

**Mass Intentions****Saturday, December 26– Stephen**

5:00 P.M. - Peter Gualazzi (M/M Gutrie Taboni)

**Sunday, December 27– Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph**

7:30 A.M. - John Siciliano

(Rose, Mike, &amp; Sean Bradley)

9:00 A.M. - Temporal &amp; Spiritual Welfare of Judy &amp; Ken Martin on their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

10:30 A.M. - William Burkhart (SJA CCD)  
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Louis Lorincy (Family)

**Monday, December 28– Holy Innocents**

8:00 A.M. - Carl Wirtz (Jennie Marshall)

**Tuesday, December 29– 5th Day of Christmas**

8:00 A.M. - Helen Modrak (Lorraine Modrak)

**Wednesday, December 30– 6th Day of Christmas**

8:00 A.M. - Michael Baldauf (Family)

**Thursday, December 31– Sylvester**

5:00 P.M. - Anna Gualazzi (M/M Gutrie Taboni)

**Friday, January 1– Octave Day of Christmas**

10:00 A.M. - Adele Braun (Gary &amp; Cindy Stiegel)

12 NOON - People of the Parish

**Saturday, January 2– Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**5:00 P.M. - Sophie Gerlock  
(Dora & Stanley Gierlack)**Sunday, January 3– The Epiphany of the Lord**7:30 A.M. - Frank Tapolci  
(Thomas & Colleen Lally)

9:00 A.M. - Elizabeth Gillen (Joyce Chasky)

10:30 A.M. - Michelina Baiano (Husband)  
- People of the Parish12:00 Noon - John Plevel & Edward Pazo  
(Joseph & Helen Ferencic & Family)**Rest In Peace:** Richard T. Mackey, Jr. father of Donna Parlak.**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:**

Judy Zabkar, Dottie Kennedy, Bob Bittner, Tim Zalewski, Anna Pierce, Jericho Fedor, Pat Rae, Al Furno, Ed Stetar, Ian Roberts, Carl Humphreys, Frank Mathews, Camryn Surman, Aileen Spamer, Donna Helbley, Patricia Rice and Ethan Loney, Mel Binge, John Wozniak, Jeannie Obidzinski, Paul Pro, Rich & Marie Fix, Cathy Villilla, Pat Cummings, Ann Morrison & Tom Morrison. Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!

**Financial Statement**

Last Week's Income was:

Regular Collection ..... \$12,300.00

Repairs &amp; Replacements.....\$445.00

**Thank you for your generosity.****From the Pastor's Desk**

Father Ray and I along with the staff of St. Joan of Arc Parish wish everyone the best 2010!!!!....New Year's Day is a Holy Day of Obligation this year, with Mass on Thursday at 5:00Pm and on Friday at 10:00 AM and 12 Noon.... It is designated by the Pope as a World Day of Prayer for Peace, and this is a practice which we should never forget!....Father Ray and I wish to thank you all those who sent greeting cards and good wishes....and the turn-out for the Giving Tree was again amazing, as the coordinators of the drive said:" Do we have a generous Parish or not?"...many thanks to those who gave and to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for hours of hard work in arranging and delivering the hundred of gifts.... Thanks to those who gave to the flower fund and decorated the church...

Father Pribonic

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**The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God (Holy day of Obligation) Mass Times:**

Thursday, (New Years Eve) December 31 at 5:00PM.

Friday (New Years Day) January 1st at 10:00 &amp; NOON.

**Class for Parents of the First Child Baptism:** Monday, January 25, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory. Please call to register.

**Reminder:** All volunteers, the deadline of December 31, is quickly approaching. Any applications that are not complete will be removed from the data base, and you will no longer be able to volunteer. You will be notified by mail that your name has been removed and you will have to start the process all over again. Any questions, please contact the Rectory during business hours.

**Financial Statements for 2009:** If you wish to have a statement, please indicate by writing the word "statement" on your Sunday envelope.

