

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany of The Lord</b>	
7:30 AM	Lillian Wilshire	requested by Joe Ragonese	
9:00 AM			<b>Polish Mass</b>
10:30 AM	Helen Moldorany	requested by the Hever Family	<b>Adult Choir</b>
12:00 PM	Elizabeth Fasciano	requested by Peggy Tlusty	<b>Cantor</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 9<sup>th</sup></b>		
8:00 AM	Lena Saffiotti	requested by Kathleen Heaney	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 10<sup>th</sup></b>		
8:00 AM	Mary Royle	requested by the Rosary Society	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 11<sup>th</sup></b>		
8:00 AM	People of the Parish		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 12<sup>th</sup></b>		
8:00 AM	Joseph McGuire	requested by the Rosary Society	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 13<sup>th</sup></b>		
8:00 AM	Julie Lawson (Living)	requested by Kathleen Heaney	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 14<sup>th</sup></b>		
8:00 AM	Perpetual Mass Intentions		
5:00 PM	John Kilgallen	requested by Adele and Bill Durr	<b>Cantor</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
7:30 AM	Miriam Snedeker	requested by Phyllis and Carrol Pickens	
9:00 AM	Adrienne Dill Harold	requested by McLaughlin and Harold Families	<b>Polish Mass</b>
10:30 AM	George Bachmann	requested by the Jean Bachmann	<b>Adult Choir</b>
12:00 PM	Brian Bennett	requested by Jack Gallagher	<b>Cantor</b>

### Readings for January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19  
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
 Gospel: John 1:35-42

### Father Michael's Desk

#### Epiphany, Baptism, our Mission - Part I



This year the Church calendar was very compacted. We had Christmas on a Sunday, and we missed celebrating a Sunday Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family. As the New Year began last week, we celebrate the Epiphany this weekend, but will lose a Sunday celebration for the Baptism. The feast of the Baptism is Monday. Due to how the feast fell in the calendar, I will hopefully convey the importance of the family, and Epiphany in this article, and conclude my thoughts in Part II next week on the Baptism and our calling to serve God personally and our mission to society.

The feast of the Epiphany marks the day of the first calling of the Gentiles. The mission of Christ begins now and ends with the salvation of souls by dying on the Cross.

The Three Wise Men, or Magi, left their homes and took the long journey to follow a star that would lead them to the newborn king. The star illuminated their journey through the darkness of night. It was better than any GPS system for it brought them to recognize and adore the king of heaven and earth.

The obedience of the Magi serves as an example to all of us. We are called to be servants with great zeal to almighty God like the magi. The Magi didn't merely rely on their own knowledge and mission in life, but rather sought out their mission laid down by God out of obedience, faith, and belief in Christ.

The Magi came bearing gifts, not with their hands out expecting a gift. Thus, we should be mindful always that it is better to give than receive.

As the Magi came to the manger where Joseph and Mary stayed with the newborn child, Jesus; we should be mindful of God's choice in a family. He didn't want us to ignore the importance of the family unit of a man, woman, and child, nor to forget the need for a mother and father. God chose this route for Christ to enter our lives. Through normal childbirth, childhood, and growth to adulthood God wanted Jesus to come into the world this way instead of as an adult. The first Holy Family showed their loving response to God's call by raising the child, caring and nurturing Him. Jesus for His part expressed that love for His parents.

The magi followed the light of Christ. Do we follow that same light? We need our souls to be illuminated for the light of Christ illuminates us in our very darkness and weakness.

We need to shed light on our souls for the light represents openness and transparency while darkness represents secrets, and the depth of the evil one.

The Catechism informs all of us that all human beings "need to be enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things which exceed understanding, but also about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason."

It is incumbent upon us to know, practice, and embrace the Catholic faith. We need to illumine our mind with the goodness, love, and justice found in the newborn king. We can grow closer to Christ if we desire to follow that shining star that burns so brightly. If we let Him rest in our hearts and illumine our minds, we are insured of the peace of Christ.

For all He gives us, he simply asks for us to love Him and follow Him. This calls us all to have an Epiphany in our life. We need to start the New Year right by willingly following the example of Christ, and putting Him above all else. If something is blocking us from entering into that deeper relationship, we need to address it. If something or someone is denying us from entering into that deeper relationship with God, we need to seek a resolution and solve it. It may take weeks or even months to defeat a habit or destroy the poison of sin, but it is necessary to do so, if we really want to give a gift to the Christ Child. That gift is our self-awareness, joy, faith, and hope in Christ.

May we begin the year with a resolution to be the light of Christ and follow His Mission. There is no better time for change than now, on this Feast of the Epiphany, and the start of this New Year.

## PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

Sunday CCD – 9:15 AM – Parish Center  
RCIA – Children 10:30 AM, Adults 12:00 PM  
Baptisms – 2:00 PM – Church  
Antioch – 6:30 PM – Antioch Room  
AA Meeting – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria  
Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space

### Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

Tiger Den – 6:30 PM – Cafeteria  
Monday CCD – 7:00 PM – Parish Center

### Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday CCD – 4:30 PM – Parish Center  
Adult Choir – 7:00 PM – Church  
Pack 159 Committee – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space

### Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

Boy Scout Troop 159 – 7:00 PM – Gym  
Bereavement Support Group – 7:30 PM – Antioch Room  
Women's Cornerstone – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space  
Knights of Columbus – 8:00 PM – KoC Hall

### Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

ABC Playgroup – 10:00 AM – Cafeteria  
Confirmation 1 – 7:00 PM – Antioch Room  
Wolf Den – 6:30 PM – Church

### Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Parish Center, Room 3

### Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

Knights of Columbus Breakfast – 8:30 AM – Cafeteria  
Sunday CCD – 9:15 AM – Parish Center  
RCIA – Adults 12:00 PM  
AA Meeting – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria  
Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space

**ALTAR CLEANING**  
**Week of January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Team 9 – Lynn Muniz**



**Please remember in your prayers the following:** Denise Armagno, Joann Barker, Scott Behrens, Rose Bellina, Helen Bowden, Julia Buske, Jaycee Cahill, Thomas Camp, Lee Charnock, Bridget Cirbes, Ann Cascillo, Lisa Czyzewski, Mary Grace Daly, Nancy d'Angio Olson, Isaac Del Valle, Denise Farro, Ashley Ferraro, Francesco Galzano, Nancy Ann Gallo, Jim Gamble, Jr., Matthew Gangi, Madeline Grace Ricci Johnson, Pat Hajek, Stanley Holuba, Irene Hudak, Carole Jenkins, Kathleen Jobbagy, Emily Lavey, Jessie and Kristen Kearns, Eleanor Klein, Sandra Long, Joseph Mateus, Larry Mayo, Mary and Andre Mochon, John McAloney, Matthew McCormick, Nadine McCormick, Father John Murray, Walter Murray, Bernard Owczarski, Karen Pegande, Luis Pacquing, Nina Roselli, Aldona Sachs, Christina Scienski, Molly Sheehan, Glynne Smith, Elvira Stiglin, Mary Strangia, Marge Starick, Kaylee Stillman, Maureen McSweeney, Anthony Terracino, Carol Vassallo, Loretta R. Victoria, Timothy Waples.

**Please also pray for those who have gone before us and are now at rest:** Mary Ellen Bakker, Kenneth Wilsusen, Dawn M. Kay, Rose Martorano, Deborah A. Jenkins, Robert Hansen.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### Sunday Donations

#### Tithing:

<b>December 25, 2011</b>	<b>\$10,106</b>
<b>Christmas 2011</b>	<b>\$22,784</b>
December 26, 2010	\$7,891
Christmas 2010	\$27,413
<b>January 1, 2012</b>	<b>\$7,136</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>\$3,255</b>
January 2, 2011	\$11,276

### Flowers, Candles, Wine

**Wine for weekend of January 7-8, 2012**  
For Living Members of the Rosary Society  
**Flowers for weekend of January 7-8, 2012**  
In Memory of Norman Walters  
Donated by OLQP Parish Family  
**Candle for Month of January**  
For Living Members of the Rosary Society

### SHOP-RITE and A&P GIFT CARDS

#### Week Ending January 1, 2012

Sold – \$2,605.00  
Profit – \$130.25  
Total Profit since July 1 – \$7,523.00

### Financial News

Today's **second collection** is for our deficit reduction. Please assist us in meeting our needs to pay back our loan. We are grateful for your generosity for we have at last dipped below the half a million mark for the first time in nearly three years.

We also ask that anyone who may have been away for Christmas to please be **good stewards** and assist our parish in making up Christmas and Sunday envelopes. The Christmas collection is the most significant collection of the year and we need your help to meet bills and budgeted accounts.

**Appliances gone bad...** - In the last two weeks, we have had to replace the rectory range, and the refrigerator and wall oven in the convent, plus repairs were needed to the Church boiler.

### The Beacon

If you are paying the diocese directly for **The Beacon Newspaper**, please call the parish office so we can get credit for our parishioner paying for the paper, and not have to pay for it twice. Thank you!

### Religious Article Store in January

The Sisters of St. Francis will have the religious article store open January 14-15 and January 28-29. Stop by to pick up medals, cards, and many other items for sale in the Gathering Space (formerly called the Rear Annex). Support our Sisters and get a good buy.



## Special Reminders

### CONFIRMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Next Meeting Date:

**Grade 9 Confirmation Class:** Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

**Grade 10 Antioch:** Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM

**All – Young At Heart Mass –** January 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM

**Open House** - Tuesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> the Antioch Youth Room will be open to all the high school students from 6-8 pm. Join us to spend time with your friends. Hope to see you there!

Monday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> is the **Right to Life March** in Washington, DC We have a bus leaving from OLQP early that morning, approximately 6 am and returning at approximately 11 PM. Cost is \$15 per student, adults \$20. Please turn in the form in the bulletin and we will have the permission forms available at Antioch this Sunday and next Thursday for Confirmation I.

