

MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

(†) (DENOTES DECEASED)

Sunday, December 14 Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 a.m. Kocian & Erdelijac Families †
Douglas & Josephine Crame
- 10:00 a.m. Mary McCaffrey † M/M *Thomas McCaffrey*
- 12:00 p.m. Samuel Manfredi, Sr. † (B/Day)
M/M Sam Manfredi, Jr.
- 5:00 p.m. John P. Harris Family † *by Family*

Monday, December 15 Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Paul J. Murphy, Sr. † *Norma F. Murphy*
- 12:05 p.m. Jo Ann Roberto † *Sis Roberto*
- 5:15 p.m. **No Mass - Advent Penance Service**
(See schedule in this bulletin)

Tuesday, December 16 Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Mass for the People of Epiphany
- 12:05 p.m. Domenic Florian † (*Anniv*) *Mary Florian*
- 5:15 p.m. George & Theresa Haas †
M/M John Chapman

Wednesday, December 17 Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Assad Family (Liv/Dec) *Helen Assad*
- 12:05 p.m. Dave Daigle † *William Batz*
- 5:15 p.m. Carmine Martella † (*Anniv*) *Loretta Martella*

Thursday, December 18 Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Antoinette & Louis Wisniewski †
Norma F. Murphy
- 12:05 p.m. Walter & Mary Lis † *Marianne Lis*
- 5:15 p.m. **No Mass, Holy Hour at 5:30**

Friday, December 19 Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Joseph Toney † (B/Day) *Josephine Toney*
- 12:05 p.m. Anthony Francis † (B/Day)
Frank & Rosalie Francis
- 5:15 p.m. Fr. Richard P. Scherer † *Dino Ciabattoni*

Saturday, December 20 Advent Weekday

- 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary of Mercy
- 6:00 p.m. Fred Feith † *Bill & Elaine Heufelder*

Sunday, December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 a.m. Albert Larkin † *Helene Larkin*
- 10:00 a.m. Mary Francis † (*Anniv*)
Frank & Rosalie Francis
- 12:00 p.m. Tom Foerster † *Georgeann Foerster*
- 5:00 p.m. Bonasso Family (Liv/Dec) *Mary Briggs*

Christmas Flowers

Last week we began to insert the envelope to help with the support for our Christmas flowers for the altar. If you would like to make a contribution in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, please use this envelope and place it in the collection basket today if you have not already done so. The deadline for listing names of loved ones is Wednesday, December 17.

"Epiphany" Catholic Calendars 2009 on sale

We are selling 2009 Catholic Calendars this year. The calendar includes holydays, holidays, saints days, scriptural reflections and reflections on "stewardship". The calendars are \$2.00 and are available now by calling the parish office, 412-471-0257x10. You may also purchase one at the Fish Fry this week.

Sanctuary Lamp

A 14-day candle burns at the Blessed Sacrament altar daily to signify the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. During the weeks of **December 14 and December 21**, this candle will burn in memory of the deceased **John C. Gaita** requested by **the Gaita Family**

Monthly Remembrance

The altar wine and hosts to be consecrated during the Masses for the month of **December** will be offered for the **Pawlak & Burrell Families** requested by **Mary & Howard Burrell**. If you are interested in donating this memorial in honor of a loved one or for other intentions, please call the office or make it known through the offertory basket. The donation for a month is \$100.

Manger takes on different appearance in July

The manger. A few boards tied together with rope to provide dry hay for the animals. How significant that the Christ child ~ He would provide us with the Bread of Life ~ would be placed in it!! It was, and is, the simple acts of love that show Christ lives in the mangers of our hearts. At this time of year especially, acts of Christ-like activity takes place...gifts of food, toys, books, time, caring... and become proof of that love. There is no Christmas in July on the calendar. But the Appalachia Work Camp celebrates it anyway! By building homes for the needy in Kentucky, they show the love of Christ is more than wrapping paper and tinsel. Why else would anyone endure 95 degree heat and humidity; 10-hour workdays; no TV, radio, phone connection or mail? 117 teenagers, college students and adults did last summer, the 26th summer for the work camp. 3 new homes and many repair jobs attested to God's love in action. Anyone interested in joining the Camp, July 2-12, 2009, please call Fr. Dan, 412-462-8161. If you wish to have a donation represent you, make out a check or money order to the Appalachia Work Camp and send it to Fr. Dan Sweeney, 1 St. Therese Court, Munhall, PA. 15120-3701. The Appalachia Work Camp is a 501(C) agency.

