

Epiphany House Blessing

Gather inside or outside the front door. With the aid of a stepstool, write on the inside door lintel the following while another family member says the words.

C — Casper
 M — Melchior, and
 B — Balthasar
 followed the star of God's
 Son who became man
 20 — Two thousand and
 08 — eight years ago.
 + — May Christ bless our dwelling
 + — and remain with us throughout the new year.
 (The crosses are marked as shown below.)



+ 20 C M B 08 +

The chalk represents human flesh, created by God from clay, and is used as an emblem of the Incarnation. C-M-B also stands for the Latin words *Christus, mansionem benedicat*: "Christ, bless this house." Afterwards, everyone walks from room to room sprinkling each room with water, a sign of blessing and of the feast we will celebrate next weekend — Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.

Leader: God of salvation, incline your ear.
 Bless us and all those who are gathered here.
 Your angel send us,
 Who will defend us,
 And fill with grace all who dwell in this place.

All: Amen.

As you go, sing an alleluia or favorite carol, such as "Joy to the world, the Lord has come."



Men's Fellowship—Saturday, January 12

Oh what a Christmas! Now it is time to get back to ho hum days of regularity! Men's fellowship offers more than a ho hum day. It is exciting and knowledgeable to hear scripture and how it can help us appreciate our lives as they are. Join us for coffee and a light breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 12. All men are welcome.

Vocation Ministry Meeting

Our first meeting of the New Year is on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the annex. All members are encouraged to attend and new members are always welcome.

Readings for the Week of January 6

Sunday (1/6): Is. 60:1-6/Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6/t. 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn. 3:22-4:6/Mt. 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn. 4:7-10/Mk. 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn. 4:11-18/Mk. 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn. 4:19-5:4/Lk. 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn. 5:5-13/Lk. 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn. 5:14-21/Jn. 3:22-30
 Sunday (1/13): Is. 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt. 3:13-17



EPIPHANY VESPERS TONIGHT — 7:00PM

The Magi followed a star to give praise and adoration to a newborn king. It was part of their rich tradition. They had nothing to gain in this venture. They now represent people of all lands called to give praise and glory to God, to find the true light in Jesus Christ.



Our Sunday evening vespers provide much the same, without us having to travel any great distance. A small feat for such a great gift. Share the light and the prayer of the Church tonight for a half hour of giving — and receiving.

This week

Sunday, January 6, 2008

9:00 a.m. RCIA Catechumenate - RMR
 10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy - annex
 7:00 p.m. Vespers
 7:30 p.m. Sr. Youth Ministry - convent

Monday, January 7

5:00 p.m. CCD - education center
 6:30 p.m. CCD - education center
 7:00 p.m. Praise Band - church
 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir - church

Tuesday, January 8

9:45 a.m. Mom's Group - convent
 1:00 pm. Staff Meeting - RMR
 4:30 p.m. CCD - education center
 6:30 p.m. CCD - education center
 7:00 p.m. Vocation Committee - annex
 7:15 p.m. Scouts Committee meeting - library

Wednesday, January 9

6:00 p.m. Brownies - cafeteria
 7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap - (Rivertown Pourhouse)
 7:00 p.m. Respect Life - RMR

Thursday, January 10

3:00 p.m. School cantors - church
 3:45 p.m. Jr. Choir - church
 6:30 p.m. Webelos - cafeteria
 7:00 p.m. Scouts - cafeteria
 7:00 p.m. Eighth Grade Parent meeting - annex
 7:00 p.m. Cantors - church
 7:30 p.m. Choir - church

Friday, January 11

4:30 p.m. Brownies - cafeteria
 7:00 p.m. Scrap-booking - cafeteria

Saturday, January 12

7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship - annex
 12:00 p.m. JYM Ice Skating

Sunday, January 13

Senior Youth Donut Sale following Masses
 9:00 a.m. RCIA Catechumenate - RMR
 10:00 a.m. RCIA Mystagogy - convent
 10:14 a.m. Baptism Prep - rectory living room
 10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy - church
 1:30 p.m. Church "Undecorating"

Mass Intentions for the Week


SUNDAY - Epiphany (01/06)

