

MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

(†) (DENOTES DECEASED)

Sunday, December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent8:00 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***Monday, December 22 Advent Weekday**7:00 a.m. Mary Leopardi † (B/Day) *Dino Ciabattoni*12:05 p.m. Genevieve Conley † (B/Day)
*M/M John Chiappetta*5:15 p.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory
*Willis McCook Miller, Jr.***Tuesday, December 23 Advent Weekday**7:00 a.m. Simon Whaby † *Simone Hickey*12:05 p.m. Peter & Mary Walsh (Spl. Int)
*Thomas P. Walsh*5:15 p.m. Stanley & Mary Kirkavitch † *by Children***Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve**4:00 p.m. Helen Sweeney † *Fr. Dan Sweeney*6:00 p.m. Sam & Clara Manfredi, Sr. & John Urban †
*M/M Sam Manfredi, Jr.***Thursday, December 25 Nativity of Our Lord**9:00 a.m. Murphy & Scholl Families (Liv/Dec)
*Norma F. Murphy***Friday, December 26 St. Stephen**

12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary of Mercy

(There will be no masses at Epiphany this day)

Saturday, December 27 St. John6:00 p.m. Margaret De Cort † *by Family***Sunday, December 28 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**8:00 a.m. Nellie & Irven Anisko †
*Robert & Sophia Anisko*10:00 a.m. Maurice Hibschan † (Anniv)
*Patricia Doherty*12:00 p.m. John C. Gaita † *Theresa Bronowicz*5:00 p.m. Robert W. Wisdom † (Anniv)
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Christmas Mass Schedule**Christmas Eve**

4:00 p.m. Epiphany ~ (Mazzei Family Singers)

5:00 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy (Mass also televised)

6:00 p.m. Epiphany

12:00 Midnight, St. Benedict the Moor
(Full Gospel Mass)**Christmas Day**

8:00 a.m. St. Mary of Mercy

9:00 a.m. Epiphany

10:00 a.m. St. Benedict the Moor

12:00 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy (Mass also televised)

Mother of God, New Years**December 31, Vigil**

5:00 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy

5:15 p.m. Epiphany

6:30 p.m. St. Benedict the Moor

Mother of God, January 1

8:00 a.m. Epiphany

10:00 a.m. St. Benedict the Moor

12:00 p.m. St. Mary of Mercy (Mass also televised)

Televised Mass ~ WBGH (channel 3, city of Pgh);
Christian Associates, channel 95.**The Second Collection** on Christmas is the Annual Christmas Charities for children and youth.**"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 .

Sanctuary LampA 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.**Pray for the sick, homebound and hospitalized**

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

*Pray for those who have been injured
in war.*

Pastoral Team Notes

As we celebrate this last Sunday of Advent and anticipate the appearance of the Angels of the Heavenly hosts singing "Glory to God in the highest", we want to wish everyone a very Happy and Holy Christmas. On behalf of the many priests who assist us and the entire staff of all three parishes we pray that Jesus will be alive in your heart this Christmas. May you unwrap the coming days of Christmas as a child unwraps the first package of Christmas morn'. Amidst the bright shining lights, the glittery ornaments and the beautiful packages all done up in a bow, may you grow in the knowledge that the greatest gift of all is the gift of God's Son.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas flower fund in honor of a loved one, decorated the churches and prepared for the Christmas liturgies. Your reward (as we say) will be great in heaven. May you have a beautiful Christmas.

*"Glory to God in the highest
and on earth, peace to men of good will"*

Fr. Carmen and Fr. Tom

Father Nicholas

In last weekend bulletin you were introduced to Fr. Nicholas. We wanted to add a little more about him this week. Father is a native of Uturu in South Eastern Nigeria and was ordained on August 24, 1996. He has a Bachelors of Arts degree in Philosophy and Theology. He speaks English, Igbo and Yoruba languages. His Masters program at Duquesne is in Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies. You will be seeing him from time to time. He enjoys meeting people and we know you will warmly welcome him when you meet him.

Questions of Contributions

You may have a question concerning your parish offertory contribution if attending another church. We ask that you place your Epiphany envelope in the collection basket. Please be sure to have your name noted, so that you and Epiphany receive credit. The envelopes with your contribution will be forwarded to Epiphany. Church. Thank you for your support.

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*The next Fish Fry is Friday, January 9, 2009.*  
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Office Hours during the Holidays

Please note that the offices for all three parishes will be closed for business from December 24 until January 5. A receptionist will be on duty at St. Mary of Mercy from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon each day except December 25 and January 1.

Please see the mass schedule in this bulletin. On December 26 & 27, the day Mass is celebrated at St. Mary of Mercy at 12:00 noon. (This Mass is also televised)

Project Multitude

Project Multitude is trying to resurrect an event that was started some years ago. It is a gathering of people who come together in silent witness, prayer and praise for the intention, to help stop abortions that are being committed in our city of Pittsburgh. This event is being held each Saturday at 933 Liberty Avenue, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. You are invited to come on whatever Saturdays you are available to pray and stand in silent witness in peaceful demonstration to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. May the Author of Life bless you! If you have question or for further information, call Anita at 724-274-4833.

Feast of the Epiphany

We are looking for volunteers to be greeters at each Mass on Sunday, January 4 for the celebration of the Epiphany. We would like 3 greeters for each mass. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Josie Pitta at 412-381-0196.

New Years Eve Dance

A New Years Eve Dance will be held in St. Therese School Cafeteria, Munhall for the benefit of Fr. Dan's Appalachia project. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 per person, which includes buffet dinner, noise makers, hats, champagne toast at midnight. For reservations call 412-462-8161.

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**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY**

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| 1st Collection.....            | \$2,164.00        |
| 2nd Collection.....            | \$ 823.00         |
| <b>Total (Thank you!).....</b> | <b>\$2,987.00</b> |

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