THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7th & 8th, 2017 **MASS INTENTIONS**

1/7 Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP) Fr. Oscar Sat Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler David 'Charlie' Sturtz (RIP) Anniversary of Birthday January 3rd Requested by Jeanie Sturtz Sun 1/8 Annie Geron (RIP) Fr. Oscar James H. Geron (RIP) Anniversary of Death 1/3 Requested by Donna Geron 1/9 No Mass Mon Fr. Oscar 1/10 Joe Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP Tues Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler Frank Waxmunski - 95th Birthday 1/6 Requested by Susan Todd Wed 1/11 Marjorie Kellam (RIP) Fr. Oscar Requested by Mary Ann & Frank Fetterolf 1/12 Fr. Oscar Thurs Joe Seckora (RIP) Requested by David Seckora Fr. Oscar Fri 1/13 Marjorie Kellam (RIP) Requested by Mary Ann & Frank Fetterolf Sat 1/14 Katherine Crump (RIP) Fr. Oscar Anna P. Kozlowski (RIP) Requested by Donna Geron Sun 1/15 Esther P. Seckora (RIP) Fr. Oscar Anniversary of Death

Collections for Dec. 31, 2016/January 1, 2017

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage,

Requested by Francis Seckora

Repair & Maintenance, etc.) Offertory (including Spanish Mass) \$3,173.00 **Special Collection** 45.00 Solemnity of Mary 570.00 \$3,788.00 Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is \$3,600 Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish **Votive Stand** 19.00 **Capital Campaign** 912.00 **Catholic Charities/Respect Life** 105.00 **First Offering** 290.00 Haiti 185.00

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

Church Attendance Saturday, December 31 - 67 Sunday, January 1 - 117 Spanish Mass - 14

OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule 1/1 thru 1/7 - Theresa Nguyen/Nguyen Sisters 1/8 thru 1/14 - Theresa Nguyen/Nguyen Sisters

Calendar for Week of January 9th

Monday - 1/9 - No Mass Tuesday - 1/10 - Mass 8:30 am Wednesday - 1/11 - Mass 8:30 am Thursday - 1/12 - Mass 8:30 am Friday - 1/13 - Mass 8:30 am

Saturday - 1/14 - Rosary - 4:45 pm

Mass 5:30 pm

Sunday - 1/15 - Mass 9:00 am Spanish Mass - 11:30 am

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Carolyn Alford Bonnie Kopacki Elizabeth Allev Joseph Kovac Wilhelmina Brieffies **Gordon Langston** Candace Barefoot Patricia Lanuza

Virginia Becker Theresa Drexler Moody Paulette Berberich Clara Morrow

Ron Blevins Randy Morrow **Robin Bristow Specialist Mullins** Joan Buehler Larry Newtzie Linda Burch M.C. 'Sam' O'Connor **Baby Vivian Mallis Christopher Parrish**

Joyce Richardson Pam Rigsby

Meredith Crowe **Emma Robertson** Vincent D'Elia

Denise DePompeo

Donna Donahue Harriet Ropelewski Jackie Drayer Virginia Ryczak Jim Tokarz Savio Duong Sandy Britton Evans Barbara Schafer Brenda Frederick Glenn Sears Helen Fudala Allen Smith Kay Getman Levi Sturtz Jim Gregory Mae Touray Pat Hinkle **Dorothy Ware**

Kelly Hipple

Lois Wilson Mary Ann Hooper

Robert 'Bobby' Wilson Helen Kaczmarski

Victor Kaczmarski Jody Zogran

John Kellam

Andrew Konz

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOME

Annette Tonon Bona Irene Kruger

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan Private Logan W. Gay Sergeant Nathan Gurganus

Army Rangers Austin T. Sturtz (Ft. Lewis, Washington) First Lieutenant Amber Fauber, F.E. Warren in Cheyenne, Wyoming

ALTAR SERVERS

January 7 – Kody Kopacki, Mason Kopacki January 8 – Clara DiLandro, Elizabeth DiLandro, Dawson Haviland

January 14 – Daniel Gibbs, Jr., Peter Nguyen January 15 – Jovany Velazquez, Misael Hernandez, Madelyn Kruger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

January 7 – Jackie Silvia, Gary Silvia, Cathy Fudella
January 8 – Kim DiLandro, Jim Vadas, Pattie Vadas, Mary
Horton, Mary Leigh McDonald
January 14 – Joe Drexler, Tom Fauber, David Seckora
January 15 – Paula Polcyn, Chris Polcyn, Bill Madigan, Edwina
Madigan, Jim Pyne

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Once Herod learned about the birth of Jesus, he told the Magi to come back to his palace to let him know the exact location of the baby so that he, too, could go to worship him. As we know, this was a trick as Herod intended to kill the infant Jesus. Because they were warned in a dream, once the Magi encountered Jesus, they went home by a different route. Let this be an example to us. Once we have encountered the Christ we, too, must follow a different route. A route that is different than the world; the only route that leads us to eternal rest.

Adult: How willing are you to take the route that is different from the world so that you can be led to everlasting life with Christ?

Child: What can you do this new year to follow the road to Jesus?

DO YOU KNOW?

Traditionally, we think of the three Magi as the three kings. We usually have the three kings in our nativity sets. We even sing, "We three kings of orient are". However, Scripture does not tell us a number. We only assume there were three magi because of the three gifts given: gold (kingship), frankincense (deity) and myrrh (used for embalming). Tradition has assigned them names: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. It is a common misconception that the wise men visited Jesus at the stable on the night of His birth. We know these men were from "the East", most likely Persia (modern day Iran). This means they would have traveled 800 to 900 miles to see the Christ child. That is why Matthew 2:11 says the wise men visited and worshiped Jesus in a house, not at the stable.

THE NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS is scheduled for Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the MERCY CENTER conference room. Please enter the building via the handicap ramp which leads directly to the Conference Room.

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES resume on January 8th.

CONGRATULATIONS to our three newest members of the Catholic Church:

James Milby, Jr. received into full communion through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Cassandra Rodriguez (daughter of Crystal and Jose) Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Rey Jesus Norzagaray (son of Tony and Yuima) Sacrament of Baptism.

May the Light of Christ always shine upon them!

BOTH YOUTH GROUPS will meet on Sunday, January 15 at 6:30 pm in the Boogaard Center.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

For the repose of the soul of Savio Duong, who died last week. Our thoughts and prayers go to his wife Donna and children Savio, Maria, Jade and Jasmine. May he rest in peace.

A fund has been set up to pay for funeral expenses. Make your check payable to Bank of Essex, put 'Savio Duong Fund' on the memo line, and mail to Bank of Essex, P.O. Box 859, West Point, VA 23181.

We also remember the parishioners who died this past year, and ask that you continue to pray for them:

Martha West, Anna Vosnick Kozlowski, Stefano Marinello, Hellen O'Connor, Billy McGowan, Marina D'Elia, Marjorie Kellam, Peg Conklin, Kathy Webster, Mary Bartos Condon, and Savio Duong.

PLANNING TO ATTEND THE MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.? Due to the Presidential Inauguration, the March for Life Rally will take place on Friday, January 27, 2017. Get updated times on the official March for Life website.

MAKE A PLEDGE to pray for nine months for a baby in danger of abortion. While this child will remain unknown to his other spiritual parent, God knows who the child is. Many people have found that naming 'their child' helps to keep them focused on the reality that their prayers are helping to save a particular baby from the harm of abortion.

