

Ss PETER & PAUL

JANUARY 5, 2025 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"They offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."



Sunday Reflection

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

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See Dates & Details on Parish Website
Staff Contact: Stephanie Panzariello

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Nico Vasil, Muzzi John Roggio

Marriage Ministry

See requirements & details on Parish Website
Staff Contact: Gina Andreano

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Confession

Confessions are
by appointment.
Contact the Parish Office.

Please consider helping us to defray the expense of these necessary items by donating: Hosts, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle, Altar Wine.

The requested donation for each is \$25.00.

This Week...

The Blessed Mother Votive Lamp
*In Thanksgiving for the Birth of
Baby Valentina Mary*

The Saint Joseph Votive Lamp is donated
*For the Health & Well-Being of
Frank D'Auria*

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Votive Lamp is donated
*In Loving Memory of
Jennifer Giattino*

The Altar Flowers are donated
*In Thanksgiving for
The Parish Staff & Volunteers*

The Altar Hosts are donated
*For the Health & Well-Being of
Monsignor Neil Mahoney*

The Sacramental Wine is donated
*In Thanksgiving for
The DeAndrea Family*

The Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle is donated
*For the Health & Well-Being of
Don Meyer*

God Bless Your Generosity.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm *Vigil Mass*

SUNDAY

8:30 am | 10:00 am | 12:00 pm

DAILY LITURGIES

Monday ▶ Friday
Mass 12:10 pm

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

(Weather Permitting)

Monday thru Friday 11 am → 1:30 pm
Saturday 3:30 pm → 6 pm
Sunday 8 am → 1 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 10 am - 4 pm
Saturday | Sunday: closed
Call for other urgent arrangements.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4

5:00 pm † *In Loving Memory of* Jen Giattino

Sunday, January 5

8:30 am † *In Loving Memory of* Salvatore Pennacchio
10:00 am People of the Parish/ Family Mass
12:00 pm † Marco Mezzina

Monday, January 6

12:10 pm The Health and Well-being of Msgr. Neil Mahoney

Tuesday, January 7

12:10 pm † *For the Repose of the Soul of* Julieta Perez Galvez

Wednesday, January 8

12:10 pm † *For the Holy Souls in Purgatory & Holy Innocents*

Thursday, January 9

12:10 pm † *In Loving Memory of* Carol Moylan

Friday, January 10

12:10 pm † *In Loving Memory of* Claire Ferrante - Prezioso

Saturday, January 11

5:00 pm † *In Loving Memory of* Patrick Fitzgerald

Sunday, January 12

8:30 am † *In Loving Memory of* Jen Giattino
10:00 am Health & Well Being of Mel R. David
12:00 pm People of the Parish



The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them.

These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey.

God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them "fishers of men." He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling.

In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship.

Reflect, today, upon God's call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.

Lord, I love You and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life. May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: mycatholiclife.com

2025 MASS BOOK

The requested Donation for intentions is as follows:

Hosts: **\$25**

Sacramental Wine: **\$25**

Flowers: **\$25**

Sanctuary Candle: **\$25**

Mass: **\$10**

The Blessed Mother Votive Lamp: **\$25**

The Saint Joseph Votive Lamp: **\$25**

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Votive Lamp: **\$25**

Check or Money Order made payable to Ss Peter and Paul.

In order to give everyone a chance at their requested Mass(es), please have your list prepared in advance - 10 per request. We will do our best to honor your request or provide you with the closest available date.

Please Contact The Parish Office with any questions or concerns.

Additional Collection THIS MONTH

January 12 Heating Collection



This collection supports the maintenance of the heating system of the Church and Parish complex.

January 19 Archdiocesan Assessment



This collection supports our Parish's monthly assessment, payable to the Archdiocese.

January 26 Communicating God's Word



This diocesan collection supports the spreading of God's Word and worldwide Evangelization through Media and other Catholic News services.

♥ Christmas Decorating ♥

Thanks to our volunteers & staff members, for helping to put the finishing touches to our Christmas Decorating! From arranging the poinsettias, to polishing the pews and buffing up all the surfaces, we are grateful to all who had a part in making both the Upper and Lower Church shine!



Pictured above from left to right: **Clara DeAndrea**, our youngest parishioner volunteer; **Genevieve DeAndrea**, Clara's mother helping with the poinsettia altar display; **Helen Diaz**, Clara's grandmother, visiting from Puerto Rico, helping prepare the Lower Church.



Pictured above from left to right: **Dan Apadula** buffing the chairs in the Lower Church; **John Roggio** and **Danny Rosado** admiring our beautiful Nativity; **Gina Andreano** sprucing up the candle display under the Blessed Mother; **Msgr. Michael** on the ladder, being steadied by Danny, after he and **Fred Dell'Aquila** put up the wreaths; Not pictured, **Stephanie Panzariello**, who lead the planning, organizing and decorating team for the 2024 Christmas Holiday!!



The group enjoying some pizza after all the work!

We would like to take the opportunity to thank two local vendors who have been part of the Ss Peter and Paul Christmas decorating team for many many years now.

