

TODAY IS THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2010

**Scripture Readings for Today****1st Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12**Scripture Readings for January 10th****1st Reading:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**2nd Reading:** Acts 10:34-38**Gospel:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Happy New Year!

This Epiphany Sunday we hear one King's fears and three Kings' joy. It is the world consumed by 'darkness' that fears. It is the world embraced by 'light' that experiences joy. There is a definite choice for us here. Do our hearts fear the 'darkness' in our world, or do we live with the 'light' of peace in our hearts in a 'dark' world?

Today's gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring Him their hearts. Since the Magi came with joy in their hearts to visit the Christ child, God allowed them to see wondrous things.

King Herod considered Jesus a potential threat to his kingship. He was a cruel and selfish king. The Scribes and Pharisees plotted to kill Jesus because he tried to reform some of their 'dark and unloving practices'. They were more interested in their own selfish gains than in discovering the 'truth'. In our world many oppose Christ and His Church, moved by selfish motives, evil habits, and unjust lives. We know people like this, those who gain political power, prestige and recognition from society, yet ignore Jesus' teachings in their public and private lives.

This year, let us worship Jesus at Mass with the 'gold' of our love; the 'myrrh' of our humility; and the 'frankincense' of our adoration. Let us direct our lives to be selfless, protecting innocent life which is threatened by 'darkness'. Reconcile your life with Jesus and live a sacramental life. By doing this you will radiate Christ's light and love, and indeed see wondrous things.

Let this be a truly Happy New Year!

Deacon Jack



The Magi brought the child Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. What gifts do I place before Jesus?

Children's Stewardship

Nine year old B.L. writes on her envelope:

Time: helped my little brother

Talent: art

Treasure: \$1.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of Dottie Lappe, Catherine Fox and Sue Fertita.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially those in hospitals.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for: Peggy Schneider, Annamarie Devanny, Joseph Kruger, Preston Scibek, Rob Coxe, Mary Strunck, Robert Scheile, Alice Bates, Jane McManus, Patrick Daschbach, Catherine Applegarth, Cecilia French, Francis Vizzini, Milton & Timothy Getka, Beth Szczybor, Therese Lipscombe, Quinn Degenhard, Brother James Kelly, Bernard Maddox, Edward Flannagan, Kyla Zeilinger, Jo Keyes, Teddy Skinner, Bill Herman, James DeMatteo, Margaret Peter, Mary Barber, Florence Fink, Lillian Goldwine, Lorraine Keough, Kathleen Ricker, Helen Bopp, Frances Amann, Genevieve Randle, Evana Feeney, Heather LaMartina, Ann Finnel, Concetta Fowler, Sandy Miller, Margaret Blinke.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE: We ask you to remember the parishioners, family & friends serving in the military: **USMC** – Cpl. Joseph Bytella, LCpl. Sean Fitzpatrick, LCpl Alex Webb, LCpl. John J. Cohee, Jr., Sgt. David Burton; **NAT'L GUARD** – Pfc. Ryan Kamauff, David Parker, Spc. Paul Ascosi; **NAVY** – Harrison Seward, David Roussey, Daniel Gately; **ARMY** – SSG Patrick Flanagan, Sgt. Alex Kuziel, James Lowe, Andy Giotis, Andy Deponai, Timothy Muhl, Sgt. Joshua Callow, Spc. Stephen Grenfell, 1st Lt. Stephen Winter, Capt. Sheldon Broedel.

Mass Intentions



MASSES FOR JANUARY 4-10TH

MONDAY 1/4	6:30 a.m. – John S. Molner 8:00 a.m. – Ann P. Hoffman
TUESDAY 1/5	6:30 a.m. – Villamor Kayas 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Cecelia Hoffman
WED. 1/6	6:30 a.m. – Mike Malinowski 8:00 a.m. – Bruce Barnett
THURS. 1/7	6:30 a.m. – Rose La Martina 8:00 a.m. – John Joseph
FRIDAY 1/8	6:30 a.m. – Hugh McConville 8:00 a.m. – Chip Kiszner
SAT. 1/9	8:00 a.m. – William Hauf 5:00 p.m. – Robert Bockmiller
SUNDAY 1/10	7:30 a.m. – Lorraine Kulacki 9:00 a.m. – Jacque Harris 10:30 a.m. – For the Parishioners 12:00 p.m. – Elizabeth Deponai

DAILY READINGS

Monday 1/4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious Reading: 1 John 3:22 - 4:6 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday 1/5	St. John Neumann, Bishop Reading: 1 John 4:7-10 Gospel: Mark 6:34-44
Wed. 1/6	Blessed André Bessette, Religious Reading: 1 John 4:11-18 Gospel: Mark 6:45-52
Thurs. 1/7	St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest Reading: 1 John 4:19 – 5:4 Gospel: Luke 4:14-22
Friday 1/8	Weekday Reading: 1 John 5:5-13 Gospel: Luke 5:12-16
Sat. 1/9	Weekday Reading: 1 John 5:14-21 Gospel: John 3:22-30

PARISH CALENDARS are available on the windowsills in Church. Please take one per family.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS on our Altars are also for



the living & deceased members of the Hahn-Kuziel families, and Anthony T. Palmerino, Michael Steer, Sr., Elsie M. Rogers, Henry Muller, Jean Ledwith, Lester B. Pyle, Mary C. Pyle, Anna Tumminello, The Stotler Family, Helen Diggs, The Spence Family, Villamor Kayas, Margaret McGuirk, Mary Dominick, Jaime Anonuevo, Nicomedes Villanueva, Eustaquia Dela Rosa, Cirila Fernando, Normita Anonuevo, Basilio Anonuevo, Dominador Kayas, and Anastasia Quivano

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION – This weekend, our second collection will be for our building fund. Thank you for your continued generosity!

