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How Time Flies!

New Year's Day makes us think of time and eternity - old man time signifies the past, and the baby signifies the future.

We do not know what awaits us in the New Year, but God knows, since He knows all things. But, we should be ready to accept His will with courage and willingness. We should be certain that, in His holy will, we shall find our peace and sanctification.

In all the events of the New Year our prayer should be "Thy will be done," as we pray in the "Our Father." The coming of the New Year makes us think about the meaning of time and eternity; time is a measure of motion and it is a gift from God.

On this New Year's Day, thank God for the time He has given us so far, and let's all make a firm resolution to use our time in the coming year in a positive way by doing God's will. Give eternal value to each passing moment by using it in performing acts of love for God and neighbor. For, if you live according to God's will, you will find true happiness in this life and you will merit permanent happiness with God forever in the life to come. May our Lord bless you throughout the New Year.

Happy New Year!

Canon Antoine Boucheron

Sunday, January 1, 2017 - Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord

The Feast of the Epiphany is the continuation of the mystery of Christmas. It appears on the Calendar of the Church with its own special character although in the United States it is a non-obligatory holy feast. Its very name, which signifies Manifestation, implies that it celebrates the apparition of God to his creatures. It is also the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. In the Eastern Church it is known as the "Theophany," meaning "appearance of God."

The Epiphany is indeed great for it shares with the Feasts of Christmas, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost, the honor of being called, in the Canon of the Mass, *a Day most holy*. The joy caused us by the Birth of our Jesus must be renewed on it, for, as though it were a second Christmas Day, it shows us our Incarnate God in a new light. It leaves us all the sweetness of the dear Babe of Bethlehem, who hath appeared to us already in love; but to this it adds its own grand manifestation of the divinity of our Jesus. At Christmas, it was a few Shepherds that were invited by the Angels to go and recognize THE WORD MADE FLESH; but now, at the Epiphany, the voice of God himself calls the whole world to adore this Jesus, and to hear him.

The mystery of the Epiphany brings upon us three magnificent rays of the Sun of Justice. There are united in the Epiphany the three manifestations of Jesus' Glory: the mystery of the Magi coming from the East, under the guidance of a star and adoring the Infant of Bethlehem as the Divine King; the mystery of the Baptism of Christ, who, while standing in the waters of the Jordan, was proclaimed by the Eternal Father as Son of God -- when Saint John baptized the Lamb of God the heavens were opened and the Holy Ghost appeared as a Dove over the head of Christ, and the Father's voice was heard: "This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" ; and thirdly, the mystery of the divine power of this same Jesus, when he changed the water into wine at the wedding of Cana.

Saint Gregory Nazianzen sermonized over 1,600 years ago that on the Epiphany, "The heavens like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to Him [Jesus] as to an equal, bearing witness to His Godhead. A voice bears witness to Him from heaven, His place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like a dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God."

We ought to spend this holy day with great solemnity and religious feeling. Let us remember with joy and gratitude the gift of the Incarnation. May the light of Christ shine in our hearts and in our lives! Let us keep it throughout the year so that this new year can really be a year of grace, marked by the celebration of the mysteries of Our Savior Jesus Christ. Let us go in spirit to the manger of Bethlehem with the Wise Men -- Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar -- and adore our Redeemer. And may our Blessed Mother be always with us, so that we can recognize the signs of her Divine Son.

Blessing of Water on the Vigil of Epiphany

The feast of the manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated on the 12th day after Christmas on January 6. This Feast is a great feast in memory of Jesus showing His glory in 3 ways: as an infant to the Magi, at His baptism, and at His first miracle at the wedding in Cana. It is a Holy Day of Obligation in many parts of the Catholic world, though not currently in the United States. It is traditional for parish priests to bless water on the eve or vigil of Epiphany which is then used for the blessing of homes the next day. Chalk for each family is also blessed so that they may mark the names of the three Magi over their doors, as a witness of their faith and protection against evil. The blessing of water on the vigil of the Epiphany is performed with full solemnity before the main altar. It begins with the Litany of Saints, reading of Psalms 28, 46, and 146, the chanting of an Exorcism against Satan and the apostate angels, followed by various Canticles & the blessing of water with powerful and forceful prayers that purge the water of all evils and demons and that implore God's benediction for health of body and protection of soul, and finally the singing of the *Te Deum*.

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Thursday, Jan. 5 - Blessing of the Epiphany Water & Chalk after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, Jan. 6 - Eucharistic Adoration from 4:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. followed by the Mass of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ at 6:00 p.m.

