

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, January 4** *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*  
8:00am (GS) Sean Harrison by mother

**Tuesday, January 5** *Saint John Neumann, Bishop*  
8:00am(GS) Anita Lewis by husband, Ben Lewis

**Wednesday, January 6** *Saint Andre Bessette, Religious*  
8:00am (SJ) Miriam Gadomski by Mark & Mary Gadomski  
6:30pm (GS) Louise Szymoniak by sister, Marcella Razo

**Thursday, January 7** *Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest*  
8:00am (GS) Fortunato & Teresa Rigano by sons, Tony & Dominic

**Friday, January 8**  
9:00am (SJ) Richard Kuny by Mafalda Cappabianco  
8:00pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

**Saturday, January 9**  
4:00pm Vigil (SJ) Dorothy & Ed Franco by Rita Darr  
5:30pm Vigil (GS) Jerome Indovina by Family

**Sunday, January 10** **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
8:00am (GS) Carmela Aloe by Philip & Rose Marie Volpe  
9:30am (SJ) For the Living & Deceased of our Parishes  
11:00am (GS) Marie & James Makres by daughter, Helen Pane

### Readings for the Week of January 4, 2016

Monday	1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2: 7bc-8,10-12a/Mt 4:12-17. 23-25
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4. 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72: 1-2, 10. 12-13/Mk 6: 45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4: 19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2. 14 and 15bc. 17/Lk 4:14-22
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13. 14-15. 19-20/Lk5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps149:1-2. 3-4. 5and 6a and 9b/Jn3: 22-30
Sunday	Is 40:1-5.9-11/Ps 104:1b-2,3-4,24-25,27-28,29-30(1) Ti2:11-14:3: 4-7/Lk3:15-16, 21-22

### THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

#### Holy Family Shrine Candle

(GS) In memory of Frank, Brigida & Louis Antonini by Anna & Gaylord Munny

#### Sanctuary Candle

(SJ) John M. Bungo by Bungo Family

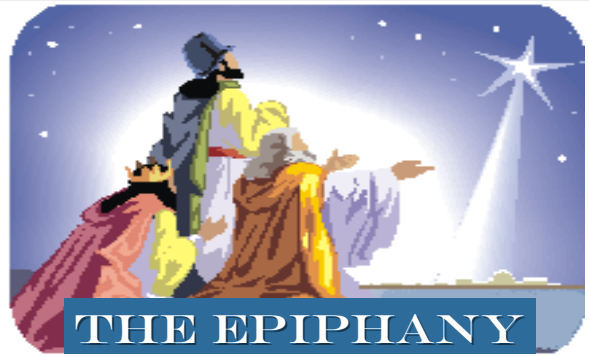
#### Bread and Wine

(GS) In honor of the Epiphany of the Lord by Mary & Frank Pingitore and Pingitore Family

(SJ) John Moss by John & Doretta

**The Christian Mothers/Ladies' Guild** want to sincerely thank all those who helped with the Christmas fruit trays. There was great help Friday evening to pack the trays. All the trays were then taken by those who volunteered to deliver them. We were able to get everything done Friday evening. A few who volunteered to deliver on Saturday were not needed, but their willingness to help is very deeply appreciated.

Once again "Thank You" and God Bless you all for giving of your time to help. *Jo Ann Smith*



This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Epiphany with the story of the Magi who appear from the east. Great legends have developed over the centuries surrounding the Magi. Very little is written about them in the Bible. They have been referred to as *The Wise Men*, and even as *The Three Kings*. We know that they came from the East, but the Bible doesn't even mention the number of Magi. Because they brought three gifts — gold, frankincense, and myrrh, the presumption is that there were three.

Legend has it that the Magi were named **Melchior**, a Persian scholar (modern day Iraq), **Caspar**, a scholar from India, and **Balthazar**, a Babylonian Scholar. A long-standing tradition is the blessing of homes around the feast of Epiphany. Above the doorways of the homes **20 † C † M † B † 16** is written. The letters represent the names given the Magi, who came to visit the house where the star came to rest over the infant Jesus. The letters also call to mind the Latin words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, or "May Christ bless this house."

