

Bulletin # 910038

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MESSAGES:

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

“MANIFESTATION OF THE CHRIST”

Today we celebrate the *Solemnity of the Epiphany* of the Lord, which is celebrated on January 6th in most countries of the world as a Holyday of Obligation. Today brings a high point to the Christmas season that began on December 25th with the celebration of the Nativity. Next Sunday we shall return to the green vestments of Ordinary Time and look forward to the great cycle of Easter, which begins this year on March 1st Ash Wednesday. Today's *Solemnity of the Epiphany* reminds us of the “manifestation” of the Child Jesus as God's presence among us. The Magi are representatives of our “gentile-world” in that the Lord Jesus has brought salvation to all people. Today's celebration brings us to the realization that we have been “gifted” by our heavenly Father in sharing the life of his Son and our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ!



FEAST OF BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The fact that the Nativity of the Lord fell on a Sunday this year still has an effect upon the feasts that are celebrated at this time. Normally, the *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord* would be celebrated on a Sunday, but this year it is set for tomorrow, Monday, January 9th for all those who come to the daily liturgy. With the celebration of this feast, we now are set to enter into the ministry of the Lord Jesus that began at his baptism in the Jordan River.

2005 PRAYER LIST OF THE SICK

We remind all those persons who were listed on our Prayer List that appears each month in the bulletin that the names of 2005 are not automatically placed on the list for 2006. Those who are still homebound, ill or in need of our prayers are asked to simply call the rectory during the regular office hours and place the your name or the name of your loved one on our 2006 listing. We invite all parishioners to remember in prayer all those who will be added to this newly formed Prayer List.

“CATCH THE VIBE”

VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE

Those who gather for the liturgy will notice the “Pledge Campaign Thermometer” placed in the foyer of the church. The blue and red “mercury movement” on the thermometer will allow each of us to keep a watch on the various contributions that are being made each week. We hope that all those parishioners who have not as of yet made a contribution to the ongoing work of the improvement of our sacred grounds will do so in this coming year.

Meanwhile, the members of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) are reminded of their monthly meeting set for tomorrow, Monday, January 9th beginning at

7:30 p.m. in the rectory. Any person who would like to help in this project is certainly welcome to join our gathering tomorrow evening.

CAMPAIGN DONATIONS RECORDED

The financial statements for 2005 will be sent to all those envelope holders in our Parish Family. We remind those receiving their statement that the “Pledge Campaign” amount on this statement is ONLY for 2005. Many parishioners gave some of their contribution in previous years, and that amount would have been recorded on those statements.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

We thank all those persons who gave in the Christmas Flower collection as we remember their loved ones in our daily prayers. The money collected not only helps to supply the decorations for the Christmas season, including the poinsettias, trees and other décor; but this collection is used to offset some of the expenses for decorating the church building throughout the year. The more that we collect at this time, the less we need underwrite from our budget during the rest of the year.

NEXT WEEK: SECOND COLLECTION

We remind all parishioners of the importance of the second collection next week, which is entitled “St. Anthony School and Sensory Handicapped Children” for which there is an envelope in our packet. The importance of this collection is seen in the fact that not only do our contributions go to help the needy children of the Diocese, but also the same amount is applied to our Parish Share assessment.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, January 8 - Epiphany of the Lord

- 4:00 p.m. Regina Kuchta (Richard & Kim Barnes Family)
- 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 7:30 a.m. Francesco Paolo Fusca (Joseph Derenzo Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Joseph Muffi (Donato Bellisario Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Thomas Styslinger (Ed & Eve Graham)

Monday, January 9 - Baptism of the Lord

- 7:00 a.m. Gladys Coholich (John & Patty Arenth)
- 10:00 a.m. Charles Sachs (Wife & Family)(from 10-7-05 funeral)

Tuesday, January 10

- 7:00 a.m. William Mammay (Don & Joan Finke)
- 10:00 a.m. Robert Rihn (Rihn Family)

Wednesday, January 11

- 7:00 a.m. Concetta Febbraro (M/M Gregory Distilo)
- 10:00 a.m. Irene Warenski (M/M Richard Sager)

Thursday, January 12

- 7:00 a.m. Pasquale Vivino (Joseph Derenzo Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Giacinto Derenzo (Elisabetta Derenzo)

Friday, January 13 - St. Hilary

- 7:00 a.m. Betty Mittelmeier (Loie)
- 10:00 a.m. Earl B. Smith (Wife & Sons)

Saturday, January 14 - B.V.M.