**You truly are Christmas Angels!**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who gave a gift to an "Angel" from our tree. Because of your generosity and thoughtfulness, 137 children in 64 families received presents of toys, games and clothing. We would also like to thank Fr. Pribonic, Sharon Gomber, our ushers, and the staffs of the church and school for accommodating our needs in this project. A special gratitude goes out to the Bethel Park Police Pals for their donations of food and turkeys.

### Scripture Reflection

In our Gospel reading from Saint Luke today we see an example of a slower and more gradual process of parent-child separation in life of the Holy Family. Except for the story of the presentation of Jesus as an eight-day-old infant in the Temple, this is the only childhood snap shot we have recorded in the pages of the scripture from the family album of Jesus at home with Mary and Joseph. Now Jesus is twelve, the age a Jewish child usually receives his bar-mitzvah. He is back at the Temple, where his family went at least once a year for one major religious festivals, and his parents have left him behind at the Temple as they returned home. Like a twist on the movie, Home Alone, where the young boy played by Macaulay Culkin was left at home while the family went on a trip, Jesus was left at the destination of the trip, while the family returned for home. What parent cannot relate to that story? Every family has a story of a child left behind at the supermarket or lost at an amusement park. Sometimes it is a case of absent-minded parenting, and sometimes the separation was due to a precocious child. Some kids are just harder to keep corralled than others. These are the family stories that are terrifying when it happen, but later become favorite humorous stories told and retold at family gatherings decades later. But let's admit it, raising kids is exhausting! As humorist Erma Bombeck has joked, "Every child threatens to run away from home at one time or another....sometimes that is all the hope a mother needs to keep going."

Maybe Jesus was one of those children who tended to wander off on his own, a bit more independent than some other kids. But you can certainly hear the fear and exasperation in the voice of Mary and Joseph when they arrived breathless back at the Temple in search of their missing child. But the point of the story is found as Mary and Joseph discover afresh that Jesus was uniquely "at home" in God's house. This was not a case of a child "lost from home" by his family, but a child "found home" by his larger family. And as they journeyed back to Nazareth, Mary and Joseph must have known that it was time to loosen their grip even more. What sweet agony to know again Jesus, like all children, had been born with wings!

### Altar Server Schedule

#### Saturday, January 2, 2010

5:00 P.M. - M. Donahue, M. Welsh, J. Nadorlik

#### Sunday, January 3, 2010

7:30 A.M. - B. Sweiss, J. & N. Solomon

9:00 A.M. - A. Krajina, D. Morgret, T. Brdar,  
C. Dembiczak

10:30 A.M. - G. Kyle, A. Stein, E. Aronhalt

12:00 Noon - T. & W. Ashton, C. Bajkowski, K.  
Messner

Dear Joan,

I want to thank the young lady and very sweet young girls who cleaned my friend's house on Kramer Avenue.

He has since passed away, but he would have been thrilled at how nice the house looked.



Thank you,  
Georgia Hans

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### A New Year's Prayer

Another year is dawning  
With the chance to start anew.  
May I be kinder, wiser, Lord,  
In all I say and do.  
Not so caught up in selfish gain  
That I would fail to see  
The things in life that mean the most  
Cost not a fancy fee.  
The warm, kind word that I can give,  
The outstretched hand to help,  
The prayers I pray for those in need--  
More precious these than wealth.  
I know not what may lie ahead  
Of laughter or of tears;  
I only need to know each day  
That You are walking near.  
I'm thankful for this brand new year  
As now I humbly pray,  
My hand secure in Yours, dear Lord,  
Each step along the way.

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**Congratulations to Bishop Bernard Hebda**, recently named Bishop of Gaylord, Michigan. Bishop Hedba, a native of Resurrection Parish in Brroklin, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, January 3, Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord at 12 Noon at St. Pauls Cathedral. All are welcome!

**Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for one week for the Blessed Mother in Memory of Norman & Alice Kappler, Requested by Their Children.