Blessing of Children on the Feast of the Most Holy Family Sunday, January 8

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers of St. Patrick's Oratory has requested a special blessing for children be performed on the Feast of the Holy Family, January 8, after both Masses, in response to Christ's command to "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs, and their angels always see the face of my Father." The children are to be assembled near the front of the church. The priest begins the ceremony with antiphons and psalms. Several prayers follow that beg God's blessing on them to "let them constantly advance, desiring thee, loving thee, fearing thee, obeying thy commandments -- thus coming to their destined home, through thee, Savior of the world." Another prayer asks God's protection of children in every adversity and a special invocation directed towards the children's angel guardians.

We are very privileged to have these special blessings and sacramentals available to us and therefore it is incumbent upon us to take full advantage of them in order to help protect ourselves and our loved ones in these wicked times.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Friday, January 6 - Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Eucharistic Adoration from 4:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

6:00 p.m. High Mass

Sunday, January 8 - Feast of the Holy Family

Canon Boucheron to bless the children after both Masses

Sunday, January 29

Confirmation Mass at St. Patrick Oratory with his

Excellency Bishop David Ricken - 10:00 a.m.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: JANUARY 1 - JANUARY 8, 2017

Sun., Jan. 1 8:00 a.m. Low Mass/organ	OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR BLESSED LORD JESUS CHRIST (1st Cl., W) Commemoration for the Pope VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS <i>After 10:00 a.m. Mass</i>	†Leo & LaVerne LeMere <i>by Claire LeMere</i>	Thomas DePauw OPEN
10:00 a.m. High Mass Chorale		Intentions of Monsignor the Prior General of the Institute of Christ the King	Sacristan: Kaleb Kerscher MC: Tyler Reif Thurifer: Nathan Reif Acolytes: Peter Cisler & Hanzel Fonferek Candle: Francis Neumann, Michael Simia, Aaron Rasmussen, Julius Fonferek Crucifer: Vic Neumann
Mon., Jan. 2 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir	Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (2nd Cl., W) Commemoration for the Pope	†Therese Wavrunek <i>by Beverly Fonferek</i>	MC: Jacob Mihalski Thurifer: Tyler Reif Acolytes: Nathan Reif & Andreas Kempen Candle: Paul Mihalski, Sebastian Ellis, Aaron Rasmussen, OPEN Crucifer: Adam Mihalski

HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - following Holy Mass

Tues., Jan. 3 6:00 p.m.	Votive Mass of the Octave of Christmas, (4th Cl., W) Commemoration of Christmas & for the Pope	†Mike Gallagher <i>by Chas Gagliano</i>	John Kanzenbach Peter Kanzenbach
Wed., Jan 4 8:00 a.m.	Votive Mass of the Octave of Christmas, (4th Cl., W) Commemoration for the Pope	Kosy Onyeneho <i>by Mr. & Mrs. Onyeneho</i>	Hanzel Fonferek Julius Fonferek
Thur., Jan. 5 8:00 a.m.	Votive Mass of Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest (3rd Cl., W) Commemoration for the Pope & St. Telesphorus, Pope & Martyr <i>Blessing of the Epiphany Water & Chalk after Mass</i>	For the Bouchonville, Kinjerski & Estel families <i>by Dennis & Debra Bouchonville</i>	Hanzel Fonferek Julius Fonferek

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 4:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 6 6:00 p.m. High Mass Adult Choir	EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (1st Cl., W)	Canon Talarico <i>by Cheryl Danz</i>	Sacristan & MC: Paul Jessel Thurifer: Jerry Jessel Acolytes: Tyler Reif & Francis Neumann Candle: Andreas Kempen, Vic & John Neumann, OPEN Crucifer: Nathan Reif
Sat., Jan. 7 8:00 a.m.	Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (3rd Cl., W) Commemoration for the Pope	For the intentions of the members of the C.C.M. <i>by Conf. of Christian Mothers</i>	John Kanzenbach Peter Kanzenbach
Sun., Jan. 8 8:00 a.m. Low Mass/organ	FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY FAMILY (2nd Cl., W) Commemoration for the Pope <i>Blessing of the Children after Both Masses</i>	†Robert Valley <i>by Tom & Mary Roehrig</i>	Thomas DePauw OPEN
10:00 a.m. High Mass Youth Choir		Canon Boucheron <i>by Jayson & Dawn Cisler</i>	Sacristan & MC: Peter Kanzenbach Thurifer: Jerry Jessel Acolytes: Paul Jessel & Michael Simia Candle: Michael Barrington, Aaron Rasmussen, John Kanzenbach, Hanzel Fonferek Crucifer: Peter Cisler

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday 7:15 - 7:45 a.m. & 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.
Daily 30 minutes before every Holy Mass
Upon appointment Call the rectory

DEVOTION SCHEDULE

Tuesday Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday St. Joseph Novena after Holy Mass
Friday Sorrowful Mother Novena after Holy Mass
Monthly Infant Jesus Novena (17th to 25th)

