



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**Sat., Jan. 5, 2008 to Sun., Jan. 13, 2008**

<b>Saturday Vigil, Jan. 5:</b> Elizabeth Zurawski (George Bencho)	<b>4:30 PM Church</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan. 6:</b> For Parish Family of St. John of God	<b>7:30 AM Church</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan. 6:</b> Joseph N. Ferraro, Sr. (Marge & Family)	<b>9:30 AM Chapel</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan. 6:</b> Anniv - Albert Gerger (Wife, Agnes)	<b>11:30 AM Church</b>

**WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH**

<b>Monday, Jan. 7:</b> Angeline Molitoris (Joan French)
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 8:</b> Anniv - Anton Zotter (Theresa Bukowski)
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 9, 8:15 AM, Chapel:</b> For St. John of God School Staff and Students
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 9:</b> Sophie Jencik (Susan, Michael, Alexis & Nicholas Roman)
<b>Thursday, Jan. 10:</b> James Caputo (Marianne Caputo)
<b>Friday, Jan. 11:</b> Anniv - Joseph Mack (Wife & Children)

**Saturday, Jan. 12, 1:00 PM:**

**Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery Chapel** celebrated for our beloved dead and those buried at our cemeteries.

<b>Saturday Vigil, Jan. 12 :</b> Wilfred "Bob" Roussey (Mr. & Mrs. Steve Homer)	<b>4:30 PM Church</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan. 13:</b> Charles & Ann Wagner with Bob & Tom remembered (Family)	<b>7:30 AM Church</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan. 13:</b> Elizabeth Spadaccia with daughter, Lucille Renschler remembered (Family)	<b>9:30 AM Chapel</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan. 13:</b> For Parish Family of St. John of God	<b>11:30 AM Church</b>

**Readings for the Week of January 6, 2008**

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/Mt 3:13-17

**SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF JAN. 6**

**St. Mary's** - In Memory of the Mortell and Cook Families by Mary Cook

**Mother of Sorrows** - In Memory of Kay and Ed Zamanski by George and Madeline Panno

**YEAR-END STATEMENTS**

We will be mailing to you a list of your contributions for 2007 by January 31, 2008. If you do not receive envelopes, you will not receive a report. If you receive envelopes, but didn't use them, you will receive a report marked \$0.00 contributions, and the computer may deactivate you. You may be removed from the envelope list. And your status is reduced to inactive parishioner, which means that you will not qualify for things like sponsorship certificates and a number of other things. Of course, you always have the right to come to Church, receive the sacraments if you are spiritually disposed and call upon the clergy for pastoral service. But you will lose some of the privileges of active participation.

Since we will not compute the report till the end of January, you have time to make contributions for the 2007 year, but you must make it clear to us that it is to be credited to the 2007 account. We have started the 2008 contribution records already.

**PARISH SHARE NEWS**

We have not received our 2008 Parish Share assessment yet from the Diocese, but all contributions to Parish Share beginning January 1, 2008 will be credited towards the 2008 program. Next Sunday, January 13, we will have a second collection for the Parish Share Program. If you forget to bring your blue Parish Share envelope that is in your packet of envelopes, just bring it anytime that is convenient. Thank you!

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to two upcoming events!

The first is a roller skating party on Monday, Jan. 21 (NO SCHOOL – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Neville Roller Drome. Cost is \$5.00 per person plus \$1.50 for skate rental. Sign-up deadline is 1/17.



The second event is a day at Seven Springs Mountain Resort on Saturday, January 26. There are many activities available including skiing, snow boarding, snow tubing, and much more (check out [www.7springs.com](http://www.7springs.com)). Sign-up deadline is 1/23. *Adults who are registered in the diocesan database are needed to drive – if you can help please call the Youth Office.*



To sign-up for either event, contact Steve Swank at 412-331-8573 x11 or [sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com](mailto:sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com).

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH  
FOR THE WEEKEND OF DEC. 22 / DEC. 23**

Saturday .....	419
Sunday .....	681
<b>Total Weekend Attendance.....</b>	<b>1,100</b>
<b>Total Weekend Offertory.....</b>	<b>\$6,830.59</b>

**CHRISTMAS ATTENDANCE, DEC. 24 / 25**

Monday, Dec. 24, 4:30 PM .....	923
7:30 PM .....	125
12:00 Midnight .....	427
Tuesday, Dec. 25, 9:30 AM .....	150
11:30 AM .....	400
<b>Total Christmas Attendance .....</b>	<b>2,025</b>

Christmas Offertory .....	\$15,958.34
Support for Children & Youth .....	\$2,747.66

Parish Share Assessment 2007 .....	\$89,147.00
Parish Share Collected to Date .....	\$113,729.87
(includes collection for Children & Youth)	
Excess Parish Share (Thank You!) .....	\$24,582.87

**PLEASE NOTE**

Due to the early transmission of this bulletin, the Attendance, Offertory and Parish Share information for the weekend of December 29/30 and New Year's Day, Dec. 31/Jan. 1 will be published next week.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Jan. 7 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins at 6:30 PM.

