

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Monday, January 4-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious**

7:00 A.M. Deceased of Ottobre Family M/M Paul Plavecsky  
 9:00 A.M. Tom Vetica (Norma Szabo)

**Tuesday, January 5-St. John Neumann, bishop**

7:00 A.M. Mary Terese DeCaro (Lee Wladika)  
 9:00 A.M. Margaret Petrak (Jane Petrak)

**Wednesday, January 6-Blessed Andre Bessette, religious**

7:00 A.M. Julia Lockawich (Eleanor Ioltes)  
 9:00 A.M. Mary Clifford (Mary Anne Mansell)

**Thursday, January 7-St. Raymond of Penafort, priest**

7:00 A.M. Julia Coast (Ralph Coast & Family)  
 9:00 A.M. D. J. Schaffer (Family)

**Friday, January 8**

7:00 A.M. †Theodore J. Staples, Sr. (Betty, Alex, Janet Lubich)  
 9:00 A.M. Deceased Members of the Nayak Family (Fairbrother Family)

**Saturday, January 9**

9:00 A.M. Joseph Sauter (Stephan & Theresia Manz)

**Sunday, January 10-The Baptism of the Lord**

**5:00 P.M. Saturday** Kay Bellissimo (Thomas P. Andino)  
 8:00 A.M. Frank & Theresa LaCava (Steven & Teresa Gaydosz)  
 10:00 A.M. Joyce Dimeo (Dan & Lynda Mancini)  
 12:00 P.M. Margaret Petrak (Joan Mansell)



**Scripture Verse**

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." — Mt 2:1b-2

**CCD Catechist Aide Needed:** Holy Redeemer CCD is in need of a 3rd grade teacher's aide for the Monday class, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. If you think you might be interested in sharing your faith with the youth of the parish as an aide, please call Laurie at the Religious Education Center. A dependable high school student or adult may apply.

**BAPTISM CLASS:** The next baptism class is scheduled for February 10 at 7:00 P.M. at the Religious Ed Building on Bridge Street. To register please call the office at 724-758-4411.

**Marriage Preparation Program**

A marriage preparation program will be offered at St. Vincent de Paul Parish the first weekend of January 2010 (Friday, January 8, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm) and Saturday, January 9 (9:00 am to 6:00 pm) The cost is \$40.00 per couple and includes lunch on Saturday. All are welcome to attend. To register, please call 724-652-5829 x 6.

**Stress in Your Marriage? - Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. In today's busy world, many couples experience anger, coldness, frustration, and loneliness. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 8, 2010, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com)

**LEGION OF MARY** will be meeting from now until February at the Haberman's home at 688 Chapel Drive, Rohrbach House, Fombell, Pa. Everyone is welcome.

**PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:** Please remember to bring photos of your relatives in the Armed forces. We will place them at the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Also, please remember to offer prayers and light candles for our troops at the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Take Advantage of the new Missalettes! The Missalettes are an excellent way to teach the Mass to our young people. In addition you can now read the prayers and readings before Mass begins so that you will be better prepared for your experience of our Mass.

Readings for the Week of January 3, 2010	
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1Jn 3:22---4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1Jn 4:19---5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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## EPIPHANY

Throughout the days of Advent and Christmas we have met many important characters who have become models for how we can deepen our faith. However, none are as mysterious as the Magi. Through the centuries they have been the subject of much speculation. Were they kings? Were they wise men? Were they astrologers?

One wonders whether those questions will ever be answered. What is helpful, though, is to reflect on the meaning of their mysterious journey. To be sure, whoever these men were, one thing is certain, they were well educated. Moreover, they had significant resources required to make this journey possible. Just look at the facts:

They observed an astrological phenomenon in the heavens, and from their understanding of science and the sacred Scriptures, deduced that the long awaited Messiah was born. This tells us that they were intelligent and spiritual.

