



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

8:00 a.m. The Parish  
 10:00 a.m. Frank Negrelli  
 12:00 noon Josephine G. Vencharetti  
 6:00 p.m. Int. Karen & John Everesman

### MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11

6:30 a.m. Dorothy Quagliata  
 9:00 a.m. Danny Zavarella

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

6:30 a.m. Conchita Gonzalez  
 9:00 a.m. Angela Stupiansky

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

6:30 a.m. Assunta Pecoraro  
 9:00 a.m. William Adornetti

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

6:30 a.m. Gerald Mramor  
 9:00 a.m. Charlotte M. Corrao

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012

Hilary

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22; Mk 2:1-12

6:30 a.m. Peg Sofia  
 9:00 a.m. Dillhoefer & McCarthy Families

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2012

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

8:15 a.m. Enrica Fini  
 4:30 p.m. Lucille & Fred Friglet

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

8:00 a.m. John Guzik  
 10:00 a.m. The Parish  
 12:00 noon Hammes & Scarso Families  
 6:00 p.m. Jeanne Murphy

**LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED.**

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!**

Vincent Siegler

#### Eucharistic Exposition

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, January 13th, from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord at the beginning of a new year.



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

	Period	Cum To Date
Actual Collection	\$22,963	
August Electronic Giving	\$3,587	\$3,587
Variance to Budget Plan	(\$237)	(\$2,102)
Reduction in Savings (variance to need)	(\$3,537)	(\$87,902)

### MEMORIAL ALTAR FUND

#### IN MEMORY OF

Frank Bordonaro  
 Josephine DeMaria  
 Roseann Eadie

#### DONATED BY

Sandy & Carm Bordonaro  
 Larry DeMaria  
 Patricia Sciranko

### MSGR. WILLIAM B. GALLAGHER EDUCATION FUND

#### IN MEMORY OF

Grace DiDonato

#### DONATED BY

Cheryl & Sue

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

#### IN MEMORY OF

#### DONATED BY

### PAUL FRANCIS SOFIA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

#### IN MEMORY OF

M/M J. Bauman  
 Joseph Christopher  
 Annie Conde

#### DONATED BY

Ritajane  
 Mike & Violet Retino  
 Ritajane



Thank you for your very generous response to the Christmas collection this year. God loves a cheerful giver. We must have had a lot of happy Catholics here on Christmas weekend.



#### WEDDING BANNS

Cristina Romeo & Bryce Barber  
 Abbey Hammer & Kevin Wray

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Karen & John Everesman as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. May you continue to share God's many blessings.

# PARISH NOTES

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012**

- 1:00 p.m. Franciscans/AR
- 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade PSR
- 6:00 p.m. Lifeteen

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012**

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 7:00 p.m. Novena/CH
- 7:15 p.m. Confessions/CH
- 7:15 p.m. Rosary/CH (Behind Altar)
- 7:30 p.m. Compassionate Friends/AR
- 7:30 p.m. Parish Council/OMR
- 7:30 p.m. PTO/LIB
- 7:30 p.m. Prayer, Healing & Eucharistic Adoration/CH (Behind Altar)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012**

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 11:30 a.m. Confessions
- 6:30 p.m. Praesidium/CAF
- 6:30 p.m. PSR
- 8:00 p.m. Hillcrest Meeting/AR

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012**

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 12:30 p.m. Rosary/OMR
- 7:00 p.m. AA/CAF
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA/OMR
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee/AR
- 9:00 p.m. Men's Basketball/Gym

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012**

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary /CH

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012**

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration/CH

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2012**

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 9:00 a.m. CYO/Gym
- 3:30 p.m. Confession

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012**

- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting/CAF
- 6:00 p.m. Lifeteen

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**AR** – Activities Room, **OMR** – Office Meeting Room,  
**CH** – Church, **CAF** – Cafeteria, **MR** – Music Room,  
**LIB** – Library, **REC** – Rectory,  
**PC** – Parish Center, **CHAP** – School Chapel

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**SERVERS SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY 14**

- 4:30 p.m. S. Cross – E. Cross – J. Cross

**JANUARY 15**

- 8:00 a.m. M. Kovalsky – J. Silk – G. Zavarella
- 10:00 a.m. A. Corcelli – A. Prcela – K. Wong
- 12:00 noon J.P. Chalhoub – A. Chalhoub – G. DiCicco
- 6:00 p.m. A. Falsone – N. Noce – M. Pasquale

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**The Epiphany – Little Christmas:** *The Epiphany story is a deeply theological one, and it is only by stressing this fact that one can appreciate its meaning in Matthew's Gospel. We diminish it if we see it mainly as an account of an historical event and begin looking for corroboration, such as evidence of a star or comet that could have guided the magi at that time. As part of the prologue to his Gospel, Matthew announces themes that will play themselves out in the rest of the story.*

