

Pastoral Reflections: The Epiphany of the Lord

"The Magi set out because of a deep desire which prompted them to leave everything and begin a journey. It was as though they had always been waiting for that star." (His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI)

GOLD: Acknowledges Christ's Kingship!

FRANKINCENSE: His Divinity

MYRRH: His Mortality.

Nature itself saluted the coming of the God made Man for at His birth, the heavens sent forth a star. The sea recognized Him for it allowed Him to walk upon it for who else in human history has it been said that he or she "walked" on water? The earth knew Him for it trembled when He died. The sun too, for it was darkened at His death. Miraculous phenomena accompany His birth, life and death and yet He has been and is denied by all too many who speculate this or that so as to dismiss these events as mere delusional fantasies.

It was the intention of the man, Joseph, just and upright as he was, that he would take his wife Mary to the GREAT city of Jerusalem---the place of commerce, of learning, of faith, of life, of culture, of government---but it was the intention of God that they go to the simple locale of Bethlehem, a name which means "House of Bread", in which would be born the Savior of the World, the "Bread" of Life. And who were the first to pay homage to the newborn King? Shepherds! The lowest of the low in the social order of the day. What powerful messages were given about the birth of Jesus Christ.

A King---born in a.....stable?

A King, son of a.....carpenter?

A King.....crucified?

Yes, THIS is the King the Magi honored with their symbolic gifts. And may we; may we offer ourselves really and truly in service to Him that we may show Him---Epiphany means the "manifestation" or "showing"---to the world by our very lives as He showed forth the Father's love and Kingdom and message of forgiveness and salvation to all Whom He met in the course of His public life and ministry.

May WE be the three Magi, whose encounter with Jesus---in the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Most Holy Eucharist---be so touched that our way of life, our "route" home (Heaven) is changed so as to proclaim HIM, Jesus Christ, the KING!

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year 2012!

Fr. Samuel Houser

Mass Intentions of the Week

SUNDAY, January 8-The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. † Parents of George & Leona Ceroy
9:00 a.m. † Dallas Taylor
11:00 a.m. Int. of Raineri Family, living and deceased
5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

MONDAY, January 9-The Baptism of the Lord

6:30 a.m. † Carmella Rinaldi

TUESDAY, January 10

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, January 11

4:30—5:00 p.m. Confessions
5:15 p.m. † Deceased members of Legion of Mary

THURSDAY, January 12

4:30—5:00 p.m. Confessions
5:15 p.m. † Mary Casseday

FRIDAY, January 13- St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30 a.m. † Theresa Martin
8:30 a.m. † Jacob C. Gurreri

SATURDAY, January 14

4:00-5:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. † Henry & Cecelia Jasinski and Joyce Palmeri

SUNDAY, January 15-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. † Grace Driscoll
11:00 a.m. † Jacob C. Gurreri
5:30 p.m. † Lou Cipro

Pray for Them

Votive Candles at the Altar of the Blessed Mother:

Three, each for a Special Intention

Votive Candles at the Altar of St. Joseph:

Two, each for a Special Intention.

Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the Intention of Fr. Samuel E. Houser.



Income through the week of December 25

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
WEEK	\$17,173.75	\$15,200.00	\$+1973.75
YTD	\$386,136.00	\$395,200.00	\$-9063.00

Income through the week of January 1

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
WEEK	\$19,836.08	\$15,200.00	\$+4636.08
YTD	\$405,973.00	\$410,400.00	\$-4427.00

Rest in Peace

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD...

Those recently deceased:

Fred Kabonick, a parishioner and husband of Peg.

We remember the first anniversary of the death of:

Kathleen Elizabeth Tyler— January 9

Mary Lou Wolf— January 14

...AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

Next Week's Readings

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

Times for the Sacrament of Penance/Confession!

It is a great concern of mine that many Catholics do not avail themselves to the Sacrament of Penance. Many excuses can be given, one of which may be the availability of times for Confession. Presently Confessions are scheduled here at St. Patrick Church Saturday, 4 to 5 p.m.; and Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, 4:30 to 5 p.m.

I intend to add some time before and/or after the Sunday afternoon (5:30 p.m.) Mass but cannot commit to doing that every week, at this time, as there are other appointments that I have in upcoming months. Beginning in January, I will be available the **THIRD Sunday** of the month, thus January 15, before and/or after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Realistically I need some time between Confessions and the beginning of Mass so I'll plan to be available 4:45 to 5:15 p.m and if there is interest for after Mass, I will plan to stay. I'm also going to work with Sue Varholy, our Director of Religious Education, to try to provide some time for Confession for the students of our Religious Education Program, Sunday mornings. Due to the Mass schedule and the rotation of Masses that Fr. Cawley and I work out, I cannot do that every Sunday but hopefully there will be enough Sundays during the school year that I can accommodate our Religious Education students for Confession. Trying to set other times during the week that would be good times for people to come to Confession is a challenge. Give me some feedback on this. What would be good for you? For your family? Email would be an easy way to gather some ideas on this. My email is samuelhouser@yahoo.com or write a note. I hesitate in getting into such discussions after Mass as there is so much activity, so many people saying so many things, that it's difficult to keep everything organized and to remember who said what. Notes are welcome and most helpful.

