

PARISH EVENTS and LITURGIES

Sunday, January 4 - Epiphany of The Lord

8:30 am Christian Initiation, FLC
10:30 am Mass - Linda Tucciarone †
 11:30 am Birthday Party for Jesus, Commons
 11:30 am Brunswick Stew Orders, Commons
 11:30 am Olive Branch Open
 11:45 am Confirmation Prep, FLC

Monday, January 5

12:00 pm Mass - Allan Wimmer †

Tuesday, January 6

11:00 am Confessions
12:00 pm Mass - Connie Ciccione †
 6:00 pm Women's Club, SH

Wednesday, January 7

3:00 pm Adoration 3-6 pm & 7-9pm
 4:00 pm Olive Branch Open
6:30 pm Mass - Fr. Joseph Hai Nguyen †

Thursday, January 8

10:30 am Bible Study, FLC
12:00 pm Mass - Diane Drahos †
 7:00 pm Cantors & Instrumentalists
 7:30 pm OLPH Choir

Friday, January 9

Saturday, January 10

8:30 am Carmelites, FLC
 3:00 pm Olive Branch Open
 3:30 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Vigil Mass - OLPH Parishioners
 6:00 pm Brunswick Stew Orders

Sunday, January 11 - Baptism of The Lord

8:30 am Christian Initiation, FLC
 9:00 am Religious Education K-12, FLC & SH
 10:30 am Preschool, FLC
10:30 am Mass - Allan Wimmer †
 11:30 am Olive Branch Open
 11:30 am Celebration of Baptisms 2025, SH
 11:30 am Brunswick Stew Orders, Commons
 5:00 pm Roanoke College Mass



<i>Baptism of The Lord</i>	January 10 Saturday Mass 5:00 pm	January 11 Sunday Mass 10:30 am
Altar Servers	Sora Guthier James Guthier	Cora Clouse Maximus Mason
Lectors	Cathy Wizorek Brian Corbett	Tom Fame Jeffrey Krajnik
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Donna McGuire Robin Underwood Parish Deacon	Barbara O'Connell Bill Thompson Mike McGuire Jan Hoffman Parish Deacon Janie Christian Yaw Asirifi
Linen Washer		Diane Ferguson
Ushers	Paul Chauvin Bogdan Czachor Jerry Ferguson Al Scalera	Jay Fukumoto Dave Hafey Gary Rowland Greg St. Clair
Bus Driver		Steve Hemphill

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
January 4 - January 11, 2026**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Please pray for our sick, that they may be strengthened by the love of Christ.

Rob Ahlers
 Joe Birkenmaier
 Emanuel Clements
 Fr. Danny Cogut
 Lois Conn

Patricia Dopp
 Placido de Guzman
 Therese Huynh
 Larry Keyes
 Bernie Langheim
 Joseph Mukuni

Dec. Steve O'Connell
 Judith Perrine
 Jackie Richards
 Sue Thompson
 John Wizorek

January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord
Matthew 2:1-12



When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

~Father John Muir

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CELEBRATION

for Our Lord Jesus Christ for his birth. A big thank you to everyone starting with our pastor Fr. Kyle for the beautiful liturgical celebrations for our Choir that certainly gave its best. To everyone who spent many hours cleaning and decorating the church to make it look its very best, thank you for all that you do.

Thank you to parishioner Keith Hill who made the beautiful advent wreath stand that we saw during the Advent season and the manger for the nativity scene. Well done, it certainly will be enjoyed for many years.

HOUSE BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR

The Three Wise Men (Magi) house blessing, or Epiphany blessing, involves using chalk to write **20 + C + M + B + 26** (for the year 2026) above your front door, symbolizing Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar, and "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" (May Christ bless the house). This ritual, performed around the feast of the Epiphany (January 4th), invites Christ's presence, protection, and blessings, marking the home as a place of faith and hospitality for the new year. There are copies of this blessing available in the Commons for you to use at your home.

WEEKLY OFFERING	December 27th - 28th	JULY YTD
Sunday - Holy Days	\$ 10,022.00	\$348,337.00
Total Income Budgeted	\$10,710.00	\$277,640.00
Better or Worse	\$ 688.00	\$ 70,697.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 824.00	\$ 44,437.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Dear God,
It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to seek You, as well. Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community.

~Amen.

