

**Saturday, January 2, Saint Basil the Great**

4:00 p.m. †Effie Simon (An.)

**Sunday, January 3, The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †William Zinchini (An.)

**Monday, January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Tuesday, January 5, Saint John Neumann**

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Wednesday, January 6, Christmas Weekday**

9:00 a.m. †Mary Tarosky (An.)

**Thursday, January 7, Christmas Weekday**

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Friday, January 8, Christmas Weekday**

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Saturday, January 9, Christmas Weekday**

8:30 a.m. †Michael Antenucci

4:00 p.m. †Mary DelGrosso

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

8:00 a.m. †Mr. & Mrs. Benny Trozzi

10:30 a.m. For the Parish



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**January 9 & 10**

4:00 p.m. ~ Amy Bennardo, Zach McClarnon,  
Deana Callipare

8:00 a.m. ~ Lacy Emmerson, Casey Tomiczek  
Kaitlyn Lewandowski

10:30 a.m. ~ Zachary Jones, John Paul Larko,  
Grace Larko

*This Week at*  
**Saint Gertrude Parish**  
 Sunday, January 3, 2010  
 ~ Bingo ~ 7 p.m.

# GOOD NEWS

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

Our Parish family mourns the loss of Parishioners, Adele Nadon, David Pacuch, Bertha Hines, Joan Filo, Mary Stonevice, Teresa Ferraro, Anthony Calderazzo and Angela DiCola. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed find peace with our Heavenly Father.

**SUNDAY OFFERING**



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**December 19 & 20**

- Offertory Collection.....\$5,120.00**
- Children’s Collection.....6.00**
- Loose Collection.....574.00**
- Christmas Flowers.....355.00**

**December 25**

- Christmas Collection.....11,851.20**
- Children/Family Services.....1,486.00**

**December 26 & 27**

- Offertory Collection.....5,931.00**
- Children’s Collection.....7.00**
- Loose Collection.....541.85**
- Christmas Flowers.....209.00**

**Vandergrift Festa Italiana Committee** is sponsoring a Valentine’s Day Basket of Cheer raffle tickets and \$100.00, number above and below daily number. Donation \$2. Drawing, evening of February 14, 2010, 7 p.m. PA Daily Lottery. Tickets may be purchased with Shawn Rowe, 412-389-3808 or Wilmer Shaner 724-567-6948. This benefits the August 15, 2010, 7th annual year for the Vandergrift Festa Italiana Day of Mass and celebration.

**Notes:** The 2010 Mass book is full. We can no longer accept Masses to be said here at St. Gertrude, we will still accept Masses, and forward them to St. Vincent to be said there.

**Our Lady, Queen of Peace** is sponsoring a fish fry Friday, January 8 in the Social Hall—3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner \$7. Sandwich \$6. Eat in or take out.

**January 3, 2010**

**The Epiphany Of The Lord**

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

A starting vision is embedded in the Second Vatican Council document *The Church in the Modern World*. Anyone who helps further the development of the human race also helps the Catholic Church (*Gaudium et Spes*, 44).

We are meant to live in the real world—the world that is messy, confusing, complex, and dangerous. God steps onto the stage of this world. The Spirit works at every level of human affairs. Christ calls us to act. Thus, Vatican II called us to read the signs of the times.

What led the Magi’s steps? How did they interpret the signs they saw? Starting with stars, they were soon immersed in a deeper search.

Whom did Herod trust? Did he trust the Scriptures? He had his advisors search the prophets to make sense of what the wise men were saying. Herod trusted the Book of Micah enough to fear a new ruler. He tried to draw the wise men into a sinister plan, but the Magi sensed something. Scripture doesn’t say they agreed to help, but they must have given Herod the sense that they took him seriously.

The Magi are savvy. They show courage at each stage of the story. They’re not afraid to think on their feet. They’re not afraid to go against the plans of those in power. They’re not afraid to take a route different from the one they’d planned to take.

