

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 1/5/13

5:30 pm:

Living and deceased members of our Parish Family.

Sunday, 1/6/13

8:30 am:

Jack North by Nancy and Ed Lonergan.

11:00 am:

David Clark by the OLOS Choir.

5:00 p.m.:

Living and deceased members of our Parish Family.

Monday, 1/7/13

9:00 am:

Living and deceased members of our Parish Family.

Tuesday, 1/8/13

9:00 am:

Leonard Papuzynski by Lorraine and Robert Maloney.

Wednesday, 1/9/13

9:00 am:

Living and deceased members of our Parish Family.

Thursday, 1/10/13

9:00 am:

Living and deceased members of our Parish Family.

Friday, 1/11/13

9:00 am:

Living and deceased members of our Parish Family.

Saturday, 1/12/13

5:30 pm:

Living and deceased members of the Fauxbel, Gaumond & Tremblay Families by Marie Tremblay.

Sunday, 1/12/13

8:30 am:

Helen Wasik by Fr. Paul.

11:00 am:

Living and deceased members of our Parish Family.

5:00 pm:

Living and deceased members of our Parish Family.



Scripture Readings Week of January 6, 2013

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22--4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

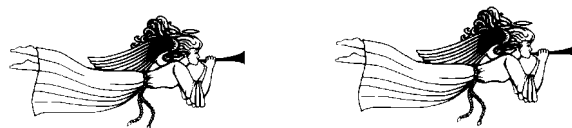
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Defending Our Religious Liberty #45 January 6, 2013

The fight to preserve our Religious Freedom is underway. Recently, U.S. District Court Judge Brian Cogan ruled that the Archdiocese of New York may pursue its lawsuit against the federal health care mandate stating that: "The First Amendment does not require citizens to accept assurances from the government that, if the government later determines it has made a misstep, it will take ameliorative action...There is no, 'Trust us, changes are coming' clause in the Constitution. To the contrary, the Bill of Rights itself, and the First Amendment in particular, reflect a degree of skepticism towards governmental self-restraint and self-correction."

Please Pray For Fr. Paul

The Knights of Columbus officers and members of Our Lady of Sorrows Council 12113 would like to ask all our members of our council and all the members of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Family to keep Father Paul in their daily prayers as Fr. Paul is recovering.

Father Paul is our great Shepard and parish family leader and has put his heart and soul into helping each one of us in his own special way; may we all now ask God the Father, through our divine prayer and the most Holy Rosary, to help Father Paul with a healthy recovery so he can join the parish that he loves

God Bless, Mike Berdensen, Grand Knight

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Circle of Prayer

Our Circle of Prayer intention for the Week of January 6th will be:

For a New Year filled with much spiritual growth.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20

OLOS Parish Book Club!

On **Tuesday, January 15th**, at 7:00 p.m. in Murtha Hall, the Parish Book Club will be discussing Pope Benedict XVI's latest book, *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*. The book is available from amazon.com for \$11.75 plus shipping (ISBN 0385346409). In this relatively short book (132 pages) written for the general public, the Pope offers his thoughts on the Gospel narratives involving the birth of Jesus. He also comments on the Annunciation, the Magi, the Flight into Egypt, and the Twelve-Year Old Jesus in the Temple.

Please contact Bill Collier at 767-2871 or if you are interested in discussing books in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Everyone is welcome!

Third Order of Mary

There will be no January Meeting. God's blessings in the New Year. A Date/Time for our February meeting will be posted in a future bulletin.

Q Why do we baptize infants when the Bible says "repent and be baptized"?
How can an infant repent?

A When you take a trip, you do not wait until you run out of gas before you fill the tank—at least not on purpose! You fill your tank and pack your bags as you anticipate a trouble-free journey. We can make a similar case for the baptism of children as they begin their spiritual journey. In the early church, only adults were baptized when they professed faith in Jesus as the Messiah. As the church grew, children were baptized and raised in faith. Baptism was the first sacrament of initiation, followed by confirmation and holy Communion.

The Bible does not limit baptism to adults. Several passages point to infant baptism. Jesus said "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them," while Paul would baptize people "and their household." He did not limit baptism to adults. None of the early Church Fathers wrote that the practice was wrong or that a formal act of repentance was a necessary step. If anything, our whole life is an act of repentance, a continual struggle to turn from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. We believe that baptism is more than a symbolic act of faith. It forgives original sin as well as personal sin, and brings us into the church, where we begin our journey of faith.

