

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## JANUARY 4, 2009



### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### SATURDAY - JANUARY 3

5:00PM People of the Parish

#### SUNDAY - JANUARY 4

7:30AM Paul Duva

r/b Judy & Ray Szymanski

9:00AM Francis X. Barnum

r/b Linda & Joseph Dombrowski

11:00AM Agripino & Maria David

r/b Eriberto T. David

#### MONDAY - JANUARY 5

8:00AM James & Katherine Henderson

r/b George & Tom Henderson

Phillip Cohen r/b The Judge Family

#### TUESDAY - JANUARY 6

8:00AM Earl Sass r/b Jim & Noreen Sullivan

#### WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 7

8:00AM Alice McCarthy r/b Family

#### THURSDAY - JANUARY 8

8:00AM Jean & Brian O'Neill

r/b Paul Rumley

#### FRIDAY - JANUARY 9

8:00AM Aurora David r/b Eriberto T. David

#### SATURDAY - JANUARY 10

8:00AM Michael Nichols - r/b Family

5:00PM Alice McCarthy r/b Family

Kate Toolan r/b Mary Tucker

Helen Patton r/b Bette Valecce

#### SUNDAY - JANUARY 11

7:30AM Mimi D'Auria Gehring

r/b her children

9:00AM People of the Parish

11:00AM Francis X. Barnum r/b Jean Brogan



Elaine Celenza · Tom Cetrone · Dick Colle · Tom Darragh · Katherine Decell · Maryclaire Edgette · Phyllis Edwards · William Fessler · Doris Forebaugh · Marian Garrison · Elizabeth Hansen · Catherine Koenig · Barbara Lane · Janet Montegna · Theodore Munkacsy · Frank Panzone · John Plunkett · Paul & Eleanor Raake · Renee Rogers · Stephanie Rogers · Marge Smith · Evie Treganowan · Ella Tulini · Mary Walsh · Margaret Williams · Candy & Jim Yurkonis

If you wish to add someone to the bulletin prayer list, please call the Parish office 856-429-1600.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in 2009 to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS** The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the three wise men bringing gifts to the baby Jesus. Why not be wise and bring your spouse three compliments on Jan. 6. Consider your beloved's physical appearance, a unique talent, and an act of kindness.

**PARENTING POINTERS** It's a new year. Give your child a chance to be a new person. Too often we type our kids. He's so lazy. She's so self-centered. If you think you know your children well, you may; but give them a chance to prove one of your negative stereotypes wrong. They might surprise you.

**INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE** That as a star guided the wise men to the author of life, the Church might be the light in the darkness of a culture of death. We pray to the Lord.



### ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES



Two candles in loving memory of  
**The Lafferty and Hessert Families**



requested by Eleanor Lafferty

One candle in loving memory of  
**Frank Tropiano**



requested by daughter, Catherine Cordivari



"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen."

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### HOSPITALITY

Join us after 9:00AM Mass today  
- Morgan Hall -

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Tuesday, January 6<sup>TH</sup>  
6:45-8:00PM - PARISH CENTER

### PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR/PARENTS GROUP

Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>  
10:00-11:00am - Morgan Hall

### CTK BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Saturday, January 10<sup>TH</sup>  
9:00-11:00AM - Morgan Hall  
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER

### CKRS FOUNDATION MEETING

Tuesday, January 13<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00PM - Morgan Hall

## ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS

All young adults in Grades 4 and 5, who are interested in becoming Altar Servers, please contact the Parish Office at 856-429-1600. We will provide you with training dates and other important information.



## THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Clare Simmons for coordinating our Christmas plant delivery to shut-ins. This is a very meaningful connection with those who are home-bound and unable to come to church, so we are grateful to those who took the time to deliver them: Joan Bendinger, Linda Foley, Peg Gimigliano, Doug Irons, Jennifer Johnson, Susan Kelly, Helen & Dick Sexton, Mary Stewart and Gail Wilkinson.

## THANK YOU!

...in the name of the thousands of men and women religious who benefit from your generous donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious. You have taken the opportunity to give back to these men and women who have given of themselves for many years to our church. Know that you will have a grateful remembrance in the daily prayers of all religious as you help us provide for our sick and elderly and during this Christmas season, we pray that God will bless you in unexpected ways during this now and in the New Year.

## SCHOOL NEWS

Christ the King Regional School invites you to experience all that a Christ centered education has to offer including:

- \*Preschool Program
- \*Full-Day Kindergarten
- \*Grade K-8
- \*Advanced Math and Science Programs
- \*State of the Art, Computer and Science Labs
- \*Music Program
- \*Before and After School Program

Please join us on Thursday, January 8<sup>TH</sup> from 9:00AM to 7:00PM for an Open House designed to inform and illuminate the benefits of a Catholic Education.

