

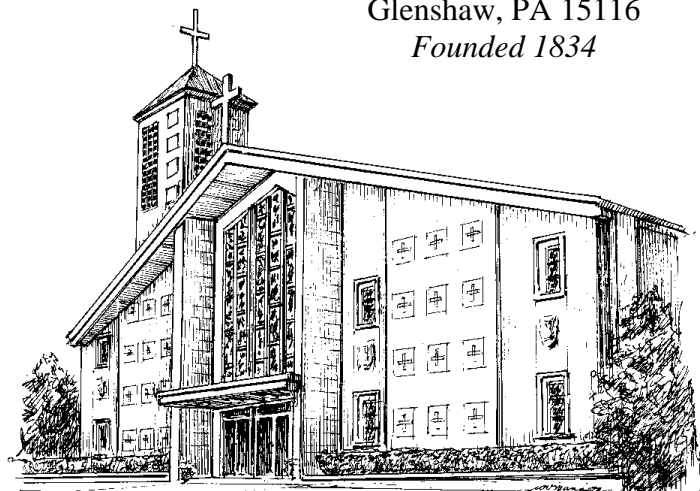
PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2008

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SUNDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

DAILY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 11:00 a.m. until final penitent is finished

BAPTISM

On Sunday twice a month after parental interview

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Twice a year in a communal celebration
Individually upon request

MATRIMONY

Saturday weddings at 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m.
Notification at least 6 months in advance

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at 12:00 noon

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

"MANIFESTATION OF THE CHRIST"

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, brings a high point to the Christmas season that began on December 25th with the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord Jesus. The "epiphany" motif will carry us through the entire week until next Sunday, when we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the final event in the Christmas cycle. Then, we shall return to the green vestments of Ordinary Time and look forward to the great cycle of Easter, which begins very early this year on February 6th with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Today's Solemnity of the Epiphany speaks to us of the "manifestation" of the Child Jesus as God's presence living among us. The Magi, unnumbered in the gospel, are representatives of our "gentle-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!

ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All those who serve in any capacity as an adult minister in our liturgical celebrations, including extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, greeters, lectors, music ministers, ushers, etc., are reminded to keep open Mardi Gras night, Tuesday, February 5th, 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.

PARISH STAFF GRATITUDE

The Parish Staff wishes 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 all of us!

"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 2008 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 2008. Members of the CCC are reminded of their very important meeting set for the second Monday of the month, January 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory.

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 2007 are not automatically placed on the list for 2008. 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 2008 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 2007 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 2007. Many parishioners gave some of their contribution in previous years, and that amount would have been recorded on those statements.

PARISH FAMILY GRATITUDE

As members of the Parish Family in which our Catholic School is such an important asset, we would like to acknowledge this year's disbursement from the "Mary Elizabeth Schmitt Memorial Library Fund" of \$3,368.85. The Schmitt Family created this fund in 1997 in honor of Mary Beth Schmitt who served so faithfully in our school. We wish to thank Mr. Robert Schmitt for his continual support of our catholic school in memory of his beloved wife and assure his family that they remain in our prayers.



Liturgies for the Week

Sunday, January 6, 2008 - The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 p.m. Dick O'Leary - Catherine O'Leary
 6:00 p.m. Marlene Harvey - Bob & Gina
 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
 9:00 a.m. Gerard Walter - Loretta Walter
 11:00 a.m. Bernie Meinert - Mom

Monday, January 7, 2008 - St. Raymond of Penafort

7:00 a.m. Marie Gaslevic - Family
 10:00 a.m. Cathy Voltz - M/M Edward Moan

Tuesday, January 8, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Agnes Bernas - The Coyle Family
 10:00 a.m. Rose Ann Karol - The Balestrino Family

Wednesday, January 9, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Gioseppina Scolieri - Marta Aggazio
 10:00 a.m. Gloria Hurler - Her Family

Thursday, January 10, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Harry Anuskiewicz - Sr. Lois Spinnenweber
 10:00 a.m. Howard Cunningham - James & Shannon Cawley

Friday, January 11, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Concetta Febbraro - M/M Gregory Distilo
 10:00 a.m. Joseph Martin - Arlene Sachs

Saturday, January 12, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. John & Barbara Lorkovic - Dick & Carrie Druzak
 4:00 p.m. Joseph Lillion - Betty, John, & JoAnn Borgo
 6:00 p.m. Joseph & Eileen Turiak - Eileen M. Turiak

Sunday, January 13, 2008 - The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Leo & Florence Duffy - Bob & Gloria
 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
 11:00 a.m. Giacinto Derenzo - Elizabeth Derenzo

Weekly Activities at a Glance

Sunday January 6 (Church) Hospitality Sunday
 (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
 (Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Sunday Preschool
 (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - T-Roc - CYM