**Thank you** to all students that helped at Share a gift, Breakfast with Santa, Eva's Kitchen, Christmas caroling at Van Dyk and helping with music for the YAH Mass.

**TEAM MEETING** - 5:30 PM this Sunday.

**Search Retreat** - Are you in college or finished with college and have attended the Antioch program? Would you consider being part of a new program being initiated here at OLQP? You would be responsible for helping plan and have a retreat for yourselves and the current 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders to be held probably in June. Please contact Eileen in the Youth Ministry office. Looking forward to seeing all that are interested.

#### CCD Families

All CCD classes **resume this week**, January 8-10, 2012.



#### New Altar Server Training

We invite any students, Grades 4-8 to join our altar Server ministry. We will be holding two training sessions in January. Session 1 is on Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:00 AM, and Session #2 is on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-4:30 PM. Please call the office for further information.

#### Help with Youth

Are you looking for a safe environment for your child to spend time in an open gym, or intramural activity? We are seeking those interested parents or adults who wish to coach and /or supervise such activities to please call the office. We would like to start an Open Gym in February. Please call the office for more information.

#### Volunteer Party

Calling All Volunteers! Please respond to the invitation to the Volunteer Party no later than January 16. Thank you!

#### Catechesis/Evangelization

We will be welcoming Fr. Derrick from St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison, the diocesan evangelization center, to preach at the Masses on the weekend of January 21-22. Fr. Derrick is in charge of Evangelization.

#### Catholics Come Home

You may have witnessed the recent television ads for the Catholic Church. The ads point to the website CatholicsComeHome.org which will invite people to a greater relationship with God and the Church. As part of this program, the Diocese of Paterson will be holding a program for those who have fallen away from the faith, or those who just have questions about the Church. The program will be held on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:00 PM at St. John Vianney on Route 23 in Stockholm.

#### New to the Parish? Need to update your family status?

We ask all new and current parishioners to please return your Census update forms, which includes the members of household, your e-mail address, and your talents which you may wish to share with your parish. Our new parishioners are invited to fill out the forms (can be found at the exits of the church) and please contact our office to receive a welcome information packet.

#### Right to Life March

OLQP will be traveling to Washington for the March for Life on Monday, January 23, 2012. We will start the day with Mass at St. Peter's Church on Capitol Hill, followed by the March. The cost of \$20 includes bus transportation, and a bagel and juice in the morning. We will make a stop to Washington, and a return dinner break. We will be departing at 5:45 AM. We ask that you please fill in the form below and return it this week. Speak up for Life, the voiceless, children aborted, and parents.

#### Holy Hour for Life

We will hold a Holy Hour for Life at 1:00 PM (shortly after the Noon Mass), January 22<sup>nd</sup>. We ask that you please spend some time with our Lord and pray for Life, the voiceless, those children aborted, and parents who are pressured to have abortions, as well as healing for mothers who have given up their children.

#### Military Families

Do you have a loved one serving in the military overseas? If so, we wish to compile a list of active service members in order that we can offer our prayers for them. Please contact the office with their names and where they are serving.

#### Wedding? Married Outside the Catholic Church?

We ask that recently engaged couples contact the office in order to start sacramental preparation for your Wedding. Additionally, we ask those who were married outside the Church who wish to convalidate their marriage in the Catholic Church, to contact us



## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

### Bereavement Support Group

We are offering a support group for all those who have lost a loved one and need help working through their loss. Meeting **Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 PM** in the Antioch Room of the Parish Center . Please call Mary Beth, ext. 303 with questions or to register.



### Caring Ministry

Are you going to be in the hospital for a few days? Do you have a family member, or know a parishioner who is in the hospital? Please call the parish office and let us know so we can come to visit or help out, as needed.

### ABC123 Playgroup

Playgroup is held Thursdays 10 am – 11:30 am. Come and meet other moms (dads are welcome too). This is a great chance to not only bond with your child, but to meet and socialize with other parents as well. All children from infant up are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Any questions please contact Vicki at 201-213-4599.



## Pantry Items for the week Coffee

**Food Pantry is extremely low and the need is great. Any way you can help would be greatly appreciated.**

For those in need of help, thanks to our many volunteers the Food Pantry is open:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:30 AM – 1:00 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1:00 PM – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1:00 PM – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1:00 PM – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11:00 AM – 1:00 PM</b>



### March for Life Trip to Washington, DC

Through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus, we are pleased to announce that a portion of the cost is being underwritten and provides those interested the opportunity to attend the March. **When:** Monday January 23, 2012

**Time:** Departure from OLQP at 6 AM

Bagel and Orange Juice provided in the morning

Mass on Capitol Hill at the Church of St. Peters

March for the voiceless, children aborted, parents involved in abortion. and for an end to abortion

**Return** 10 PM eta.      **Cost:** \$20 Adults \$15 Students

Those interested are asked to return the following form to the office by January 16, 2012. Tickets are first come, first serve. Please do not delay.

### March for Life – January 23 – trip to Washington, DC

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Students \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return before January 16<sup>th</sup>