- 8:00 a.m. Kevin McNeill (Family)
- 4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 6:00 p.m. Catechist Appreciation (Faith Formation Team)

Sunday, January 15 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Betty Schleicher (Henry, Vicki, Mark & Amanda)
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Rita Walter (Sons)
- 11:00 a.m. James Missenda (Josephine & William Fiedler)

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Polly Dziobak, Mother of Carey Brusco of our Parish Family, Stanley Zukiewicz, brother of Joanne Miller of our Parish Family and Thelma Graff, Bud Perry and Helen Keirn of our Parish Family. May they rest in the peace of our Loving Father.

THE ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, DC, will be held on January 23rd. For information or to make a reservation on the bus, please call Dolores Penezic at (412) 486-6888. Our Respect for Life Group will be taking a collection at all Masses on January 21 & 22, please be as generous as possible.

"Love is always patient and kind; love is never jealous; love is not boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish...it is always ready to make allowances, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes." (1 Corinthians 13:4-7) Always? Never? That's a tall order. But then our human love is never perfect and we must always keep trying.



THANK YOU: To all who sent Christmas wishes and gifts. I wish you all a very Blessed and Healthy New Year!

Sincerely,
Deacon Francis Dadowski

January 1, 2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	1,050	\$21,346.71
Cash/Loose Chks.	—	1,110.00
Children's Offer.	68	85.90
Children/Youth	12	198.00
School Collection	41	452.00
Parish Share	3	115.00
Parish Needy	11	344.00
TOTAL	1,185	\$23,551.61

DAILY



READINGS

- Jan. 9: 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
- Jan. 10: 1 Sm 1: 9-20 or 1 Sm 1: 1-8 and 1 Sm 1: 9-20; Mk 1: 21-28 or Mk 1: 14-20 and Mk 1: 21-28
- Jan. 11: 1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20; Mk 1: 29-39
- Jan. 12: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1: 40-45
- Jan. 13: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2: 1-12
- Jan. 14: 1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1a; Mk 2: 13-17
- Jan. 15: 1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1: 35-42

ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All those who serve in any capacity as an adult minister in our liturgical celebrations, including eucharistic ministers, greeters, lectors, music ministers, ushers, etc., are reminded to keep open Mardi Gras night, Tuesday, February 28th, for a special evening of hospitality. Details concerning this evening will be forthcoming, as we all get ready to begin the sacrificial season of Lent that leads to the glorious moments of the Easter Season. Shrove Tuesday will be a special time of celebration for all those who serve our liturgical celebrations during the entire year as we come together in Marian Hall.

CLOTHING DROP OFF BOXES

Those wishing to offer their old, but usable, clothes to the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society throughout the Diocese should drop them off at the prescribed boxes that have been placed near the back of the school. We are asked NOT to place them outside the boxes or outside the Store near the rectory. These boxes are emptied on a timely basis so that there always should be room *inside* the boxes.

NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT

We remind those parents planning a baptism that the sacrament will not be celebrated during Lent. The final Sunday for the celebration of baptisms will be February 26th and then we will begin again with the Easter Season, with baptisms every Sunday, except on the Sunday when we celebrate the First Eucharist of our second graders. Those who come to understand the various nuances of the liturgical seasons certainly appreciate our Parish Family's attempt to maintain the motif of each season with the variety of our parish celebrations.

MANIFESTING THE KINGDOM AWARD

Today at the Cathedral Bishop Donald Wuerl will present the "*Manifesting the Kingdom Award*" to honor those who have given generously of themselves to enrich the life of their parishes. This year the recipients from our Parish Family are Bob & Joanne Adamcik, who have given many years of service to our church and school. We thank Joanne & Bob for their dedicated service and congratulate them on receiving this award.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for Epiphany Week

What symbolism - the star, the gifts, the magi, or something else - reveals the meaning of Jesus to YOU this year? What does Herod represent in the gospel story? How does God triumph? What gifts do YOU offer to show the value of Jesus in your life?

Monday Faith Formation, Jan. 9,

Grades 2 with parent/guardian BE IN church by 6:30 PM; all other grades meet in classrooms. There WILL be class on January 16, 23 and 30.

Saturday Faith Formation

January 14, Grade 2 with parent/guardian BE in church by 9:30 AM; all other grades meet in classrooms.

First Eucharist Catechesis, NEW books will be given at each assembly for adult and child: TODAY, Jan 8, 10 AM or Noon in school Providence Hall; or Mon., Jan 9, 6:30 PM in church; or Sat., Jan 14, 9:30 AM in church. Return the PINK form TODAY if you still have it.

Confirmation Candidates,

Youth interested in participating in the **MARCH FOR LIFE**, Monday, January 23 need to return permission form THIS WEEK.