Monday January 7 (Marian Hall) 3:00PM - Girl Scout Troop #1275
 (School) 6:30PM - CCD Program
 (Rectory) 7:30PM - Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday January 8 (Marian Hall) Brownie Troop #205
 (Marian Hall) 6:00PM - CYM Drama Practice
 (Library) 6:30PM - Adult Education/Fr. Ed
 (Pantry) 6:00PM
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - St. Vincent DePaul Meeting

Wednesday January 9 (Marian Hall) 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Worship Commission Meeting
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Catholics Coming Home Meeting
 (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice

Thursday January 10 (Marian Hall) 3:00PM - Drama Club Practice
 6:00PM - CYM Drama Practice

Friday January 11 (Church) 10:00AM - School Mass - Vocation Awareness Week
 (Marian Hall) 7:15PM - Middle School Dance

Saturday January 12 (Marian Hall) 9:30AM - Second Grade Parent/Child Assembly
 (School) 9:30AM - CCD Program
 (Marian Hall) 5:00PM - Catechist Appreciation Dinner

Sunday January 13 (Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Sunday Preschool
 (Marian Hall) 12:00PM - Second Grade Parent/Child Assembly
 (Marian Hall) 7:30PM - T-Roc - CYM

March for Life

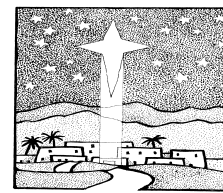
Will take place on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 in Washington, DC. You are invited to accept the invitation to attend this year's march. A chartered bus or two will leave from St. Mary's parking lot following a 5:30AM mass. Call Carol or Keith Loiselle at 724-443-7398 to save a spot on the bus. There will be no charge!

R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Samuel Gentile, Richard Macieski, and Marie Kwiatkowski, mother of Bernadette Smrekar.

Offertory Collection

December 30, 2007	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	705	\$13,615.15
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$1,104.00
Children's Offertory	24	\$25.20
Christmas Charities/ Youth	15	\$248.00
Christmas Offering	9	\$1,510.00
Solemnity of Mary	384	\$6,825.25
Parish Share 2007	10	\$2,025.00
Parish Needy	13	\$134.00
Total	1160	\$25,486.60

Daily Readings



Monday, Jan. 7: 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday, Jan. 8: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday, Jan. 9: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday, Jan. 10: 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday, Jan. 11: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday, Jan. 12: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday, Jan. 13: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38;
 Mt 3:13-17

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE

If you would like to host this prayer tool to pray for an increase of Church vocations, please call the rectory (412)486-4100. Singles, senior citizens and shut-ins as well as families are welcome to participate. The Xenakis family will be hosting the Chalice at the beginning of the New Year. Mrs. Tallon thinks it is great to be able to pray for vocations right in her daughter's home.

A VOCATION VIEW

Look about you! Can you see the glory of God? Open your heart to receive the gifts God is offering you. (Isaiah 60:1-6)

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

All families with children under age five are welcome to participate in this special ministry. For more information call Monica at (412)492-0242.



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PRAY AND PLAY DAYS for JANUARY

will be held on Wednesday, January 9th and Wednesday, January 23rd from 9:30am until 10:30am. Come to the Children's Liturgy Room in the church.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The three magi's search for Jesus reminds us that Jesus came for all humankind, not just the Jewish people. So too, married love is not a gift to be hoarded. Reach out to someone who is sad, in trouble, or from a different culture. Can you do it together?

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

will be observed beginning next week. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks Jesus' initiation into public ministry. At his baptism Jesus is named the Beloved Son of God. With this celebration we recommit ourselves to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Initiated through our baptism we too are the *BELOVED OF GOD*, commissioned to proclaim Good News with our lives. All are invited to come to the 10:00am Mass on Friday, January 11th as our school students begin their celebration of National Vocation Awareness Week.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for Feast of the Epiphany

What is the connection between the STAR and the message of the prophet Isaiah 60:1-6? The magi were seeking enlightenment. What were they seeking when they followed the star? How are the magi models of faith for us? How do you know when you have found God? What star, or stars, guide YOU to Christ?

THANKS to those who participated in the Nativity Raffle sponsored by our Faith Formation . Thanks for the donation of the statues by Anne Deer family. The \$149.00 proceeds will go to support students at the mission in Ethiopia under care of Fr. Vince Stegman.

Monday Faith Formation, January 7, Grade 2 meet in church at 6:30 PM, all others gather in classrooms. Students of Grades K thru 5 who will do a part in the **STARS Talent show** NEXT Monday, please come prepared to do a practice with Chelsea & Liz.

