

EPIPHANY



This week we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Sometimes this day is referred to as "little Christmas". Epiphany is the Church's celebration of the visit of the Magi (three kings) to the Christ Child. The gifts that the Magi placed at the foot of the manger were gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold signified the royalty of our new born Savior while the incense signified his divinity. The myrrh is linked to the prophecy of the death this child would endure.

What gifts do we offer our Savior, the Christ Child? What is the commitment we as followers of Jesus offer? Could this be our opportunity to offer our most prized gold, **our heart**; the incense that is **genuine prayer** that rises from our heart; and myrrh that is our **works of love** for others?

SECURITY ISSUES

Because of some recent events, it was necessary to install some new security measures here at St. Bart's.

You have probably already noticed that the door at the back steps of the Chapel area has been and will continue to remain locked. The locking of this door was at the recommendation of our security company.

We have also installed additional alarms in the sanctuary of the Church to help in the protection of the most sacred area of our place of worship. In addition to these changes, all of the locks in the Church and the rectory needed to be changed and this has been completed.

I am sorry if any of these changes inconvenience anyone, but in being a good steward of St. Bart's, with the recommendations of the security company and the support of the finance council, I found it necessary to put these changes in place. I thank you for your understanding.

As we begin this new year, know that I hold each of you up in prayer every day, thanking God for the gift you are in my life.

Have a blessed week,

-- Sister Dorothy

PTG MEETING

Please join the PTG on Tuesday, January 8th at 6:30 pm in the school library. We will be discussing upcoming school events. All are welcome and are encouraged to join us.

TWO HOUR DELAY

On Wednesday, January 9th, we will follow Penn Hills scheduled 2 hour delay.

JOIN US

Please join Mrs. Deet and the 4th grade at mass on Thursday, January 10th at 10am. The students have worked very hard preparing for this mass.

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We invite you to join us this afternoon January 6th, at 3:00 PM at St. Bartholomew's Church. The churches of our cluster will be presenting an Epiphany concert.. Please come and share in the music of the season as we celebrate Christ revealed to the nations

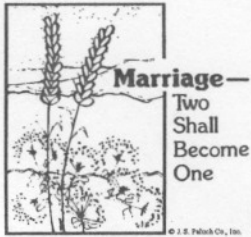
THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

The office for Vocations is hosting an overnight gathering at Saint Paul Seminary Friday and Saturday January 25-26, 2008 for all college and career age men who are interested in learning more about the priestly formation program, seminary life, and the priesthood itself. The schedule includes time for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, discussions led by our seminarians, a review of the priestly formation program by the rector, Father James Wehner, and opportunity for individual discussion with the diocesan vocation director, Father James Sparacino. For more information, please contact Father Thomas Sparacino at 412-672-9763 or Father James Wehner at 412-456-3048

WEEKEND**RETREAT**

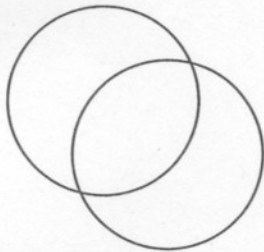
Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for post-abortion healing will be held on February 1-3, 2008 at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. To register or for more information, call Catholic Charities at 412-456-6999 by January 25; ask for Ann Depner or Karen LaFrance.





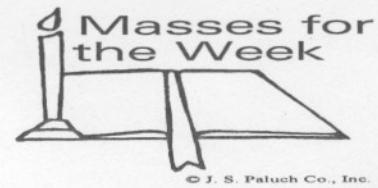
MARRIAGE MOMENTS

The three magi's search for Jesus reminds us that Jesus came for all humankind, not just the Jewish people. So too, married love is not a gift to be hoarded. Reach out to someone who is sad, in trouble, or from a different culture. Can you do it together?



The Silver Ring Thing

The Silver Ring Thing is a high-tech, high-energy performance that educates teens about the benefits of remaining abstinent until marriage and the dangers of promiscuous behavior. On January 18th the Silver Ring Thing will be held at Seton LaSalle High School from 6:30-9:00 P.M., and all teenagers, parents, and youth workers are invited to attend. With dramas, videos, special effects, and speakers, teenagers will be motivated in a unique and personal way to choose to commit to both God and their future spouse to remain abstinent until marriage. For further information please contact your DRE, Principal, or Youth Minister.



- MON., JAN. 7 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**
10:00 A.M., ANTONIO PICCOLINO
(JOSEPHINE & FAMILY)
- TUES., JAN. 8 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**
8:00 A.M., ST. IRENAEUS
9:00 A.M., ST. GERARD MAJELLA
ST. JOSEPH
- WED., JAN. 9 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**
8:00 A.M., ST. IRENAEUS
9:00 A.M., ST. GERARD, ST. SUSANNA
7:00 P.M., HOLY HOUR
- THURS., JAN. 10 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**
10:00 A.M., ARMAND SCIULLO (DAUGHTER)
- FRI., JAN. 11 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**
10:00 A.M., RUSSELL/MARTIN FAMILY
(MARY ELLEN & LARRY CRAVER)
- SAT., JAN. 12 VIGIL,**
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
4:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS
5:00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
- SUN. JAN 13 BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
8:00 A.M., JOSEPH, FRANCES, & SON
JOSEPH R. TRIOLO (TRIOLO FAMILY)
10:30 A.M., JOAN STACK (FAMILY)

Please remember in you prayers the sick, shut-ins, and hospitalized members of the Parish.
Please remember in your prayers the departed members of our parish family. Especially,
RALPH SHAFER, JAMES GRANNY & JAMES DONALD DEWITT

