

# Epiphany



# OF THE LORD

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Monday, January 9, 2012-The Baptism of the Lord**

- 7:00 A.M. Virginia Cipro (Grace DeCaria)
- 8:00 A.M. Mary DeSisto (Queen of Heaven Choir)
- 9:00 A.M. Betty Lou Sulia (Tom and Rose Ann Dunning)

**Tuesday, January 10, 2012**

- 7:00 A.M. Joan Wrona (Sroka Family)
- 8:00 A.M. Rose Simon (Joe and Betty Cini)
- 9:00 A.M. James Gruber (Gruber Family)

**Wednesday, January 11, 2012**

- 7:00 A.M. † Yolanda Bara (Norma Pavlinch)
- 8:00 A.M. Helen Reeher (Queen of Heaven CCD Teachers and Aides)
- 9:00 A.M. Gary Clerici (Lou Ferrario)

**Thursday, January 12, 2012**

- 7:00 A.M. Golixer Family (Mary Zollum)
- 8:00 A.M. Nora Conti (Stanley Piecuch III)
- 9:00 A.M. For the Intentions of our Parish Priests (Donor)

**Friday, January 13, 2012-St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

- 7:00 A.M. Louis Nocera (Tina and Larry McKean)
- 8:00 A.M. Mickey Petti (Dave Krupa)
- 9:00 A.M. Deceased of Giancola and Campbell Families (Paulette Giancola)

**Saturday, January 14, 2012**

- 9:00 A.M. Norma R. Sacco (Jim and Terri)

**Sunday, January 15, 2012**

- 5:00 P.M. Saturday** Mary Ann Celli (Tony, Dorothy, Jonathan and Claire)
- 8:00 A.M. M/M Marino Coccia (M/M Richard Coccia)
- 10:00 A.M. Anthony Funari (Frank and Mary Aloï)
- 12:00 P.M. Don and Christy Robinson (Dave and Karen Zito)



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

**ATTENTION PIEROGI MAKERS:** Lent is early, so its that time already. We will start making pierogis on Monday and Tuesday, January 9 and 10 at 9:00 am in the lunch room. Hope to see you there. Bring a friend. Thanks. Stretch and Pat

**POCKET MISSALS FOR 2012:** There has been several requests for the personal missals for 2012. They are on back-order due to the tremendous demand. Please be patient. We hope to have them available before Lent 2012.

**SECOND COLLECTION** for the St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech next Sunday, January 15, 2012 at all Masses. God Bless You in helping children that are in great need.

**THE KNOTS OF LOVE** group will meet on Sunday, January 8th from 12:30PM to 3:00PM at the Ministry Center on Bridge Center for their 4th Anniversary Party. If you like to knit, crochet, etc. or would like to learn, join this wonderful group that helps others.

**40 HOURS FOR LIFE** of prayers for 40 consecutive hours before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at the Pittsburgh Oratory will be conducted on Thurs. Jan. 12th, Friday, Jan. 13th and Sat. Jan. 14th at various times. Bishop William Walterschied will be celebrant and homilist at the Thurs. Jan. 12th Mass at 5:15PM. Call 412-681-3181 for more information and for registration.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** is a program for Catholic young adults (20's and 30's) and their friends, married and single, to meet together at local bars and restaurants to listen to a speaker, share conversation, and gain new insights into the faith. The next meeting for the Lawrence County Chapter will be at **7:00 p.m. on January 26th at Tuscany Square Ristorante at 3470 Wilmington Road, New Castle.** The speaker is Mr. Louis Bosco, catechetical administrator at St. Vincent de Paul Parish (New Castle) and religious education manager at St. Alphonsus Parish (Wexford). The topic: "Connecting the Incarnation to the Church's Sacraments." No need to RSVP, just show up.

Readings for the Week of January 8, 2012	
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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After Jesus was born, wise men came to look for Him. They journeyed from an area which is now in either Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia or Yemen. Although they are often called the "Three Kings", the Bible does not say how many there were, or that they were kings. One theory is that they were kings of Yemen because they were Jews. Scholars believe there might have been only three of them because only three gifts were brought. Needless to say, they were accompanied by their servants.

Whoever they were, they were definitely men of great learning. The word, "Magi", comes from the Greek word "Magos", from which comes our English word, Magic. The term, "Magos" comes from an old Persian term, "Magupati", which was the title given to the priests of Zoroastrianism. Today we would call such people, astrologers. In Jesus' day, both astronomy and astrology were studied together as one science. For this reason, the Magi would have followed the patterns of the stars religiously. They would have been rich and held in high esteem by people of every nation.

