MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon

Saturday for Sunday Obligation

5:00 PM

Monday through Friday in Chapel

7:00 and 8:45 AM

Saturday Morning in Church

8:30 AM

First Fridays in Church

7:00 and 8:45 AM

Holy Days in Church

6:00, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday following 8:30 Mass until 9:30 AM & 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM in Reconciliation Room of Church or call the Rectory for an appointment.

BAPTISMS

First and third Sundays of each month at 1:30 PM in Church. Arrangements must be made at the Parish Business Office at least one month in advance. First-time parents and parents new to our parish must attend a preparation meeting at 7:30 PM on the third Tuesday of any month prior to the Baptism.

WEDDINGS

Arrangements by appointment with a priest should be made at least 6 months in advance of wedding day.

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The Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2005

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

-- Matthew 2:11b

WEEKLY OFFERING

Thank you for your support.

Offertory contributions for

Sunday, 12/19 \$15,551. Weekly Goal \$18,175 YTD: (\$19,988)

School Support Fund

Week of 12/19: \$ 266 YTD: \$12,606

"Coffee, Tea and Thee"

There will be no "Coffee, Tea & Thee" this **Sunday, January 2nd.** We will get together again on Sunday, February 6th.

Father Phil's Ramblings

You Have Been Redeemed!

In the Godfather, Part III there is a scene that relates to our thoughts today. Don Corleone, the godfather himself is in search of respectability. He goes to Rome to transact a business deal with the Vatican. There is an interview with a Cardinal Lamberto. The cardinal asks Don Corleone if he wants to make his confession. The godfather is rather uncomfortable, and makes a joke about how long that would take. He needs the Cardinal's help, however, so he goes along with it. Hesitantly, the crime boss confesses what he considers his lesser sins, intending to remain in what are for him, relatively shallow waters. He gets hooked, either by the spirit of the moment or the spirit of God. He confesses his most terrible sin, the murder of his own brother. He breaks, and begins to cry. Cardinal Lamberto speaks the words of absolution. Then the cardinal says a most remarkable thing to this notorious criminal. He says, "I know you don't believe this, but you have been redeemed."

The cardinal is speaking of grace. As we begin 2005, the good news is there is a Land of Beginning Again. No matter what we have done, what the world has done to us, there is always grace. There is always forgiveness available. There is always the possibility of beginning again.

Happy New Year 2005!

Joyful Now

We are doing something different for our meeting on Monday,

January 10th. Father Art Fagan is graciously sending a Queen of the Rosary school bus to pick up our Joyful Now members.

We will be going to Queen of the Rosary Church where Father Art will celebrate Mass.

Please bring baked goods to share.

Please be prompt as we will be leaving at 11:00 am from the Parish Center.

Any questions, call Joyce Browne 773.631.4127.

THE LIGHT OF FAITH

The first reading today is charged with the glory of the Lord. Everyone who can come to the holy city does come--whole caravans of people of all ages on foot and on dromedaries and camels.

This description of an irresistible light-filled city prepares us for the story of the magi. They are guided by their own lights--their study of astronomy and astrology--and by the light of a peculiar star. Their study tells them that an unusual event in the heavens is a sign of an extraordinary birth on earth. They mean to find out about this, and they set out with gifts worthy of a king. They are welcomed into an insignificant house in Bethlehem, offer gifts befitting a king, and receive the gift of faith.

Paul reinforces the great gift of faith available to the Gentiles, whom the magi represent. What they have seen has changed them, just as it changed Paul and all who heeded his proclamation. Like the magi and like Paul, we are invited to receive this life that is filled with the light of faith.

"In Christ Jesus... Members of the Same Body and Sharers of the Promise..."

We grow into the Feast of the Epiphany - the "revelation of the Lord". Perhaps many of us will be "Three Kings" most of our lives, searching for the Messiah, inquiring, back-tracking, going in circles at times, searching the heavens of our lives for **THE STAR** which will lead in the proper direction.

And as we go, we will be surprised at the number of lives the Messiah has touched. Very often, they will not at all follow the pattern of our own lives, our own search. When we recognize that difference, that seeming disparity, like the Wise Men who followed the star, we will be slow to make judgment or evaluate on our terms.

Father Quirijnan, S.J., was a Belgian Jesuit who had dedicated his life in India to the cause of dialogue with Hindus. He had become a

"sadhu," an ascetic, living alone in the jungle. After some years, he was appointed the master of novices of the Ranchi Province in the State of Bihar in North India. I met him only once, in 1968, and I have not forgotten his powerful lesson.

Father chanced to come to the school where I was teaching before going to theology. The father of one of my students, a staunch Hindu, had invited me over to his home for tea and to discuss Western Philosophy. It did not take long for him to begin questioning certain aspects of Christian belief. I looked to Father Quirijnan, waiting for him to "make his move." Well, he never did. He simply listened

The way along which every person must travel: prayer and listening, and watching

for the STAR.

