

# ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

*A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
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## **JANUARY 8, 2012 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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### **MASSES**

#### **Sunday Mass Schedule**

**Saturday** 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday** 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

#### **Weekday Mass Schedule**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**  
at 8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday** 8:30 a.m. outside of school time,  
9:00 a.m. during the school year.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

#### **Monday–Friday**

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment  
(724) 568-2331, Fax: (724) 568-2030

### **PARISH STAFF**

**Fr. James Loew, O.S.B.**  
Pastor

**Patti Donghia-Albert**  
Director of Music

**Ms. Kate Larko**  
Pastoral Minister

**Mr. James Peterman**  
Coordinator of Religious Formation  
(for St. Gertrude Parish & Christ the King Parish)  
(724) 568-2331 or (724) 845-8191

### **REGIONAL SCHOOL**

Cardinal Maida Academy  
(724) 568-3304 • Fax: (724) 567-1900

**Ms. Patrice Majeran**  
Principal

The prophet Isaiah returns one more time in this Christmas season, now on the feast of the Epiphany. In the final chapters of Isaiah (chapters 56-66), the prophet is proclaiming God's word to the Israelites who have returned to Jerusalem after the Exile in Babylon. What at first was a joyful return, has turned inward. Those who have taken up positions of power after returning to Jerusalem have marginalized even the Israelites who remained in the land during the Babylonian Captivity, not to mention the people of other nations whose defeat of Babylon actually facilitated Israel's restoration. In response, Isaiah proclaims that God's salvation is for all. Every nation will stream to Jerusalem to worship the Lord.

Isaiah's message is reflected in Matthew's Gospel as he tells the story of the birth of Jesus. Christ comes for everyone! The followers of Christ in Matthew's community are not only the Jews who became Christians, but also the Gentiles who came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. In Matthew's Gospel this latter group is represented by the Magi, who come from afar, while the Jewish Christians, who believe in God's word, are represented by Joseph, the faithful spouse of Mary.

While the Epiphany is a great and joyous feast, it contains a cautionary message as well. God's salvation is for everyone. That means that no one can be excluded from the invitation to follow Christ. And once they choose to do so, they become our brothers and sisters in the Lord. If that is the case, when we demean, cast aside, or ignore others, we open ourselves to the same condemnation with which Isaiah castigated the powerful in Jerusalem in the sixth century BC. If we add statues of the Magi to our Nativity scene, it also means that we must add the stranger, the foreigner, the person not like us, to our life in Christ.

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### **SACRAMENTS**

**Confessions:** Saturday **3:15 - 3:45 p.m.**

**Baptisms:** By appointment. Baptismal preparation is necessary. Call for classes.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made at least 8 months in advance. No marriage dates will be given until meeting with the priest & all preparation is ready.



### KID'S CLUB

Hosted by Cardinal Maida Academy  
Saturday, January 14—5:30-6:30 p.m.

**AT ST. JAMES SOCIAL HALL**

**For Kids Ages 4-12**

Faith

Understanding God's Love

New friends

Crafts \*\* Bible Stories \*\* Snacks \*\* Fun Surprises  
Cardinal Maida invites all children from our local  
parishes to come to our Church for a night of fun.

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS TOO!**

**DISTRICT #115 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,**  
will be holding the following events on Sunday,  
January 22, 2012 from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at St. Syl-  
vester Church, Slickville, Pa. This is for Knights  
wives and children.

1:30 p.m.~ Mass

2:30 p.m.~ Installation of officers by District  
Deputy, Larry Barkowski. Knights are to attend in  
Ex Coat, Shirt, Tie and their Jewel pin.

3:30 p.m. ~ Brief mid year meeting.

4:00 p.m. ~ Dinner ~ The cost is \$10.00 per per-  
son. RSVP with grand knight, Charles Smith by  
January 11, 2012, by calling 724-568-3310.

### THANK YOU

A special thank you to  
Mr. Charles Sadecky  
& his family.  
In his memory a  
substantial donation  
was made to  
St. Gertrude Parish.