Sr. Mary Nolan, S.C.

Pray for the sick, homebound and hospitalized

Margaret Hagan, Vince Lusardi, Nancy Meinert, K. Prosser, Joe Schramm, Mary Beth Starosielec, Diane Stebler, Jodi Stebler, Dan Simsick.

Please pray for those who have no one to pray for them.

Pastoral Team Notes

Imagine

Imagine a world without brokenness, a time of true peace. As this Advent season of hope unfolds, what we imagine in our faith comes into focus. Coming into plain view is the Light of the World. It is a light like no other, a light shining in the darkness, a bright moment for us to cling to and behold. Young boys and girls now are imagining that special moment on Christmas morn when their dreams will come true. As Children of the Light we await the return of the Savior. As we imagine that moment, we should also imagine the moment of great grace when the Lord does come. Today we celebrate Gaudate (Rejoice) Sunday. We rejoice because what we imagine is near. The Lord is about to come in all of His glory to heal the broken hearted, to bring peace. We must prepare. The great joy of this Third Sunday of Advent comes in the form of God’s mercy. To imagine the gift of grace is for us to experience real grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We hope everyone will take an opportunity this week to attend one of the three penance services we have scheduled. (See full schedule in the Advent Happenings in this bulletin.) It is important to prepare the way of the Lord by preparing your heart. Imagine no longer, come and allow true peace to become a reality in your life through the healing, forgiving grace of God’s unconditional love and mercy. What we imagine can be a reality if we allow Jesus to come and be alive in our hearts.

Fr. Carmen and Fr. Tom

Welcome, Father Nicholas!

We are happy to welcome Fr. Nicholas I. Nwokoh to our parish! Fr. Nicholas is a priest of the catholic diocese of Okigwe, Nigeria. He was ordained a priest on August 24th, 1996 and was a missionary for eight years in South western Nigeria. He is in Pittsburgh for his Masters program at Duquesne University. He will be residing at St. Mary of Mercy rectory and assisting us with sacramental ministry. More about Fr. next week.

Fish Fry and More!

This week the special is Lasagna, Italian Sauce, Tossed Salad, Roll, Butter. Serving is from 11:30 am. until 6:30 p.m. For take out orders call, 412-471-1008 after 9:00 a.m. **Reminder**, this is the last **Fish Fry for 2008!** We are closed for the Christmas Season and we will open again on Friday, January 9th at the regular time.

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*May you have a Joyful Christmas  
and a Blessed New Year!*

**Come Lord Jesus, be alive in our hearts!  
Advent 2008**

You are invited to come and join us each week for special advent reflections and services as we wait for the coming of the Lord, Jesus.

**Wednesday Dec. 17, Advent Reflections**

*Come and wait in joyful hope with St. Paul  
for the coming of the Lord.*

St. Mary of Mercy Church 12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

St. Benedict the Moor Church 6:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Using the writings of St. Paul each reflection will focus on “*all flesh will see the salvation of God.*”

**Thursday Dec. 18, Advent Holy Hour**

*Come and be still and know that I am your God.*

Epiphany Church 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. Included will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Solemn Vespers, Homily and Benediction. Please note, there will be no 5:15 p.m. Mass this day.

**Advent Penance Services**

Monday, December 15, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Epiphany Church (No 5:15 p.m. Mass)

Wednesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Benedict the Moor Church

Thursday, December 18, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
St. Mary of Mercy Church

Several priests will be available at each church to enable you to rejoice in God’s love and mercy.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve**

Epiphany ~ 4:00 (Mazzei Family Singers), 6:00 pm.  
St. Mary of Mercy ~ 5:00 pm (televised)  
St. Benedict the Moor ~ Midnight (Full Gospel Mass)

**Christmas Day**

Epiphany ~ 9:00 am  
St. Mary of Mercy ~ 8:00 am, 12:00 pm (televised)  
St. Benedict the Moor ~ 10:00 am

**Mark your calendars!**

*Important Parish Family Meeting of all three  
Churches, Monday, December 15, 7:00 p.m.*

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**LAST SUNDAY’S OFFERTORY**

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| 1st Collection.....            | \$2,485.00        |
| 2nd Collection.....            | \$1,206.00        |
| <b>Total (Thank you!).....</b> | <b>\$3,691.00</b> |

**CHURCH NAME: EPIPHANY CHURCH**

**CHURCH NO.: 042**

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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