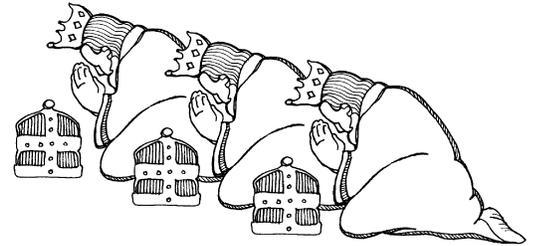


# The Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2015

**ALL KINGS SHALL PAY HIM HOMAGE,  
ALL NATIONS SHALL SERVE HIM.**

-- Psalm 72:11



## Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

### Vigil Mass for The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 p.m. = John Maker

### Sunday, Jan. 4 - The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. = Pamela Polizzi

9:00 a.m. = Guadalupe Caban

10:30 a.m. = Walter Kreher

12:00 Noon = Catherine & Thomas McCoy, Sr.  
and Thomas McCoy, Jr.

### Monday, Jan. 5 – St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:30 a.m. = Myron J. Krumm

### Tuesday, Jan. 6 - St. André Bessette, Religious

8:30 a.m. = Charles Smith

### Wednesday, Jan. 7 – St. Raymond Penyafort, Priest

8:30 a.m. = Cara Tanjucto

### Thursday, Jan. 8 - Christmas weekday

8:30 a.m. = Dolly Barracca (*happy 79<sup>th</sup> ann. in heaven*)

### Friday, Jan. 9 - Christmas weekday

8:30 a.m. = José Cruz

### Saturday, Jan. 10 - Christmas weekday

9:00 a.m. = Linda Jensen

### Vigil Mass for The Baptism of the Lord

4:00 p.m. = James F. Donahue (*happy 9<sup>th</sup> ann. in heaven*)

### Sunday, Jan. 11 - The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

9:00 a.m. = deceased members of the Holy Name Society

10:30 a.m. = Stesano Vinci

12:00 Noon = Filamena and August Abbruzzi

*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning  
before the tabernacle is given  
in 1st anniversary memory of*

**Walter Kreher**

*as requested by **Maureen Maydick***



**our Parish Family's  
support on  
Dec. 20-21, 2014**

**Weekly Collections**

1st Collection - \$4,425.00

Reserve Fund - \$1,430.00

### Teen Youth Group raffle winner

**Jerry Connelly - CONGRATULATIONS!**

and many thanks to all in our parish family who  
have encouraged the young people with **\$508**  
toward their 2015 plans and projects.

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*Apologies . . . we'll be back to a regular publish-  
ing schedule next week and begin catching up.*

*This week the **Bread and Wine**  
are offered at all the Masses  
in memory of  
**Walter Kreher***

*as requested by  
**his Mom, Lillian and sisters, Donna & Doria***



*Keep our troops—and the families at home  
who support them—in your prayers:*



**SR Francis S. Cummings** - USN

**SR Michael J. Cummings** - USN

**Col. Jeffrey N. Davila, MD** - USAF

**Francesca DiSimone-Reich** - U.S. Army

**Michael Di Simone Biggins** - U.S. Army

**Ryan Foley** - USMC

**Lt. Col. Jay La Pore** - U. S. Air Force in Japan

**Col. Patrick J. Mahaney** - U.S. Army

**Prescod Montgomery** - U. S. Army in Iraq

**Ensign II Steven Passignajen-Trimble**—U.S. Navy in the Persian Gulf

**Darrin Sack**

**Major Michael Volpe** - U.S. Army

**SUPPORT**



*Prayer for the sick is so important.—those anticipating a hospital stay, the homebound in our parish, and in our families.  
Please keep this list of the sick near the place where you pray each day so that you remember them throughout the week.*

**Victor Andrea, Carol Barbaro, Mary Bhatia, Tito Borrero, Elaine Boyle, MaryAnne Christopher, Frances Cirincione,  
Joseph Corrigan, Kathleen Coughlin, Stephen Cucci, Charles D'Arrigo, Jr., Charles Didonato, Joseph Di Maria, Connie Gorrasi,  
Frank Labano, Rose Marchese, Louis Matos, Delia Murguia, Joseph Murguia, Pat O'Connell, Amy O'Donnell,  
Mario Paralta, Joseph Palumbo, Cheryl Perniciaro, Carmela Rogan, Emil Sentfleben, Louise Stanley, Marian Tessa**



## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

Those of our parish family who are homebound have regular visits from our Eucharistic Ministers, who are most faithful in bringing Communion for them. In the days before Christmas, however, I made every effort to visit those who have also asked to see a priest. I heard confessions and administered the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick so that their spiritual preparations for the Christ Child were happily complete. During these visits I was occasionally surprised to note that some are not aware of the latter sacrament's true purpose and benefits, so this Sunday seems a good time for some general catechesis.

Epiphany celebrates the wake-up calls of life. The feast alerts us to look for signs of the Lord's grace and action in our lives today. In this context, the call of the Second Vatican Council to reform the sacramental life of the Church, including our pattern of care for the sick, is indeed a holy awakening.

Prior to the 1960s, our care for the sick had collapsed in the popular imagination into something everyone called "last rites." An immensely complicated ritual, with anointing accompanied by quickly muttered Latin prayers, was enacted for a marginally conscious person at "death's door." By the time a priest was called, the sick person might not be able to receive viaticum (*Eucharist given to a person in danger of death*), or derive much personal benefit from the ritual. The healing effects of the sacrament—investing suffering with the dignity of a link to Christ's cross—and the immense assurance of forgiveness for a person reviewing the life journey were hidden.

Suddenly, an epiphany swept through the Church, and the way we care for the sick was utterly transformed. A priest ministering to a dying and unconscious patient alone in a room has never been the desire of our Church. Our tradition is far too rich for this sacrament to be celebrated in such an ungenerous manner. The rite—now properly known as "**healing of the sick**"—includes readings from scripture, psalms and prayers as well as anointing. It is has been known to bring a rejuvenating effect physically as well as spiritually for the person receiving it.

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*



## January Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

### **Universal Intention - Peace**

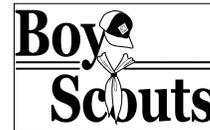
That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

### **Evangelization Intention - Consecrated life**

That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may discover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

## Troop 85 Pine Wood Derby Event

Sunday  
January 18



in the  
Parish Hall

Stop in after Mass—  
meet our Scouts and Cubs, enjoy the races,  
refreshments, raffles

Has Santa been generous to you this year?  
Come join us on our next trip to—

## Sands Casino and Outlet Stores

Bethlehem, PA

Tuesday, January 27th

Chartered bus leaves at 10:00 a.m.  
\$30 per person = \$25 slot play rebate  
make reservations in the Parish Office



Bus  
Trip

*Feelings are everywhere\_\_be gentle*

*-J. Masai*

A "**THANK YOU**" from Amethyst House, Inc.:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the residents of Amethyst House, thank you, Father Jacob and the parishioners of St. Sylvester Parish for the very thoughtful and generous donation of Christmas presents.

This time of year can be very difficult for many of the women residing here as they, away from their families, work toward bettering their lives.

Your gifts of pajamas and 'hoodies' will be received by them on Christmas morning and will let them know they are not alone in their struggle.

Thank you and may God bless you and the parishioners of St. Sylvester.

*(signed)* Carol Lombardo

President, Amethyst House Board of Directors