

Bulletin # 910038

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Attn: Susan

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's *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! Next Sunday we shall return to the GREEN vestments of Ordinary Time and look forward to the First Sunday of Lent with the penitential color of purple set for the season.

### **FEAST OF BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

If the Solemnity of the Epiphany had not been moved to this Sunday, the *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord* would be celebrated today.. However, because of this movement, it is set for tomorrow, Monday for all those who come to the daily liturgy. Next Sunday's liturgy recalls the Cana Event, and completes the three-fold MANIFESTATION series of the Magi and the Baptism. This will complete "The Christmas Cycle" and set our sights on February 21<sup>st</sup> with the celebration of Ash Wednesday and the start of "The Easter Cycle."

#### **"WE THREE PRIESTS"**

On a day when the gift bearing of the THREE Magi set the scene for today's beautiful celebration, "we three priests" would like to take this opportunity to offer our gratitude to all those persons who have given us gifts during this wondrous season. We wish to thank those who brought monetary, culinary and visionary gifts to enhance our celebration of this holy season. It would be impossible for us to express the appreciation of our hearts in these few words, but please know that your intentions will be remembered by each of us every time we stand at the Altar of the Lord. The tremendous outpouring of generosity shown by so many parishioners really humbles us before you, and WE THREE PRIESTS hope that you sense the gratitude we each have buried in our hearts in being assigned to the special Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption* on Middle Road.

## **"CATCH THE VIBE"**

With the increased commitment to the Pledge Campaign by the members of the Capital Campaign Committee, personal contacts continue to increase our pledged amount. All members of the Parish Family are asked to look at 2007 as a time to offer a pledge or a contribution to the Campaign. Those who may have given a contribution to the Campaign previously might wish to increase their amount so as to become part of the "Memorial Plaque." Those who have already made a contribution might think about repeating this commitment in 2007. Members of the CCC are reminded of their very important meeting set for Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory.

### **SMAA SPONSORS AN OPEN MEETING**

Members of the SMAA, who have taken an increasingly active role in our Pledge Campaign, have extended an invitation to all those families in the SMAA, as well as all interested parishioners, to join us on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. for an "Open Forum" in Providence Hall to bring everyone up to date with the construction project.

### **2007 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 2006 are not automatically placed on the list for 2007. 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 2007 listing. We invite all parishioners to remember in prayer all those who will be added to this newly formed Prayer List.

### **CAMPAIGN DONATIONS RECORDED**

The financial statements for 2006 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 2006. Many parishioners gave some of their contribution in previous years, and that amount would have been recorded on those statements.

**MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**KEEP IT OPEN FOR SURPRISES!**

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, January 7- The Epiphany of the Lord**

- 4:00 p.m. Ian O'Malley - (Dad & Lisa)
- 6:00 pm The Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 7:30 a.m. Francis Farmerie - (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Richard O'Leary - (Wife)
- 11:00 a.m. Francis Sonnett, Sr. - (Tom & Babs)

**Monday, January 8 - The Baptism of the Lord**

- 7:00a.m. Lucy McIntyre - (M/M Michael Ruggeri)
- 10:00a.m. Phillip Ionadi - (M/M Marco Imbarlina)

**Tuesday, January 9 - 1st Weekday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:00 a.m. Wilbur G. Bliss - (William Eckert)
- 10:00 a.m. Esterina Zottola - (Family)

**Wednesday, January 10 - Weekday**

- 7:00 a.m. Sp. Int. Ron Hornick - (Xenakis Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Dorthey & John Glynn - (Linda Hutchinson)

**Thursday, January 11 - Weekday**

- 7:00 a.m. Concetta Febrarro - (M/M Gregory Distilo)
- 10:00 a.m. Bill Vistein - (Grace Kozak)

**Friday, January 12 - Weekday**

- 7:00 a.m. Rose Medore - (Dr. & Mrs. Richard DeFilippo)
- 10:00 a.m. Veronica Caricato - (Betty Anderson)

**Saturday, January 13 - St. Hillary**

- 8:00 a.m. John Kirby - (Bill & Alexis Raible)
- 4:00 p.m. The Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 6:00 p.m. Anthony Pugliese, Sr. - (M/M Richard T. Zeh)

**Sunday, January 14 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 a.m. Giacinta Derenzo - (Elisabetta Derenzo)
- 9:00 a.m. Ed & Bert Bittner - (Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Bernie Meinert - (Mom)

**A VOCATION VIEW**

The light of Christ shines upon you. How will you share that light with others? Consider the gift of a Church vocation.