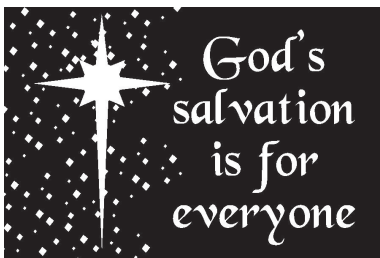
They saw an unusual new star in the sky, and understood that it announced the birth of a special king. Their names and their gifts have special significance. Gaspar, who has brown hair and a beard, wears a green cloak with a gold crown decorated with green jewels. He is the King of Sheba. His gift of Frankincense foretold that people would worship the Baby Jesus as God.

Melchior, who has long white hair and white beard, wears a golden cloak. He is the King of Arabia and brought gold to the infant Jesus. God is associated with kings and foretells that the infant Jesus is the "King of Kings."

Balthazar, who has black skin and a black beard and wears a purple cloak, was the King of Tarse and Egypt. His gift of Myrrh foretells that Jesus would suffer and die.

Scholars believe that by the time the Magi actually found Jesus, Mary and Joseph would have been living in a normal house in Bethlehem. They also suggest that Jesus would have been between the ages of one and two.

All of this information tells us that their journey would have been quite lengthy. For that reason, something more than astrology and astronomy was driving these learned men. They were looking for the only thing that provides meaning and direction in life: Jesus Christ, the Son of God.



Molly Pelligrone, Peter Bietch, Carol Woods, Michael Henderson, Carson Kellar, Corey Ayres, Margie Pelloni, Richard Cox, Ann Moczan, Edward J. Stemmerick, Mary (Tootles) Millhouse,

Fred Faroni, Bud Durbin, Jo Faust, John Horvath, Cindy Cancelli Buffington, Shelley LaCava, Helen Valentino, Karen Rybka, Majorie Malush, Ralphetta Majors, Sister. Delores Vitale, M.P.F., Christopher Pohto, Gary Burke, Ronald Cummings, Nick and Marion Panico, Dolly Gardner, Marie Pander, Ron Chappell, Danny Bartolomeo, Sr., Emma Court, Rick Gatto, Patricia McCullough, Kayla Smith, Julie Dixon, Robert (Paul) Wade, Mary Louise Wade, Al & Rose Sberna, Marian Fray, Sue Greene, Vincent Gerello, Chet McCrumb, Frank Dombeck, Dorothy Munnell, Jodi Minter, Louis and Doreen Tomon, Debra White, Leona Parascenzo, Edith Pacella, Caleb Clark, Ceil Dombeck, Catherine Migut, Ellwood (Woody) Hazen, Theresa Bennett

**FAITHFUL DEPARTED:** in your charity please pray for the souls of John Takacs, Arlene Delliquadri, Joan DiCarlo Charles E. Brown, and Philip F. Eonta. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**RECENTLY BAPTIZED:** Piper Elizabeth Hiser, daughter of Robert G. Kettler, Jr. and Kathryn Anne Hiser, Joseph Nicholas Genova, son of Joshua Genova and Ashley Zambo Genova

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD,** a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held Jan. 27-29, 2012 at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women and men struggling with abortion's aftermath. Financial aid available. Sponsored by the Diocese of Pittsburgh and Catholic Charities. For more information, call 412-352-5348 or visit [www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org). The deadline to register is January 20th.

*Angels are God's messengers, bringing us good news and keeping watch over us. May His angels continue to bless you during this holy season and throughout the year.*

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS	
Week of 12/25	
Weekly collection needed.....	\$12,300.00
Weekly collection received .....	\$21,482.00
Christmas Gift to my Parish.....	\$8,317.00
Flower Memorials .....	\$4,548.00
Christmas Charities .....	\$2,455.78

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH. YOUR HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED.**

**Remember Holy Redeemer Parish in your will.**

**SERVING THE PARISH  
FOR 1/14-15**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 5:00 P.M. \*Carol Nocera, Jim Gillespie, Joanne Docchio, Carmelia Fury, Joanne Yost, Dorothy Schilling, Holly Angelucci
- 8:00 A.M. \*Jane Petrak, Teresa Gaydosz, Dave & Annie Raybuck, Emrika Coccia, Mary Anne Mansell, Tom Hazen
- 10:00 A.M. \*Cindy Gibbons, Janet Hall, Lisa Greco, Paul Plavecsky, Sharon Smith, Mark and Julie Strosnider
- 12:00 P.M. \*Grace DeCaria, Mary Ellen McDowell, Marilyn Frost, Kathy Gorzkowski, Pat Tomon, Charlie Chaffin, Judi Dici