Next, they set out at night. This was a dangerous thing to do. Predators come out at night: bandits, thieves and beasts of all sorts prowl about looking for their next victim. Yet, these men arrived safely at their destination. This tells us that they were important enough to be protected by soldiers.

Quite unexpectedly, the journey was interrupted by King Herod-- They have just encountered one of the predators roaming about in the darkness. Herod had great military might and they were forced to bow to his wishes. This was both frightening and humiliating for them since they were now being treated as property.

When the Magi finally found the new-born Messiah, they humbly entered into his presence and spent time kneeling before him. This is where the miracle took place. The point of the story is not about who they were; it is about what happens to them in the presence of Jesus. By prayerfully gazing into the manger scene they have been changed, their lives take on a deeper meaning and they no longer fear Herod. The Scriptures tell us, "They departed for their country by another way (They lived the rest of their lives by another way.)"

The story of the Magi is our story as well. The journey to develop our person and deepen the quality of our spiritual living can be both frightening and exciting. Along the way we often encounter powerful figures. However, when we prayerfully reflect on the true meaning of Christmas—when we regularly enter into the presence of the Lord, we are changed and we complete the journey by another way—We live the rest of our lives by another way...



Michael Spiegel, Donna Lample, , Mollie Pelligrene, Rose Reda, Debra White, Peter Bietch, Carol Woods, Marie Pander, Ida McClland, Ron O'Donnell, Sr., Jodi Minter, Michael Henderson, Elizabeth Pullion, Carson Kellar, Tina Jeannette, Corey Ayres, Elizabeth LaCava, Cindy Cancelli Buffington, Margie Pelloni, April Samsa, Karen Rybka, Mafalda Dombeck, Richard Cox, Ann Moczan, George Bokor, Sr., Joan McDonald, Edward J. Stemmerick, Anna Marie Bucci, Dan "Joe" Weisz, Damien DeCaria, Mary (Tootles) Millhouse, Bob Greene, Fred Faroni, Cheryl Owens, Mary Hilliard, Richelle Owens, John Owens, Ashley Marsano and Tim Mann, Jerry McCrumb, Mary Pascazi, Eric Hassen, Kelly Coccia, Michael Esoldo

### **Special Activities Group (SAG)**

Annual tickets are now available. Annual monetary awards total \$75,875. Details are contained in the flyer available in the vestibule of the church or call Joe Bellissimo at 724-752-2224. **THESE MAKE GREAT GIFTS.**

### **Holy Redeemer Social Club Yearly Calendar Raffle**

**Tickets** are available for next year 2010. You can get your favorite number by calling Stretch at 724-752-3751. Also a Great Gift for only \$40.00 each ticket.

### **CELEBRATING OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY**

Commemorative 10th Anniversary Plates are currently in production: Bishop Zubik will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of our Parish with an evening Mass on Friday February 5th, 2010. Also, marking this milestone event is a limited supply of Commemorative Plates, sponsored by the Holy Name Society that will be available the week of January 11, 2010. The Holy Name Society is now taking advance orders via flyers available at each of the church entrances. Please deposit your order in the offertory collection baskets. Or you can reserve your plate by simply calling the parish office at 724-758-4411 or John Biondi: 724-674-6200; John DeCaro, Sr. 724-758-9675; Cos Morabito 724-758-7267. Total plate cost of \$15.00 also includes a plate stand.