**Jan. 8 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's.

**Jan. 9 (Wed.) - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM - Early Birds 7 PM - Reg. Games Begin at 7:15 PM.

**Jan. 9 (Wed.)** - Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Gathering Place.

**Jan. 11 (Fri.) - PIZZA KITCHEN!** To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM-1 PM - Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

St. Joseph Parish in Coraopolis is offering a one day Marriage Preparation Course which is being prepared in conformity with Diocesan guidelines. The class will be held on January 19, 2008 from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM. The fee of \$65 includes a light breakfast and buffet luncheon. For more information, please call St. Joseph Parish at 412-264-6162.



**SYMPATHY**

We wish to extend our sympathy to the Families of Anne Stecko, Margaret Quick, Katherine Perpetua and Nelda Mazar (mother of Bruce Mazur) whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed in your prayers. *"May the Choirs of Angels receive them, and may they with the once poor Lazarus, have rest everlasting."*

**HOSPITAL**

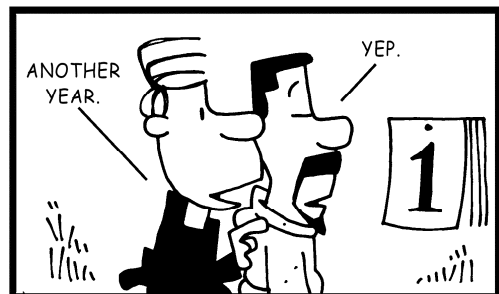
Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital. *Also for those ill at home, in nursing homes, and shut-ins, that they may continue to receive the Lord's Blessings.*

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD**

The office for Vocations is hosting an overnight gathering at Saint Paul Seminary Friday and Saturday, January 25-26, 2008 for all college and career age men who are interested in learning more about the priestly formation program, seminary life, and the priesthood itself. The schedule includes time for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, discussions led by our seminarians, a review of the priestly formation program by the Rector, Father James Wehner, and opportunity for individual discussion with the Diocesan Vocation Director, Father Thomas Sparacino. For more information, please contact Father Thomas Sparacino at 412-672-9763 or Father James Wehner at 412-456-3048.



**NEW YEARS**





### SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Sto-Rox Girls Softball Association is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, January 13, 2008 from noon to 6 PM at the #5 Preston Hose Club, 369 Helen Street in McKees Rocks Bottoms. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, roll, & salad. Donation is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. Tickets will be available at the door. There will also be a Bake Sale, 50/50 Raffle, and Chinese Auction. For more information, please call Joe Miller at 412-331-3492.

### MEN'S RETREAT

The men of St. Catherine of Sienna, Crescent Twp. extend an invitation to all men of St. John of God Parish to join them for a weekend retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on January 25-27, 2008. Conducted by the Passionist Fathers, the retreat offers a quiet, prayerful setting overlooking the city from a hill-top site on the South Side.

Consider taking "time out" and enjoy the fellowship, good food, discussion and an experience which recaptures your peace of mind and the joys of God's creation. For more information, please call Jim Barcaskey, 724-457-7764 or Bob Bittner, 724-378-0903

### BLOOD DRIVE

Give the gift of life at the *Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blood Drive for Life* on Monday, January 15, 1-6 PM at St. Benedict the Moor Church (above Mellon Arena). Commemorate Dr. King's legacy and celebrate life by donating blood. Sponsored by the Office for Black Catholic Ministries in partnership with the Central Blood Bank of Pittsburgh and several parish and community organizations. Contact BCM for information and to schedule your appointment to donate at 412-456-3170 or visit [bccecommunities@diopitt.org](mailto:bccecommunities@diopitt.org).

### POST-ABORTION HEALING

Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held on February 1-3, 2008. Open to both women and men, the retreat will take place at the Spiritual Center in Bethel Park. Rachel's Vineyard provides a beautiful experience of God's love, forgiveness, and compassion for those struggling with abortion's aftermath. There is a fee to cover the cost of food and lodging, but financial aid is available. Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Pittsburgh are co-sponsors. To register or for more information, call Ann Depner or Karen LaFrance at 412-456-6999 by January 25.

### ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASSES

The Pittsburgh Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Respect Life Mass at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood on Sunday, January 20, 2008 at noon. At the same time, Parish Respect Life Chairpersons will be commissioned.

Auxiliary Bishop Paul J. Bradley will be the Celebrant for the Mass. For more information, call Chapter Respect Life Coordinator, William Schmidt, at 412-766-6574.

A reception will follow the Mass in the church hall. Susan Rauscher, Secretary, Social Concerns and Director of the Office for Respect Life, will speak on pro-life issues after Mass in the church hall.

On Tuesday, January 22, Bishop Bradley will celebrate a Respect Life Mass at Noon at St. Mary of Mercy Parish, downtown.

The Mass coincides with those thousands of persons participating in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik will be at the march. It marks the 34th anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision in the *Row v. Wade* case that legalized abortion in the U.S.

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

*Today's Gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you.*

### BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS



The next program will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2008, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. To register or for more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

### WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

World Marriage Day is celebrated the weekend of February 2-3, 2008. There will be a Diocesan celebration of World Marriage Day on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008 at St. James Parish in Sewickley. It will begin with Mass at 5 PM in the Church with Bishop Winter, as the presider and homilist. Following Mass there will be a wine and cheese reception in the parish hall. A presentation by Fr. Dan Valentine will follow. Donation is \$10.00/couple. To register please call the Office for Family Life and Catechesis at 412-456-3160.



**FATHER RYAN ARTS CENTER  
SPRING ARTS EDUCATION  
CLASSES FORMING NOW!**

Focus on Renewal (FOR) welcomes you to explore your creative side this spring through five inspiring and exciting artistic workshops:

**Elementary Dance:** Tuesdays & Thursdays (3:30 PM - 5:10 PM) January 22 through April 24 at the Sto-Rox Elementary School

*Public Performance: Sunday, April 27, 2008 at 3 PM.*

**Middle School Dance:** Tuesdays & Thursdays (2:30 PM - 4:15 PM) January 22 through April 24 at the Sto-Rox Middle School

*Public Performance: Sunday, April 27, 2008 at 3 PM.*

**High School Project Theater:** Tuesdays & Thursdays (2:30 PM - 4:30 PM) January 22 through April 24 at the Sto-Rox High School

*Public Performance: Friday, April 25, 2008 at 6 PM.*

**Creative Drumming:** Saturdays (10 AM - 11:30 AM) January 19 through April 26 in the F.O.R. Family Health Center (lower level conference room)

*Public Performance: Sunday, April 27, 2008 at 3 PM*

**Adult Acting:** Wednesdays (7 PM - 9 PM) January 23 through April 16 at the Craftonian Hall in Crafton

*Public Performance: Friday, April 18, 2008 at 7 PM*

For more information or to register for Spring 2008 classes, contact Patricia Moran at 412-771-3052 or e-mail her at [pmoran@forstorox.org](mailto:pmoran@forstorox.org).

**BUILD THE DREAM!**

Celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with Bishop Paul Bradley on Sunday, January 13 at the Noon Mass at St. Paul Cathedral. A program and reception will follow immediately in the parish social hall. Sponsored by the parish Race and Reconciliation Dialogue Group in partnership with the Office for Black Catholic Ministries. For more information call 412-688-0832.

**EFFICIENCY APARTMENTS  
FOR THE ELDERLY**

(Applicants 62 years or older)

Leo Meyer Manor

1015 Church Avenue 15136

ALSO AVAILABLE / OPTIONAL

3 Meals Per Day

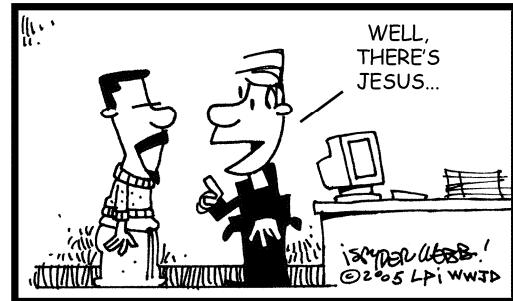
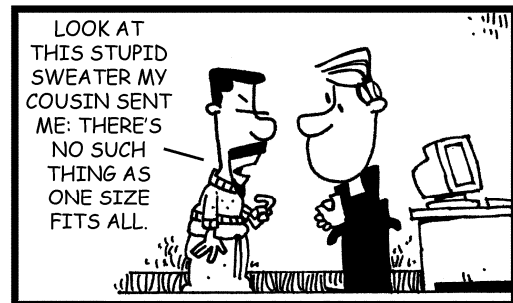
Laundry and Housekeeping