They would do well in the modern world.

Dan Finucane

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**St. Joseph Church and St. Mary of Czestochowa Church, New Kensington,** will present “The Epiphany Experience,” January 10, 2010 at 4 p.m. in St. Joseph Church. The experience will consist of readings and carols, live animals, choral anthems, and tableaux ~ plus fellowship and blessings. A social will follow in the school cafeteria. For more information, call 724-337-6412.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

In memory of Carmelina DiBiasio by Richard & Dorothy Kardos

**MEMORIAL CANDLES**

In memory of Frances Petrarca by her husband Paul  
In memory of Glenn E. Watterson by his wife Martha

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS** who are hospitalized, invalids or seriously ill at home: and all the sick who need our prayers.

A series of monthly classes on Benedictine spirituality will continue on Sunday, January 17, from 3 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. in Brownfield Room 202 of Saint Vincent Seminary. The topic will be "On Holiness and Benedictine Spirituality," and Brother Isidore Miner, O.S.B., assistant choirmaster for the monastery, will be the presenter. To appreciate the teaching one does not need to have attended previous sessions. **Also**

**The Oblates of Saint Benedict** affiliated with Saint Vincent Archabbey will meet at 6:45 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, in Brownfield Room 202 of Saint Vincent Seminary. The topic of discussion will be the life of Saint Benedict, as taken from the first chapters of *The Life and Miracles of St. Benedict*, by Pope Saint Gregory the Great. Those who have copies of the book should bring them; copies will be supplied to others. All Christians who seek to enhance their journeys of faith with the help of the time-tested way of the *Rule* of Saint Benedict are welcome to attend. Those wishing to pray Vespers with the monks at 5 p.m. and then stay for supper should contact Fr. Donald at 724-805-2291 in advance.



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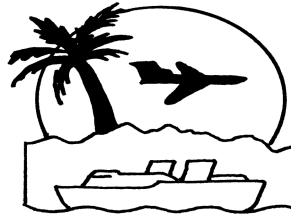
**SUNDAY**

Church Hall ~ Doors open 5:15 p.m.  
Jackpot ~ 55 no's

**Bring a friend or two along and enjoy an evening out!**

**THANKS TO OUR ADVERTISERS**

**Fr. James** will be away from January 3 - 10 on vacation. Priests from St. Vincent will be here for Mass, Sunday, January 3rd and for the Sunday Masses on January 9 - 10, Fr. Michael Sciberras will be here on Wednesday, January 6 for the 9 a.m. Mass and Saturday, January 9 for the 8:30 a.m. Mass and confessions. He will also cover any funerals. On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday there will be communion service at 8:30 a.m.



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**The St. Gertrude Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is grateful for all the donations, both nonperishable and monetary, given this holiday season.



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We were able to give food baskets, along with food vouchers for perishable items, to more than 30 families at Thanksgiving and more than 40 families at Christmas. We, along with those who were helped, appreciate and thank you for all you have given.

**The St. Gertrude Society of St. Vincent de Paul** will meet on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at 7 p.m. in the church hall. All members are urged to attend.

**The Diocese of Greensburg Presents:  
The 2010 Diocesan Youth Celebration**

"We have set our hope on the Living God!!"

Who: All Youth of the Diocese in Grades 9-12

When: February 6, 2010 12:30-9 p.m.

Where: Greensburg Central Catholic High School

Cost: \$15. includes Dinner, Snack & T-shirts

Our Special Keynote Speaker for the 2010 Diocesan Youth Celebration

**Mike Patin**

Mike Patin uses energy, humor and stories to affirm the goodness of God's presence among us while inviting others to take the "next step" in our journey with God.

With Liturgy celebrated by

**Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt, Bishop of Greensburg**

For more information or to register contact your parish youth ministry leader or parish office. Registration forms can also be found at

[www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/youthministry](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/youthministry)