### **SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS**

DURING THE HOLIDAYS WE HAVE TO SEND IN OUR BULLETINS EARLY. TODAY'S BULLETIN HAD TO BE SENT IN ON FRIDAY, DEC. 28TH. WE WILL HAVE TO REPORT OUR COLLECTIONS AND ETC. IN FUTURE BULLETINS.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH. YOUR HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED.**

**Remember Holy Redeemer Parish in your will.**

**SERVING THE PARISH  
JANUARY 9/10**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 5:00 P.M. \*Carmelia Fury, LuAnn Salvati, Carol Nocera, Judi Dici, Jim Gillespie, Joanne Yost, Dorothy Schilling
- 8:00 A.M. \*Laurie Nocera, Teresa Gaydosz, Annie Raybuck, Dave Raybuck, Tom Hazen, Teresa Krukenberg, Jane Petrak
- 10:00 A.M. \*Sharon Smith, Mark Strosnider, Julie Strosnider, Rose Fox, Janet Hall, Debbie Pagley, Paul Plavecsky
- 12:00 P.M. \*Marilyn Frost, Kathy Gorzkowski, Pat Tomon, Charlie Chaffin, Grace DeCaria, Pat Turner, Mary Ellen McDowell

**LECTORS**

- 5:00 P.M. Tony Pietrullo
- 8:00 A.M. Janice Chesko
- 10:00 A.M. Joanne Sberna
- 12:00 P.M. Eva Herman

**CANTORS**

- 5:00 P.M. Patty DiMase
- 8:00 A.M. Jim Hackett
- 10:00 A.M. Holy Redeemer Choir & Bell Choir
- 12:00 P.M. Andrea Verone

**SERVERS**

- 5:00 P.M. Mike Perry, Geena DeCaria, Mikaela Wadding
- 8:00 A.M. Nathaniel, Maria Wiley, Paul Sutkowski
- 10:00 A.M. Matt, Chris, Tomas Maielli
- 12:00 P.M. Ashley Farone, Isabella Williams, Christopher Green

**GREETERS**

- 5:00 P.M. Sharon Rombold, Joanne Hart
- 8:00 A.M. Norm Giancola, Joyce Hackett, Jean Barsotti
- 10:00 A.M. Julie & Mark Strosnider, Myrna & Ralph DiCerbo
- 12:00 P.M. Gary and Vicki Bookamer

**PRE-MARRIAGE CLASS**, entitled "An Adventure of a Lifetime" will be held January 11th, 13th, and 15th from 7 to 10 p.m. in McGurk Hall at St. Camillus Church, 314 W. Englewood Ave., New Castle, PA 16105. For a registration form which includes a list of presentations and presenters call Sr. Barbara Ann Johnston at 724-652-9471 ext. 12. It is important to register early in order to have materials on hand for participants.

**SINGLE, 21 & OVER (or know someone who is)** - Looking for a new way to meet people, make friends, and share good times with others? Check out the Catholic Alumni Club. The group offers parties, picnics, hiking, volleyball, tennis, softball, dinners, trips, scripture study, community service, bowling, cultural and many other great events. For information, visit our website: [www.cacpittsburgh.org](http://www.cacpittsburgh.org) or call 412-341-4070.

Holy Redeemer Parish will be offering a nine-week self-help bereavement group. The sessions will offer both educational and sharing opportunities. The goal of the sessions is to assist individuals in understanding and more effectively cope with grief.

Weekly topics will include

- Understanding normal grief reactions
- Coping with strong emotions
- Managing stress of daily life
- Creating memorials

It is strongly recommended that those interested please participate from the very beginning since the sessions are interrelated.

The first sessions will begin on Tuesday, 26 January 2010. Please register in advance with Sr. Angelina Giramma, M.P.F. by calling 724-758-4411.



**Prayer for the New Year**

Dear Lord, at the beginning of this New Year, I remember that you are a God of beginnings and endings.

You created the world, with all its eternal patterns.

Winter begins in frost, and ends in spring's thaw.

Spring begins in new, green life, ending in summer's heat.

Summer begins in sunshine, and ends in autumn's breezes.

And autumn's color leads to the white of winter again.

As another year ends and begins in our lives,

Help us to remember that you have made a world of cycles.

When fortune turns to trials, or hardship turns to joy,

Help me take delight in the life I've received from you.

Remind me that I will one day pass from this world

And enter a new life like those who've gone before me.

Amen.

*May all have a happy and blessed New Year!*