Catechist Appreciation Saturday, January 14

Many catechists serving in the Faith Formation process of our parish will participate with us at the 6:00 PM liturgy this Saturday and share a meal and celebration. THANKS to so many who devote time being professionally prepared and engaging others of our parish family to better understanding and celebrate liturgy and to live by the example and values of Christ.

"VOCATION is our calling from God to serve the members of the Church and the whole world."

YOUTH MINISTRY

T-ROC-TOTALLY RELY ON CHRIST

Will be on January 29, 2006 and will include **Liturgy** (was originally scheduled for January 8th). Details to be announced soon. **Topic: “Knowing God: Reason and Revelation”**.

Breakfast & Bible Talk

JAM Center-10AM-Noon on Sunday, January 15
Don't miss it!

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tues. Jan. 10 Play Practice in Marian Hall 7-9 PM
Thurs. Jan. 12 Play Practice in Marian Hall 7-9 PM

THANK YOU FROM SHALER SENIOR, LAUREN ALUISE:

To St. Mary's Parishioners and Students:
I would like to thank you for your generous contributions of school supplies for the Homeless Children's Education Fund (HCEF). God Bless all of you – Lauren Aluise

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Need service hours for school? We have projects available now and into the summer. See contact information below.

APPALACHIA 2006

At our November meeting the goals for our summer work camp were established with a **strong focus on development of faith and a sense of community**. Youth who will be eligible to attend must be age **16** by June 26, 2006; must attend our high school faith formation sessions [**T-ROC**]; participate in our major fund raiser-the **Friday Lenten fish dinners** and must attend a **fundamental skills** session if they missed Brandon Goeller's Skill Workshop in September. A **deposit of \$30** must be sent in by **Friday, January 20th** – make check payable to St. Mary Church CYM.

Contact Barb Belski or Lisa Rulis Ross

at 412-492-9344

email us at cymoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org

Check out our website! www.stmaryglenshaw.org/cym

Go to the above web site for our **new discussion board**. You may anonymously post your question and someone on our parish staff will post a reply. Young adults and adults click on adult discussion board.

Teens have their own site for questions.

Alex Lamers is our new **communications guru**.

All high school students who have given us their e-mail address will receive his e-letter. **Check out his Pink Floyd laser show idea for January 2006**. If you want to receive Alex's newsletter contact him at cymoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org

ST. MARY SCHOOL

SMAA NEWS: The St. Mary Athletic Association is sponsoring a "Night at the Races" on Saturday, January 28th, in Marian Hall. Horse racing, blackjack and other games of chance will be available that evening. Doors open at 7 p.m. with a buffet that begins at 7:15 p.m. and horse racing at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets and horses can be purchased at all home basketball games. You can also contact Joe Natoli at (412) 486-0850 or jna-toli@federatedinv.com to purchase tickets, horses, or reserve a table for a group. **Adults only please. Thank you for your support. GO CONDORS!**

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE: Another dance for students in grades 6-8, will be held on Sat., Jan. 21st, from 7:15 -10:15 p.m. in Marian Hall. Tickets will be available at the rectory and CCD Offices as well as in the school the mornings of January 18-20, 2006.

Tickets that were purchased for the December 10th dance will be honored at this dance. No tickets will be sold at the door, and the dress code will be strictly enforced. Proceeds benefit the PTG.

DESPERATE FOR THE WORD..BIBLE STUDY: A New Year's Resolution: To set aside time to fill our mind with God's truth and our heart with His love. Please join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 1-2:30 p.m. starting Tuesday, January 17th. We will gather in the Faith Formation Office. For more information, please call Dori Monahan at (412) 492-9891.

December 25,2005	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	929	\$19,573.00
Christmas Donation	835	\$34,409.00
Children's Offer.	30	70.30
Children/Youth	313	5,931.65
School Collection	6	80.00
Solemnity of Mary	15	241.00
Parish Share	6	432.00
Parish Needy	12	170.00
TOTAL	2,146	\$60,906.95

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

Adult Enrichment THIS WEEK - ALL welcome to meet with Father William Fay, Thursday, January 12, 6:30 - 9:00 PM in Saint Mary School Library for the first of a FOUR session series about ALL the PROPHETS of the Hebrew scriptures. If YOU are willing to be SURPRISED with the message of God's Word, call NOW, 412-486-5521, to sign in to participate.

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK: Keep the spirit of joy alive! Today we celebrate the feast of Epiphany and Monday, the Baptism of the Lord. This week, January 9-13, is dedicated to **National Vocation Awareness Week**. By our baptism we are commissioned to follow Jesus. The Church needs dedicated people as married and single people, men and women to serve as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Join us on Friday, Jan. 13th, for the All School Mass at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Tom Burke, Co-Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Pittsburgh will be our guest presider.

TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE: we have many openings for parishioners to host this prayer tool for vocations. Please call Jim Finn at the rectory (412) 486-4100 to make arrangements. Shut-ins are welcome to host. Members of the Parish Family Vocation Council will deliver it to the home. **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

A VOCATION VIEW

This is National Vocation Awareness Week. Delight in God's call to you in baptism. What grace do you need to strengthen your commitment? Remember, God has set you as a covenant to the people. (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7)

WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING: Members will meet this Tuesday, Jan. 10th, at 7 p.m. in the Rectory. Interested parishioners are welcome! Call Tom Goral to add items to the agenda (412) 487-6244.

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME: A parish ministry for families with children under five years of age sponsors this **FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** thought each week in the Bulletin: **There are two different perspectives in today's gospel: for Herod, the child Jesus was expendable because he interfered with Herod's personal goals but the Magi risked all to protect the same child. Do you imitate Herod or the Magi? Are children a priority in your life or are they sacrificed for career, convenience and possessions?**

PRAY AND PLAY DAY: Join us for the next Pray and Play Day on Wed., Jan. 18th, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's. Call Cindy Shadle at (412) 487-5272 for more information. **ALL WELCOME!**

R.C.I.A. Are you interested in learning about the Catholic Church? Would you like to develop your faith? Do you have questions that need answered? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which non-Catholic Adults enter the Catholic Church. For more information call Fr. Ed or Jim Finn at the rectory (412) 486-4100. This week's topic: Baptism/Confirmation. Next week's topic will be: Liturgical Year. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

SECOND SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP: All men are invited to come on Saturday, Jan. 14th, following the 8 a.m. Liturgy. All are welcome! Plan now to attend the Gathering of Catholic Men on Saturday, April 1st at the A.J. Palumbo Center at Duquesne University. Watch the bulletin for details!

St. Mary's Blood Drive: will be held on Sunday, Jan. 22nd from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Marian Hall. A volunteer will call to remind all past donors. If this is your first time giving, please call Rose at (412) 486-9458. Thank you in advance for donating to save a life.

The worldwide "Knights of Columbus" organization is looking to establish a council in the parish. We need thirty men to start a council, if you are interested in knowing more about the Knights, a former knight, or would like to transfer into our newly established council, please attend the meeting on Jan. 10th, at 7:30 p.m. in the School Art Room.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Rose

This week begins with TWO great feasts and TWO invitations to celebrate with rituals that may keep us focused on how richly blessed we are since God has come-in-the-flesh, in the mystery of His Incarnation.

A custom, which dates back to the middle ages, is to mark the main door of the home (and workplace) with the year and initials of the Magi as you celebrate Epiphany. Print with chalk on the door or doorframe, or print with marker on a card to be posted on the door, the numerals of the year, connected with crosses and the initials of the traditional names of the Magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. 20+C+M+B+06 as you pray: "The Wise men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar followed the star of God's Son who became man two thousand and six years ago. May Christ bless our home (workplace) and remain with us throughout the year. May this Epiphany blessing be a reminder that Christ is incarnate in the love and care we manifest to each other in our daily lives together. Amen." Singing "We Three Kings" as part of the blessing may be added.

The Baptism of the Lord is observed on Monday, January 9. With this feast we are invited to observe the National Vocations Awareness Week. Mark the day by OPENing your bible and PROCLAIMing with your family the account in Mark 1:7-11. HEAR the voice that "came from the heavens" as Jesus stood in the Jordan River to be baptized, "YOU are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased." Share some stories about the baptism of each family member. REFLECT on the fact that the CALL to Jesus, "YOU are my beloved" is what our God calls each of us - "loved one". Look to the many gifts of creation, God's love expressed in all that is made, give voice in saying "Thank you God for..." as you look at each family member in your gaze or memory. Remember to say "Thank you God for the ways that divine love is expressed in the love of persons: spouses, fathers, mothers, single persons living for the Lord, priests who share the priesthood of Christ, men and women who vow to live as brothers and sisters to all." As no two snowflakes are alike, so each person is unique and called to express the creativity and generous love of God in the choices and actions of each day. Our Church invites us to spend the entire week calling to AWARENESS the beauty and challenge of life as VOCATION, a unique call from God to each "beloved one". This week is a timely opportunity for adults already living specific vocation-responses to discuss with youth and children the gifts and talents they can develop and share as a response to their own baptism. Enjoy Being the "beloved one" with our Savior as we close the door of Christmas time and bless the door to let Christ be manifest in and through our lives every day of 2006.

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