The star may have temporarily disappeared from view, and the Magi sought out King Herod to inquire of the whereabouts of the newborn king of the Jews. Herod pretended to share their desire to pay the baby homage, but was secretly jealous. According to Saint Matthew, when Herod realized the Magi had left the country without revealing the place where Jesus was staying, Herod ordered the massacre of every male boys in the vicinity of Bethlehem who were two years old and under. These infant martyrs are commemorated each year on December 28th, as we celebrated the feast of the Holy Innocents.

An "Epiphany" is a dramatic revelation of something profound. Over the centuries, the celebration of Epiphany has evolved. It was a celebration not only of the appearance of the Wise Men, but also of the Baptism of the Lord and the Wedding Feast at Cana, where Jesus worked His first public miracle. Each event was an example of God revealing His presence in our world. The revelation of Jesus, the Messiah, was made manifest to the Wise Men by the light of a star. They travelled hundreds of miles to catch just a glimpse of the new born King. As the new year begins with all of its hopes, and dreams, and with all of its resolutions, it's a great time to take stock of our spiritual lives, and to ponder whether the way we live our lives is a revelation — an *Epiphany* — of Christ present in our world and in our hearts. **Ω**

**SAINT JOHN'S CORNER**

**WED., JAN. 6, FIRST WEDNESDAY ADORATION**  
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass and continue until 2:30 PM closing. Please pray for vocations. Come and experience the beauty and peace of Our Eucharistic Lord.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 10, SECOND SUNDAY MONTHLY DEVOTION: Divine Child Jesus/Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group** will meet here at St. John's. Holy Mass begins at 2:00 PM followed by 3:00 Holy Hour and 4:00 meeting. A social follows in the hall. All are welcome. Fr. Ladis Cizik will be the celebrant.

**2015 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** A contribution statement will be mailed out to each parish family by January 20, 2016. The statement will have a summary of donations made to the parish during 2015. Thank you for your continued support.

**St. John's Volunteer Dinner** will be held January 31, 2016. See the inserted flyer for registration form.

**DOES YOUR MARRIAGE NEED A RE-BIRTH?**

Begin the New Year by making a new effort to renew your marriage. Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 15, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information on Retrouvaille is available at [www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/](http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/).

**ONLINE GIVING**

Parishioners of Good Samaritan who would like to contribute to the Parish electronically can go to our website, [www.GoodSam1.org](http://www.GoodSam1.org) and click the **ONLINE GIVING LINK** and follow the instructions.



**TAX STATEMENTS**

**2015 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Please note that all 2015 contributions must be returned to the parish office by Monday, January 4, 2016. Any 2015 contribution received after that date will be credited to your 2016 statement. Thank you.

*Our Parish is Committed to Protecting God's Children*  
**ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-932-0313** ☎  
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 412-456-3060

**+UPCOMING EVENTS+**

- Sunday, January 3**  
(GS) No CIC/Teen RCIA today (Christmas Break)
- Monday, January 4**  
No Activities Scheduled
- Tuesday, January 5**  
(GS) 6:30pm RCIA (JH Classroom)
- Wednesday, January 6**  
(SJ) 6:30pm Choir Practice
- Thursday, January 7**  
No activities Scheduled
- Friday, January 8**  
No activities Scheduled
- Saturday, January 9**  
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- Sunday, January 10**  
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**Many Thanks**

Thanks once again to all of those parishioners and staff who labored so diligently to decorate our churches. I am in awe of your tireless dedication. In a very special way, thanks to Mike Meerdo of Meerdo's Custom Cabinetry for building our new crèche at Good Samaritan, and Ron Gibbons for donating the materials. Thanks also to those generous souls who made anonymous donations to help those in need this Christmas Season. Finally, thanks to all of you who were so generous to our staff over the holidays. Let the diet begin...



May God richly bless you all,  
*Father Joe & Deacon Anthony*

**✠IN SYMPATHY**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed, especially *Patty Mitchell Cooper*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

GOOD SAMARITAN	
Weekly Offering, December 20, 2015	\$6,389.08
Immaculate Conception	\$481.00
Children's Offering	\$38.75
Christmas Flowers	\$735.00
For Retired Religious	\$15.00
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering, December 20, 2015	\$2,423.19