**LECTORS**

- 5:00 P.M. Butch Angelucci
- 8:00 A.M. Julie Santillo
- 10:00 A.M. Mary Ann Viccari
- 12:00 P.M. Eva Herman

**CANTORS**

- 5:00 P.M. Lou Ferrario
- 8:00 A.M. Pete Kucan
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir
- 12:00 P.M. Kim Thomas

**SERVERS**

- 5:00 P.M. John & Meghan Oehmler, Jordan Lemanski
- 8:00 A.M. John DeCaro, Michael Brown, Alena Kucan
- 10:00 A.M. Geena & Mia DeCaria, Dominic Nocera
- 12:00 P.M. Christopher Greene, Cameron McCowin, Lee Barnhart

**GREETERS**

- 5:00 P.M. Joanne Eichler, Pat Coccia
- 8:00 A.M. Louise Carrozza, Peggy Rocco, Carol Nocera
- 10:00 A.M. Marilyn & Steve Frost, Barb Mastropietro
- 12:00 P.M. Pat Gerello, Patty D'Ambrosio

**WHAT WE ARE UP TO IN SCHOOL!  
EDUCATION PLUS +**

**Kindergarten News!**

Happy New Year from Kindergarten!  
We have been learning so much this school year and are excited to share it with you. We are all reading Accelerated Reader books and have passed a handful of tests on our individual levels. That is something each of us are very proud of!

Before our Christmas break started, we learned about the season of Advent and how we wait and prepare for Jesus. We talked about the true meaning of Christmas not just the man in the red suit with presents that we have hoped for all month.

In the rest of our core subject areas we are learning about things like, nouns, verbs, short vowel sounds, writing questions, landforms, addition problems, estimating, and what makes up our Earth.

We are excited about upcoming Catholic Schools Week and would LOVE to see visitors in our classroom to share the great things our school has to offer.

**MARKET DAY**

Thank you for your Market Day order this month! We're looking forward to seeing you when you pick up your order on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 between 4:30pm and 5:30pm. You can find us in the Catholic Center.

If you have any questions please contact Luann Bokor at 724-752-8914. Thank you for your continued support.

**SAVE THE DATES**

- Cut this out and post it on the frig!
- Saturday, Jan. 28** - Opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week 5PM- come pray with us
- Sunday, January 29** - School Brunch and Open House 10AM to 12 Noon
- Sunday Feb. 5** - Pepperoni Puff Super Bowl Sunday get those orders ready - Pick up 1-4PM
- Sunday, Feb.22** - Ash Wednesday Fish Fry 5-7PM
- Sunday, Mar. 18** - Our Turn Alumni Classic Basketball
- Friday, Mar 23** - Fish Fry Dinner #2
- Friday, Apr. 20** - Night at the Races

**NOW HEAR THIS**

**PARENTS OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN**  
who will be age 3, age 4, age 5  
before September 1, 2012 AND  
Any family with children in grades 1-6

**NOW is the time to go school program shopping especially to come and see what we have here at our own school, Holy Redeemer.**

Between January 1 and March 30, we invite all potential families to come and have a look and see what happens in all of our programs. You can take advantage of Classroom visits where you can come and spend an hour and watch us in action. Give the school a call and set up an appointment 724-758-5591.

Join us for the Catholic Schools Week celebration on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00PM Mass

**There will also be an Open House and Brunch on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. RSVP with a number coming by calling 724-758-5591 by January 23rd.** Some of you have never been inside our school building yet you are parishioners and you own it!

**CCD Families are reminded to return the survey** either by dropping it off at the Parish Office, School Office or placing it in the collection. Be on the look out for invitations to come to the January 29<sup>th</sup> Open House and Brunch.

**Don't forget your ADOPT-A-NUN.** Mail always brings a smile to their faces! If would like to adopt a Filippini Sister and promise to prayer for her everyday and write once a month contact Sr. Joanne at the convent 724-758-3741.

Please remember in your prayers the following Sisters in our Adopt-a-Nun program who have recently died:  
Sr. Esther Del Ducca, MPF  
Sr. Antoniette Petrizzo, MPF  
Sr. Teresa De Nicola, MPF