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Medicare Question of the Month:

My wife and I changed to different Part D plans for 2013. Do we need to notify our 2012 plan about the change?

Answer:

You do not need to contact your old plan. Your coverage automatically switched as of January 1. You should have received materials, including your new plan's identification card and a booklet explaining your plan's coverage information, in the mail by the end of 2012. You should be all set to fill prescriptions in January.

If you have not yet received your new plan's insurance card, you should call your new plan immediately. Or, you can contact Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Also, it's always important to keep in mind that if you have limited income and resources you may be eligible to get help paying for your costs in Medicare, including your Medicare drug expenses.

* **Part D Extra Help:** If you cannot pay for your Part D prescription drugs, or if you need help with your drug copayments, you may be able to get Extra Help paying. Learn more about Extra Help: www.MyMedicareMatters.org/PrescriptionDrugs/ExtraHelp/extra_help_paying.php.

* **Medicare Savings Programs:** If you have a limited income and assets, you may qualify for help paying for your Medicare Part B premium and other Medicare costs. Learn more about Medicare Savings Programs: www.MyMedicareMatters.org/AboutMedicare/mspinfo.php.

* **Find out if you are eligible using BenefitsCheckUp.** This online tool is free and confidential. You can even apply for Extra Help using this tool: www.BenefitsCheckup.org/.

If you have questions about these assistance programs or want help applying, you can get help in your local area. This service is free to people with Medicare and their families. A counselor can explain how these programs work, and help you to apply. Find one-on-one help in your area: www.MyMedicareMatters.org/zipFinder/index.php.

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Please Keep In Your Prayers...

Amelia Hurlburt	Shelby P. Kristoff
James Welden	Ryan Adams
Tim Gibson & Family	Michael Thomas
Zack	Mary-Kate Mundell
Jennifer	John Kiely
Doreen Chapman	John Tiernan
Mary Frances	Walter Simmons
Justin	Elton Deckleman
Fr. Brad	Theresa Whaley
Janie Taylor	Nathan Moody
Jake Greenflite	Gigi Schneider
Michael Junkmann	Rose Marie Birman
Corey McClelland	Don Ranelli
Patrick Tedesco	Becky Christiansan

Children Sharing the Gospel

Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars so the wise men could find Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of stars and planets shining in the night sky.

Maybe go.....

Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.

Writing, Arithmetic, and Lunch: How school meals open doors to education for girls overseas

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has helped provide nutritious school lunches since 1958. In most of our educational projects in Africa and Asia, school meal programs are designed to bring girls to school. School meals serve children and families in three ways:

1. **Daily meals** motivate hungry children to enroll in school and attend regularly.
2. **Lunch at school** provides students with essential nutrients that improve their ability and desire to learn.
3. **Meals provide an incentive** for parents to send their children to school, instead of having them help at home with child care or farming. Parents know that, because their children will eat well at school, they will not have to use their extremely limited resources to prepare a midday meal.

Visit CRS.org for more information.

Text Reflection – January 6th The Epiphany of Our Lord

When people in the entertainment industry reach a top level of fame and expertise in their profession, we talk about them as having a lot of star power. These are the men and women who eclipse lesser lights in the entertainment constellation. No matter the generation, there are always names like Monroe, Taylor, Burton, Olivier, McCartney, Springsteen, Madonna, Hanks, Streep, or Sarandon who will shine brighter than others who will also have their name inscribed on the Walk of Fame. Stars at this level of their craft can basically ask for whatever they want because they are sought after by just about everyone. Their performances, whether a live concert or on the screen, have the ability to unite people in a common experience.

The real "star" of Matthew's Gospel today is not the one that appears in the sky to the Magi. Yes, that star is an important sign-it led the Magi from the east to Jerusalem where they learned of the prophecy about Bethlehem. That star led them to the home of the Child they would worship. This Child is the real star of the Gospel story. He comes into the world. In the midst of conflict and division, exemplified by Herod's distrust and fear, Jesus comes as the newborn king to save his people from their sins. As Matthew tells it, Jesus is the One who unites faithful Jew and believing Gentile bringing together all those who would seek the truth and follow his teaching.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the world. His revelation means that people must choose whether to follow him or not. Herod had that choice. So did the Magi. Men and women from every race and nation come to Christ. Once they choose to follow Christ, they become brothers and sisters of one another. Christ unites all believers in a common experience, his call to love. That's star power beyond imagining!

“**A**nd you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

— Mt 2:6

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**Have a safe and
blessed New Year!**