

EPIPHANY And ST. MARY OF MERCY

CATHOLIC PARISHES

December 18, 2011

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 6:00 p.m. (Vigil), 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday 7:00 a.m.
Monday–Friday 12:05 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Monday–Friday 11:15–11:45 a.m.
Saturday 5:15–5:45 p.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 5:00 p.m. (Vigil), 7:30 & 9:30 a.m., 12:00 noon
Monday–Friday 6:30 & 7:30 a.m.
Monday–Saturday 12:00 noon

RECONCILIATION

Monday–Saturday 11:00–11:45 a.m. and 12:30–1:15 p.m.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Monday after noon Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday after 7:30 a.m. Mass - 11:45 a.m.
Thursday after noon Mass - 5:00 p.m.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00–12:00 p.m.

MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY (†) DENOTES DECEASED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 *Advent Weekday*
 6:00 p.m.. Dominic Paparella †
 (Patrick Passanante & Tony Milone)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
 8:00 a.m. Sr. Margaret Cecilia Hirsch † (Michele Fagan)
 10:00 a.m. Nellie & Irvn Anisko †
 (Sophia & Robert Anisko)
 5:00 p.m. Sam & Clara Manfredi & John Urban †
 (Sam & Marilyn Manfredi)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 *Advent Weekday*
 12:05 p.m. Anthony Francis † (B/D)
 (Rosalie & Frank Francis)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20 *Advent Weekday*
 12:05 p.m. Genevieve Conley † (B/D)
 (John & Jean Chiappetta)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 *St. Peter, Canisius*
 7:00 a.m. Ron, Helen, Charles Shafer † (Foody Family)
 12:05 p.m. Mary Francis † (Anniv)
 (Rosalie & Frank Francis)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22 *Advent Weekday*
 12:05 p.m. Mary Leo Pardi † (Dino Ciabattoni)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 *St. John of Kanty*
 7:00 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory † (Anonymous)
 12:05 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Bonasso Family
 (Mary Briggs)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 *Advent Weekday*
 Midnight Mass for the people of Epiphany

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 *The Nativity of the Lord*
 9:00 a.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany

<i>Stewardship ~ Thank you!</i>	
Holy Day, Dec. 8.....	\$1,306.40
1st collection, Dec. 11.....	1,953.03
Upkeep of grounds.....	11,972.41

Parish Offices will be closed from Dec. 23, noon until Jan. 3, 9:00 am, 2012. Only emergency calls will be taken.
The Red Door will be open during the Christmas Season with the exception of Dec. 26 and Jan. 2., when it will be closed.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." - Lk 1:30-32

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY (†) DENOTES DECEASED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 *Advent Weekday*
 12:00 p.m. Valerie Lillian Wesolowski †
 (Theresa Ann Wigle)
 5:00 p.m. Nicholas De Marzo † (Melissa DiMartini)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
 7:30 a.m. Mass for the people of St. Mary of Mercy
 9:30 a.m. Leroy Barth † (Elaine & Lois Elder)
 12:00 p.m. John Shuminsky † (Tom Barket)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 *Advent Weekday*
 6:30 a.m. Agnes Hartman † (Eileen Fogarty)
 7:30 a.m. Frankie Hernandez † (Peggy & Tony))
 12:00 p.m. Mary Lou Wolney † (Joan)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20 *Advent Weekday*
 6:30 a.m. For the deceased of the parish
 7:30 a.m. Helen Babbie † (Family)
 12:00 p.m. Henry Bechtold †
 (Wife, Betty, Paul & Carolyn)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 *St. Peter Canisius*
 6:30 a.m. Mitch Williams † (Janet & Craig Walters)
 7:30 a.m. Anna McElligott † (Charles J. McElligott)
 12:00 p.m. Theresa Vassilaros † (her Daughter)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22 *Advent Weekday*
 6:30 a.m. For the deceased of the parish
 7:30 a.m. Marie DeMarzo † (Melissa DiMartini)
 12:00 p.m. Missy Ciminaro † (Terry Raimond)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 *St. John Kanty*
 6:30 a.m. Joseph McCollough †
 7:30 a.m. Paul Murphy †
 12:00 p.m. John (Jack) O'Toole † Joe Raimond, Terry & Vinny Scully Family)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 *Advent Weekday*
 12:00 p.m. In honor of the Blessed Mother
 (Dorothy Sullivan)
 4:00 p.m. Mass for the people of St. Mary of Mercy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 *The Nativity of the Lord*
 8:00 a.m. Mass for the people of St. Mary of Mercy
 12:00 p.m. Mass for the people of St. Mary of Mercy

<i>Stewardship ~ Thank you!</i>	
1st collection, Dec. 4	\$2,411.87
Parish Share	501.43
Holy Day, Dec. 8.....	2,630.94
1st collection, Dec. 11.....	2,008.11
T.V. Ministry.....	431.00

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 1-88-808-1235
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From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear parishioners:

A Christmas Wish.....!

