

MASSES THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

(†) (DENOTES DECEASED)

Sunday, December 7 Second Sunday of Advent8:00 a.m. Leonard Scarpino † (B/Day)
*Eugene Scarpino*10:00 a.m. D'Alessio Family & Eugene & Ernest †
*M/M Pat Gaito*12:00 p.m. Pauline Chapman † *M/M John Chapman*5:00 p.m. Charles Fagan † (Anniv) *Michele Fagan***Monday, December 8 Immaculate Conception**

7:00 a.m. Robert P. Horgos (Spl Int) Robert P. Horgos

12:05 p.m. Louis O'Neil † *Mrs. Virginia O'Neil*5:30 p.m. Nick DLacich † (B/Day) *Myrna k. Dlacich***Tuesday, December 9 Advent Weekday**7:00 a.m. Michael & Helen Horgos † *Robert P. Horgos*12:05 p.m. Louise C. Webber † (Anniv) *John F. Webber*5:15 p.m. Joseph A. Luvara † *Janet E. Miller***Wednesday, December 10 Advent Weekday**7:00 a.m. Thomas M. O'Connor, Sr. † (B/Day)
*Thomas O'Connor, Jr.*12:05 p.m. Barbara Rosella † (B/Day) *Mary Florian*5:15 p.m. Mary O'Donnell-Quinn †
*Leo & Laurene O'Donnell***Thursday, December 11 St. Damasus I**7:00 a.m. Louis O'Neil † *Mrs. Virginia O'Neil*12:05 p.m. Josephine Imburgia † (B/Day)
*M/M Sam Manfredi, Jr.*5:15 p.m. **No Mass, Holy Hour at 5:30****Friday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**7:00 a.m. Robert P. Horgos (Spl Int) *Robert P. Horgos*12:05 p.m. Patrick Capretta † *Sharon Capretta*5:15 p.m. Respect for All Human Life
*Willis McCook Miller, Jr.***Saturday, December 13 St. Lucy**

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

6:00 p.m. Margaret DeCort † *by Family***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*

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**Mass Schedule for the Holy Day,
December 8**Epiphany, 7:00 a.m., 12:05 pm. **5:30 pm.**

St. Benedict the Moor, 9:15 am. (school), 6:30 pm.

St. Mary of Mercy, 6:30 am., 7:30 am. 12:00 n, 5:30 pm

Confessions will not be scheduled on the Holy Day.

Five Minutes with the Word, Advent 2008

On the table with the bulletins are advent booklets for your use. These booklets contain scripture verses, reflections and prayers for this Advent season. May this little booklet, (convenient for your pocket) enhance your Advent devotions. Find also the "Catholic Update", a source of meditations and readings for the season. May these materials help to enhance your spirituality.

December 8, Spaghetti Dinner

We will have our annual Holy Day Spaghetti Dinner on Monday. The dinner includes meat ball, salad, roll, and butter. Serving is from 11:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., and the cost is only \$6.00. Come down to McDowell Hall and bring the family!

Ministering at the Altar

Ministering at the altar of God is a call and certainly a privilege. We are presently in need of Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors to serve on weekends. Training sessions will be scheduled as needed for those who feel called to ministry. Please call Josie at 412-381-0196 or call the parish office at 412-471-0257 x10 if you have questions or if you will be available for either ministry.

Christmas Flowers

Enclosed in this bulletin is an 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.

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 **November 30 and December 7**, this candle will burn in memory of the deceased **Sherry McGurk** by **Maurice and Anne Gable**.

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.

*Come, Lord Jesus, be alive in our hearts!***Remembering the sick and hospitalized**

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

Pastoral Team Notes

Comfort vs. Comfortable

On this Second Sunday of Advent we are encouraged by the Prophet Isaiah to take comfort for the *Lord is near*. It seems though as God’s people we become comfortable where we are. To take comfort is to rely on the peace that comes with the ideal that the Lord is our Shepherd. He will bring us peace in the midst of the hustle and bustle of life when we are tempted to remain the same, comfortable with the status quo. That is to be comfortable with who we are and not explore what we can be on account of the Lord. John the Baptist calls us to repent and take comfort in the Lord. Lest we get comfortable in our sinfulness, he reminds us that God forgives our sins. John challenges us to heighten our awareness to spiritual grace, reminding us once again, that there is something greater for our lives than simply “doing”. We need to live in the *hope* of the coming of the Lord. This week pray that we do not get too comfortable, but take comfort in the Lord for “we have seen His kindness and He has granted our salvation”. This is all the more reason we need to continue our mantra “Come Lord Jesus, Come be alive in our heart”.

All are encouraged to attend Mass this Monday for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception a Holy Day of Obligation. Please see the schedule for holy day Masses at all three parishes. Don’t forget to check-out our Advent happenings and Penance Services listed in this week’s bulletin. Have a great week!

Catholic Calendar on sale

We are selling 2009 Catholic Calendars this year. The calendars are \$2.00 and are available now by calling the parish office, 412-471-0257x10.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Regis Parish and the Latino Community of the Diocese of Pittsburgh will celebrate this feast with festivities on Friday, December 12 in St. Paul Cathedral beginning with a Procession of color guard of flags of the Many nations. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m With Bishop Zubik as principle celebrant. Reception follows in the hall.

**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. 10. 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. 11, 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

Fish Fry and More!

Come and join us for the fish fry! The special this week for only \$6.00 is Meat Loaf, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, and Butter. Serving is from 11:30 am. to 6:30 p.m. For take out orders call, 412-471-1008 after 9:00 a.m. Thank you for joining us!

Thank You!

We have received a “thank you” for our contribution of \$509.25 sent to the Mission Office for the recent collection of the Missionary Cooperation Plan. Thank you for your support!

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Total (Thank you!)..... \$2,626.00

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