*Matthew here describes a touching scene in which several mysterious visitors from the East came to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Royal Messiah, honoring Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Epiphany was already celebrated in the Church before Christmas itself was celebrated. Epiphany was – and is – after all, the great feast of the manifestation of Jesus to the world. The Gospel reading speaks of the promise of salvation extended to those who were not Jews. The magi or astrologers are not Jews, yet they search for salvation and find it in Christ. There is an ironic contrast here between the magi and Herod and "all Jerusalem." These were the ones who had received the promise of salvation, but they were blind to its actual coming. Herod, in fact, was planning to get rid of Jesus – an intimation of His coming death at the hands of the authorities.*

*Note that Herod was helped by the religious authorities, the experts in the Scriptures. They provided reliable guidance to the magi that should have allowed the authorities to welcome their redeemer. The magi, on the other hand, though brought close by their study of natural signs, ultimately needed the word of God to achieve their purpose.*

*Matthew presents Jesus in his Gospel as one who fulfills prophecy. He had already explained in his genealogy that Jesus was a descendent of Abraham, Moses and David. Like King David, He is born in Bethlehem. Like Moses, He will be called out of Egypt. He is the ultimate answer to the promise made to Abraham. Matthew tells us that there are only two possible responses to Jesus, either homage or rejection.*

**Vocation View:** *The Magi brought gold, frankincense and myrrh. What gifts do you have to give? Is God calling you to be a priest, brother or sister?*

**Some words to live by:** *"Blessed are those who can give without remembering and to take without forgetting." (Elizabeth Bibesco)*

**Some humor to survive by:** *As the town drunk stumbled down the road one Sunday afternoon, he came upon a baptismal service by the river. He proceeded to walk down into the water and stand next to the Preacher. The minister asked the old drunk, "Mister, are you ready to find Jesus?"*

*The drunk looked back at him and said, "Yes, Preacher, I sure am." The minister then dunked the fellow under the water and pulled him right back up. "Have you found Jesus?" he asked. "No, I didn't," replied the drunk. The preacher then dunked him under quite a bit longer, brought him up again and asked, "Now, brother, have you found Jesus?" "No, I did not, reverend." The preacher in disgust held the man under for at least thirty seconds this time, brought him out of the water, and said in a harsh tone, "My good man, have you found Jesus yet?" The old drunk wiped his eyes and said to the preacher, "Are you sure this is where he fell in?"*

*"The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible." (George Burns)*

Fr. Jim Caddy

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### Wisdom Ministry

Mark Monday, January 23, at 6:30 p.m. on your calendar. Come and join the Wisdom Ministry Committee. Bring ideas and thoughts of ways that we can provide more service to the Spiritual Care of our "older" parishioners. It will be held in the Parish Office from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Questions, please call Joanne at 440-461-1494.

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### Eucharistic Ministers

A few have responded to the call for more Eucharistic Ministers to visit our homebound and nursing facility residents, but we still need more assistance. Please consider helping us meet the needs of our elderly and homebound. For more information, call Joanne at 440-461-1494.

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### Retreat for the Homebound

During the Lenten Season, I will offer the opportunity for a few homebound parishioners to make a retreat without even leaving their homes. I will come to you. We will read Scripture and pray together and do some reflection. All will be adapted to your needs. Or if there is a group that wants to have a retreat together, we can do that. For more information, please call Joanne at the number listed above.

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Plans are underway for the March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Monday, January 23rd. A bus will leave from Immaculate Conception Church (Willoughby). Call Chuck (440-257-7835) to make reservations.

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### Youth Rally for Life on Public Square

Local youth, 24 years and younger, are invited to voice their concerns on broad-spectrum pro-life issues at the upcoming **Thirty-first Annual Youth Rally for Life** to be held on Friday, January 20th, at 12:00 noon on Cleveland Public Square. Topics will cover all human life issues that affect the value and existence of human life. Hot Chocolate and cookies will be served at Susy's Soup in Tower City. For more information about the Youth Rally or to register as a speaker, call 216-226-6663 or go to [www.rallyforlife.org](http://www.rallyforlife.org). The Rally is sponsored by Cleveland Right to Life.

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### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Red Cross personnel will be in the Parish Center Cafeteria on Sunday, January 22nd, 2012 from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

to receive blood donations for a need that is never ending. While requirements to donate are stringent, many are capable of meeting them. Basically one must be 17 years of age (there is no upward limit), weigh at least 110 lbs. and be in good health. Bring along a list of medications taken, and photo identification. A person may donate every 56 days.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:** The Father Michael Witmann Center, located in St. Philomena's Parish, is a neighborhood center which does the work of the Church in helping those in need in East Cleveland and Cleveland's northeast neighborhoods. As a supporting parish of this center, we already provide non-food and monetary help on a regular basis through our collection cupboard and the St. Vincent de Paul bimonthly envelope donations. We are also asked to provide volunteers to help run the Center which is open every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Our parish has been assigned to provide workers on January 14th and February 18th. Please check your calendar and contact the Parish Office to volunteer. Thank you.

