



## St. Catherine Church

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**SATURDAY, January 4: VIGIL OF EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**5:00 p.m. MASS** – † Richard Gergel by Tonnie and Bill Kerr

**SUNDAY, January 5: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**9:00 a.m. MASS** – Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

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**Monday, January 6: Christmas Weekday**

**8:00 a.m.** – † **NO MASS**

**Tuesday, January 7: Christmas Weekday**

**8:00 a.m.** – † Loretta Puchalla by Tonnie

**Wednesday, January 8: Christmas Weekday**

**8:00 a.m.** – † **NO MASS**

**Thursday, January 9: Christmas Weekday**

**8:00 a.m.** – † For Vocations

**Friday, January 10 Christmas Weekday**

**8:00 a.m.** – † **NO MASS**

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**SATURDAY, January 11: VIGIL OF BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**5:00 p.m. MASS** – † Richard Flagle by Jerry Norris

**SUNDAY, January 12: BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**9:00 a.m. MASS** – Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

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Pope Francis has decreed the year 2025 as a Jubilee year calling all to be Pilgrims of Hope. Catholic Charities is the human social service sector of the diocese, and we are to bring awareness of the social injustices that impact the marginalized. To do this, we must talk about the importance of looking through different lenses, the individual, the institution, the community, and the policies that often prevent those living in poverty from moving forward to being self-sufficient.

January is the month of National Poverty Awareness. Please consider joining a virtual overview of **Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities** to have a better understanding of a comprehensive approach to the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty, from the individual to the systemic level. We will have two options to share this information virtually: **Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 10:00 AM until Noon** or **Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. To register for a session, **please RSVP** to [coconnor@dioceseaj.org](mailto:coconnor@dioceseaj.org).

Additionally, Catholic Charities will be using this Jubilee year 2025 and the influence of Pope Francis to provide training opportunities to understand what poverty looks like in each parish community. Dates for the live workshops will be shared with each Deanery for the Lenten season. The knowledge provided will have participants embrace how they can bring hope and respond to real situations in their parish communities and local neighborhoods.

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 5, 2025**

## Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for January 11/ 12, 2025

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 5:00 p.m.</b>	Maggie Stiffler	Ann Bonson	Volunteer	Maggie Stiffler Andrea Christoff
<b>Sunday 9:00 a.m.</b>	Dennis Drake	Bella Starr Maria Mellott	Volunteer	Will Crouse Marcia Slates

### Stewardship Reflections

**January 5, 2025 –**

**Second Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany  
of the Lord**

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, we observe today the great Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word ‘epiphany’ means manifestation and throughout the Christmas readings we have seen that the newborn King is eager to reveal Himself to all those willing to accept His presence in their lives. From poor and humble shepherds to the international group of magi featured in today’s Gospel passage, Jesus makes it clear that He offers Himself as a gift to everyone.

We also see throughout the scriptures that God uses what is familiar to us to draw us to Himself, like using a star for the magi. Our Lord speaks to each of us daily, but we must be alert to ‘hear’ and ‘see’ Him in our lives. To become better attuned to the ways God is speaking to us, we must strengthen our spiritual ‘senses’ by spending time with the Lord in prayer.

When we establish a regular, intentional, time for prayer daily, we will find that the Lord continues to speak to us throughout the day. We will more easily recognize the signs He places before us to draw us into a closer relationship with Him. We will begin to see that He is indeed present in our lives at every moment.



Esther Gaisior, Kathryn Ross



**SANCTUARY CANDLE:**

The Sanctuary Candle acknowledging  
The Real Presence of Christ in the  
tabernacle is burning this week for  
**Poor Souls**



**COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:**

**Sunday, January 5, 2025:** Dennis Drake

**Sunday, January 12, 2025:** Kathy Lantz

**Pro-Life Corner January 5-** “We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life—the unborn—without diminishing the value of all human life.”  
– President Ronald Reagan

**Healing Mass:** Holy spirit ministry will hold a special healing mass on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 8:00 pm, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. David Dodd, TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 p.m. and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

***Marian Devotions:***

Approximately 30 minutes before each Mass begins with the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

If you know of ***Prayer Requests for a sick parishioner:*** Write the name or petition in our Parish Prayer Request Book located in the vestibule of our church. The Prayer Request Book is brought into the church at each weekend Mass and all the intentions are included in the General Intercessions.

<b>January 2025 Schedule for Liturgical Ministries at Saint Catherine</b>			
<b>Date/Mass</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Ministers</b>
5:00 p.m. Saturday January 4, 2025	Cathy Wilson	Volunteer	Mary Lyons Maria Danish
9:00 a.m. Sunday January 5, 2025	Suzanne Brown	Branson Gipe Kasen Gipe	Beth Lear Volunteer
5:00 p.m. Saturday January 11, 2025	Maggie Stiffler	Ann Bonson	Maggie Stiffler Andrea Christoff
9:00 a.m. Sunday January 12, 2025	Dennis Drake	Bella Starr Maria Mellott	Will Crouse Marcia Slates
5:00 p.m. Saturday January 18, 2025	Dayton Shugarts	Maggie Stiffler	Kevin Muha Volunteer
9:00 a.m. Sunday January 19, 2025	Louise Ketner	Julian Weirich Quinn Weirich Abe Weirich	Louise Ketner Volunteer
5:00 p.m. Saturday January 25, 2025	Ed McGarvey	Guy Kumpf	Mary Lyons Ann Bonson
9:00 a.m. Sunday January 26, 2024	Beth Lear	Dane Varner Nolan Starr Jax McCartney	Will Crouse Marcia Slates

***Sacrament of Baptism of Infants:***

By appointment, preferably celebrated within the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, families, regardless of religious affiliation, are encouraged to attend and participate in Baptismal Sacramental Preparation and Celebration. Sponsor certificate must be received at the Parish Office if the sponsors are not members of Saint Catherine of Siena Church.

***Becoming Catholic:***

This is an ongoing journey of preparation. We invite all who are interested to contact the Parish Office or drop a note into the collection basket with your intention to become a Catholic, your name, address and telephone number to contact you for further information. Sacrament of Baptism or Reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church will be celebrated at Easter Vigil.