Te Deum

Te Deum laudamus: te Dominum confitemur.
 Te aeternum Patrem omnis terra veneratur.
 Tibi omnes Angeli, tibi Caeli et universae Potestates:
 Tibi Cherubim et Seraphim incessabili voce proclamant:
 Sanctus: Sanctus: Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
 Pleni sunt caeli et terra maiestatis gloriae tuae.
 Te gloriosus Apostolorum chorus:
 Te Prophetarum laudabilis numerus:
 Te Martyrum candidatus laudat exercitus.
 Te per orbem terrarum sancta confitetur Ecclesia:
 Patrem immensae maiestatis:
 Venerandum tuum verum et unicum Filium:
 Sanctum quoque Paraclitum Spiritum.
 Tu Rex gloriae, Christe.
 Tu Patris sempiternus es Filius.
 Tu ad liberandum suscepturus hominem,
 non horruisti Virginis uterum.
 Tu devicto mortis aculeo,
 aperuisti credentibus regna caelorum.
 Tu ad dexteram Dei sedes, in gloria Patris.
 Iudex crederis esse venturus. (Kneel)
 Te ergo quaesumus, tuis famulis subveni,
 quos pretioso sanguine redemisti.
 Aeterna fac cum Sanctis tuis in gloria numerari.
 Salvum fac populum tuum Domine,
 et benedic haereditati tuae.
 Et rege eos, et extolle illos usque in aeternum.
 Per singulos dies, benedicamus te.
 Et laudamus nomen tuum in saeculum,
 et in saeculum saeculi.
 Dignare Domine die isto,
 sine peccato nos custodire.
 Miserere nostri Domine, miserere nostri.
 Fiat misericordia tua Domine super nos,
 quemadmodum speravimus in te.
 In te Domine speravi:
 non confundar in aeternum.

2017 ORATORY CALENDARS

The 2017 Oratory calendars are now available at the script table. Donations welcome.

* DON'T FORGET SCRIP *

Please support the Oratory by using scrip for your groceries, gas, hobbies and necessities.

Scrip is available after both Sunday Masses.

Visit the scrip table at the side entrance of St. Patrick's for more info, or contact the scrip coordinator, Shari Reif

Email: sjoscrip2@gmail.com or by phone: 920-360-4111.

Annual Oratory Christmas Party

January 8, 2017

Join us on the Feast of the Holy Family for our annual Christmas Celebration in O'Brian Hall.

Please sign-up TODAY - January 1 at either entrance.

We also need many helpers before, during, and after this event. There is a second sign-up sheet for "all helping hands".

After the Christmas potluck, some of our talented parish members will be entertaining us as we continue to celebrate the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you have musical, comical, poetical, or otherwise entertaining talent to share with us all, please sign up on the program sign-up sheet in the church entrances. If you have any questions, you may contact Bonni at bonnithemom@gmail.com or 715-757-2707

Calling all young married couples!

Friday, January 13

Please join us on Friday, January 13 as Canon Boucheron continues his new class dedicated to married couples between the ages of 21 & 45.

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM / Where: The Rectory

Topic: The Temperaments

Make it a date night, bring your favorite wine, and let's talk about the many challenges we face in today's society as husbands, wives, moms and dads. Future topics will be discussed at each meeting.

Snacks would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Bartolazzi at 920-660-5282 or email BartolazziD@gmail.com.

2017 DONATION ENVELOPES

If you have registered with the Oratory, or have made donations by check; **Donation Envelopes** are now available for you to pick up. They are lined up in the rear of the Church.

If you do not see a box with your name on it, or if you would like to receive donation envelopes, please contact Canon Boucheron. (Please do NOT use 2016 envelopes in 2017 as the Number has changed.)



PRO-LIFE WISCONSIN MARCH FOR LIFE 2017 - CHICAGO

Join the Bus from Green Bay to the annual "March for Life" in Chicago on Sunday, Jan. 15.

Only a few seats remain, sign up today!

https://www.prolifewi.org/page/1782/march_chicago

Coordinators for the Green Bay bus are Bill and Sue Vanevenhoven

Collections

Weekly Collection - Sunday, December 25th - \$19,189.00
Monthly Total for December \$28,834.58

Monthly Collection Goal for December: \$14,300.00

Quarterly Collection Goal for Oct/Nov/Dec: \$43,000.00

Total Quarterly Collection Oct/Nov/Dec: \$56,699.23

CATECHISM CLASSES

Our weekly catechism classes have resumed. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 5:00-5:50 p.m. in O'Brien Hall. Please meet at 4:55 p.m. in the Church for prayers. To sign up or for any questions, please contact Canon Boucheron.