

MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

(†) (DENOTES DECEASED)

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 Hibsichman † (Anniv)*Patricia Doherty***12:00 p.m.** John C. Gaita † *Theresa Bronowicz***5:00 p.m.** Robert W. Wisdom † (Anniv)*Robert S. Wisdom***Monday, December 29 Octave of Christmas
St. Thomas a Becket****12:05 p.m.** Sr. Margaret Cecilia Hirsch † (Anniv)*Michele Fagan***Tuesday, December 30 Octave of Christmas****12:05 p.m.** Nickolaus Marquart † (Anniv)*M/M John Chapman***Wednesday, December 31 Octave of Christmas
St. Sylvester****5:15 p.m.** Frank Smutsky † *M/M John Ridilla***Thursday, January 1 Feast of the Mother of God****8:00 a.m.** John Urban † *M/M Sam Manfredi, Jr.***Friday, January 2 St. Basil the Great
St. Gregory Nazianzen****12:00 p.m.** (Mass at St. Mary of Mercy)**Saturday, January 3 Most Holy Name of Jesus****6:00 p.m.** Sam & Clara Manfredi †*M/M Sam Manfredi, Jr.***Sunday, January 4 Feast of the Epiphany****8:00 a.m.** John Heinz † *Sandra H. Foody***10:00 a.m.** Luigi & Pasqua Pacini † *by MA.P***12:00 p.m.** Willis McCook Miller, Sr. †*Willis McCook Miller, Jr.***5:00 p.m.** Mass for the People**Flower Memorials**

We received the following Flower Memorials after the printing of last weekend's listing. We apologize for this. We thank you for your generous contribution in honor of, or in memory of your loved ones. The following will be included in our memorial of prayers:

Bernard Brannigan
The Canova Family
John Bernard Dougherty
Vincent & Angelina Folino

Joseph Gallagher
Josephine Gallagher
Rev. George Leech
Massicci Family
Frank & Kathleen Pitta

Mother of God, New Years Masses**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.

On December 29 and 30 there will only be the 12:05 Mass at Epiphany. There will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, nor will there be confessions heard on these days. **On January 2**, Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary of Mercy at 12:00 noon.

"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 on January 9th.

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 28 and January 4**, this candle will burn in honor of, and in loving memory of those whose names appear on the **Christmas Flower Memorial**.

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**. For the month of **January**, the altar wine and hosts will be offered for **John C. Gaita** requested by the **Gaita Family**. 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.

Blessings at Christmas

As we admire and enjoy the beautiful flowers and decorations during this Christmas Season, we take this time to thank all who have contributed financially, to make this church look so lovely! We thank you for your contributions to the Christmas Flower Memorials in honor of, or in memory of your loved ones. The significance of their lives are represented in the beauty that adorns our church throughout this season. Let us remember all of them through our prayers.

We want to thank all those who had their hands in the decorating of the church. We thank in a special way, Mark, our maintenance man, and his helpers who managed the setting of the manger. We thank Gerry, the sacristan, who cleaned and took care of the altars. We thank Josie for scheduling the ministers at the altar and those who participated in ministering. We thank the music ministers and those who served at the altar. Please know that for all of you, your time, talent and treasure are gifts to the parish and to all who enter this church!

The priests and staff of the parish wish to thank you for the prayers, cards and other expressions of good wishes received during this season. May you always feel the love of Christmas in your hearts; that love that God gives us through His Son, Jesus.

*May you have a Blessed and Peace-filled
New Year!*

Feast of the Epiphany, January 4

We are looking for greeters at each Mass next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, for the celebration of the Epiphany. We would like three greeters for each Mass. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Jose Pitta at 412-381-0196. Thank you for considering this service.

Questions of Contributions

You may have a question concerning your parish offertory contribution if you attend 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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**Office Hours during the Holidays**

Please note that the offices for all three parishes will be closed for business 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 January 1.  
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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.

Enjoy Books

It is not too late to purchase an enjoy book! Books are still being sold through the office, and after the Masses during the month of January. Please see one of the ushers. Books are also being sold at the Fish Fry. There are many discounts for theatres, recreation, favorite eating places and other events. There are more than 1,200 opportunities for use in your local community. Purchase one today as a "New Years gift" for a friend ~ or belated Christmas gift, perhaps.

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is a program to assist and support couples who are experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. This program has helped 10s of 1000s of couples. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 9, 2009, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available on the web at www.helpourmarriage.com.

LAST SUNDAY' S OFFERTORY

1st Collection.....\$2,027.00
2nd Collection..... \$1,266.00
Total (Thank you!).....\$3,293.00

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