Rental assistance available under HUD guidelines

Equal Housing Opportunity

Information: Sr. Barbara Marie, 412-331-8000

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**DAY OF REFLECTION**

St. Joseph Spirituality Center will sponsor a day of reflection, *How Did Jesus See God? Reflections from the Gospel of Luke*, on Saturday, January 19, from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. In this day of prayer, Rev. Bonnie Thurston, a Scripture scholar, explores how Jesus' images of God in Luke's Gospel might inform our own. After thinking about the nature of "God talk," Dr. Thurston will review St. Luke's images of God and Jesus' use of "Abba." The day will include talks, conversation, and personal quiet time. A fee of \$25 includes lunch. To register, contact Sister Marian Mills at 412-571-5441 by January 14.

**MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION**

We will collect non-perishable food as well as paper products and soap for the needy families of our parish. You may bring your donation to any Mass next Sunday, January 13, 2008. Thank you in advance.

**GET ACQUAINTED DAY**

High School juniors or seniors and their families are invited to a Get Acquainted Day Open House at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, on Saturday, January 19. Registration is from 8:45 AM to 9:00 AM, followed by an introduction to Saint Vincent College, admission and financial aid presentations, a student panel, campus tours and opportunities to meet faculty, administration and coaches. The day concludes with an optional brunch at Noon in the Community Center Dining Hall. For information or reservations, phone 1-800-782-5549, e-mail [admission@stvincent.edu](mailto:admission@stvincent.edu), or register online at [www.stvincent.edu](http://www.stvincent.edu).

**PASTOR'S CORNER***Fr. Lou Vallone*

"I was going to do something about my bad habit of procrastinating, but I never quite got around to it." That about sums up how I feel about this week's Pastor's Corner. Since it is the first one of a new year, I had a bunch of ideas floating around in my head of what I would like to write about.

I toyed with the idea of the traditional "10 best / 10 worst" lists that everyone in journalism indulges in at this time of year. You know, the 10 best things that happened in our parish in 2007, etc. But when I mentally began compiling the events - there were far more than 10 things that I thought should be included under "best". And far less than 10 bad things that I could think of. Somehow a "87 best / 3 worst" list didn't seem elegant enough.

I then contemplated doing a "year in review" type column, highlighting the many things that have gone on in our parish in 2007. But since I have trouble remembering what I had for lunch two days ago, I was afraid that I would miss some important things, include some trivial things, and if I just stuck with statistical things, the column would be boring: if not for you to read, then for me to write.

The next thought was to do a preview of the year to come: some plans and hopes that I as Pastor have as a vision for the coming year. But the holiday season is so hectic that I have trouble enough figuring out what I need to do next. I don't seem to have the energy at the moment to look ahead. I don't mean to give you the impression that those hopes and plans are absent or unconsidered - I assure you they are there. It is just that I don't relish organizing and making a coherent exposition of them right now. Besides, we all like surprises, don't we?

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I finally decided that I would do my Pastor's Corner on New Year's resolutions, but I put off writing the Corner so long that I ran into a stepped up deadline because of the holidays and this has to be modemed in the next 15 seconds or it won't be printed, so I guess that will have to wait until next year. I firmly resolve to do it!

P.S. On a personal note, my gratitude to all who were so kind and generous with cards, gifts, food, greetings, etc. to me over the holiday. I still haven't opened all the Christmas stuff yet, but as I do I say a prayer for each one by name. You and God are much better to me than I deserve. Thank you and God bless you!

A blessed, peaceful and prosperous New Year to one and all, and, since it is the Feast of the Epiphany and the exact 12th day of the season, it is STILL Merry Christmas!



And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. - Mt 2:9-11

**THE P.V. REPORT***Fr. Al Semler*

We had a winner for our Stocking Stuffer T.V. Raffle. It was Paul Urbani. Paul was a member here until he retired from teaching. He now is a lector at St. Catherine of Siena, our sister parish. Congratulations Paul. He was also the seller.

Thanks to all who helped make this raffle a success. The tickets went like hot cakes. So I just might try to do it again.

## *St. John of God Parish Membership Form*



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ONE:**

- New Registration    Change of Address    Moving out of Parish    Want Envelopes

*Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to Rectory.*