### Flowers in Memory of or Honor of:

**Ray Schreiber & Family** (M/M Raymond Schreiber)  
**Ault & Blahyt Family** (Pat & Jerry Ault)  
**Edward & Catherine Vogt** (Pat & Jerry Ault)  
**Fircak & Verno Families** (Doloris Verno)

**Just a reminder!** There will not be a Fish Fry in January. Our next fish fry will be February 5, 2010. *Wishing you and your families a happy, healthy New Year.*

**Life Enrichment Club-Meeting**, Wednesday January 6th from 11AM to 1:15PM. A video presentation entitled "Where is God When it Hurts" will be shown followed by a reflection by Sr. Kathy- A few surprises will follow, but you have to come to this meeting to find out what they are....Also, food to bring are Tea Sandwiches or Tea Cookies (and Recipe)...See you There!!!

**Monday Morning Bible Study** will meet Monday, January 4th after 8 o'clock mass in the Gathering Place...Mrs. Carol Lacher will do a four week study with us on the "Women of the Bible"...All are welcome!

**SAVE THE DATE:** Tom Watt Island Party. Saturday Feb 13th, 2010. **ONE** night only! Treat your Valentine! For info/reservations: (412) 854-1089

**Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 8, 2010, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com)

**How to initiate a tax free gift from your IRA:** Please contact Paul F. Stabile, Director of Planned Giving for the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh at 412-456-3055. The above is general information. Please contact your financial advisor or attorney of others advisors for professional advise.

**The Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God** needs volunteers to work in the Craft Shoppe at their Motherhouse in Whitehall. Cashiers are needed, as well as assistance with inventory. There are also other opportunities to assist with various craft projects, as well as maintenance of the craft room. Proceeds from the Sisters' Craft Shop go to support the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God. Those interested in volunteering should call Sister Theodora Shadis at (412) 882-9911.

**Saint Louise de Marillac Parish** will be offering Pre-Cana Classes on Mondays in January and February. The registration fee is \$60.00. To register call the Parish Office at 412-833-1010.

**Father Rays Quote:** You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.

### Youth Group

**CHRISTMAS VACATION** – Mrs. Sherratt will be out of town December 23-January 1. All youth group inquiries should be directed to Mrs. Wurst 724-348-8026.

**ICE SKATING** –ICE SKATING – Youth group members who signed up for the December 29 trip to PPG Place should meet 10:30 AM at the Pleasant Street T-Stop in Library. Parent pickup will be at 4:10 pm. Great news! Fr. Ray will be joining us.

### CCD

**CCD Classes Resume** January 4th, have a safe, healthy and Happy New Year.

### School News

**GIANT EAGLE GIFT CERTIFICATES** are available and may now be purchased in the school office. Please stop at the school office from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm to purchase. To order other certificates, your order will be ready for pick up the following day. You may use Giant Eagle gift cards to purchase other gift cards at Giant Eagle to add to your fuel perks. This is a WIN, WIN for everyone! Help support our parish school.

**\*\*Save the date** – January 31 – School Pasta Dinner in the Gathering Place This will start Catholic Schools Week which is Jan. 31- Feb. 5, 2010!

### Calendar of Events

**Mon. Jan. 4** - Classes resume for 2010!

**Tues. Jan 5 - 7:00 p.m.** Advisory Board Meeting

**Sun. Jan 31- Feb. 5** – Catholic Schools Week

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**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** If you are in need of a Prayer Shawl, please call Carol Lacher at 412-833-2400 ext 40.

**A heartfelt thank you to Father Pribonic**, Father Ray, and the Faculty, Staff and Students of Saint Joan of Arc School for the beautiful mass, kind words, and yarn that you honored us with on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Your thoughtfulness really put sunshine in our day. Saint Joan of Arc Prayer Shawl Ministry

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**Congratulations to Catherine & William Reddy on their 65th Wedding Anniversary TODAY!**

**Congratulations to Ken & Judy Martin on their 45th Wedding Anniversary.**