>Year-to-Date Fiscal Year</b>              |                   |
| Received Year-to-Date                        | \$118,594.03      |
| Budgeted Year-To-Date                        | \$116,829.00      |
| Year-to-Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget | <b>\$1,765.03</b> |

**Solemnity of Mary: \$747.50**

**Weekly Goal (To meet our current needs): \$7,528.00**

**Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$4,438.78**

**Reminder: Our fiscal year is July 1 - June 30.**