R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sister Roberta Bradley, C.D.P., former Principal of St. Mary School and Virginia Meyers Selleck, sister of Margaret Brod.



*Offertory Collection*

Dec. 24, 2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	795	\$16,789.15
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$796.00
Children's Offertory	50	\$50.25
Children/Youth	94	\$1,009.00
Christmas Offering	6	\$327.00
Christmas Flowers	8	\$120.00
Parish Share 2006	10	\$1,328.33
Parish Needy	20	\$868.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>\$21,288.46</b>

**DAILY**



**READINGS**

- Jan. 8: Is 40: 1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Jan. 9: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
- Jan. 10: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
- Jan. 11: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
- Jan. 12: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
- Jan. 13: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
- Jan. 14: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

## **SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

**TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE-** Our parish Vocation Council sponsors an ongoing project to assist those who wish to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All are invited to host this prayer tool in their homes. To schedule a week of prayer in your home, call Jim Finn at the rectory (412)486-4100.

**WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING-**

Members are asked to meet on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the rectory. Submit agenda items to Tom Goral (412)487-6244.

**NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK:** Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany and Monday, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This week, January 8-12, is **National Vocation Awareness Week**, a special time in which the church prays for the renewal and strengthening of vocations with dedicated people as married and single people, and men and women to serve as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. All are invited to a special Mass this Friday, January 12 at 10:00am. Father Thomas Burke, Co-Director for Vocations will be the presider. All welcome! Choose to make a difference! For information about this special week call Jim Finn (412)486-4100) at the rectory.

**LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME:** A newsletter with upcoming activities is being sent to all homes with children ages five to birth. If you do not receive a Newsletter and are interested in finding out more about this unique post-baptism ministry, please call Cindy at 412-487-5272.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar**

The Magi looked first in Jerusalem and Herod's palace but didn't find Jesus until "they entered a home." Like the Magi we often look for God and fulfillment in the wrong places only to discover that God is waiting for us in the loving acceptance of our home.

**ST. MARY'S BLOOD DRIVE-** will be held **next** Sunday, January 14, 2007 in Marian Hall from 8:00am until 1:00pm. We need **NEW DONORS**. Please consider saving a life by donating blood to our twice-a-year blood drive. If you wish to donate or have questions, please call (412)486-9458.

### *Offertory Collection*

Dec. 25, 2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	1,107	\$33,927.97
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$4,395.00
Children's Offertory	89	\$534.07
Solemnity of Mary	9	\$84.00
Children/Youth	-	\$4,521.00
Parish Needy	2	\$18.00
<b>Total</b>	1,207	\$43,480.04

## **RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

**Faith Sharing for Epiphany**

How is Matthew's story of the magi a story of good being triumphant over evil? What do the gentle magi realize that the religious leaders do not? How do YOU find support in our parish faith family? Who offers YOU support and direction on your journey to Jesus? How do you help others see Jesus manifested?

**Epiphany Blessing of Home** Copies of this blessing are available on the Pamphlet Rack in the back of church as well as in the Faith Formation Office.

**Faith Formation Classes for Monday and Saturday** will resume tomorrow, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Parents and/or guardians please accompany your child(ren) to begin in Church PROMPTLY 6:30 PM. Our Liturgy of the Word will include special time to ADORE our Savior present in Eucharist.

**UNITED STATES CATHOLIC CATECHISM FOR ADULTS**, copies available for sale at our parish Faith Formation Office @ \$16.00 each.

"The church is "**CATHOLIC**" which means 'universal'...She has known how to accept what is true and good in all cultures and, at the same time, to infuse truth and goodness of her tradition and life into them. The Church is catholic also because of her relationship to ALL people."  
USCCFA chapter 11

**Grade 2 – First Eucharist Gatherings for parent/guardian AND child.** Meet at ONE of the sessions: Sat., Jan. 13, 9:30 AM in church; Sunday, Jan. 14, 10 AM or Noon in PROVIDENCE Hall; Monday, Jan. 15, 6:30 PM in church. The FIRST EUCHARIST book will be given at each session.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** – did YOU sign up for one of the *SPECIAL* opportunities: Jan. 22, March for Life, Jan. 19 -Silver Ring Thing, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>-Love Walk. Call 412-486-5521 .

