



# HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

**JANUARY 4, 2026**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**



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**Weekend Mass: Saturday—4:30pm, Sunday—9:30am, 11:30am**

**Weekday Mass: Monday—Thursday at 8:30am**

**Holy Day Masses: 8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm**

**Confession (Reconciliation): Saturdays from 3:30-4:00pm**

**Baptisms: Celebrated once a month at 1:00pm**

**Contact the rectory to register as a new parishioner or to schedule a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, or Anointing.**

Happy New Year! I pray that you and your loved ones will experience God's blessings in this new year of 2026.

This weekend we continue our celebration of the Christmas season with the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, which is one of the biggest feast days in the Church calendar. One indicator of the importance of this day is that there are only a handful of feast days that have their own specific solemn blessings that can be used at the end of Mass, and the Epiphany is one of them. On this feast day we celebrate that the eternal light of God, Jesus Christ, was revealed to all the nations as the Savior of the world. And because the visit of the Magi is central to this feast, you may have noticed that the Three Kings in our church have made their way from our left side altar over to the manger at our right side altar.

I would like to take the opportunity this weekend to offer a belated thank-you to our parish's Women's Club. At our parish Christmas party back on Dec. 14, they presented two checks to HVM Parish from the proceeds from their two big fall events – their Pasta Dinner and Harvest Bake Sale. These annual fundraisers are always a great help to our parish, so I thank our Women's Club for their hard work and generosity.

And, as always, I would like to offer my sincere gratitude and appreciation for everyone who sent me Christmas cards and/or gifts. I am always overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of our parishioners. Thank you very much.

Finally, I want to offer one last reminder that, while you can buy Hypod raffle tickets at anytime throughout the year, now is the best time to get them. That is because the first Hypod drawing for 2026 will take place this Monday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>. If you buy your tickets before the first drawing, you will have 64 chances to win a cash prize with every ticket that you purchase, because even if your ticket wins, it still goes back in the pot for the next drawing.

Please remember the two things that have changed for 2026. First, the price for each Hypod ticket is now \$15 (we raised it by \$5 after 40 years of no increases). Second, we have added an additional cash prize each month, so that the prize structure is now: One \$100 winner on every Monday of the year, as well as one \$500 winner on the last Monday of each month (in addition to the regular \$100 prize). This means that, if you get your tickets before the first drawing this Monday, you will get the full 64 chances to win.

Hypod tickets are available at the rectory. You can also get them from the pamphlet rack at the back of church (the purple tickets). Simply fill them out and drop them at the rectory or in the Sunday collection, along with your payment. And please remember that there is no deadline to buy Hypod tickets, as this raffle takes place all year long.

Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for us. May God bless you.

Fr. Rob

# Mass Intentions

**Sunday—January 4th**

9:30—Matthew O’Brien  
 Thomas Griffin  
 Holy Souls In Purgatory  
 Zofia & Jozef Moskal  
 Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney  
 James Florio Family  
 11:30—Marlene O’Brien  
 Giavana Carlino  
 Deceased Members of Piotrowski & Pultorak  
 Families

**Monday—January 5th**

8:30—Mary Ann Pearch  
 Carol Heidorn

**Tuesday—January 6th**

8:30—Paul Schwarck

**Wednesday—January 7th**

8:30—Joseph & Mary Traxler

**Thursday—January 8th**

8:30—Ron Kraft  
 Donald Wisnoski  
 Dolores Pacer

**Saturday—January 10th**

4:30—Chris Benesch  
 Linda Rawski  
 Isabella Yorty

**Sunday—January 11th**

9:30—Marion Chrusciel  
 Matthew O’Brien  
 Thomas Griffin  
 Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney  
 Giovana Carlino  
 11:30—Marlene O’Brien  
 Salvatore Segreti  
 Joseph & Theresa Lopes