CATECHIST APPRECIATION, those who serve in the weekly and monthly catechetical sessions will be recognized at the 6:00 PM Liturgy on Saturday, January 12 then welcomed to a dinner in Marian Hall. Keep all our wonderful, generous volunteers in your prayers. If YOU may like to be an active part of our catechetical ministry, contact Rose Stegman at 412-486-5521.

Saturday Faith Formation, January 12, Grade 2 ONLY meet in church; all other groups meet in classrooms. Come prepared to practice for the STARS Talent Show which will be January 16 (NO session on Jan. 19)

FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES and PARENT/Guardian MEET at ONE of the assemblies:

Saturday, January 12, 9:30 AM in Church;

Sunday, January 13, 10:00 AM or Noon in Providence Hall ;

Monday, January 14, 6:30 PM in Church.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

were given information and permission forms for participation in the **MARCH FOR LIFE** to be held Tuesday, January 22 in Washington, DC. Permission forms are to be returned to the Faith Formation office ASAP. Another opportunity for **TEEN** outreach will be the **SILVER RING THING**, a high tech, exuberant energy presentation that informs teens about the benefits of sexual abstinence and the dangers of promiscuous behavior. Call NOW, 412-486-5521 for details about the event at Seton-LaSalle High School, January 18, 6:30 – 9:00 PM .

Teens & Adult Enrichment and On-going Formation

A class for diocesan credit for catechists, teachers in our parochial schools, and ANY & ALL adults welcome to **CHURCH HISTORY** with Father Ed Schleicher, Tuesday, January 8 thru 29, 6:30-9:00 PM in St.Mary School Library. Call 412-486-5521 to register.

YOUTH MINISTRY

What's Up

Our next dinner at the SOAR shelter will be on **Saturday, January 12.**

Congratulations:

- College freshman Sarah Patnesky was selected to be drum major at Edinboro University next year. Our **Big Four winners** at the 2007 Young Adult holiday gathering:

Beth Blumer - \$25 cinema pass

Chris Klaber - \$10 to North Park Clubhouse

Kevin Schriver - \$10 to Subway

Caitlin Cavanaugh - \$10 Eat 'n Park

We will offer more great prizes at our early summer Kick off event for Young Adults. Stay tuned.

T-ROC

Beginning on **January 6**, our faith formation sessions for Grade 6-12 will begin with a four week Scripture study series starting at **7 PM**. The evening will include discussion, Scripture study plus food and fellowship.

TEENS: PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLES. FOOD IS ESSENTIAL TO ANY EVENT WITH TEENS. PARENTS, PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH THE FOLLOWING SNACKS:

Snack to bring if Last Name begins with:

- A - E** Fruit
- F - K** Veggies and Dip
- I - L** Chips or Pretzels
- M - Q** Non-caffeine soda or beverage
- R - Z** Desserts

SUPPORT OUR AFRICAN MISSION FUND

Our CYM drama troupe runs the concession stand at our high school CYM basketball games. Please consider providing a food item for the concession stand. Also, come **cheer on our new high school CYM teams;** see schedule below for game times. **No admission is charged** so that friends and family may come to support the **basketball team**, the **drama troupe** and our **African mission project**.

CYM CALENDAR

- Sun., Jan. 6 Girl B'ball practice PAC noon-1:30 PM
T-ROC 7 - 8:30 PM church and MH
Boy V B'ball **game** at PAC 7:45 PM
- Tues., Jan. 8 Play practice Marian Hall 6:30-8:30PM
- Wed., Jan. 9 Boy JV/V B'ball practice 5-6PM in PAC
Drop In Grade 6-12 3-6 PM
- Thur., Jan. 10 Play practice Marian Hall 6:30-8:30PM
- Sat., Jan. 12 Girl V B'ball **game** 7:30 PM at PAC
SOAR shelter dinner

ST. MARY SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

St. Mary School will be having an Open House for prospective new families (Preschool through grade 7) on January 24th and 25th from 9:00 – 10:30 AM. If you are a family looking for a value-based, faith-centered environment, please consider St. Mary School as your school of choice. Please call the school office at (412) 486-7611 by January 22nd if you plan to attend. **THANK YOU!**

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE - Another dance for students in grades 6-8 will take place on **Friday, January 11th, from 7:15 – 10:00 PM in Marian Hall**. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the rectory and Faith Formation offices from January 9th – 11th. No tickets will be sold at the door. The dress code will be strictly enforced.

A variety of refreshments will be sold. This dance is sponsored by the PTG., and all proceeds benefit St. Mary School.



St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry Donations

Each family from our pantry received a \$25.00 Giant Eagle Gift Certificate from the parish and a \$15.00 Giant Eagle Gift Certificate from K.D.K.A. Turkey Fund and extra bags of food and gifts from our Giving Tree.

