

**January 4/5, 2025**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**OUR LADY OF THE LAKES PARISH**

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**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

4:00 pm at St. James

**Epiphany of the Lord**

Vince Centofanti

Josephine Luchison

**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am at St. Catherine

Curtis Dungan

Georgia Dungan

11:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

Rick King Sr.

Friend

**Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

**St. Andre' Bessette, Religious**

The Family of Louis & Mary Ann Chicko

Pat & Joe Dubos

**Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am at St. James

**St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest**

Astor & John Sklepko

Shirley Mann & Loretta McGee

**Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm at St. Catherine

No Intention

**Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

Sara Ann Lippert

Elizabeth Yura

**Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

**Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm at St. James

Parish Families

**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am at St. Catherine

Allen Mitchel Blazek

Joan Blazek

11:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

Delores Prelac

Sue & Tony Sabo

**Liturgical Ministers for January 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> The Baptism of the Lord**

4:00 pm St. James

9:00 am St. Catherine

11:00 am SSMJ

Lectors: Pat Kichton

Patty Melnykovich

Maryanne Madison

Joe Thiry

Carol Opatken

Debbie Bjelac

EM:

Nancy Cowan

Marc Bjelac

Server: Michael Klodt

Lynn Oblinger

Nathan Kren

**Readings for The Baptism of the Lord**

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 (21C)

Response Psalm: 104: 1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

# ***Our Lady of the Lakes***

**Prayer for Epiphany:** Dear Jesus, as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You. Amen.

**Church support record for the weekend of Dec. 28/29, 2024:** Offertory: \$3,158.75, \$20.00, Christmas: \$115.00, Solemnity of Mary: \$130.00, Initial Offering: \$200.00.

Offertory goal needed each week to meet operating costs: \$3,760.00

**May She Rest in Peace:** In your prayers, please remember Maria DeChellis, who passed away Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 96. Maria attended Our Lady of the Lakes – St James, until her ailments would no longer allow her to. Please keep Maria and her entire family in your prayers.

**Women's Guild Meeting:** The next meeting will be held Wed., January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. at St. James church.

**Thank You:** To all who contributed to the Christmas Flowers fund. It was greatly appreciated. The Churches look beautiful! Note: A contribution was also made in memory of Eugene, John, and Michael Kobylanski.

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES**

### **Stewardship Reflection:**

*"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."* – Matthew 2:11

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.

**The Catholic Echo Collection:** *The Catholic Echo* shines a light on local Catholic life through stories in the print magazine, website, and diocesan social media. This evangelical effort reaches 52,000 households, inviting all into closer relationships with Jesus Christ and our local Church. To support this ministry, please give to *The Catholic Echo* second collection at your parish next week. This publication is geared toward forming, informing and engaging registered parishioners in all our Catholic parishes, plus additional subscribers and website visitors. If you are not receiving the magazine but want to, please contact our parish office to update your registration or visit [catholicecho.org/subscribe](http://catholicecho.org/subscribe).

### **Vocations:**

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What gift can you offer Christ? If he is calling you to a vocation that serves the Church, He is asking for the gift of your life to serve His people. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org).

# *St. Mary & St. Joseph*

**Prayer of St. Raymond of Penyafort (Jan 7<sup>th</sup>):** Lord, You made Saint Raymond of Penyafort an outstanding teacher of Christian law. Through his prayers, may we always be faithful to Your divine teaching and live according to it. Amen. As followers of Christ, we look up to Saint Raymond of Penyafort as a beacon of spiritual and academic excellence.

**Church Support Record: Sunday, December 25, 2024**    **Christmas: \$2995.00**

**Church Support Record: Sunday, December 29, 2024**    Weekly: \$2,019.00    Candles: \$117.00    All Saints Day:\$10.00  
All Souls Day:\$10.00    Cemetery Perpetual Fund:\$50.00

Christmas Wafers:\$19.00    Initial Offering: \$14.00    Winter Utilities:\$50.00

**American Red Cross:** The *next blood drive* will be held on **January 8, 2025** from 1:00 pm-6:00 pm **at St. Mary's Social Hall**. Notices are posted at all the church entrances for additional information. Please, if you are able, consider giving to save lives this new year!

**May They Rest in Peace:** Please remember in your prayers, **Veronica Zaczyk** of our parish who passed away on *Saturday, December 28* and **Andrew "Rick" Fraelich** who passed away on *Tuesday, December 24*. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers as well. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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**The Cursillo Movement** of the Youngstown Diocese will be hosting a Women's weekend from March 20 to 23, 2025. The weekend helps you experience your Catholic faith and encourages a spiritual life that is filled with joy and enthusiasm. From Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon, a team of Catholic religious and lay people will share insights on the lay person's role within the church, the meaning of grace and the sacraments, and the importance of supporting one another in our efforts to live a Christian life. Throughout the weekend the participants will pray together, attend daily Mass and have an opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. To register or for more information, contact Peg Elston at Youngstown4thday@gmail.com or text Tina Thompson at 234-600-9259.