Hope is Born, when there is harmony in all your relationships. **Hope is Born** when sharp words, envious thoughts and hostile feelings are dissolved. **Hope is Born** when you give and receive love generously. **Hope is Born** when love echoes in your heart like the joy of bells on a clear December day. **Hope is Born** when each person who comes into your life is greeted as another Christ. **Hope is Born** when the honor given the Babe of Bethlehem is that which you extend to every guest who enters your presence. **Hope is Born** when the sacredness of this sacred season settles into your soul. **Hope is Born** when it is the foundation of courage for you when times of distress occupy your inner land. **Hope is Born** when the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children is awakened within you. **Hope is Born** when you are led to a renewed awareness and appreciation of whatever you too easily take for granted. **Hope is Born** when the bonds of love are strengthened as you gather with your family and friends around the table of festivity and nourishment. **Hope is Born** when you daily open the gift of your life and be grateful for the hidden treasure it contains. **Hope is Born** when the coming year is one of good health for you. **Hope is Born** when you have energy and vitality. **Hope is Born** when you care well for your body, mind and spirit. **Hope is Born** when you keep your eye on the star within you and trust this Luminescent Presence to guide and direct you each day. **Hope is Born** when you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and visit the one who offers you peace. **Hope is Born** when you bring peace into the world.....

- Anonymous

Have a hope-filled week!
In God's Love,
Fr. John

Readings for the Week of December 18, 2011

Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday:	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Thursday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Saturday:	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Next Sunday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

~ *Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule* ~

Church of the Epiphany

Christmas Eve : **Midnight**

Christmas Day: 9:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve: no Mass

New Year's Day: **2:30 am**; 8:00 & 10:00 am; 5:00 pm.

~ *Confessions* ~

Confessions will be heard at the regular times
until and including Friday, December 23

St. Mary of Mercy

Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: 8:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

New Year's Eve: 5:00 pm

New Year's Day: 7:30 & 9:30 am & 12:00 noon

~ *Confessions* ~

Confessions will be heard at the regular times
including Saturdays, Dec. 24 & 31.
(Confessions will not be heard in the evenings)

Christmas Floral Memorials

Be reminded that this is the final weekend to return intentions for the Flower Memorial. Thank you for your cooperation.

2012 Offering Envelopes

We remind parishioners of St. Mary of Mercy that the envelopes for 2012 are in the vestibule. To save the parish the cost of postage, we would appreciate it if you would pick your envelopes us this weekend. Thank you!

Thank You! Thank You!

We thank the Epiphany Pastoral Council for their leadership in initiating the cleaning of the church on the last two Saturdays. We thank the six or eight others who answered the call of the bulletin and joined to help them. Please know that your stewardship is much appreciated!

Epiphany Fish Fry

The Fish Fry will be closed this Friday, Dec. 23rd, and will reopen on Friday, Jan. 6th. From the "Shipmate" and "Crew", we wish all of you a Blessed and Holy Christmas Season! See you on the 6th!

The altar bread and wine is offered at Epiphany:

December: The Miranda, Palencia, Tchou, Benito, Rogacion, Estonina, Gapac Families

Sanctuary Lamp intentions at Epiphany

Week of Dec. 18: Deceased of Brannigan, Doherty, Hibschman Families, req. by Pat Doherty

Please pray for those who have requested our prayers:

Pat Andrews, Mary Barry, Robert Delaney, Robert Doherty, Chrystil Dougherty, Carmen Gaito, Dorothy Hill, Bob Kaniecki, Karen Kraeer, Johanna Lench, Vince Lusardi, Carmella Magnelli, Susan McCaffrey, K. Prossy, Mary Beth Starosielec, Jodi Stebler, Dan Simsick.

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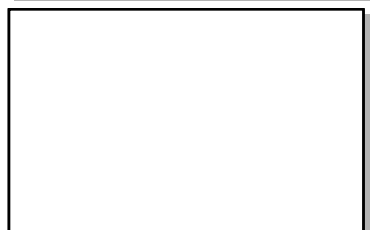
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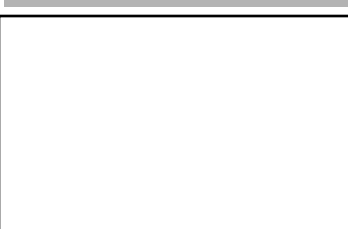
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