

EPIPHANY And ST. MARY OF MERCY

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December 25, 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.

PARISH STAFF

Dr. John Raevens Music Ministry
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Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 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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CLERGY IN RESIDENCE

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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 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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 *St. Stephen, first martyr*
 12:05 p.m. Josephine Scarpino † (B/D)
 (Eugene & Myroslava Scarpino)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 *St. John the Evangelist*
 12:05 p.m. Stephen Vukich † (Robert Vukich)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 *Feast of the Holy Innocents.*
 7:00 a.m. Gerald Skweres † (Joan Skweres)
 12:05 p.m. Robert W. Wisdom † (Anniv) (R.S. Wisdom)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 *St. Thomas Becket*
 12:05 p.m. DiPofi Family † (Dee DiPofi)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 *Feast of the Holy Family*
 7:00 a.m. Living members of the Crame & Kocian Families
 (Family)
 12:05 p.m. Mary Ann Brozich † (Robert Vukich)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 *St. Sylvester*
 4:00 p.m. Wedding ~ Tumus/Gasior

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 *Feast of the Mother of God*
 2:30 a.m. Mass for the people of Epiphany
 8:00 a.m. Mary Bernard (Liv) (Patrick Lynch)
 10:00 a.m. Maurice Hirschman † (Anniv) (Pat Doherty)
 5:00 p.m. William & Doris Heaston (Liv) (Patrick Lynch)

Last Week's Stewardship ~ Thank you!
 1st collection.....\$ 2,045.28
 Upkeep of grounds..... 12,357.26

Parish Office/Red Door Schedule
Parish Offices will be closed until Jan. 3, 9:00 am, 2012.
 only emergency calls will be taken. Thank you for your
 consideration. **The Red Door** will be open during the
 Christmas Season with the exception of Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.,
 when it will be closed.

Nativity of Our Lord
 "For today in the city of David a savior has been born for
 you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you:
 you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and
 lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12

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

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

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 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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 *St. Stephen, first martyr*
 6:30 a.m. no Mass
 7:30 a.m. no Mass
 12:00 p.m. Joe Constantin, Michael, & brothers & sisters †
 (Hilda Zaiden)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 *St. John the Evangelist*
 6:30 a.m. Mitch Williams † (Frank & Sandy Yaniga)
 7:30 a.m. John & Margaret McElligott †
 (Charles J. McElligott)
 12:00 p.m. Edith & Lou Vitti (Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 *Feast of the Holy Innocents*
 6:30 a.m. Helen A. Larkin † (Helene A. Larkin)
 7:30 a.m. Helen McKeegan † (M. & T. McKeegan)
 12:00 p.m. Vitti, Moen & Quinlan families (Lou Vitti)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 *St. Thomas Becket*
 6:30 a.m. Anthony Triano (Tom Barket)
 7:30 a.m. Mitch Williams † (Bonnie Simplor)
 12:00 p.m. Joshua Sheets † (William & Jerry Radcliffe)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 *St. Feast of the Holy Family*
 6:30 a.m. Theresa Wigle (liv) Amelia Casper
 7:30 a.m. Helen Costanzo † (M/M Francis Corbett)
 12:00 p.m. Patrick McKeegan † (M. & T. McKeegan)

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 (Dorothy Sullivan)
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 12:00 p.m. Mass for the people of St. Mary of Mercy

~ Stewardship ~
 St. Mary's financials will be reported in the new year.

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 1-888-808-1235
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“The Christmas Story “

Namuh ~ Part IV

By Carole Clifford

A deep low growl. The wolf was so close Namuh could feel his breath. He closed his eyes tightly. He felt frozen to the spot. The wolf lunged, his spittle spraying across Namuh’s face. Suddenly he was being lifted off the ground. Maldech’s arms lifted him up over his head and settled him gently onto his shoulders. Namuh’s eyes sprung open wide. He saw three wolves running off into the woods.

Everything was bathed in light. Suddenly voices came from overhead. Singing. The voices were singing. “Gloria. Gloria in excelsis Deo.” “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all men.” Maldech held tightly to Namuh’s legs and tilted his gaze skyward. Angels, there were angels. Sparkling, shimmering angels, with golden wings “Hark.” they called. “We come bearing tidings of good will. For today is born to you a Savior.”

“Wha? Where?” Maldech could hardly speak. “In Bethlehem, hurry, make haste to see the newborn King. You will find him lying in a manger. Glory be to God in the highest.” Maldech turned slowly then, with Namuh still wrapped around his neck and shoulders, He hurried down the hill toward Bethlehem.

(To Be Continued)

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 up this weekend. Thank you!

Bulletin Sponsors

The bulletin is printed each week free of charge to us because of the generosity of our sponsors. We ask you in turn to support them when you can. We are looking for new sponsors to complete the Ads ; see the back for details

Readings for the Week of December 25, 2011

Sunday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 ;**Midnight:** Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14; **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20;

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-1or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

~ *New Year’s Mass/Confession Schedule* ~

Church of the Epiphany

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.

(Confessions will not be heard on Dec. 26, 31, nor on Jan. 2)

St. Mary of Mercy

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 Saturday, Dec. 31.

(Confessions will not be heard on Dec. 26, Jan. 2, nor in the evenings)

Christmas Season Blessings!

As we admire and enjoy our beautiful churches during this Christmas Season, we take this time to thank all who have contributed financially to have the churches look so lovely! We thank all those who participated in the Christmas Flower Memorials honoring or memorializing loved ones. The significance of their lives is represented in the beauty that adorns our churches throughout this season. We will remember those whose names appear on the Floral Memorial as we pray for them during the celebration of Masses offered this season.

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend is the annual Christmas collection for children and youth, and will be used to support a number of programs for children/youth in our diocese. This collection will be credited to our Parish Share.

In Appreciation!

We would like to thank all those who contributed to our “Outreach” to the *Red Door* at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your generosity of food goods and clothing accessories was overwhelming! May God bless you and reward your giving, as only He can.

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. 25: In memory of Rev. Richard P. Scherer req. by Ken Scherer.

Please pray for those who have requested our prayers:

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. Prosey, Mary Beth Starosielec, Dan Simsick.

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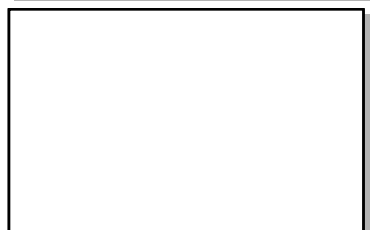
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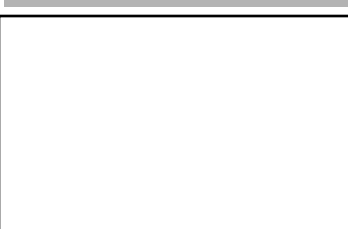
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