



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Overcoming jealousy

(Is. 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-6; Matt 2:1-12)

Then Herod sent the (magi) to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

For your reflection and sharing:

Adult: When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

Child: When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER . . . Those who are ill:

(We appreciate your calling the office (412-563-4400) when names are to be added or deleted.) (Names added this week appear in bold print.)

Mary Armbruster, Francis Backo, Dave Bell, Mary Ellen Black, Josephine Bondi, Rosemarie Christy, Christian Cononelly, Brian Cotter, John Cotter, Micheal D. Dailey, Nella Danzuso, Diane, Cy & Eleanor Dimitroff, Jim Doby, Joshua Eichhorn, Jim Erny, Pat Erny, Aida Farah, Michael Farrell, Ralph Ferrari, Louise Flora, Tom Forbidussi, Kay Friel, Dorothy Fuchs, Florence Gaertner, Alice Galiszewski, Nancy Gallagher, Eric Garcia, Matthew Giel, Lucille Giles, Dolores & George Gilfoyle, Helen Grace, Margaret Greider, Jane & Joseph Gurcak, Joan Hartman, Sharlene Heinzl, Virginia Heinzl, Primno Innocenti, Irene Interthal, Glen Izydore, Marie Jenkins, Nicole Jenkins, Robert Jocz, The Kampert Family, Theresa Kane, James Keil, Daniel Kelly, Arlene Kemmler, Alyssea Kollinger, Harry Lauda, Lil Lauda, Raymond Lew, Joe Limbruner, Thelma Lippert, Connie Longo, Joseph Loy, Wilma Lucas, Ashley Mallasee, Barbara McKenna, Mella, Vera Mezyk, Patti Miller, **Frances Mineo**, Sal Mitchell, Dick Nagel, Bobby Negri, **Debbi Nolla**, Pam Novak, Nancy Hartz Obusek, Nicholas Perkins, Kali Peroni, Matthew & Henrietta Poljak, Marion Ramsey, Sr. Lynn Rettinger, Roberta Rivers, Barbara Rozzo, George Rubacky, Dee Sabados, Beatrice Saltzer, Paul Sampson, Blanche Seiler, **Joseph Semplice**, **Rose Semplice**, Olympia Serio, Eleanor Sexton, Ron Sikora, Esther Skiff, Dolores & Jackie Smith, Helen Smithyman, Gladys Soranno, Florence Szydowski, Loretta Teschke, Mary Tewell, Andy Tice, Ruth Utzig, Fr. Jerome Vereb, Deacon Rich Very, John Vogt, Frances Walyko, Jean Warren, Lois Wenger, Mary Lou Wertz, Nicholas Wittman, **Cecelia Wyland**, Sis Zorn. *May you know the healing power and Spirit of God. (Call 412-343-9548 to add*

names to the Ladies of Charity prayer chain.) **Those who have died:** + Timothy Klose and + Elva McGibbeny. *May they live in the eternal peace of Christ.*

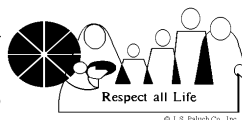
BAPTISM CLASSES AND NOTES *Every child is a gift from God.* While we rejoice in the new life that continues to be formed, we wish the very best for your child. To this end, it is expected that you **choose sponsors who are baptized, confirmed and practicing Catholics.** In addition, we offer classes which you as parent(s) are required to attend so that your child may be baptized in Christ. The next series of classes is as follows: please call to register.

Sun., Jan. 10 at St. Pius at 12:30 PM (412-563-5423)

Wed., Feb. 3 at Resurrection at 7 PM (412-563-4400)

Tues., March 2 at Our Lady of Loreto at 7 PM (412-341-6161)

MARCH FOR LIFE Fri., Jan. 22—
Bus leaves at 6 AM at St. Bernard's.
Contact Claire King at St. Bernard's
at 412-343-2885.



SAINTS-IN-THE-MAKING: WE THREE KINGS

The Epiphany carol is every popular: "We Three Kings of Orient are/Bearing gifts we traverse afar..." Cologne Cathedral is a place of pilgrimage for its supposed relics of the Magi, but a modern industrial city in Iran probably has a stronger claim as the final resting place of the three wise men of Matthew's gospel. It provides an unexpected link between ancient Persia and Christianity.

For centuries the identities of the Wise Men have been disputed. St. Matthew is specific about "the East". It also appears that having journeyed from the East, that was where they returned to, and it is fairly certain that the home to which they took their wondrous tidings was Persia.