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### THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

The annual collection for the Catholic University of America will take place next weekend. The funds raised go directly to support student financial aid. Please use the envelope in your packet and drop it in the collection with your parish offering.

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### Human Trafficking Awareness Day

The crime of human trafficking occurs in Ohio as well as across the United States and around the world. However, it often goes unreported because of threats to the victim and a lack of awareness on the part of the public, health care and social service providers, and law enforcement personnel. Include the victims of human trafficking in prayer on January 11th and throughout the week to end human trafficking. For more information, visit [collaborative\\_initiative@yahoo.com](mailto:collaborative_initiative@yahoo.com) or call 440-356-2254. The Collaborative is a group of women religious and lay women in the Cleveland area whose mission is to educate and advocate for the prevention and abolition of human trafficking while connecting services for the victims.

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### Parish Resolutions

I promise to help the volunteers who count the collection by writing the amount of my donation on my church envelope and to refrain from using tape, glue or staples.

I promise to do my best to arrive on time for Mass and not to leave until the celebrant has arrived in the vestibule. It's true: "better late than never" but it's even "better never late."

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### McDonald's 2-for-1 Cards Are Back

You may obtain a McDonald's two for the price of one (sandwiches) for \$10.00 from the Parish Office. The cards may be used only at the Mayfield Heights restaurant. Proceeds benefit our school.

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### Attention, Confirmation Candidates

Confirmation preparation is **Sunday, January 15**  
from **6:00-8:30 p.m.**

We will begin with Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by the LifeTeen performance of the "Everything" skit in church. All parishioners are welcome to remain in church for the skit.



### LifeTeen

LifeNights

January 15 -

"Everything" Skit performed after the 6:00 p.m. Mass

January 22 -

Movie Night

Saturday, January 28 -

**Steve Angrisano will be at St. Francis!**

**All are welcome and encouraged to attend  
this very special night!**

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### **FLOCK OF FRIENDSHIP**

(Singles: 40 and over) Membership is free. Events are social, volunteering and spiritual. St. Paschal Baylon Church, 5384 Wilson Mills Road, Highland Heights, OH 44143.

Information: (440) 442-3410

E-mail address: [flockfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:flockfriends@yahoo.com)

Thursday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m. We will have our general meeting at Eat-N-Park on SOM Center Road in Willoughby. We will celebrate December and January birthdays and go over the calendar for future events. Please RSVP to Alice at 440-255-7409 by January 10.

Friday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m. We will have a spiritual discussion at St. Paschal's Life Center. We will discuss the spiritual quotes you bring in to share. Please RSVP to Jim at 440-944-1552.

Friday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m. We will have our monthly game night at St. Paschal's Life Center. This is one of our best attended events and is good for old and new members. Please bring \$5.00 for pizza and a snack to share. Please call Dan at 440-223-8707 for any questions.

Friday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m. The book club will be discussing the book "The Puppet" by Joy Fielding. We will meet in St. Paschal's Life Center. Please RSVP to Karen at [karendoubrava@sbcglobal.net](mailto:karendoubrava@sbcglobal.net).

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### **FOOD PICK-UP VOLUNTEERS**



January 8	Joan Allen	Bishop Cosgrove
January 15	Frank & Linda Vigliucci	Bring Food
January 22	Alyce & Craig Kasper	Lutheran Church

### **THE CHANGES IN THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER EXPLAINED III**

I hope all had a joyful start to the New Year. Having skipped a week, I resume my reflections on Eucharistic Prayer III from where I left off at Christmas.

Old Translation:

Father, calling to mind the death Your Son endured for our salvation, His glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven, and ready to greet Him when He comes again, we offer You in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look with favor on Your Church's offering, and see the victim whose death has reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that we, who are nourished by His body and blood, may be filled with His Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ.

New Roman Missal:

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of Your Son, His wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to His second coming, we offer You in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of Your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death You willed to reconcile us to Yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of Your Son and filled with His Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

My Commentary:

This section begins with an anamnesis (remembering). Unlike the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), and Eucharistic Prayer II, this text includes the second coming. We, as a people, remember what God has done and look forward to what God will do in the present and the coming of Christ at the end of time. This section of the prayer essentially names the "mysteries" we spoke of in the epiclesis (See bulletin for December 17th). The offering takes place as the people celebrate this memorial. The sacrifice (which is holy and living) is offered and done in "thanksgiving." Finally, on a side note, this section of remembering has roots in our Jewish history. At the Passover celebration, the Jewish people would recall God's faithfulness in the past, God's goodness in the present, and confidence that God would be faithful in the future.

