

NEW GIFTS FOR NEEDY NEWBORNS: As the Magi brought their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the newborn Jesus, so too, our parish will present gifts to needy newborns today, January 7, the Epiphany of the Lord. Please place your gift near the crèche as you enter church today. Later this week, the gifts will be delivered to Catholic Charities of Washington and to Genesis.



Today the festival of Christmas comes full circle. Today the Church celebrates the light promised in Isaiah shining brilliantly on all nations and all people. The light reveals something of God and nations and all people. The light of Epiphany reveals a God who wishes something of ourselves. Like the Magi, God has journeyed from afar to come to us.

Contribution Envelopes and Sponsor Certificates: Please, when preparing your contribution envelopes, remember to write the amount on the outside. Failure to do so causes the chance that you may not be properly credited. If you are not making a contribution, please use your envelope marked "EMPTY" so that we know you are attending Mass. Sponsor Certificates are testimonies that you are a practicing Catholic in this parish. Please use your contribution envelopes (with or without a contribution) to indicate your attendance at Mass. Otherwise, in conscience, you cannot be recommended as a sponsor for the sacraments. Formal registration in the parish for a sufficient period of time is necessary.

ENVELOPES FOR STUDENTS: Please call the Religious Education Office (724.745.3787) and request envelopes. Mrs. Serbak will arrange for your son or daughter to receive their yearly envelope packet.

LADIES OF CHARITY will meet Monday, January 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Center. Any lady of the parish wishing to join is encouraged to attend this meeting. New members will be invested on March 24, 2007 at St. Paul Cathedral.

THE DISCERNMENT MEETING for the Nominees for the Parish Pastoral Council will be on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All worship committee members are encouraged to attend. Nominees and worship committee members planning to attend should RSVP to either Amy (724.745.5499) or Dee (724.873.7426) by Wednesday, January 3rd. Refreshments will be served.

MINISTRY OF MOTHERS SHARING will begin their next 8 week session on Monday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Center Chapel. The remainder of the meetings will be held in the cafeteria. Rediscover the depth of your own spirituality as you build lasting, compassionate relationships with other Christian mothers. Contact Liz Boni at 724.873.7326 or daboni@localnet.com for more information.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
December 31, 2006 Sunday Mass Offertory	
786 Envelopes.....	\$14,658.00
25 Children's Envelopes	49.75
Loose Cash and Coin.....	1,076.41
St. Patrick School.....	39.25
Parish Total:	\$15,823.41
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$13,241.00
Weekly Loan Expense	2,885.00
TOTAL NEEDED each week	16,125.21
Solemnity of Mary ((01/01/07).....	1,950.00
Christmas.....	1,415.00
Children and Youth	284.00
YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!	

Please remember St. Patrick Parish when writing your Will.

MEMORIALS were received as follows: **"My Father's House" Renovation Fund:** In loving memory of **Irene Schildkamp** by Lucille B. Smith, Marie Progar, Mag and John Mazza, Ange Wingard, Shirley Gottschalk, Barb Turk Rena Patrick and Rhonda Walker; In loving memory of **Frances Sroka** by Minnie Kostic; In loving memory of **Vincent Mohn** by Carol Congie.

Choir Memorial: In loving memory of **Irene Schildkamp** by Loretta Kulakowski and Stephen King.

MASSES were received for **Irene Schildkamp** by Paul and Suzanne Lochran, Ange Wingard, Carmen Centore and Gene Centore; In loving memory of **Vincent Mohn** by Marolyn Piacenza, Dave and Vicky Cushey, Maria Matuscak and Jason Currie.

A DONATION to "My Father's House" Renovation Fund was received **In Honor of Richard J. Mancini** by Ken, Sheri Mancini and Hannah Williams.

MARRIED COUPLES LOOKING FOR A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION? Why not make a commitment to do something to improve your marriage – like making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 23 through 25 in Pittsburgh. For more information or to register, contact Mary and Lou Locante at 412.635.7775 or check us out on the web at wwme-pittsburgh.org.

THE 4TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLOOD DRIVE FOR LIFE will be held on Monday, January 15, 2007, 1:00-6:00 p.m. at St. Benedict the Moor church (above Mellon Arena). All are invited to commemorate Dr. King's legacy, and to celebrate life through this important act of charity – the donation of blood. Sponsored by the Office for black Catholic Ministries in partnership with the central Blood Bank and several community organizations. Contact BCM for information and to schedule a convenient time for your blood donation (412.456.3170).

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

“Our words can cut or comfort, hinder or help, harass or heal, injure or inspire...”