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and smiled affably, no hint of upset or challenge in his demeanor or choice of words - when he did speak, that is.

I had only been in India about 2 1/2 years and was still filled with my version of apostolic zeal!

After a considerable time, Father Quirijnan softly asked: "Do you pray, my friend?" The professor, taken aback, said: "Yes, I certainly do, Father." Father said: "That's so wonderful. God leads us all to the truth."

I came away disappointed with Father's retreat from the field of polemical battle. But why have I not forgotten that day? Why can I still see father's face, aglow with peaceful serenity? Father had indeed become a "SADHU." He knew the way along which every person must travel: prayer and listening, and watching for the star.

Father Bob Grib, S.j. RCIA Moderator



Meeting

Thursday, January 6th
In the Ahearn Activity Center

Doors open at 1:15 pm Meeting begins at 1:30 pm

New members and guests are always welcome!

St. Joseph's Table Planning Meeting

Thursday, January 6th At 7:00 pm In the Parish Center Lounge

If you would like to volunteer to help with the St. Joseph Table, please join us on January 6th.

For more information, please call Vickie at 847.823.0782.

Food Pantry

Our food pantry needs to be restocked again!

Food items needed are: cereals, canned meat, tuna, soup, canned fruit, pasta sauces, Koolaid drink mixes, boxes of potato meals, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, etc.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 1 Jn 3:22 -- 4:6; Mt 4:12 17, 23-25

Tues. 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wed. 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thu. 1 Jn 4:19 -- 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Fri. 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Sat. 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Sun. Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts

10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

ALTAR LINENS

Today

Helen Grayczyk

January 8th/9th

Mary Biasi

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:

The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

Monday:

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Wednesday:

St. John Neumann

Thursday:

Blessed André Bissette

Friday:

St. Raymond of Peñafort; First Friday; Julian Calendar Christmas

Masses for the Week

Saturday, January 1st

5:00 John & Mary Lessner Family/Thomas Piekarski/Lorene & Stan Beireis & Richard Kurtin

Sunday, January 2nd

- 7:30 Alex & Mary Potwora/Stanley Potwora/Di Piero Family/Laddie Bienick/ Theodore & Evelyn Pilarski
- 9:00 Ruth & Mary Lou Jess & the Intentions of George Jess/John Russell, John& Rose Zbylut, Billy & Vera Everett & Andres Mendez/John Mollica/the Intentions of Mary Ann JaskerMiguela Garcia/Carl Steinmetz
- 10:30 Chick Miller/Rosemary Naras/Maria Swiderski/Janice Mierzwa Tufano & Walter Mierzwa/Peggy Hollis/Maureen Jasinski
- 12:00 David Gall/Stephen Burke
- 1:30 Baptisms

Monday, January 3rd - Chapel

- 7:00 Deceased of St. Juliana Parish
- 8:45 Deceased of St. Juliana Parish
- 7 PM Holy Hour & Adoration Chapel

Tuesday, January 4th - Chapel

- 7:00 Deceased of St. Juliana Parish
- 8:45 Joyce Bernath

Wednesday, January 5th - Chapel

- 7:00 John Russell, John & Rose Zbylut, Billy & Vera Everett & Andres Mendez
- 8:45 Albert Witthoft, III

Thursday, January 6th - Chapel

- 7:00 June Francisco
- 8:45 Deceased of St. Juliana Parish

Friday, January 7th - First Friday in Church

- 7:00 Lorene & Stan Beireis & Richard Kurtin
- 8:45 Bruno Zielinski

Saturday, January 8th

- 8:30 Intentions of Richard Michaelson/Josephine A. O'Gara
- 5:00 John & Mary Lesner & Family/Doris DiBernardino/John Salemme/Jack Fitzgerald/Edward & Loretta Rutkowski & Jane Niemann/Warren Guilliford

Masses for the Week cont'd

7:30 Thomas Browne/Sister Remy Schaul/Di Piero Family/Ronald Jordan 9:00 John Russell, John & Rose Zbylut, Billy & Vera Everett & Andres Mendez/Ruth & Mary Lou Jess & the Intentions of George Jess/Kathryn R. Donahue/the Intentions of Mary Ann Jasker/Bonnie Steffen/ 10:30 Rose B. & Edward Riccio/Carl Damert/Florence Szymonik/Raymond Semrod 12:00 June Francisco/Anthony Wegmann/Patrick Noone/Rimicci Family Arthur Van Der Heyday Leonard & Dorothy Zarnick - Wedding Anniversary