January 10th & 11th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
<b>Lector</b>	Cheryl McLean	Roy McCampbell	Armando Mendoza
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	I. Benesch C. Widuch M. Widuch	D. Kasper J. Traxler Sr. Victoria	A. Caccavari B. Kirchen Z. Kirchen
<b>Altar Servers</b>	L. Trischan E. Trischan D. Tajstryk	J. Hilton N. Gonzales	L. Gonzales E. LaVattiata



# Hypod Winner

**December 29, 2025**

**\$500 Winner—Karen Lima**

**Tickets are still available in the pamphlet rack in the back of church or from the Rectory during the week!**



**Week 15**

**\$100 Winner**

**Robert Mitchell—Ticket # 378**



# Music Notes

*Joy To the World*

## Receive The Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion

HVM Ministers of Care can bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who are Homebound or Sick.

If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion, or would like to know more about this rewarding ministry, then please contact Nancy Ryan (parish nurse) either by leaving a message at the rectory or by email [aryan2@primehealthcare.com](mailto:aryan2@primehealthcare.com).

**If you would ever like to bring up the gifts during Mass, please let the ushers know before Mass. Anyone is welcome to be a gift bearer.**

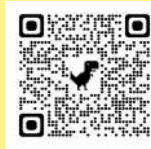


## Parish Support

Week of December 20th & 21st

Weekly	\$5,859.75
Utilities	\$1,445.00
Maintenance	\$10.00
Thanksgiving	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$15.00
Christmas Flowers	\$38.00
Christmas	\$4,690.00

## MANY THANKS!



**Scan the QR Code to donate electronically to Holy Virgin Martyrs.**

## Second Collections:

The second collection on January 11th is for Utilities  
Please be as generous as you can.



## Baptisms

*Through the living waters of Baptism the following were welcomed into the People of God:*

*Benjamin Brooks Griffith, child of Matthew and Alison Griffith (nee Ulmer)*

*Harrison Gene Saponaro, child of Zack and Mercedes Saponaro (nee Ogorek)*

# Religious Education News

Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation: Ms. Zerlina Kirchen

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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 6th

Religious Education Class

6:00-8:00pm

Saturday, January 10th

Religious Education Class

9:00-11:30am

Saturday, January 17th

Confirmation Retreat

9:30am-5:30pm

Tuesday, January 20th

Religious Education Class

6:00-8:00pm

## What We're Learning

### Kindergarten (Saturdays & Tuesdays)

We spent time learning about Jesus today. We learned that Jesus is God and part of the Holy Trinity.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (Saturdays)

We shared about the Church and belonging to the Kingdom of God and how we are to share God's love with others. We read the story about Noah's Ark and how Noah said, "yes" to God and how Mary said "yes" to the angel Gabriel and how we should be prepared to say "yes" to God always.

## The Epiphany of the Lord!



Scripture Readings  
For the Week of January 4, 2026

## Sunday

### The Epiphany of the Lord

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

### Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop

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 4:14-22

## 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, 5-6a and 9b;  
Jn 3:22-30

## Sunday

### The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11  
or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9;  
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or  
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6;  
Mt 3:13-17