I often tell people not to rely on my memory, so write it down and hand it to me. Fr. Houser

Parish News

RECTORY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday January 8 from 12:00 n to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thank You from Sister Monica on behalf of the Adopt-A-Family Program:



Because of the generosity of so many parishioners some 40 families of our parish benefited by this program. Many thanks to all who gave money, scrip and food baskets. You made many families and children very happy. Thanks so much for caring and sharing.

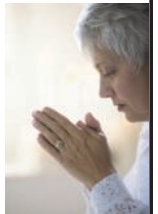
Congratulations to our newly married couple, Matthew Brook Sheffer and Rebecca Jeanne Kurnat. May they see Jesus in one another and have the wisdom to seek his guidance.



St. Patrick Knights of Columbus will be holding a Pancake and Egg Breakfast on Sunday, January 15 following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Masses which will include all you can eat pancakes, eggs and sausage. Beverages will also be provided. Proceeds will benefit Steve Kelley, parishioner and our Council's sponsored seminarian.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel: Substitutes are needed on Sundays beginning January 15 - March 25 from 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. This 30-minute, divided hour is a convenient time for anyone attending 11:00 a.m. Mass. If you haven't time to do a full hour, this is a perfect opportunity to spend time with our Lord in the chapel. Please call Bernadette Martin at 741-3585. We are also in need of an adorer for the 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. hour on Monday mornings. This would be a weekly commitment, but if someone can fill in temporarily, your help will be appreciated.



Ministers of Holy Communion needed: We are in dire need of people to serve in this wonderful ministry. Volunteers must be a high school senior or older, a practicing Catholic in good standing and be approved by our pastor, Father Houser. Mass preference is given high consideration. Because of the lack of enough ministers, current ministers are serving every other week especially in the winter months. Please consider serving the parish as a Minister of Holy Communion. Please contact Joellen Dodson 747-3969 or email: mjdmusic1@comcast.net.

Blankets Needed: We are asking for donations of blankets to be handed out to the families at the St. Patrick Compassion York Meal, being served on January 22. Please donate new or good used blankets. There will be a donation box in the front lobby. If you have any questions call Sharon Wilt at 792-2282 or Howard Cosgrove at 654-2026.



Help Needed: St Patrick's will be doing the January 22 Compassion York meal for the homeless and needy. We are in need of monetary and food donations and volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal. The menu will be a casserole type meal of ham and potatoes. Items needed are scalloped potatoes -40 pkgs., individual small drinks-200, #10 size cans of peas-4 cans, individual applesauces-200, and bread-5 loaves. If you can donate or volunteer please call Sharon Wilt 792-2282 or Howard Cosgrove at 654-2026

The Liturgical Minister Schedule for the period of January through March 2012 was sent out December 26. Anyone who has not received it please contact Joellen Dodson at 747-3969 immediately. Thank you.

Religious Education News



Religious Education Students and parents and friends will meet in Brenner Hall after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on January 8 for our Christmas Program. There will be a short presentation on the Epiphany followed by light refreshment for all. All are welcome to attend.

York Catholic High School

BINGO: York Catholic High School's Athletic Association is hosting **Bingo** Sunday, January 8 at the high school. Doors open at 12:00 noon and games begin at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 at the door. No advance tickets are on sale. Package includes 15 paper cards. Additional strips of 3 are available for \$3 each. There are two jackpots of \$500 and one \$1000 jackpot. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information, call York Catholic weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at [846-8871 x15](tel:484-8871).



Sandwich Sale: York Catholic High School's Music Association is taking **Sandwich** orders January 8-27 with sandwiches available for pick-up February 1 from 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Cost is \$4 per sandwich and options include: Pretzel roll sandwiches – ham & Swiss, ham & American, turkey & provolone, roast beef & American; 8" sub sandwiches – Italian. Advance orders are required and can be placed by contacting Kris Rieth at [993-0092](tel:484-0092) or kdrieth@verizon.net.

YCHS Night at Texas Roadhouse: York Catholic High School is hosting YC Night at the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant on Monday, January 30 from 4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Present a YC coupon to your server and 10% of your net check will go to York Catholic. For more information or to receive a coupon, call York Catholic High School weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at [846-8871 x51](tel:484-8871). Texas Roadhouse is located at 1510 Mt. Zion Road.

YCHS Open House: The public is invited to attend York Catholic's Annual Open House and Science Fair on Sunday, January 15 from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. Prospective students and their families are welcome to tour the school; talk with faculty, staff, and students; view students' scientific projects; and enjoy refreshments. For more information, contact York Catholic High School at [846-8871 x20](tel:484-8871).



