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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 4, 2026

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Weekdays: Mass is celebrated at 8 AM Monday through Friday.
Adoration & Benediction Fridays, after the 8 AM Mass.
Confessions are scheduled for Saturdays, from 3 to 3:40 PM and by appointment.
Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4 PM, Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM.

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| Sat. | Jan. | 3 | 4:00 pm | | + Ronald Martynuska req. by Sister; Anna Marie | | | | |
| Sun. | Jan. | 4 | 8:00 am | | + Raymond McConnell req. by Tom & Barb Whinnie | | | | |
| | | | 10:30 am | | MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH | | | | |
| Mon. | Jan. | 5 | 8:00 am | | +Robyn Huschak req. by People Helping People | | | | |
| Tues. | Jan. | 6 | 8:00 am | | +Ryan A. Steele req. by People Helping People | | | | |
| Wed. | Jan. | 7 | 8:00 am | | +The Church Suffering req. by Kevin Blais | | | | |
| Thurs. | Jan. | 8 | 8:00 am | | +Greta (Krisko) Jones req. by Jim & Gerry Phillips | | | | |
| Fri. | Jan. | 9 | 8:00 am | | +Mary Ann Dividock req. by Tom & Becky | | | | |
| Sat. | Jan. | 10 | 4:00 pm | | +Rose Graham req. by People Helping People | | | | |
| Sun. | Jan. | 11 | 8:00 am | | +Justin Elchin req. by Mom | | | | |
| | | | 10:30 am | | MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH | | | | |

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Rose Graham** requested by Russell & Sharon Shoff.
The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Janey Cleary** requested by Kelly Yancey & Family.

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JANUARY 4, 2026 – SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

As our celebration of Christmas continues, this week we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word ‘epiphany’ comes from Greek and means manifestation of appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God’s countless manifestations in our lives. As Christian stewards, we are all called to manifest God’s love to each other in the sharing of our gifts. St. Paul describes this beautifully in our second reading in his letter to the Ephesians, saying, “You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for your benefit...” We have all been given unique and wonderful gifts from our good and generous God. He wants us to share these gifts to benefit others and so to give Him glory.

Let us rejoice in God’s manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

COLORING CONTEST WINNERS: First Place; Alexandria White, Second Place: Kolbe Murphy, Third Place: Ashtyn Phillips. Your prizes are at the Church – ask Fr. Tom **CONGRATULATIONS!**

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| SWEEPSTAKE TICKET WINNERS: | Monday, December 29 th Barb Vrabel | \$ 250.00 |
| | Tuesday, December 30 th Joe Krug | \$ 250.00 |
| | Wednesday, December 31 st Bruce Valari | \$ 1,000.00 |

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped us get ready for the celebration of Christmas and for how well everything came together! May this New Year reveal many more of God’s Blessings to us! Fr. Tom

PARISH FINANCES – The stats of week 12/28/2025

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| Sunday/Monthly | \$5,159.00 |
| Children | 31.25 |
| Loose | 408.00 |
| Holy Day | 56.00 |
| Christmas | 9,140.05 |
| Misssals/Bulletins | 135.00 |
| Energy | 50.00 |
| Retired Religious | <u>178.00</u> |
| Total | \$15,157.30 |

UP-COMING MEETINGS & EVENTS 2026

Jan. 4 – SHUC Rosary 5:30 PM Meeting 6:30 PM
Jan. 7– Liturgy Meeting 10:00 AM Parish Hall
Jan. 14 – Fund Raising Meeting 6:00 PM Parish Hall

Religious Education

- Parents/Guardians and Religious Education students: We will resume Re. Ed Classes on Sunday, January 11, 2026.
- February 14: **Post-Confirmation Youth Ministry Workshop.** Do you have a passion for youth? Would you be willing to coordinate youth ministry activities with our parish youth beginning Fall 2026? If you feel called to this ministry, kindly call the Rectory or Sr. Vivian at 814-736-4279, Ext. 104, to register for the workshop.

Child & Youth Protection: All Parish volunteers & personnel are required to have themselves fully cleared. Clearances are to be renewed every **FIVE years.** Stop by the rectory office or Call Sr. Vivian @ 814-736-4279 ext. 104 to check what clearance you need to update. Sr. Vivian will walk you through the process in case you need assistance.

MAKE/KEEP YOUR CONNECTION WITH HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH IN POTAGE, PA. CONSIDER INCLUDING THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL, TRUST, LIFE INSURANCE, OR RETIREMENT PLAN. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN A BROCHURE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND ON THE PARISH WEBSITE.

Night of Worship for Vocations: Holy Spirit Ministry and Fr. Brian Norris invite you to a very special Night of Worship with Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations. It will be held on Tuesday, January 6th, 7-8 pm, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. The evening will include a special talk from Fr. Norris on how all the faithful can help promote and pray for vocations. The evening of prayer will also, include Eucharistic Adoration with beautiful praise & worship music, followed by prayer ministry. All are most welcome!

Upcoming Bishop Carroll Catholic High School Events...

Thursday, January 15:

Catholic Family Movie Night - "Love God's Will"

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School is sponsoring a free Catholic family movie night on Thursday, January 15 at 6 PM in the school cafeteria. The Catholic documentary, "Love God's Will," based on the life and work of Father Ryan Stawaisz, will have an exclusive showing. Two of the creators of the film are scheduled to attend and answer questions. FREE admission and ALL are welcome. Refreshments will be available for purchase to benefit the BC Student Evangelizers. Please call (814) 472-7500 or email jnagy@bishopcarroll.org for more information.

Saturday, January 24:

- Bishop Carroll Catholic High School will be hosting the Second Annual Cash Bash on Saturday, January 24 from 6 PM to 9 PM in the school cafeteria. The cost is \$25 and includes the meal, beverages, snacks, and the chance to win several cash prizes. \$500 will be given away every 10 minutes from 7 PM - 9 PM and walkaround chances will be sold. Winners do not need to be present to win. To purchase tickets, or for more information, please contact the school at (814) 472 - 7500 or email sfreidhof@bishopcarroll.org.

Bishop Bartchak asks us to prayerfully consider participating in our diocese’s Vocation Appeal. Over the last few years, our diocese has had too few seminarians to replace our retiring priests, which poses an urgent need for our prayer and actions. To ensure our parishes have priests for the future, our diocese’s Vocation Office has developed a robust plan to reach young men and invite them to consider the priesthood. To learn more about this new plan, and to support financially, visit www.ajvocation.org/give. Informational flyers are available near the Bulletins.

Our Flooring Project is to begin on Monday, January 5th. I or the staff will do our best to keep you informed of what is going on and directions you will need for access to the building for Mass. As I am able, I will post photos on Facebook and/or our website of the progress. Please be patient and flexible as we work through the major project of improvement. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns and please keep the project in your prayers! Fr. Tom