Each time we speak we deliver our own state of the heart address.” - William Arthur Ward

Today we celebrate the **Feast of Epiphany**. **Epiphany** in Greek means a *“showing”* or *“manifestation”*. Throughout Sacred Scriptures, God has made many such manifestations, sometimes called—*“theophanies”* or *“self-disclosures”*. Whether it is to Adam and Eve, Moses and Abraham, or Peter, James, and John—God reveals Himself.

There are several lessons that one can draw from this complex story on the Feast of the Epiphany. Jesus reveals Himself to all the nations. The greatest risk and search in life is to seek and struggle to find Jesus throughout our entire life’s journeying. Each one of us is always on a journey, following our star, our vocation, our insights, visions and dreams. **Yes, to know who you are and what your purpose is in life is a ‘double grace’ to behold!** Help us Lord, to recover this *‘inner light’*, which breaks through the monotony of our daily routines, and seek to find Jesus in our *ordinary life!* Blessed Pope John XXIII used to say—“Every day is a good day.”

The word *‘Magi’* comes from the Greek *magos*, which means literally *‘wise person’* or *‘interpreter of dreams’*. These 3 Wise Men were *‘big spenders’!* The gifts they offered to the Christ Child were among the costliest items one could find in the ancient world. They offer Him **gold (king)**, a precious metal that was meant for royalty; **frankincense (prophet)**, an oil used for worship, a symbol of hope; and **myrrh (priest)**, a perfume used in anointing the departed, pointing towards Jesus’ passion and death. Myrrh is the spirit of sacrifice, essential in Christian life and witness.

I love the words of St. Basil the Great—*“The bread which you do not use is the bread of the hungry; the garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of him who is naked; the shoes that you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot; the money that you keep locked away is the money of the poor; the acts of charity that you do not perform are so many injustices that you commit.”*

What gift can we give to Jesus today and in the New Year? We can offer **ourselves**—the *‘inestimable’* gift! God is an expert at recycling—He doesn’t waste anything. Even our flaws and our greatest failures can be the raw materials He uses *to teach us, to form us, and to accomplish His plans in us.* St. Paul writes confidently and humbly—*“All things work together for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.”* (Romans 8:28)

On **Monday January 8th at 7:00-8:15pm** I begin my Bible Study class in Church. All are welcome. Bring a Bible, invite a friend, open your heart, take a risk, and come and see! In the words of St. Ambrose—*“Holy Scripture can be imbibed, Holy Scripture can be devoured, when the juice of the eternal word descends into the veins of my mind and the energy of the soul.”* (01.07.07)

‘Lord, let this coming year be my gift to you! Take everything I have, and use it to build your kingdom on this earth!’

THE PITTSBURGH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN provides us with the January list for “Prayers for Priest”. January calendar sheets listing the name and address of each priest is available in the vestibules of the Church.

January 1	Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley
January 2	Most Rev. William J. Winter
January 3	Most Rev. John B. McDowell
January 4	Fr. Lester Knoll, OFM, Cap
January 5	Rev. Francis A. Nazimek
January 6	Rev. Alvin J. Adams
January 7	Rev. Zygmunt V. Szarnicki
January 8	Rev. James R. Torquato
January 9	Rev. Regis R. Alberth
January 10	Rev. James L. Armstrong
January 11	Rev. Paul G. Henne
January 12	Rev. John Ayooob
January 13	Rev. Msgr. Leon S. Darkowski
January 14	Rev. John J. Arnott
January 15	Rev. John M. Bachkay
January 16	Rev. Lames B. Bachner
January 17	Rev. Edward J. Burns
January 18	Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Findlan
January 19	Rev. Harold E. Bailly
	Rev. Bernard P. Shulik
January 20	Rev. Dario G. Gelati
January 21	Rev. Anthony G. DeLuca
	Deacon Robert V. Barth
January 22	Rev. Msgr. John J. Seli
January 23	Rev. Philip J. DeCarlo
January 24	Fr. Hilarion Walters, CP
January 25	Rev. Leo G. Henry
January 26	Rev. Glenn T. Conner
	Deacon Stephen J. Byers
January 27	Rev. Robert J. Ahlin
January 28	Rev. Martin F. Barkin
January 29	Rev. Msgr Robert P. Garland
January 30	Very Rev. Frederick L. Cain
January 31	Rev. Donald N. Buchleitner

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

2007 Religious Calendars are available at the doors of the Church. These calendars enable you to celebrate the feasts and seasons of the Church throughout the year. Special thanks to Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery for providing them for our parish.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	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
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:00 SP (P.M. – Vigil) Anthony and Edith D'Orazio by
Toni Liberatore

7:30 SP Carl Trylko and Deceased Members of
Jackovic and Hrycko Families by Margaret
Trylko

NOTE: Baptism during the 7:30 a.m. Mass today.

