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Visitation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

# Our Lady of the Hills Parish

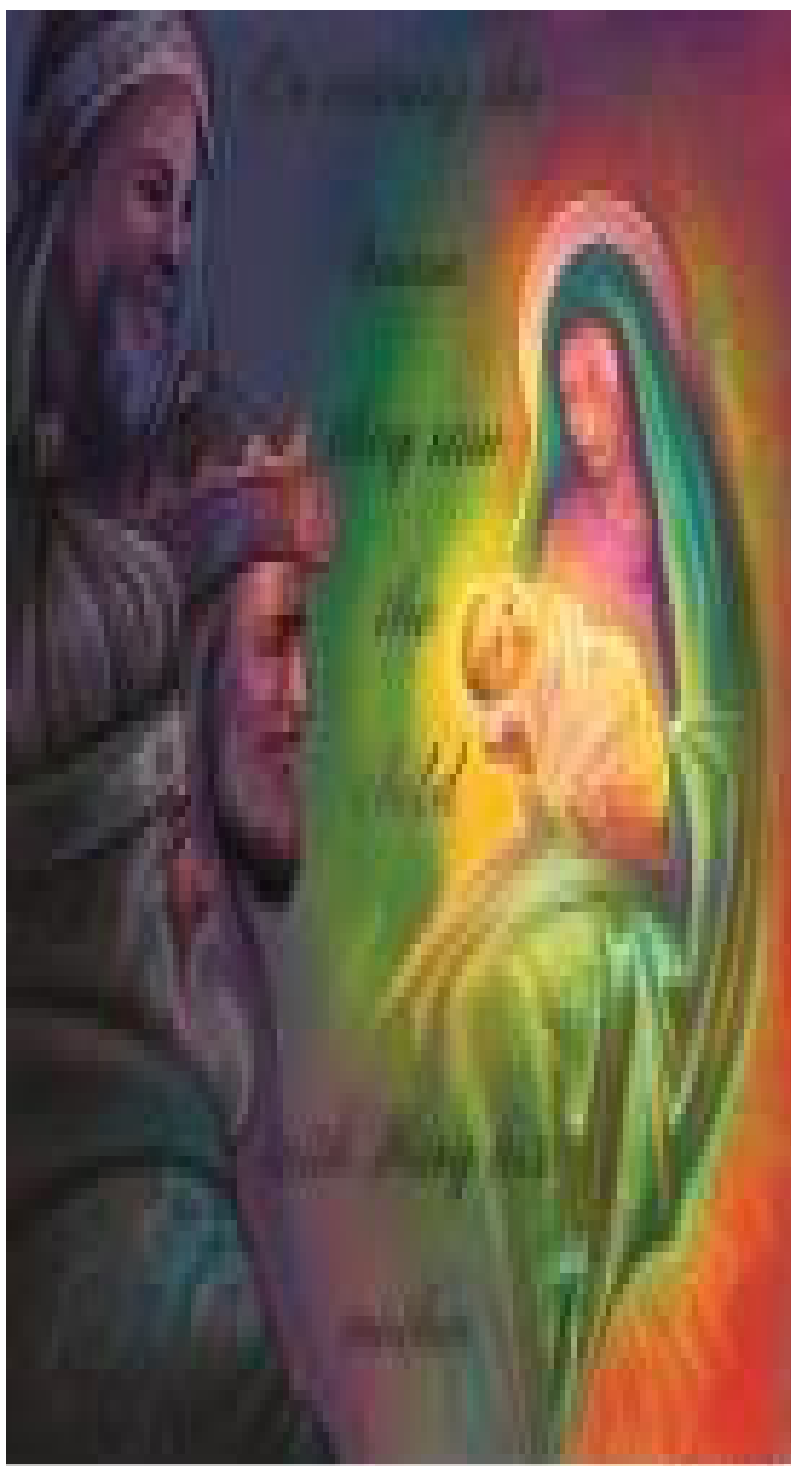
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## January 8, 2023 The Epiphany of the Lord



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### Liturgy Schedule

#### Masses

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

#### Confessions

Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM

Wednesday 9:00 - 9:30 AM

#### Holy Day Masses

8:30 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.

### Rectory Office

Hours: Monday – Wednesday

9:00AM – 1:00PM

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### Cemetery

St. Mary of the Assumption Cemetery

located in Leeds, MA

Please call the Rectory Office at 413-268-

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**Mass Intentions for the Week of January 7- January-15**

**Saturday January 07 4:00 PM +William “Bill” Childs from Eleanor Hebert & family**  
**Sunday January 08 8:00 AM +Russell, Alice & Bob Luce from Bev Corbett**  
**Sunday January 08 10:30AM +Doris 2nd anniversary & Conrad 16th anniversary DesRochers , love daughters and family**  
**Monday January 09 8:30 AM**  
**Tuesday January 10 8:30 AM + Living and Deceased Members**  
**Wednesday January 11 8:30 AM + Souls in Purgatory**  
**Thursday January 12 8:30 AM +Fr. Dan Brunton**  
**Saturday January 14 4:00 PM +Doris Lambert from Dick & Mary Bart**  
**Sunday January 15 8:00 AM**  
**Sunday January 15 10:30 AM**

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).  
**Psalm** — All the nations will worship you, Lord (Psalm 72).  
**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).  
**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**January 14, 2023**

**4 PM - Lector - Dick Bart**  
**Euch. Minister - Mary Bart**  
**Altar Server - Help Needed**  
**Greeter – Carol & Tom Monaghan**

**January 15, 2023 Epiphany of The Lord**

**8 AM - Lector - David Rondina**  
**Euch. Minister - Carol Demerski**  
**Altar Servers - Help Needed**  
**Greeter - Trina Rondina**

**10:30 AM - Lector - Joan Gruszkowski**  
**Euch. Minister - Nanacy Wood**  
**Altar Server - Help Needed**  
**Greeter - Mary Murphy**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord  
**Monday:** The Baptism of the Lord  
**Tuesday:** First Week in Ordinary Time begins  
**Friday:** St. Hilary  
**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary;  
Julian Calendar New Year

**OUR FASCINATING FAITH**

Resolve to Spread God’s Mercy and Peace  
Imagine: two New Year’s celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year, and today the secular New Year 2023 begins. In today’s Gospel, everyone who heard it was amazed by the story the shepherds told of the angels’ message regarding the child. Mary herself continued to reflect on all these things in her heart. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, and COVID not yet entirely in the rear-view mirror, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins! As we pray for God’s mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2023, let our New Year’s resolution be to live for others, as Mary did, a channel of God’s mercy and an instrument of Christ’s peace.

**Reflection question:**  
**In what ways can I proclaim God’s praise in the coming week?**

**SELFLESSNESS REWARDED**  
**Help another’s boat across, and lo! thine own has reached the shore.**  
—Old Hindu proverb

**TRUE HAPPINESS**  
**Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy.**  
—Blessed Henry Suso

**Adoration will be held on Monday January 9, 2023**  
**1:00 - 3:00 PM**  
**Benediction about 2:50 PM**



**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Weekly Goal \$3,500  
**December 25, \$2,671**  
**Thank you for your support.**

## YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

### Baptism of the Lord

“After the happiness of communicating: Rise modestly, return to your place, kneel down, and do not immediately take up your book or rosary. What good are the words of men when God is speaking? We must be like someone who is very curious and listens at the door. We must listen to all that the good God says at the door of our hearts.” St. John Vianney, Eucharistic Meditations: 16th Meditation.

for more information and  
videos check out the  
website: [www.yearoftheeucharist.net](http://www.yearoftheeucharist.net)

### CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer at the Manger: With the Magi  
Let your light shine on us, O God,  
as the star showed the way  
to those who searched for Christ.  
Fill us with wisdom;  
help us walk in your ways,

### ALL SHARE IN THE PROMISE

Picture a nativity scene in your mind's eye. The scene likely includes figures arriving on camels, some elaborately dressed, with jeweled boxes containing precious gifts. These magi arrived from distant lands to pay homage to the Christ Child. We know little about the magi, but we do know that these visitors were not Jews. They represent people of all nations who will be drawn to the Lord. “Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.” The Good News of Jesus cannot be limited to one people; all share in the promise of God's mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ

### Hospital Visits

If a Parishioner or someone close to you is in the Hospital, please call the rectory at (413) 268-7212 to let us know.

### *Vote for our Parish*

Florence Bank is giving \$125,000 to local non-profits as part of its annual Customers' Choice Community Grants program. Last year, due to parishioners' votes, Our Lady of the Hills was awarded \$3,563.63. The 2022 votes must be in by next Saturday, Dec. 31.

Votes can be cast by mail or online. Please pick up a form in the back of the church by the side entrance door. The form will have more information. This is a big help for our parish so *please* vote soon.

## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

### Epiphany House Blessing

If you wish, you can celebrate Epiphany at home with a blessing using the initials of the magi's traditional names (Casper, Melchior, Balthasar), four crosses, and the new year's numerals.

**Materials:** a piece of chalk and a small container of holy water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

**Leader:** In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year.

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**Let us pray:** May Christ bless this house!

**ALL:** Amen!

Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.

Living room:

Where two or three are gathered in your name, Lord, you are present. Bless this room, O Lord.

**ALL:** Amen!

Kitchen:

Give us this day our daily bread.

Bless this room, O Lord.

**ALL:** Amen!

Dining room:

Prepare us for the heavenly banquet.

Bless this room, O Lord.

**ALL:** Amen!

Bedrooms:

Stay with us Lord, when night has come.

Bless this room, O Lord.

**ALL:** Amen!

Bathroom:

Cleanse us from all sin. Bless this room, O Lord.

**ALL:** Amen!

All return to the front door to pray together.

**Leader:** Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father . . .**

The leader sprinkles all present with holy water.

Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

**ALL:** Amen!

### Northampton Survival Center

Thanks to all who donated food to the Survival Center on Thanksgiving. We donated 40 lbs. Our December donation totaled 83 lbs. The Center truly appreciates your generosity, especially in this time of great food insecurity. May you be blessed in the coming year for your goodness. The January collection will be January 7th and 8th.



Please pray for the family of  
**William “Bill” Childs** as he  
recently passed away and is a member of our  
parish family.  
**May he Rest in Peace.**

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