RCIA – will be held tomorrow evening, Jan. 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the new school. The topic will be **The Ten Commandments**. All are welcome.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS will be held Tuesday, Jan. 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office. Parents wishing to have their child baptized at St. Agnes must participate in this class prior to scheduling the baptism. Please call the Parish Office to register 410.744.2900.

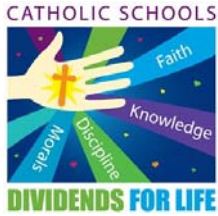
FAMILY ROSARY: Please join us for the Family Rosary on Wednesday, January 6th at 6:30 pm in the Church. We will be praying the Joyful Mysteries to thank God for sending His Son to save us!

LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO sponsored by St. Agnes Men's Club will be held on **Friday, Jan. 22nd** in the Activity Center. Save the date!

RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH will be held on Friday, Jan. 22nd; in Washington D.C. St. Agnes will have two buses. Departure time is 10:30 a.m. from the Shoppers lot, returning approximately 4:30 p.m. To reserve a seat on the bus, please contact Joe Healy at 410.322.1481 or st.piusx@gmail.com. Free-will donations will be accepted on the day of the March.

BEREAVEMENT OUTREACH NETWORK is offering a six-week bereavement seminar designed especially for adults of all ages grieving the death of a loved one. The group will meet at Charlestown on Thursday afternoons from Jan. 28 through March 4 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. There is no fee. Contact Fred Schneider at 410.735.5569 to register.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!



Catholic Schools Week is Coming! This year we will celebrate our Catholic schools from Jan. 31 – Feb. 6th.

This year's theme is "Dividends for Life: Faith, Knowledge, Discipline, Morals," and that is especially true here at St. Agnes as we provide a Catholic education which instills values that will enable our students to fulfill their future rolls as committed Catholics, productive citizens and effective leaders. Watch this space for details about our week-long activities.

Re-registration forms will be sent home with your child on January 13th. Please return them promptly to ensure your child's place for the 2010-2011 year.

Dates to Remember:

Jan. 4	School reopens
Jan. 11	First Reconciliation 7:00 pm
Jan. 12	HSA Meeting at 7:00
Jan. 13	Re-registration papers go home.
Jan. 15	12:30 Dismissal / Teachers' Meeting
Jan. 18	School Closed/ Martin Luther King Day
Jan.20	Chick-Fil-A Night 5-8 pm
Jan. 21	Feast of St. Agnes Liturgy 9:00 a.m. All are welcome!
Jan. 22	Trimester 2 Interims are sent home.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Attention 2nd Grade Parents!

First Reconciliation will be **Monday, January 11**, at 7pm. Please arrive to the Church and be seated with your family by 6:45pm.

Attention 7th Grade Parents!

Our Confirmation information meeting will be held **on Monday, January 25**, at 7pm in the lower church. 7th grade students and at least one parent should attend this meeting.

MEMORY VERSE

PSALM 72:11

All kings will bow down before Him, and all nations will serve Him.

ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, January 3 -New Year, New Beginnings

Tonight, we will meet in the youth room before heading over to the church at 7:15. (If you arrive after 7:15, go directly to the church.) Father Tim will give a talk before exposing the Blessed Sacrament and offering Reconciliation to those who would like to receive the Sacrament.

Sunday, January 10 - Open Gym Night

Join us in the gym for basketball! Bring volleyball if you would like! Please wear tennis shoes and enter through the gray door facing the school building. Please bring a snack or drink to share. We will be doing our Christmas gift exchange since our Christmas party was cancelled. Please bring a \$5 wrapped gift if you would like to participate. (The gift should be fitting for a guy or a girl.)

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB: Are you single?

Interested in meeting people and developing friendships? The Catholic Alumni Club, a social organization for single professional Catholics is looking for you. Our monthly activities include dinners, movies, cultural, picnics, dances, sports, religious, and charitable activities, for info call 410-580-1250. Check out our website at cacbaltimore.org

ALL MARRIED COUPLES are cordially invited to join Archbishop Edwin O'Brien for the special World Marriage Day Mass and Reception at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, February 14, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. The Mass will be interpreted for the hearing impaired.

LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE: Our parish is participating in Worldwide Marriage Encounter's search for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. One nominee from each parish will be honored during a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Edwin O'Brien. Please give the names of your candidates, married 50 years or more, to the parish office by **January 25**. Please include their names, address, telephone and wedding date

MARRIED COUPLES RETREATS will be held at the Priestfield Retreat Center, WV, on the weekends of Feb. 26, March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26, and April 30. These retreats have been held for over 35 years and couples who attend come away feeling spiritually refreshed and enlightened. For more info, call Elaine @ 410-252-5355.