The famous traveler Marco Polo (c. 1254-1324/5) notes, "In Persia is the city called Saveh, from which the three Magi set out when they came to worship Jesus Christ. Here, too, they lie buried in three sepulchers of great size and beauty. Above each sepulcher is a square building with a domed roof of very fine workmanship. The one is just beside the other. Their bodies are still whole, and they have hair and beards. One was named **Beltasar**, the Second **Gaspar**, and the third **Melchior**." Today Saveh is a city with an industrial zone. But this link with the Magi has not excited local commercial instincts or imagination. This contrasts with the city of Cologne, whose cathedral attracted huge numbers of pilgrims after it acquired supposed relics of the Magi in the 12th century.

The word "Magus", used by St. Matthew, is taken from old Persian. The magi were the priestly caste of the pre-Islamic Zoroastrian religion, which had been influential in Persia since before the sixth-century BC. Among their skills was astronomy, and Saveh was supposed to have had a superior observatory. Marco Polo claimed that followers of the religion were "very numerous" in Iran. This would have been more likely of the desert region in the center of the country, which still has a small Zoroastrian community. In Saveh, and throughout Iran, most fled or converted when Islam arrived.

Zoroastrians in modern Iran have much to be aggrieved about. As one report says, "Seldom in the history of religious oppression have a people been subjected to as much persecution, arbitrary ruling and suppression as the Zoroastrians during the 12 centuries following the Arab invasion of Iran." Christian Iranians have not fared quite so badly. Most of the different Christian communities are unaware of the Seveh-Magi connection anyway. Global customs, such as the Christmas tree, provide a more international aspect to a community that is outward looking and often trying to escape. Christians who were born into the faith continue to worship as usual, but conversion is discouraged. In September, parliament approved the death penalty for apostasy. The most anxious group of all are Iranian Jews who have been emigrating long before current political tensions. There are ever-growing numbers of Iranians who, like the Magi, visit the Holy Land but, unlike the Magi, never return to Iran.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week in loving memory **Ralph Garcia** as requested by the Del Greco's. **THE BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE** will burn this week in loving memory of **Angelo Danzuso** as requested by Nola Ferrari. **THE CANDLE FOR THE UNBORN** will burn this week in honor of **Anna Toth** as requested by Rene Walsh.

MASSSES for the WEEK

Monday, Jan. 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
6:00 PM Special Intention (Nola Ferrari)

Tuesday, Jan. 5, St. John Neumann
9:00 AM Anthony & Dolores Nee (Family)

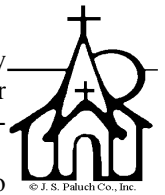
Wednesday, Jan. 6, Blessed Andre Bessette
9:00 AM James & Jean Carlino (Falcione Family)

Thursday, Jan. 7, St. Raymond of Penafort
9:00 AM Margaret & Joseph Morris (Dorothy & Family)

Friday, Jan. 8, Christmas Weekday
9:00 AM Pro-Life (National Apostolate)

Saturday, Jan. 9, Christmas Weekday
5:00 PM Antonio Serio (Wife, Olympia)

Sunday, Jan. 10, The Baptism of the Lord
8:30 AM Antonia & Antonio Ambroselli (Frank & Joanne)
11:30 AM Frank & Dorothy Antonucci—60th Anniversary
(Children & Grandchildren)
6:30 PM All Our Parishioners



CLUSTER NEWS

St. Pamphilus celebrates its 50th Anniversary on Dec. 5, 2010, and suggests: “Mark your calendar” for the Mass and dinner party. Details will follow in the months ahead.

Coaches Needed— Our cluster is looking into starting a CYM (Catholic Youth Ministries) sports team for Softball (grades 8 thru 12) and Basketball (grades 9 thru 12). We will be in need of coaches and assistant coaches, both male and female. Coaches will need all required Diocesan Clearances. **Softball** is co-ed and requires coaches to attend meetings in March and April; season runs May-July. **Basketball** is split with a Boys Varsity, a Boys Jr. Varsity, and a Girls Varsity. Coaches must attend a meeting in October and November. The season is December thru February with state playoffs in March. We need to know if we have coaches in place before we approach the youth of our parishes. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Fr. Jim Bachner at 412-531-2135. **Cluster Bowling**— Our Cluster Bowling League, which meets at Dormont Lanes on Mondays at 7PM will be starting new teams in January. If you are interested in joining the league, contact Fr. Jim at 412-531-2135.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS (Continued)

