

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



Monday, January 4 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

8:00 AM Mass at Christ, Prince of Peace  
**Durec Family + (Alex & Patty)**

Tuesday, January 5 *St. John Neumann*

8:00 AM Mass at St. Lawrence  
**Loretta Cook + (Henry & Pat Shevchuk)**

Wednesday, January 6 *Blessed Andre Bessette*

9:00 AM Mass at Christ, Prince of Peace  
**Frances Jurica + (Mary Petrovsky)**

Thursday, January 7 *St. Raymond of Penafort*

8:00 AM Mass at St. Lawrence  
**Linda Sprentz + (Kathy Taylor)**

Friday, January 8

8:00 AM Mass at Christ, Prince of Peace  
**Patrick Gleason + (M/M Aldo Falsetti)**

Saturday, January 9

9:00 AM Confessions at Christ, Prince of Peace



**BAPTISM  
OF THE  
LORD**

5:00 PM Mass at Christ, Prince of Peace  
**Joseph Scrips + (M/M J. Gary DeComo)**

Sunday, January 10

9:00 AM Mass at St. Lawrence  
**Emma Oresick + (Mary Ann & Family)**

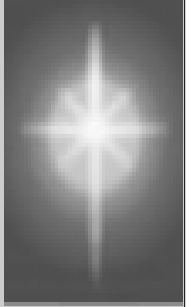
11:00 AM Mass at Christ, Prince of Peace  
**Jacob Ortmann, Jr. +  
(Leon & Mary Jo Haponski)**

7:00 PM Mass at St. Lawrence  
**Thomas Cieply + (Lias & Johnson Families)**



**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Today is a feast of Light! Images of light surround us in today's liturgy. In fact, the meaning of the word epiphany means "revelation" or "illumination." What was once darkness is now light' what was once hidden is now revealed. Christ, the Light of God, has come into the world. John's Gospel tells us that "the darkness has not overcome [the light] - 1:5. Indeed, that is what today's solemnity acknowledges and celebrates: that God's Light has come into the world and has overpowered the darkness; that God, through Christ, has literally transformed the darkness into light! Today's celebration gives us hope! The darkness that exists in the world is all too real: darkness of war, of terrorism; darkness of an increasing disregard for human life; darkness of oppression and of violence. Sometimes the darkness is strong and it threatens to actually overcome the Light that is Christ, the Light that is His Gospel, the Light that is God's love. But, we have a promise from God and today we remember that promise: The darkness will never overcome the Light! Today we proclaim that God shines upon us and in his love, his glory will always appear over us ! Isaiah 60:2.




In tradition, Epiphany is known as the "Twelfth Day of Christmas." On this day we mark the apex, as it were, of the Christmas season. The season has been moving steadily toward this moment of great revelation and epiphany. Today we acknowledge and celebrate that the child born in a lowly manger in the darkness of night is revealed as the manifestation of God (the literal meaning of Epiphany). Throughout the liturgies of the season, Christ has been revealed in many ways: as Lord; King; the one in whom God is present and acts. All manifestations of God are "lights" that shine through Christ, illuminating and revealing a deeper understanding of his identity.

Traditionally, three events in the life of Christ are remembered as manifestations of God's presence and action through Christ:

- \* the visit of the Magi: Matthew 2:1-12
- \* the Wedding Feast of Cana: John 2:1-11
- \* the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River: Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Sunday Collection	December 25-26-27	Year to Date	
Needed Income	\$7,429.54	\$193,168.04	
Actual Income	\$6,179.25	\$154,278.41	<b>Christmas Flowers</b> \$2,261.00
Over/Under +/-	-\$1,250.29	-\$38,889.63	<b>Christmas</b> \$11,825.65
Catholic Accent	Utilities \$36.00	Immaculate Conception \$44.00	<b>Children &amp; Human Dev.</b> \$62.00
Children's Envelopes	Votives \$122.51	Kids Christmas \$82.50	<b>Orphans &amp; Dependent Children</b> \$1837.00



Today is also the traditional day for blessing homes by marking the lintels of the doorways with chalk. The markings commemorate the three Magi traditionally known by the names *Caspar*, *Melchior*, and *Balthasar*. The markings for 2010 are 20 + C + M + B + 10. These letters represent the three initials of the Magi's names written between the numbers of the year, separated by four crosses.

**NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK**

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, January 10-16. This week provides the opportunity for parishes across the country to promote vocations through prayer and education. It is our responsibility to encourage young people to be generous in their response as they discern the possibility of a call to service in the Church. We must also ask parents, families and our parish communities to assist with this work, vocations are everyone's business. As we pray for an increased number of seminarians and candidates for religious life, we recognize the importance of safeguarding the gift of vocations.



**IN YOUR CHARITY  
PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE SOUL OF**

*Walter "Whitey" Czekanski*

May eternal rest be granted unto him and may perpetual light shine upon him.



To *Joe Perry* as he celebrates his **85th** Birthday on January 8th !



**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
THE NEWLY  
BAPTIZED**

*Alexander William Dirsmith*

*May the power of God  
protect him & the presence  
of God watch over him.*

A memorial in memory of *Margaret Dedo* was received from the staff & residents of Erdleys Sunnyside Personal Care Home.

*Readings for the Week of January 3*  
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17,23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30  
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4,6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16,21-22

**CCD CLASSES** will not be held today, Sunday, January 3rd. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 10th beginning at 9:40-10:40 AM in Divine Redeemer School.

**THE EPIPHANY EXPERIENCE**  
 St. Joseph Church and St. Mary of Czestochowa Church, New Kensington, will present "The Epiphany Experience," **January 10, 2010, at 4:00 PM** in St. Joseph Church, New Kensington. The experience will consist of readings and carols, live animals, choral anthems, and tableaux ... plus fellowship and blessings. A social will follow in the school cafeteria. For more information, call 724-337-

**THANK YOU**  
 To Mrs. Carlesi and the Sixth Grade students at Divine Redeemer School for helping Deacon Dan to prepare the home blessing kits for everyone in our parish.

**PRO LIFE VIGIL**  
 The Benedictine Nuns of St. Emma Monastery invite you for the Pro-Life Prayer Vigil on Wednesday, January 20. Rev. Boniface Hicks, OSB will speak on the theme The Holy Family: Model for Living the Gospel of Life. Schedule: 2:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and conference, 3:45 p.m. conference, 5:00 p.m. sung Vespers with the Benedictine Nuns, 6:30 p.m. conference, 7:30 p.m. Compline and closes with Benediction at 8:15 p.m. Light refreshments are provided. There is no charge - you are our guest. Please RSVP to 724-834-3060, Ext. 139.



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE JANUARY 9 & 10**

**January 9 5:00 PM**

**Altar Servers:** A Cippel/B Debacko  
**Cross Bearer:** CJ Cippel  
**Greeters:** L & J Casilli  
**Ushers:** M Alwine/L Bandura/F Bohan/A Cujas  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** P Bealles/A Burk  
**Lectors:** S Cunningham/M Green

**January 10 11:00 AM**

**Altar Servers:** A & A De Gregorio  
**Cross Bearer:** M Campbell  
**Lectors:** R Cumberledge/N Gaggini  
**Ushers:** E Kijowski/K Markilinski/F Walbert/H Pierce  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** C Carley/S Contrucci  
**Greeters:** J George/V Giardino

**January 11-Money Counters:** L Koleck/C Simmons/A Wolfe

*I wish for you this year*  
 Where there is pain,  
 I wish you peace and mercy.  
 Where there is self-doubting,  
 I wish you a renewed confidence  
 in your ability to work through it.  
 Where there is tiredness,  
 or exhaustion,  
 I wish you understanding,  
 patience, and renewed strength.  
 Where there is fear, I wish you  
 love, and courage.