Cal's Christmas Trees supplies us with the beautifully decorated Christmas wreaths that hang throughout the rectory and office property as well as the greenery that adorns the inner and outer Manger scenes, and the garland that adorns the outside banisters and rectory gate.

14th Street Florist provides us with the magnificent poinsettias that align the altar and the two giant wreaths that hang outside the church.

Support Our Local Vendors!

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A Surprise Visit from *Santa!*

All who attended our 4pm Christmas eve Mass were treated to a magical surprise when **Santa Claus** appeared for a visit! While he couldn't stay long because he had a busy night ahead... he brought Christmas cheer to all!



Save the Date

The Priestly Power of Three

A CELEBRATION of
ST. PETER, ST. PAUL
and MSGR. MICHAEL

Join Us to Celebrate
Msgr. Michael Andreano's
25th Anniversary of Ordination
as well as Our Parish Feast Day!

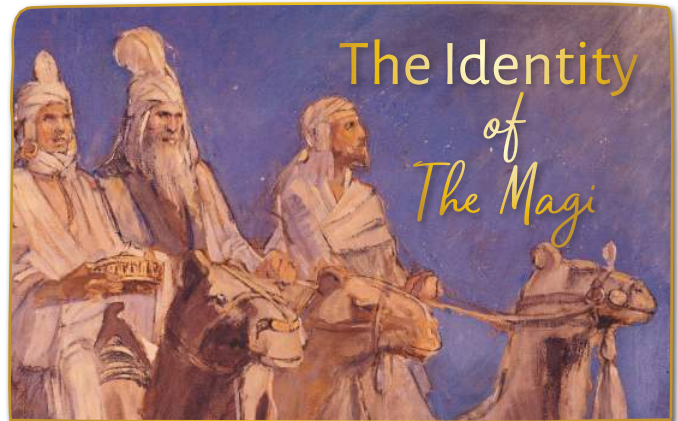
June 29, 2025
FEAST DAY MASS AT 12 NOON
followed by a reception at
Antique Loft
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Ticket information and additional details to follow!

A Little History

In 2009, Msgr. Michael was called to Rome by Pope Benedict XVI, upon making him a Monsignor and one of His Chaplains (Chaplain to His Holiness).



Magi is derived from the Greek word “magoi,” It’s likely the magi were Persian priests, educated in astrology and astronomy, who interpreted the star’s appearance as a sign of Christ’s birth.

GOLD: **Fit For a King**

From ancient times, gold has been associated with rarity and royalty. Because of its endurance, gold also became associated with immortality. In the time of Jesus gold was an essential gift for a king or deity. The magi’s gift of gold symbolizes their acknowledgment of Jesus as a king whose kingdom cannot be destroyed by earthly powers. As Christianity evolved, so too did the description of the magi. In the seventh century, a work attributed to St. Bede known as the Excerpta et Collectanea indicated the gift of gold was presented by Melchior, a bearded, elderly man.

FRANKINCENSE: **To Honor a Priest**

Frankincense, also known as olibanum, was also considered precious. The plant-derived, resin-like substance was used for medicinal purposes and in incense. Frankincense was not native to Israel and was expensive to import, but was a logical gift to be borne by a visitor from the east to Jerusalem where it was used in ritual by the temple elders. In presenting frankincense to Jesus, the magi recognized Jesus’s role as a priest. The priest-astrologer bearing frankincense was described by St. Bede as young, beardless and of ruddy complexion. Tradition cites his name as being Caspar.

MYRRH: **The Consolation from His Suffering**

Myrrh was, in Jesus’s time, more valuable than gold. It is obtained from trees which grow in southern Arabia and other parts of the African continent. Its ancient use was as an analgesic and an embalming element. Myrrh symbolized pain, death and the afterlife. As a gift of the magi, it foretold of Jesus’s suffering and death. Jesus was offered myrrh with wine to soothe him during the crucifixion. Myrrh also was used to anoint his body after his death. The figure associated with offering myrrh to the Christ child is Balthasar, who St. Bede described as heavily bearded.

Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!

Below are a few before & after photos of the first snowfall of the season! Special thanks to **Arturo Ferrer** and his son, **Andy**, who expertly cleared the Parish grounds making the parking lot, sidewalks, and stairs, safe for parishioners and passerby. It was special surprise to have a White Christmas this year!



5th Annual *Super* **50/50**

Take a chance on our
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Support SPP.
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Helps Our Parish.

Total Pot as of 1/5/25: \$3,500!

Tickets: \$20 or 6 Tickets for \$100

Purchase tickets after Weekend Masses or at the Parish Office during the week!

Drawing will be held on **June 29, 2025 at 1pm**

Thank You!

Thank you to **John Lawton & Family** of the **Lawton-Turso Funeral Home** for their generous donation of the 2025 Church Calendars. The calendars are available in the Church or from the Parish Office.



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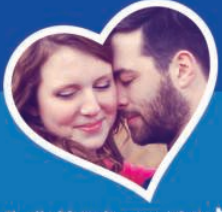


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