Donor	In Honor of / In Memory of
Cauley, Mary A. (Mother)	Mary Agnes Cauley (Daughter)
Cipriani, M/M Daniel	
Collelli, Maryk Ann	M/M Salvatore Romano
Conley, Dolly & Jack	Maynette Stadler
Dugan, M/M John	Selma Dugan
Fontana, Francine & Wayne	Dec'd of Buono & Fontana Fam.
Grattan, Charlotte	Dec'd of Grattan & Merle Fam.
Lagnese, Kay & Tom	Lagnese Family
Loria, Margaret	Loria & Fratto Families
Nolla, M/M Ronald	Dec'd of Nolla & Innocenti Fam.
Pokora, M/M Harry J.	
Romano, Rose Mary	Paul Romano, Rosemarie & Joseph Romano, Ann & John Mascaro
Vogel, Imelda	
Wenger, M/M Thomas	Charles Wenger, Catherine Wenger Alice White, Timothy White
Zola, M/M Donald	Honor of Aaron Zola, US Navy

CONGRATULATIONS to Frank and Dorothy Antonucci on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. *May the Love that formed you continue to hold you in peace and joy.*

“YOU ARE NOT ALONE” ministry will not meet in January or February due to the uncertainty of the weather. Please call Bernice at 412-563-4400 with any questions.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN CLASS will be held at St. Thomas More, Ft. Couch Road on Thursday, January 7 at 6:30 PM. If you are a volunteer or employee who comes in contact with children in any capacity, you are required to take this one-time class, if you haven’t already done so. Call Kerry at 412-835-6996 to register.



AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL VOLUNTEERS who helped in any way in 2009:
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 at 6:00 PM
RSVP BY JANUARY 4:
Call 412-563-4400

SOCIAL SUNDAY will take place next Sunday, January 10 in Quinn Hall at 9:30 AM. Stop by for fellowship, donuts, bagels and beverages.

A good disposition is a virtue in itself, and it is lasting; the burden of the years cannot depress it, and love that is found on it endures to the end. Ovid

DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

Rev. Dwight Longnecker, author and regular contributor to the *National Catholic Register* will give a presentation on **St. Benedict and St. Therese: The Little Rule and the Little Way** at St. Paul Seminary Auditorium on Tuesday, February 2 at 7:30 PM. Continuing education credit is available for priests, deacons and catechists. The lecture is free—all are welcome to attend. Bring a friend.

Liturgical Roles

<i>Date Time</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Extraord. Min. of H.C.</i>
Sat. 1/9 5:00 PM			Fauth Miller Price Schanck, Fe Schanck, Fi
Sun. 1/10 8:30 AM			Ferrieri, J Gargani Tallon McGuire
Sun. 1/10 11:30 AM			Knouff, J Knouff, R Mercer Obeldobel
Sun. 1/10 6:30 PM			McCaffrey Mineo Pokora

AROUND THE TOWN

- **The Pittsburgh Creche** located at the USX Tower on Grant St. is the only Vatican replica in the world. The Creche will remain on display through January 7.
- **Are you married to a stranger?** Do you feel alone? Do you argue - or have you just stopped talking to each other? This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 8, 2010, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434.
- **Our Lady of Loreto sponsors Sports Raffle** for January. Four Raffles; one ticket!! Donation \$10. Prizes include football autographed by Steelers' #83 Heath Miller; Ben Roethlisberger autographed jersey; 4 tickets to Penguins Hockey Game March 6 against Dallas, and a Hockey jersey autographed by Penguins team. Call Joann at 412-298-3670 or Gail at 412-341-6161.
- The Martina Spiritual Renewal Center has planned a **Women's Weekend Retreat** for Jan. 29-31. Dr. Jo Ann Paradise will be the presenter. Register by January 15 by calling 412-931-9766. The fee is \$160 for the weekend.
- **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** April 28—May 7, 2010 with Visionary Mirjana Soldo. Call Cathy Howe at 412-278-4673 for more information.
- The Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God offer a **Soup Take-out Day**—Friday, Jan. 22 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Place orders by Jan. 18 at 412-885-7232 for choice of 3 soups and 2 hard rolls for \$5/quart.
- Do you have a few hours each week to spend **helping the Southwestern Veterans Center?** They need shoppers and cashiers for their Canteen Store. Call Lynn 412-665-6790.
- Parishioners on Medicare! Call 1-800-836-5699 for info about 2010 Medicaid Advantage Plans

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening.....5:00 PM
Sunday.....8:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 6:30 PM
Monday6:00 PM (Miraculous Medal Novena follows)
Tuesday through Friday.....9:00 AM
Holy Days:See schedule in bulletin

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Frank A. MitoloPastor
Rev. Victor J. RochaIn Residence
Eileen SpearOffice Manager
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STEWARDSHIP

Sunday collection.....12/21.....\$4,640
Envelopes used.....302
Parishioners receiving envelope.....1,041

PARISH SHARE GOAL.....\$94,671
Paid to date.....\$36,941
Balance.....

CURRENT DEBT.....\$264,449

*Please remember
Resurrection Church
in your estate planning.*