*Thanks to all men and women who are serving our country in the U. S. Military.
Please keep them in your prayers.*

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| Sr. Master Sgt. William Arcuri | Staff Sergeant Arley Lawson III |
| Lt. Com. Andrew Avillo | SPC Nichole Leighty |
| Spec. James Bloomfield Jr. | Sgt. 1st Cl. William Leuenberger |
| Airman 1st Cl. Nicholas Borsa | LCPL Justin Mattes |
| 2nd Lt. Alex Darr | Lt. Zachary Merritt |
| Capt. Elena Darr | 2nd Lt. Kevin M. Morrison |
| PFC Gregory Figdore | Lance Cpl. Michael Payne |
| PFC Gregory Galiardi | Lt. Patrick Skehan |
| Captain Timothy J. Goodwillie | Major Dennis Sprenkle |
| Pvt. William Greenawalt | Capt. Amy Staub |
| Sgt. Ryan Hoyme | Lt. Patrick Staub |
| Sgt. Eric Hudak | P.O. Zachary A. Wisman |
| Col. Dona Iversen | 1st Lt Thomas J. Valley |
| Capt. Michael Klopfer USAF | PFC. Shane Warner |
| Lance Corp. Andrew J. Logsdon | PFC. Michael G. Melhorn |
| Capt. Kathleen Stayman USN | |

Please inform the parish office of those members of your families serving in the military.

Liturgical Ministers for Next Week

	5:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
A SER	A Ehrbar	T Shaffer	G Devlin	J Dietrich
A SER	E Hernandez	A Shaffer	V Devlin	R Dietrich
A SER	S Hernandez	F Shehan	M Devlin	TJ McGraw
LECT	A Figge	T Chismar	Rel Ed	J Gangloff
EMCH	R Figge	B Hough	C Detter	S Dietrich
EMCH	P Rohall	A Hough	H Cosgrove	T McGraw
EMCH	M Freed	R Shaffer	S McEachern	S Peters
EMCH	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	C McEachern	J Wills
EMCH	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	C McEachern	JP Capresecco
SAC	P Rohall	XXXXXXXX	H Cosgrove	J Gangloff

Special Collection: This week we will take up the collection for the Church in Latin America and in Central and Eastern Europe. Many unique challenges face the church in these regions and it is important that we **keep faith** with them. Please give generously from the heart.

Snow Delay: If you are planning to attend the 8:30 a.m. Friday Mass and the weather is snowy, icy or threatening, please check the TV or radio. If St. Patrick Catholic School has a 1 hour delay, then Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m. If there is a 2 hour delay or school is cancelled, then Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m.



“They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” Is God calling you to give Him the gold of your freedom, the incense of your prayer, and the myrrh of your love through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call the Office of Vocations (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email: frlavoie@hbgdiocese.org.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

2011 Statement of Contribution to St. Patrick Church:

Please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket, mail it to the rectory or drop it off in the rectory mailboxes if you wish to receive a contribution statement for 2011. We ask that you do not call the parish office to request a statement. Also, note that any monies received after December 31 will be posted to your 2012 contribution statement. Thank you.

NAME: _____
(Please Print)

ENVELOPE #: _____



Attention Boy Scouts: The Ad Altare Dei emblem program will begin in January. Please contact Audrey Parks at 779-5003 if you are interested.

Boy Scouts: Attention Eagle Scouts of St. Patrick Parish: In observance of the 100th anniversary of the First Eagle Scout Award, we will be honoring those who have achieved this highest rank. The celebration will take place at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Boy Scout Sunday, February 5. Please contact Audrey Parks at 779-5003 to register.

Diocesan News

March for Life Bus Trip: Once again there will be buses leaving the York area to take parishioners and friends to Washington, D.C. on Monday January 23, to participate in the pro-life march. We encourage anyone, who is able, to participate with us in this very important event. Typically most states are represented at this national march for life in Washington. Being a short distance, for York countians, perhaps we could make a strong showing in defense of the right to life from conception to natural death. Buses will depart from St. Joseph Catholic Church, York at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$26.00 per person. For more information contact email address pegpritch@aol.com or 757-1773 before January 13. Busses will also leave from Holy Infant Catholic Church, York Haven at 7:30 a.m. For more information contact Becky Papa at 266-5286 or Jerry Sanders at 757-1230.

Women of Grace News! The next Morning of Grace mini retreat "Mary, Mother of Mercy," will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 6190 Allentown Blvd. Harrisburg, Pa. on Saturday, January 21, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Fr. Edward Quinlan will offer a presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please join other women from across the diocese for an inspiring and uplifting morning of grace. Donation \$7. Please RSVP to Vicki Crispo wog325@gmail.com or [717.757.4295](tel:717.757.4295) or Chris Arnold Chris.arnold@gmail.com or [717-671-9256](tel:717-671-9256).