### SANCTUARY LAMP

*In memory of Ralph, Angela, Mary Scanga by the  
family*

### MEMORIAL CANDLES

*In memory of Lucy Rupert by Maria & Jeff  
Badac & family*

*In memory of Marcia Sgarlata by the Folk  
Group Choir*

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the  
days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east ar-  
rived 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 2:1-2

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



### Readings for the Week of January 8, 2012

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts  
10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-  
8 and 1:9-20/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17  
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a,  
17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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# BINGO

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**Sunday ~ Doors open at 5:30 pm**

# dear Padre

January 8, 2012

## When is Epiphany?

When did we stop celebrating the Epiphany on January 6? Does that affect the length of the octave of Christmas?

Kelly

Dear Kelly,

The Code of Canon Law says that Sundays are to be “observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church” (1246). That canon also allows national conferences of bishops to “abolish certain holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday.”

In November 1983, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the transfer of the solemnity of the Epiphany (January 6) to the first Sunday after January 1. It was reviewed by the Holy See (Vatican) and promulgated in March 1984.

Liturgical celebrations are distinguished as solemnities, feasts, and memorials according to their importance. The two greatest solemnities, Easter and Christmas, continue for an octave (eight days). Since the octave of Christmas runs from December 25 to January 1 (the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God), it’s not affected by the transfer of the Epiphany celebration.

Liturgically, the days after January 1 through the Baptism of the Lord are part of the season of Christmas even though they’re not part of the octave of Christmas.

Byron Miller, CSsR  
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December 24 & 25  
Offerory Envelopes ~  
\$4,033.95  
Children’s Collection ~  
\$53.00  
Loose Collection ~  
\$991.50  
Christmas Offertory  
\$8,594.00  
Children & Family Services  
\$1,498.38

*Our Thanks to Each of you who faithfully support our parish each week and so generously contribute whenever asked. God Bless each one of you!*

**PRAY for our PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS who are ill: Bernadette Forney.** Please notify the parish office if a family member or a parishioner is in the hospital, confined at home or in a rest home.

**ST. GERTRUDE MEN’S CLUB** will meet in the church hall at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2012. All members please try to attend.

**Benedictine Spirituality** ~ a series of monthly classes on Benedictine spirituality will continue on Sunday, January 15, from 3 to 4:25 p.m. in Brownfield Room 202 of Saint Vincent Seminary. The topic will be “On Holiness and Benedictine Spirituality,” and Father Killian Loch, OSB, Director of Campus Ministry at Saint Vincent College, will be the presenter. The **OBLATES OF SAINT BENEDICT** affiliated with Saint Vincent Archabbey will meet at 6:45 p.m. The topic of discussion will be Chapter Five (“Childhood and Stability”) of the book *St. Benedict and St. Therese*. Those who have copies of the book should bring them; copies will be supplied to others. All Christians who seek to grow in a practical understanding of their faith through Benedictine spirituality 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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# Mass Intentions For The Week



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## Saturday, January 7, Christmas Weekday

4:00 p.m. †Jerry A. Stokes (An.)

## Sunday, January 8, The Epiphany of The Lord

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Blake Hadley

## Monday, January 9, The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 a.m. †Victor Mannella

## Tuesday, January 10, First Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. †Michelina Vernacotola

## Wednesday, January 11, Weekday

9:00 a.m. †Frank Amaranto

## Thursday, January 12, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Anthony Facchine (An.)

## Friday, January 13, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Armand T. Dettore (An.)

9-10 a.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

## Saturday, January 14, Weekday

4:00 p.m. †Mary Duriancik (An.)

## Sunday, January 15, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Adele Romito

**EVERY FRIDAY**, after the morning Mass there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 - 10 a.m. Sign up sheets are located on the table in the narthex.

## January 14 & 15

4:00 p.m. ~ Alex & Zach Pullet,

: Madison Porter

8:00 a.m. ~ Aaron Waner,

Lacey Emmerson, Julie Shannon

10:30 a.m. ~ John, Luke & Grace

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