**Father Ed begins THIS TUESDAY in examining the Letters of Saint Paul.** Come Tuesdays, January 9 through February 13, 6:30-9:00 PM in our school LIBRARY. Call now if YOU haven't registered, 412-486-5521.

## YOUNG ADULTS

From post high school into early thirties: Young adult, Kevin Schriver would like to meet you! We would like to plan some social, spiritual and service activities for young adults. Please call us with your ideas or if you would like to be on the planning committee at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

### CYM CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 7 Stars Encore 12:45 PM in Marian Hall  
Tues., Jan. 9 Play Practice Marian Hall 6:30 – 8:30 PM  
Thur., Jan. 11 Play Practice Marian Hall 6:30 – 8:30 PM  
Sat., Jan. 13 Middle school movie night & service project  
Fri., Jan. 19 Silver Ring Thing for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older  
Sat., Jan. 27 24-hour Food fast at St. Athanasius – 7 PM  
Sun., Jan. 28 T-ROC begins with 6 PM liturgy  
Wed., Jan. 31 Mandatory Appalachia meeting 7 PM

**SILVER RING THING** on Friday, January 19 for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up. This popular chastity program from a Catholic perspective will be held at Seton-LaSalle Catholic High School and transportation will be available with adequate registration. Cost is \$5 per person and rings may be purchased for \$15. Call the CYM office to register at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

### **UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF THE PRO-LIFE MARCH**

Overnight in Maryland for high school students who wish to participate in the Pro-Life March in Washington DC. Bus departs on Sunday, January 21 at 9 AM, we will sleep overnight at a host school and attend the **Youth Rally for Life at MCI Arena on Jan. 22** and then follow on to the march through the streets. Exemption letters to the school district for missing class on Monday, January 22 can be obtained with adequate notice. Cost \$50. Call the CYM office to register.

### **EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

Act 175 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania allows for up to 30 hours per school year of excused absence for religious formation activities without academic or athletic penalty. Our office will provide proper documentation if your student wishes to participate in a church sponsored activity during school hours.

### **Contact Barb Belski or Lisa Rulis Ross**

412-486-4100, ext. 409 OR 412-492-9344

email us at [cymoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org](mailto:cymoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org) or Check out our website! [www.stmaryglenshaw.org/cym](http://www.stmaryglenshaw.org/cym)

**Teens have a Teen Discussion Board for their questions on our web page.** Go to the above web site for our **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.**

## ST. MARY SCHOOL

**GIANT EAGLE GIFT CARDS** - Are you purchasing gift cards at Giant Eagle? Please consider purchasing Giant Eagle gift cards from our school first. You can then go to Giant Eagle and purchase the various gift cards there. Our school Scrip program also has gift cards from more than 40 vendors available Monday through Friday and a larger selection can be pre-ordered weekly. Our school keeps the profit---so please support our school.

**SUPER BINGO** - Another Super Bingo will take place on Friday, January 12, 2007 in Marian Hall. Advance tickets are \$35 each; tickets sold at the door will be \$40. Admission includes 12 cards for regular games and 5 specials. Doors open at 5:30 PM; early birds begin at 7:00 PM. The evening includes 40 regular games (50 points each), 5 specials (100 points each), and jackpot at 500 points and another jackpot at 1000 points. All proceeds benefit the school. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or have questions, call Coleen at (412) 486-6622.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE** - Another Middle School Dance will take place on Saturday, January 20, 2007 in Marian Hall from 7:15 -10:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be sold at the door only. This event is sponsored by St. Mary PTG.

**MAGAZINE SALE** - The school will hold its annual magazine sale from January 22-29, 2007. If you are interested in purchasing or renewing a magazine, please contact any St. Mary School student. The proceeds from this magazine drive goes to the St. John Neumann Tuition Assistance Fund. Thank you for your continued support of our school!

**General Parish News**

**Christmas Flower Offering**

The following names were received after the initial list was made. Thank you to all of those who donated.

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| Thomas J. Nypaver         | F. Regis Cyphers       |
| Clara Fearell             | James Hurley           |
| Salvatore Panza Family    | Anthon Frollini Family |
| Charles & Philomena Gallo | Sanderbeck Family      |
| Michelle Sanderbeck       | Bob Valerino           |
| M/M Puthenpurayil         | M/M Joseph Gallagher   |
| M/M Tarquino Ciummo       | M/M George Schubert    |
| Julian Antoszewski        | Mary Hodgson           |
| Fred Hodgson              |                        |

**Second Saturday Men's Group** will meet on Saturday, January 13, 2007, after the 8:00AM Liturgy in our school. Please come and join us in the new year. All men are welcome.