### CKRS GROCERY SCRIP SALES

Grocery Scrip may be purchased at the School  
- MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY -  
9:00AM TO 2:00PM



## OUR YOUTH GROUP KICKS OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH A MEETING!

All Teens are welcome to attend our first meeting of 2009 this Wednesday, January 7<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30PM in Morgan Hall.



## GOD BLESS & WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Olivia Laura Trail  
Chase Charles Stadler



*May God bless you for your continued generosity.*

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"May the Kings of Tarshish and the island bring tribute, the Kings of Arabia and Seba offer gifts. May all kings bow before him, all nations serve him."*

*(Psalm 73:10,11)*

When you faithfully live out sharing your time, talent and treasure in parish ministry, you are setting your gift of faithful stewardship before the Lord. Does your list of New Year's resolutions include increasing your gifts of stewardship this year?

## EPIPHANY SUNDAY

"You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation ... that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

A few short lines with great implications. Paul wrote to his friends at Ephesus, today Turkey, and provided a succinct teaching for us who claim to be followers or disciples of Jesus Christ.

The grace of God is the very life of God, offered to us as a gift, freely, but which must be accepted. Paul was called by the Lord to share this message of salvation to the non-Jewish or Gentile people. Because they accepted the gift, the new life of adopted children was now ours. When one is adopted that person is embraced by the entire family, enjoying all the rights and privileges that family ties include.

He goes on to explain that we are coheirs, what Jesus Christ gained from the chosen people is now ours for the asking. We become members, without distinction, no second class rank. We are copartners, sharers in everything that Christ wants and won for us ... In the gospel of John He tells us that He wants us to enjoy the "abundant life."

We are today children of the promise, made by Jesus Christ and found in the life of the church. Christ made Himself known to the Magi, and through Paul reveals His plans for us as well. Which word best describes how you feel about Christ: coheir, member, copartner?

### **First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how "darkness covers the earth" but light and glory appear over God's chosen people.

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

### **Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus' birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod's true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

### *An Epiphany Prayer*

*Father, we thank you  
for revealing yourself to us in  
Jesus the Christ,  
we who once were not your people  
but whom you chose to adopt as  
your people.*

*As ancient Israel confessed long ago, we  
realize that it was not because of our own  
righteousness, or our own superior wisdom,  
or strength, or power, or numbers. It was  
simply because you loved us, and chose to  
show us that love in Jesus.*

*As you have accepted us when we did not  
deserve your love, will you help us to accept  
those whom we find it hard to love? Forgive us, O  
Lord, for any attitude that we harbor that on any  
level sees ourselves as better or more righteous  
than others. Will you help us to remove the  
barriers of prejudice and to tear down the walls of  
bigotry, religious or social?  
O Lord, help us realize that the walls that we erect  
for others only form our own prisons!*

*Will you fill us so full of your love that there is no  
more room for intolerance. As you have forgiven us  
much, will you enable us with your strength to  
forgive others even more? Will you enable us  
through your abiding Presence among us,  
communally and individually, to live our lives in a  
manner worthy of the Name we bear?*

*May we, through your guidance and our faithful  
obedience, find new avenues in ways that we  
have not imagined of holding the Light of your  
love so that it may be a Light of revelation  
for all people.*

*We thank you for your love,  
praise you for your Gift, ask for your  
continued Presence with us,  
and bring these petitions in the  
name of your Son, who has truly  
revealed your heart. Amen.*

*-Dennis Bratcher  
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**DIOCESAN JOB OPENINGS**  
**ASS'T DIR. DEVELOPMENT FOR MAJOR GIFTS**

Office of Development

15 N. 7th Street - Camden, NJ 08102

**Responsibilities:** Individual is responsible for the management, identification, cultivation, solicitation and stewardship of the Diocese' major donors. Initiates social and business contacts, builds and maintains positive and supportive relationships, and achieves established fundraising goals and overall objectives.

**Requirements:** Excellent organizational and time management skills. Experience in working with volunteers. Proven ability to interact effectively and communicate with a variety of business and community members. Seasoned experience in fundraising, including experience with major giving and prospect management. BA degree or equivalent. CFRE or other fundraising certification preferred.

**Status:** Full Time

Please submit a resume with your qualifications and salary requirements to:

Diocese of Camden  
Office of Human Resources  
631 Market Street  
Camden, NJ 08102  
FAX: (856)-963-8475  
E-mail: [hr@camdendiocese.org](mailto:hr@camdendiocese.org)



**FUNDRAISER**

Camden Catholic High School will host a "Teams for Turf" Fundraiser on Sunday, January 18<sup>TH</sup>, from 5:00-10:00PM at Pinsetters Bar & Bowl, located at 711 Maple Avenue, Pensauken.