- 5:00 p.m. Living and Deceased of the Parish
 7:30 a.m. parents, Sam & Helen Guerriero (Patrick Guerriero)
 9:00 a.m. Fred Marquis (Wife and Family)
 10:30 a.m. Carol Marney (Family)
 12:00 p.m. Brendan T. Parrish (Family)
 7:00 p.m. *Vespers*

MONDAY - Raymond of Penafort, priest (01/07)

- 7:00 a.m. Clyde Treloar (Bob, Deanne, Mike, & Greg)
 9:00 a.m. Larry Bond (mother, Karen Ceccato)

TUESDAY - Christmas Weekday (01/08)

- 7:00 a.m. Frances Kalik (Katarencic Family)
 9:00 a.m. Anna Yanicko (Joe Gero)

WEDNESDAY - Christmas Weekday (01/09)

- 7:00 a.m. Albert Fedak (Ferencz Family)
 9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased Members of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branch 597
 9:30 a.m. Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

THURSDAY - Christmas Weekday (01/10)

- 7:00 a.m. Alice Corvino (Colosmo Family)
 9:00 a.m. Cecilia Stecz (Family)

FRIDAY - Christmas Weekday (01/11)

- 7:00 a.m. Shirley Draper (Sandy Phillips)
 9:00 a.m. Catherine M. Cawley (dgr, Mareen Jordon, Family)

SATURDAY - Christmas Weekday (01/12)

- 9:00 a.m. 50th Wedding Anniversary of Walt and Mary Haluck (Grandchildren)
 9:30 a.m. *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

SUNDAY - Baptism of the Lord (01/13)

- 5:00 p.m. Carl and Mildred Scheidl (Louis and Cathy Ammon)
 7:30 a.m. Living and Deceased of the Parish
 9:00 a.m. Mary Fry (Russel Fry and Family)
 10:30 a.m. Tom Colosmo (Family)
 12:00 p.m. Louis and Adeline Leon (Leon Children)

Parish Mission Statement

Saint John the Baptist Parish is located in Plum Borough, Pennsylvania and is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

As a faith community, we strive to imitate our patron Saint John the Baptist who led others to Christ. We are committed to keeping our faith alive and growing through prayer, sacraments, faith formation and service. Through evangelization and stewardship we encourage full and active participation of all members.

We hope to reflect the life and love of Christ by strengthening the faith of our parishioners while reaching out to all God's people.

Saint John the Baptist, pray for us!

Congratulations

Our best wishes to Walt and Mary Haluck who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 12th. May the blessings of God be yours all the days of your life.

Rest In Peace

*Lord, grant eternal rest to the souls of the dearly departed, especially: **Speranza Frollo, LeRoy Hackenberg, Angeleen Eppinger.***

Praying for the Sick

Please pray for our parishioners who are in the hospital or at home and requesting our prayers: Edward Habjan, William Duffy, Maribeth (Cherok) Chessey, Paul Arndt, Dolores Burns, Veronica Sacsek, Rachael Faas, Raymond Milleman, Evelyn Komisak, Matthew Smith, Sally Ann Dominkus, Sr. Janet, Mary Svoboda, John Hicks, Anthony DiBello, Betty Telles, John Truxal.

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Ferdinand Palombo requested by wife, Pacifica

Respect Life Meeting

Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity." —Blessed Teresa of Calcutta



All parishioners a welcome to our next meeting on Wednesday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory meeting room.

Pray for our Seminarians

Kevin C. Fazio and Daniel C. Gallagher
 Saint Paul Seminary
 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

The seminarians enjoy hearing from our parishioners and are grateful for all prayers.

VOCATION CROSS

Please join the Adamonis Family in prayer this week as they display the Vocation Cross in their home and pray for Religious Vocations. Parishioners interested in hosting the Vocation Cross in their home may call Suzy Adamonis at 412-793-6110.

**Prayer for Vocations**

Loving God, you have blessed me with many gifts and talents, fill me with your grace that I may know how to use them for the glory of our name. Jesus call, "Come follow me." I want to follow him and be faithful to my call. Help me to see in myself what you see and give me the courage to follow wherever you may lead. Bless the Church of Pittsburgh with giving hearts to serve your people and spread you Word whether as a priest, religious or lay minister. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.