**Christian Mother's/Women's Organization:** is having a partial fundraiser on Thursday, January 18th as we extend an open invitation to anyone and everyone interested in attending a Tupperware, Pampered Chef and Silpata Jewelry Party held in Marian Hall at 8:00PM. Of course, you are always welcome to join us for the saying of the Rosary at 6:45PM with Mass beginning at 7:00PM in our church.

**CMWO members** start off their new year on the 18th of January with a T, P, and S Party. We are opening this up to everyone, so those in charge of kitchen and snacks, please be aware that snacks for more than 40 may be needed. The officers may wish to contribute as well as those whose names begin with **L, M, N, & O, are in charge of snacks and kitchen set up and clean up.** Those who wish to participate in the book/magazine swap/exchange may still bring them and do so before or after the program presentations. We are half-way there with our weigh-ins...hope you stayed in shape. If not, don't fret...you have five more months to work on it. (Sept. and Oct. were great starts but Nov. was a poor showing. No one knows what number you wrote your weight but you!) Hope to see you all there!

**Around the Town**

**March for Life:** will take place on Monday, January 22, 2007, beginning with Mass at 5:30AM. There will be a bus leaving St. Mary's parking lot at 6:00AM. Bus reservations will be taken by Mrs. Dolores Penezic. Please call her at 412-486-6888.

**HERE AT LAST!  
Stars Encore**

Date: Sunday, January 7, 2007  
 Time: Show begins at 12:45 PM  
 (after our Hospitality gathering)  
 Place: Marian Hall

If you missed it the first time, find out why an encore performance is back by popular demand. **Walk-ins welcome.** The \$5 tickets will be sold at the door; proceeds will benefit the fund for a new dishwasher in Marian Hall. Bring your own food and beverage but light refreshments will also be sold.



***Offertory Collection***

December 31, 2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	871	\$16,404.65
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$876.00
Children's Offer-tory	54	\$73.05
Children/Youth	10	\$86.00
Solemnity of Mary	224	\$3,339.79
Parish Share 2006	11	\$745.00
Parish Needy	10	\$1,118.00
<b>Total</b>	1,180	\$22,642.49

**PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS** from Father John

It began so imperceptibly on the First Sunday of Advent with the liturgical spotlight outlining for us all the events leading up to the coming of the Christ Child. It will end with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord with the liturgy then opening up for us the public ministry of the Lord Jesus. In the language of the liturgy of the Church, it has traditionally been called The Christmas Cycle. During this wondrous time we have come to celebrate the two remarkable moments of the Birth of the Lord Jesus and the Epiphany of the Lord. Interspersed between these events we gathered to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and the Motherhood of Mary. The anticipatory blue color of the Advent décor melted into the brilliant white of the Christmas Season.

The liturgical music that filled our sacred church during these holy moments captured our hearts and souls with a transforming power that took us “out of this world.” We were carried to the heights of the divine as we celebrated the spiritually enriching events of Catholic liturgy. The believing assembly of these faith-filled experiences reminded all of us that living has a much more significant meaning than all else that we might do in the world around us. When we gathered during this entire Christmas Cycle, within the living tradition of our Faith that spans centuries of growth and development, we proclaimed this CHILD as the genuine fulfillment of the yearning of our lives. Salvation has been afforded to us in the indescribable love of the divine Father. However, it is not simply in his birth that such salvation will come to each of us. We must now journey with the person of Jesus to the death on the cross and the glory of the empty tomb.

Thus, we now look forward to The Easter Cycle, which will begin with the First Sunday of Lent and carry us through the mystery of the Resurrection to the glory of Pentecost. Yet, for the moment we need a breather. We need time to reflect upon all that has already occurred before we begin this next great cycle of liturgical events. In this interim steps Ordinary Time and a return to the color of green. Beginning with next Sunday, we have this year a longer period of six Sundays to catch our spiritual breath. Then, the liturgical celebrations of our Catholic Church will sweep us off our feet and transport us to the magnificent reliving of the mystery of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus.

	<b>Ads will appear here</b>			