All proceeds benefit the school's recently announced Fields for the Future Campaign, which consists of installation of a turf field at the school and re-grading of existing playing fields.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by calling the school at 856-663-2247 or contacting Linda Talarico Xerri at [sxerri@aol.com](mailto:sxerri@aol.com). Must be 21 or older to attend.

**DIOCESAN JOB OPENING**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Financial Services

631 Market Street - Camden, NJ 08102

**Responsibilities:** Secretarial support to Accounting and Financial Services departments, including: distributing departmental mail; answer phones; order supplies; and general filing and distribution of correspondence, etc.

Review expenditure transmittals. Enter and post accounts payable invoices. Print and distribute checks and file paid invoices. Customer support. Maintain customer contact information. Generate and distribute monthly departmental reports and customer statements. Distribute and replenish petty cash. Receive parish and school financial reports. Assist with annual audit confirmations. Ongoing project includes organization and cleaning out of records to be retained. Other projects and tasks as requested.

**Requirements:** Proficient in Microsoft Word and Outlook. Ability to use Microsoft Excel. Ability to learn a computerized accounting system. Ability to use multi-line phones and a typewriter. Preferred applicant will demonstrate attention to detail, and possess strong organizational skills, will be flexible to new or changing responsibilities, will have a professional, courteous demeanor and be cognizant of the service aspects of the position and department.

**Status:** Full Time

Please submit a resume with your qualifications and salary requirements to:

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**RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER**

The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) would "outlaw any 'interference' in providing abortion at will. It would deprive the American people in all fifty states of the freedom they now have to enact modest restraints and regulations on the abortion industry. FOCA would coerce all Americans into subsidizing and promoting abortion with their tax dollars. It would counteract any and all sincere efforts by government and others of good will to reduce the number of abortions in our country."

Statement by USCCB

President Cardinal Francis George  
on behalf of the USCCB  
November 12, 2008

## INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS

### VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSION SCHEDULED

We are having a one-day training session, on January 21<sup>ST</sup>, from 9:00-11:30AM at the United Methodist Church of Haddonfield. **BABYSITTING WILL BE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE!**

Volunteer drivers are needed to take Interfaith Caregivers' clients in Haddon Heights and Haddonfield to their doctors' appointments, to the grocery store, and to other places for which they need transportation.

We need all types of volunteers, and we encourage parents of young children to consider how volunteering with IFC can fit into your busy day. Even if you only have twenty minutes a week, you can drop someone off at a local appointment or help make a meal for someone while teaching your children the value and importance of helping others.

After the holidays are over, and the New Year has begun, please consider making volunteering a part of your family's values.

For reservations, please call the our office-354-0298. We are confident that you and your family will find volunteering with IFC rewarding. Please call Lea Jacovini at 856-354-2020 with any questions.

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music in the heart.*

*– Howard Thurman  
from "The Mood of Christmas"*

## DO YOU HAVE OLD CELL PHONES?

Now you can responsibly recycle them and benefit the NFP Office, too!

**Electronic items that can be donated, working or not:**

**(Please remove all personal information)**

Cell phones and batteries –

NO ACCESSORIES, NOT EVEN CHARGERS OR EARPIECES

Inkjet cartridges –

NO LASER OR TONER CARTRIDGES

Laptop / notebook computers –

NO SEPARATE HARD DRIVES OR DESKTOPS

iPods – NO ACCESSORIES

Digital cameras – NO ACCESSORIES

### Drop Off locations:

St. Pius X Church Office

344 Kresson Rd., Cherry Hill: M – F; 9 AM – 4PM

Diocesan Pastoral Center

15 N. 7th St., Camden: M – F; 8:30AM – 4PM

Diocesan Offices mailroom

631 Market, Camden: M – F; 8:30AM – 4PM

For pick up, call 856-583-6120 or send an email to: [nfpoffice@camdendiocese.org](mailto:nfpoffice@camdendiocese.org).

Cell phones contain toxic substances that can leach into soil and groundwater. We are encouraged to be good stewards of the environment. The items donated will be sent to a company that safely recycles them or refurbishes them for reuse. A small amount of money will be received for each item donated.

## MARRIAGE HELP

*Retrouaille* is a Catholic-based program to help marriages that are stressed or in trouble. *Retrouaille* has helped countless married couples in all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. *Retrouaille* can help your marriage too.

The next program will be held at St. Joseph in the Hills Malvern Retreat Center, Malvern, PA, on February 13<sup>TH</sup>-15<sup>TH</sup>. For more information please call 1-800-470-2230 or 302-832-8044 or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com). All calls are confidential.

## BULLETIN BLOOPERS

The following are actual bloopers taken from church publications.

*Predatory Music: Elegy, G. Faure*

*Come, Christians Join to Sin*

*May 20 is the date for the return  
of the all-perish Spaghetti Dinner.*