The next section has been debated considerably (Look we pray...). The text finds roots in Romans 12:1. "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." The people ask God to look upon the "oblation" of the Church and to see it as the Body and Blood of Christ.

I draw your attention to the usage of "victim" in both translations. This has regularly been met with criticism because it sounds as though the bloody sacrifice of Jesus is underway. And it is not. However, we find it again, though slightly revised in the new translation. All the prayer intends is to ask God to look upon the Church's offering, and see the offering of Christ, which pleased the Father. A literal translation from the Latin would read, "The Victim by whose death you willed to be pleased" sounds very strong. The old translation and the new took a more poetic approach.

Finally, in this last section of the second paragraph, you will note essentially no change from the previous edition. The community prays that those who are nourished by the Eucharist may become one in Christ. This final section can be traced back to Ephesians 4:4. "There is one body and one Spirit." Essentially, this prayer implies that the Holy Spirit will fill the community with its communion, making them one.

Fr. Franz C. Dool

## Football Frenzy Winners

### Week 8

Ticket number 1658 was the first place winner this week with 128 points scored by its three teams. Its payment was \$250.00. In second place, winning \$100.00, was ticket number 1464 because it totaled 124 points. Third place was also a single ticket, number 1912, which totaled 121 points good for an \$80.00 payout. Fourth thru seventh was a four-way tie at 117 points; they were ticket numbers 611, 983, 1383 and 1826. They each received \$55.00. All alone in eighth place was ticket number 2744 with 116 points. Its owner received \$30.00. Low was ticket number 415 with just 29 points but it won \$40.00 for its owner. Second low was a five-way tie between ticket numbers 122, 414, 510, 1405 and 2401. Each totaled 30 points and each received \$6.00.

### Week 9

Ticket number 101 was the first place winner, receiving \$250.00 because the teams on that ticket totaled 131 points. Second place went to ticket number 187 as those teams reached 126 points. Third place with 123 points went to ticket number 541, earning its owners \$80.00. Fourth place good for \$70.00 went to ticket number 260 as it totaled 122 points. Fifth place was also a single winner. It went to ticket number 707 with one point less than the fourth place winner, but with 121 points it received \$60.00. Sixth and seventh was a tie at 120 points; they were ticket numbers 1348 and 143. They both received \$45.00. Eighth place went to ticket number 597, which totaled 116 points good for \$30.00. Low and second low also tied, each receiving \$35.00 as their teams scored only 21 points. They were ticket numbers 2676 and 1904.

### Celebrants for January 14-15, 2012

#### Saturday, January 14, 2012

4:30 p.m. Fr. Caddy

#### Sunday, January 15, 2012

8:00 a.m. Fr. Caddy

10:00 a.m. Fr. Caddy

12:00 a.m. Fr. Dool

6:00 p.m. Fr. Dool



### PRE-CANA DAY

The parish will hold their annual Pre-Cana Day on Sunday, April 1, 2012, in the Parish Center. Diocesan regulations require any couple getting married in the Catholic Church to attend a Pre-Cana Day prior to their wedding. If you are planning on getting married at St. Francis, please call the Parish Office to sign up. Seating is limited so please call as soon as possible. Cost for the day, which includes all meals and materials, is \$75.00 per couple. Please call the Parish Office (440-461-0066) with any questions that you may have regarding Pre-Cana.



THEY PRESENTED HIM WITH  
GIFTS OF FRANKINCENSE  
AND MYRRH. MT 2:11

### EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 8th, is the Feast of the Epiphany. It is customary for some people to have their houses blessed. For those wishing to bless their homes on Epiphany, a blessed piece of chalk will be located in the vestibule of the church and the following prayer should be recited by the family:

#### BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD ON EPIPHANY

This blessing is done in the home of family members. All make the sign of the cross. The leader begins:

*Peace be with this house and with all who live here.*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord.*

All respond:

*Now and forever.*

The leader introduces the blessing:

*During these days of the Christmas season, we keep this feast of the Epiphany, celebrating the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, to John in the River of Jordan, and to the disciples at the wedding of Cana. Today Christ is manifested to us! Today this home is a holy place!*

The Scripture is read by a family member:

*Listen to the words of the Holy Gospel according to John: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. All things came to be through Him and without Him nothing came to be. And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (Jn 1:1-3, 14) This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

All respond:

*Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

The leader continues:

*Let us pray:*

*Lord God of heaven and earth, You revealed Your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect Your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

All respond:

*Amen.*

The leader or a family member marks the doorway of the house with chalk with the year and the initials of the three Magi: Kaspar, Melchior and Balthassar thus:

20 + K + M + B + 12