Pray for the Sick

Sister Adolphine Rita Allen Grace Antenore Celeste Baehr Shirley Bagley Julia Birt Gina Blease Baby Sara Brushaber Diane Cavanaugh Marie Chrusciel Peter Conennas - Child Delbert B. Conn Jane Connolly **Lorraine Connors loe Contreras** Linda Cunnigham Sis Curley Della Curran **Beverly Cusick** Patricia Delaney Angie Dembski Adele Depa Chris Dettloff Paul Draths Fran Draths Edwynn Dunn Gertrude Dunn Katie (Vergis) Ekstrom Sandy Elliott Michael Farrelly Paul Fasco Andy Filpi Tom Fleischhacker Helen Flood

Danny Folan - Child

Jennifer Fox

Josephine Gariffo Frank Grabowski Patrick Grace Carol Gurga Warren & Kay Hall Arthur & Isabel Harder William Harley Joe Hora Mary Ann Jasker Ann Johnston **Joanne Jones** Martina Kelly Lydia Kesler Ken Kilian Edward Klebek Evelyn Klein **1ean Kriz** Beatrice Krzeminski Brenda Kurtz **Dorothy Lachman** Toni Lawrence Dean Leachman Anna Linnehan Baby Tack Malone Linda Micelli Lillian McCloud Baby Erin McDermott Therese McNulty Susan Michaels Mitchell Miklas Marianne Miller Helen Miller Matthew Mirek Maureen Mulcrone Daniel O'Connell Helen O'Connell

Patricia O'Connell Renee Parlick Louise Peters John Persaud Mary Plewa Andrew Prociuk **Edward Puhr** Crisstella Richards **Toseph Schneider Julia Sebastion** Lottie Shannon Mary Shepelak Minnie Short Helen Simon Eleanore Slove Margaret Smith Frank Sorrentino Cecilia Spack Anthony Spano Rita Spinelli Robert Stoeck Sean Sullivan William Sweeney **Toan Sweeney** Peg Virgilio Tom Volpe Kathleen Ward Shirley Watson Ignatius & Mera Wel Andrew Werlein Helen White Joyce Wilkey Ellen Zywiciel

Pray For Those Who Serve

United States Air Force Major Michael Cerbin Major Don Domkowski Airman 1st Class Christopher Earle Airman 1st Class Paul Quentin Fisher Airman 1st Class Emily A. Johnson Airman 1st Class Karen Shaw Airman 1st Class Carlos J. Vega Major James Walsh Major Tom Walters Captain Patrick Ward Captain Claudine Ward **United States Army** SSG Daniel C. Berowski PFC Michael Brennan Captain Thomas W. Dorrel, Jr. Captain Michael Mannion Private John Walsh SSG David Morgan Captain John Moreth Captain Kevin Powers Major Louis Rago, II SSG Daniel Roche Lt. Kevin Ward Private Daniel R. Zielinski **United States Marines** LCPL Patrick Altwasser CPL James V. Amatore **PFC Seamus Boyle** LCPL Kevin Butler LCPL Justin Grayczyk LCPL Douglas E. Johnson LCPL Kevin Kiesgen **CPL Martin Shaw** LCPL P.J. McGrath **United States Navy** PO Gregory Bujwid

Lt. Sue Connolly Tutwiler

Lt. John Tutwiler

Bingo Volunteer Schedule 1st Week Volunteers

Hall

Operators:

Maureen Stauffer & Pat Stauffer

Concession Workers:

Kathy & Tim Hickey, Lynn Gibbons, Kelly Czachor, Josephine Evans, Jane

Richards

Sellers: Carm Cole, Cindy Epifanio,

Pat Trevino

Payout: Nancy Gall, Mary Kulinski

Pull Tabs: Jim Flynn

Raffle:

Bookkeeper: Debbie Kieres

Parish Activity Center

Callers: Katy Antosz, Lisa Mergens

Sellers: Debbie Kieres Payout: Wally Antosz Pull Tabs: Jerry Swarbrick Raffle: Julie Pellegrino Bookkeeper: Cheryl Miller

Bingo Volunteer Schedule...

If you're unable to make your scheduled time, please get a replacement or leave a message for Kathy Gavin, at 773.631.4127, ext. 40.

Bulletin Articles and Mass Intentions

FYI...To insure placement in the bulletin, all articles and Mass intentions for Sunday, January 16th are due no later than Wednesday, January 5th. Thank You!



NO PROBLEM IS HELPLESS UNLESS YOU ALLOW IT TO BE There IS help... please call!

For alcohol and/or drug problems, call a member of the team for **confidential help** or information:

Emmett McGovern 773.792.1469

Kate Miller 773.722.2404

x423

Leo Miller 773.631.1929

Bill Steiner 773.792.0281

Vic Switski 773.775.7987

Paul Trudeau 847.696.4835

Sue Wolford 847.541.3038

All Meetings are in Parish Center
AA meets Thursdays
8:30 PM to 9:30 PM

A 12-Step Meeting for female survivors of incest meets Fridays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. For more information call Judy 773.594.0849.

For professional help, call Sue Borrelli at Family Life Counselors-773.763.4999.