

Happy New Year



1. TOMORROW is the Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

Masses are in the ABBEY CHURCH - - alone:

6:00 A.M. * * AND * * 10:00 A.M.

Tuesday, January 2, 2001 is the Feast of the HOLY NAME OF JESUS.

2. Saturday - - - January 6, 2001 is the tremendous Feast of the EPIPHANY OF OUR BLESSED LORD

Mass in the Abbey Church - - - 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M.

Epiphany Chalk will be blessed at this Mass, and will be distributed

Next Sunday at all Masses.

The usual instruction concerning the Blessing of our Homes is attached.

3. Please pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels. Please pray, also, for our dear Father John Quinn of Lake Zurich, Ill. He fell and broke his hip. He has been here many times and is a very cherished Friend of our Monastery.

4. Friday, January 5, 2001 is the First Friday of January and Saturday, January 6, 2001 is the First Saturday of January. Masses in the Abbey Church are at 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. (SATURDAY ESPECIALLY).

5. Sunday, January 7, 2001 is the First Sunday of January. There will be no Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham

6. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:*	Protection of our Monastic Communities
TUESDAY:	Welfare of Klaus Gross
WEDNESDAY:	Dec. William Thompson
THURSDAY:	Dec. Henrietta Faas
FRIDAY:	Dec. Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Figarelli
SATURDAY:*	Protection of our Monastic Communities

**Maximus the Confessor — in defending the Orthodox faith —
was challenged:**

“Will you alone be saved and all others be lost?”

— His answer: —

*“The three young men who did not adore the idol when all others adored it did not condemn anyone. They did not attend to what belonged to others but attended to this, that they not lapse from true worship. Likewise, Daniel, when thrown into the lion’s den, did not condemn anyone who did not pray to God in accordance with the decree of Darius, but attended to what was his own role, and he preferred to die and not offend God than to be afflicted by his conscience over the transgression of the law of nature. Thus it is with me as well; may God grant that I neither condemn anyone nor say that I alone am saved. But I prefer to die rather than to have on my conscience that I in any way at all have been deficient in what concerns **My Faith in God.**”*

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