# Pray For:

## Those Who Are Sick

<i>Luz Alarcon</i>	<i>Jose Herrera</i>	<i>Vicky Majewski</i>	<i>Betty Quartello</i>
<i>Fr. Ambrosio Arambula</i>	<i>Mary Hinterlong</i>	<i>(nee Julitz)</i>	<i>Glenn Rawski</i>
<i>Betty Bajzek</i>	<i>Laura Gardeck &amp; Jeff</i>	<i>Geneveve Mastalerz</i>	<i>Jacqueline Reiss</i>
<i>Dan Bailey</i>	<i>Hinz</i>	<i>Carole McCreery</i>	<i>Barbara Rodgers</i>
<i>Char Banyai</i>	<i>Renee Iman</i>	<i>Bryan McIntyre</i>	<i>John Saathoff</i>
<i>Laura Biangini</i>	<i>Vivian Jennings</i>	<i>Bill McMurray</i>	<i>Kathy Sassolino</i>
<i>Sonia Bonacci</i>	<i>Arlene Jurinek</i>	<i>Barbara Miller</i>	<i>Cathy &amp; Steve Schreiner</i>
<i>Frank Bosco</i>	<i>Brian Kelly</i>	<i>Christian Mireles</i>	<i>Jacqueline Spejcher</i>
<i>Pat Brandolino</i>	<i>Patti King</i>	<i>Pat Morgan</i>	<i>Pat Sullivan</i>
<i>Gus Campeotto</i>	<i>Joyce Knauss</i>	<i>Robert Olender</i>	<i>Michelle Swigost</i>
<i>Phyllis DiBenedetto</i>	<i>Leonard Kuffer</i>	<i>Christopher Ordo</i>	<i>Sarah Tripoli</i>
<i>Beatrice Giannone</i>	<i>Marguerite Kraemer</i>	<i>Michael Pesola</i>	<i>Jim Waterloo</i>
<i>Rose &amp; Pat Glasso</i>	<i>Dan Latoria, Jr.</i>	<i>Nancy Piatek</i>	<i>Joan Weichbrodt</i>
<i>Judy Golab</i>	<i>Mark Latoria</i>	<i>Deacon Ron Pilariski</i>	<i>Jean Wesolowski</i>
<i>Karla Gosinski</i>	<i>Joan Lester</i>	<i>Melissa Pitts</i>	<i>Nancy Wright</i>
<i>Ruth Gosinski</i>	<i>Diahne Lopez</i>	<i>Mike Ponticelli</i>	<i>Isabella Yorty</i>
<i>Howard Heidorn</i>		<i>Joseph Powyszynski</i>	

## Those in the Military

<i>Sergeant Michael Bavone</i>	<i>Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez</i>
<i>Private Christopher Bavone</i>	<i>USMC Kyle Ruth</i>
<i>US Army PFC Matthew Gonzales</i>	<i>USAF Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner</i>
<i>US Army Michael Gutierrez</i>	<i>HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy</i>
<i>First Lieutenant Justin Hunt,</i>	<i>Omar Vee, Jr.</i>
<i>USAF Sergeant Michael Keaty</i>	

## Adult Confirmation Classes

The Religious Education program will be offering Adult Confirmation Classes for those adults who have already received the sacraments of Baptism and Communion, but just need the sacrament of Confirmation. There is a \$100 Sacramental Fee which is due the first class.

The classes will meet on Saturday Mornings from 10:00am—12:00pm. The schedule of classes is:

- Saturday, January 31st
- Saturday, February 28th
- Saturday, March 14th
- Confirmation Retreat—March 9th—12th
- Confirmation Rehearsal —March 31st at 7:30pm
- Confirmation —Saturday, April 4th at 7:30pm

You must be registered by the first class in order to receive your Confirmation this year. For more information or to register please contact Zerlina Kirchen in the Religious Education Office 847-671-6429 or by email: [religiousedcoordinator@outlook.com](mailto:religiousedcoordinator@outlook.com)



# Mass Intention Request Form

**THE 2026 MASS BOOK IS OPEN!**

**FILL OUT THIS FORM WITH YOUR MASS INTENTIONS AND  
EITHER DROP IT OFF AT THE RECTORY OR PUT IT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.  
THE MASS STIPEND IS \$15.00 FOR EACH INTENTION.**

**OUR MASS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:  
DAILY MASS-MONDAY—THURSDAY AT 8:30AM  
WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:  
SATURDAY AT 4:30PM AND SUNDAY AT 9:30AM AND 11:30AM  
HOLY DAY SCHEDULE—8:30AM, 12 NOON, AND 7PM**

**IF WE CANNOT SCHEDULE YOUR INTENTIONS AT THE TIME AND DATE  
REQUESTED, WE WILL SCHEDULE THEM AS CLOSE TO THOSE TIMES AS POSSIBLE.**

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**YOUR NAME**

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**PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL**

**INTENTIONS**

**DATE AND TIME PREFERRED**



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