10:00 SP Theresa Mathia by Daughter, Kelly

12:00 SP Lorna, Michael and Ann Amorose by Carol
and Ed Imperatore

5:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE

MONDAY, JANUARY 8 – Baptism of the Lord

7:00 SP Arnold and Millie Dami Family by Virginia
Besci

8:15 SG Joseph Feconda by Ann and Family

1:30 (p.m.) *Fr. Gabriel at Tandem Skilled.* – Intention for
Antonio Tarnik by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sharkady

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00 SP Henry Natale by Ann Feconda and Family

8:15 SG Caroline Helmich by Sophie Caruso

Pray for **Olive Shaffer, Joseph Pallaria** and **Dorothy
Fartro**, Month's Mind

10:00 (a.m.) *Fr. Gabriel at Rest Haven #1.* – Intention for
Lillian Gessler by Don Fraley Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 SP Sam and Dennis Campagna by Catherine
Brincko and Josephine Campagna

9:00 SP Albert Tomsic by Henry and Ann Ursitz

2:00 (p.m.) *Fr. Gabriel at Greenery.* – Intention for Health
and God's Blessings for Anna Mae Sedora by Aunt Fran

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00 SP Stella Palko by Anthony Barbosky Family

8:15 SG Henry Natale by Wife, Sophie and Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00 SP Frank Milligan by Grandchildren

8:15 SG Mary Lipski by Dolly Filius

10:00 (a.m.) *Fr. Gabriel at Pine Lawn.* – Intention for Steve
and Helen Durkas by John and Bella

SATURDAY, January 13 – Hilary, bp., doctor

7:30 SP Sammy Sanpietro, Angie and John Luongo
by Lena DiSalle

11:30 to 12:30 Noon – RECONCILIATION

5:00 SP (P.M. – Vigil) Jennie Balzama by Balzama
and Romano Families

JANUARY 14 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 SP Ida liberatore by Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Liberatore

10:00 SP Joe Salamon by Fr. Joe Luisi

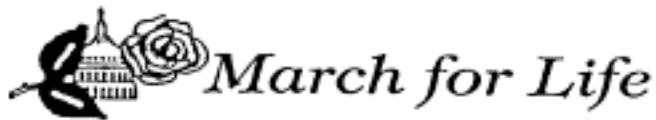
12:00 SP Domineck Mazza and Encandela Family by
Mary Mazza

5:00 SP For The People

Pray for Mary Harper, Month's Mind

HOME WITH CHRIST: Remember Lord and welcome
into your Kingdom those who have died and gone before
us marked with a sign of faith, especially **Joseph
Germovsek, Beverly Ann Frailey** (sister of parishioner
Wilma Solensky), **and all the faithful departed.**

Please pray for the consolation of their loved ones.



34th MARCH FOR LIFE will be held in Washington DC on Monday, January 22, 2007. The cost of the trip is \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 per student and \$30.00 per family. Any student going will have their \$10.00 refunded on the bus that day. There are two buses leaving from St. Patrick Parish; one will leave the parking lot at 6:00 a.m. and return at approximately 11:00 p.m. and another "Youth Bus" is leaving at 1:15 a.m. and also returning at approximately 11:00 p.m. Call Alan Henderson at 724.747.2572 or Sharon Maikranz at 724.745.3616. **Students in grades 7th and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.** Students will receive more information at their Youth Ministry Meeting.

If you are unable to attend the March for Life consider being a sponsor and make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of the bus.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be exposed in St. Patrick Church throughout that day beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Please plan on spending some time in prayer for an end to abortion and the safety of our travelers to Washington, D.C.



On January 19th the **SILVER RING THING** will be held at Seton LaSalle High School from 6:30-9:30 p.m., and all teenagers, parents, and youth workers are invited to attend. With dramas, videos, special effects, and speakers, teenagers will be motivated in a unique and personal way to choose to commit to both God and their future spouse to remain abstinent until marriage. A brief parent session will be held. After the parent session they can join the program already in progress. This is open for all youth in grades 7 through 12. For more information for students in grades 9 through 12, call Nicole (724.745.9413); and for students in grades 6 through 8, call Lisa Ackerman (724.745.3989).

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan 7 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** ((8:30-9:45 a.m.)
- Jan. 7 NO BAPTISM INSTRUCTION** program today
- Jan. 8 RCIA** (7:30 p.m.) – Center
- Jan. 8 Ministry of Mother's Sharing** (7:00 p.m.) in St. Patrick Center
- Jan. 8 Bible Study** with Fr. Rich (7:00 -8:15 p.m.) in St. Patrick Church
- Jan. 8 Pastoral Council Discernment Mtg.** (6:00 p.m.) in the cafeteria
- Jan. 10 ROSARY** (6:30 p.m.) in St. Patrick Church
EVERYONE WELCOME!
- Jan. 11 Knights of Columbus** (8:00 p.m.) in the Knights House

PRAY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE!