

Christmas Memorial Decorations

In Memory of	Requested by
Jan, Magdalena, Joe, Julie, Frank, Eve, Paul, & Randy Regula	M/M Boleslaus Regula "
Helen & John Dobija	"
Joses Labass	"
Sam, Nancy, & Brenda Shaheen	"
Nancy & Bill Brightman	"
Marie Louro	"
All Family & Friends	"
Sophie Gonet	Michael Gonet
Walter & Helen Palys	M/M Allen Ponichtera & Patricia Palys
Andrew, Paul, & Elsie Regan	M/M William Whitehead
Elizabeth Isley	"
James Whitehead	"
Pengilly & Kalisz Families	Katherine A. Kalisz
Anna Nazarchyk	M/M Fred Nazarchyk
Joaquina Viveiros	"
Karp Nazarchyk	"
Manuel Vivieros	"
Raymond & Bruna Nazarchyk	"
Jablonski & Lapre Families	Doris Jablonski
Family	Edward Kokoszka
Family	Daniela Kokoszka
	Chester Hudzik
	Dorothy Roncka
	Patrick Finn
Dominiak Ficek	M/M Peter Barcz
Bill Arabasz	Helen Arabasz
Mark Arabasz	"
Joseph & Helen Raczka	"
Theodore Pankiewicz, Jr.	Lillian Pankiewicz
Frederick M. Kalisz	Irena Kalisz
Maurice Jandreau	Raymond Pankiewicz
Pankiewicz Family	"
Owczarski Family	"
Lucy Bernadyn	"
Stasia Presjnar	"
John Viera	"
Mitchell Motyl	Frances Motyl
Mary Proulx	"
Walter & Genevieve Szczech	"
Phyllis Ciborowski	"
Lionel & Stasia Dubois	"
Grandparents	"
Lubera & Malita Families	Irene Malita
	James Strupczewski

YOUR CAN BLESS YOUR HOME on this Epiphany Day. Using the blessed chalk that you brought home after Mass, simply write **20 + C + M + B+18** above the door you usually use to enter and leave your home. (Some people use K for Kaspar instead of C for Casper; both are correct.)

You may say, *"The three Wise Men, Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar, followed the star of God's Son, Who became human two-thousand eighteen years ago. Loving God, bless our/my home and remain with us/me throughout the new year. We/I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."* It is appropriate to then sprinkle the rooms of your home with holy water.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet this Monday evening, January 8th, at 7 o'clock in the parish hall.

PEACE ON EARTH: Creches of the World is the Knights of Columbus annual Christmas exhibition. Featuring its popular Neapolitan diorama, Polish szopki, stone sculptures from Zimbabwe, Hummel figurines, creches on loan from the Glencairn Museum, the International Marian Institute, The Loyola (Chicago) University Museum of Art, and St. Joseph Oratory of Mount Royal, this unique exhibition continues through February 19th. The K of C Museum is located at 1 State Street in New Haven, CT. Admission and parking are always free.

OLPH BINGO continues this Thursday evening, January 11th, at 6:45. Doors and kitchen open at 4:30.

REMEMBER US O GOD;

*from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning,
forever and ever. Amen.*

**Sat. - Jan. 6 Epiphany of our Lord**

4:00 PM +Jeannette Robida
Req. Tobojka Family

Sun. - Jan. 7 - Epiphany of our Lord

10:00 AM +Joseph Sobolewski, Sr.
Req. Sobolewski Family

Mon.- Jan. 8 - Baptism of the Lord

7:30 AM No Mass this morning

Tues. - Jan. 9 - Weekday (1st Week in Ordinary Time)

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners,
Living & Deceased

Wed.- Jan. 10 - Weekday

7:30 AM +Florida Lapre
Req. Doris Jablonski

Thurs.- Jan. 11 - Weekday

7:30 AM ++Souls in Purgatory

Fri. - Jan. 12 - Weekday

7:30 AM God's Blessings
Req. Teresa Bafia

Sat. - Jan. 13 - St. Hilary

7:30 AM +Walter & +Helen Palys
Req. Family

Sat. - Jan. 13- 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Alice Sobolewski
Req. Sobolewski Family

Sun.- Jan. 14 - 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

10:00 AM +Stanley Sawicki
Req. Ernest Duval

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CONRAD

Sisters and Brothers of Our Parish Family,

We all know that Christmas begins on Christmas Eve, but when does Christmas officially end? The answer gets a little complicated.

On the Feast of the Epiphany (traditionally January 6th, but in the United States now transferred to the Sunday between January 2nd and January 8th), the Church celebrates the biblical event where the Magi, also called the Three Wise Men or The Three Kings, traveled from the East to pay homage to the newborn King, Jesus Christ.

For about fifty years, and until recently, the Epiphany was considered the end of the Christmas Season. Most recently, however, according to our current Church liturgical calendar, Christmas continues until the end of the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, which is usually celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany. To complicate things just a little bit more, when the Epiphany falls on January 7th or 8th. (as it does this year), The Baptism of the Lord is celebrated the next day (this year, Monday, January 8th). So, this year, Christmas continues until the end of the day, January 8th.

In summary, the Christmas *feast* proper ends on its Octave Day, *i.e.*, January 1st. Joyful merrymaking should mark these eight days.

The "peak" of the Christmas *Season* is January 6th, the Twelfth Day of Christmas. We should keep our Christmas decorations, especially our Christmas trees and lights, up at least until this day is over.

The official "end" of the Christmas Season on the current liturgical calendar is the celebration of the **Baptism of the Lord**. It's appropriate to keep our nativity sets displayed through this day, or better yet, to keep them out all year 'round.

These are just suggestions, of course, to help you get the most out of celebrating the Christmas Season. The thing to remember and practice is that Christmas **BEGINS** on December 25th and is to be merrily celebrated for many days afterward, either 8 or 12 or as many more as you would like!

Peace and Blessings throughout 2018!

Father Conrad