Thank you to all the people who participated in the Giving Tree Project. You brought joy to 635 people!!

Thank you to all who carried the gifts down to the Choir Room, those who sorted and delivered the gifts.

Thank you to the St. Peter Cluster Group for adopting a family for Christmas and blessing them with food, presents and a donation to pay an utility bill.

Thank you to the Second Graders who made place mats and gave a donation for a Christmas Treat for the Sisters in the infirmary.

Thank you to the Scout Troop who made the beautiful posters for the nursing homes.

God bless you ALL for your generosity! May God's blessing always be felt in your heart!

Sr. Lois Spinnenweber

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

Second Saturday Men's Group

We will meet on Saturday, January 12th after the 8:00AM Liturgy. All members are welcome!

WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING

The January meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 9th at 7:00pm.** NOTE: change of day. Submit AGENDA items to Tom Goral (412)487-6244 as soon as possible.

R. I. C. A. - is the process through which non-Catholic adults enter the Catholic Church. We meet in the rectory dining room following the 9:00am Mass. All are welcome. Today's topic is Baptism/Confirmation. Next week's topic is Marriage and Holy Orders. All are welcome! To find out more, call Father Ed or Jim Finn at the rectory (412)486-4100.



Christian Mothers/Women's Organization

wishes all of you a Happy New Year and hope you had a Blessed Christmas with your families. **Our next meeting** for the year will be January 24th. The **National Executive Director of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers**, Fr. Angelus Shaughnessy, will be our speaker for the evening. Please mark your new calendars for 2008 and make plans now to attend. All those who signed up for desserts, start thinking about what your going to bring. Further reminders will be in future bulletins.

Desperate for the Word

Our Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, from 1:00PM - 2:30PM in our Faith Formation Office located in our school. We will be discussing the Gospel of John. All and new participants are welcome. Please call Dori Monahan for more information at 412-492-9891.

St. Mary Church Keepsake Ornament

The weekend of January 5/6, 2008 will be the last weekend that you may pick up your ornament at the rectory. After that date, please call the CYM Office at 412-486-4100, ex. 409.

Something to Think About...

"The Old and New Testaments are filled with... passages extolling children as gifts and blessings. It is disheartening, therefore, to see how far our culture has diverged from the view.

...There was no confusion (in the story of Mary and Elizabeth) as to what and who nested under their mothers' hearts. Yet, 2,000 years later, many well-educated people do not know - or claim they do not know - the truth about human life before birth."

Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia



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BUILD THE DREAM!

Celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with Bishop Paul Bradley on Sunday, January 13th at the noon Mass at St. Paul Cathedral. A program and reception will follow immediately in the parish social hall. Sponsored by the parish Race and Reconciliation Dialogue Group in partnership with the Office for Black Catholic Ministries. For more information call (412)688-3170.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

An experience of seminary life and prayer. The Office for Vocations is hosting an overnight gathering at St. Paul Seminary from January 25-26, 2008, for all high school, college, and career age men interested in learning more about the priestly formation program, seminary life, and the priesthood itself. Come and see how the Lord speaks to a community of believers through a life of prayer, study, and good fraternity. For more information, please contact Father Tom Sparacino at (412)672-9763.



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PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS by Rose Stegman

The STAR which guided the magi we hear about in this week's liturgy still shines in the heavens. As I briskly walked in cold, crisp night, the first minutes of the New Year, it seemed that the stars were dancing . There were a few much brighter than the others, perhaps one of those was THE one that guided the ancient astrologers. The brilliance of the heavenly bodies remained in my memory as I journeyed to several homes of elderly shut-ins whom I visited later in the morning to take them our Eucharistic Lord. In the one home, the elder was enraptured with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass being televised. The priest was naming the Saints commemorated in the Eucharistic prayer as I arrived. I was deeply aware of being caught up in the Mystery with so many men and women of our faith ancestry . The fact of being part of a universal Body-of-Christ was brought to my attention once again. Not only were there still stars dancing in memory, but there were Saints dancing around the room with the elder and myself. As I mentioned this to the woman, a great smile filled her face and she acknowledged how good it is to know we have a family with us at all times. How blessed to be a part of our Church which celebrates our "stars - of - faith " throughout the liturgical year. The blessing of modern technology allows the "stars" of faith to come to the homes of those unable to join in the Sunday assembly bodily, but can nourish their spirits as they participate in watching, listening , and praying. As we do our visits this week, take the Epiphany blessing to homes of shut-ins, friends or neighbors. The inscription to leave above the doorway, **20+C+M+B+08** can be a year-round reminder of the presence of the holy ones, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar blessing the home all through 2008. Let the star-Saints keep guiding you and yours on to have a GREAT 2008 !