


**Mass Intentions**

- Saturday, January 3– The Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
 5:00 P.M. - Marjorie Byrnes (Rick & Pam Debor)
- Sunday, January 4– The Epiphany of the Lord**  
 7:30 A.M. - Carl Swindell Sr.  
 (Justina Swindell & Family)  
 9:00 A.M. - Elizabeth Gillen (Joyce Chasky)  
 10:30 A.M. - Catherine & William Reddy  
 (64th Wedding Anniversary)  
 - People of the Parish  
 12:00 Noon - Carl Wirtz (Shirley Miscenko)
- Monday, January 5– John Neumann, bishop**  
 8:00 A.M. - Ann Brody (Sammel Family)
- Tuesday, January 6– Blesses Andre Bessette**  
 8:00 A.M. - Elizabeth M. Gillen (Joyce Chasy)
- Wednesday, January 7– Raymond of Penafort**  
 8:00 A.M. - Edward McClelland  
 (Matuch & Molesky)  
 9:00 A.M. - Steve Hudak Sr. (Steve Hudak, Jr.)
- Thursday, January 8– Weekday after Epiphany**  
 8:00 A.M. - Carl Swindell  
 (Father Aloysius Kuenzig)
- Friday, January 9– Weekday after Epiphany**  
 8:00 A.M. - Carl Swindell ( Father Peter Kuenzig)
- Saturday, January 10–Weekday after Epiphany**  
 5:00 P.M. - Joseph Brazinski  
 (Jill, Scott, Stone & Blaise)
- Sunday, January 11– Baptism of the Lord**  
 7:30 A.M. - Michael Baldauf (Baldauf Family)  
 9:00 A.M. - Carl Swindell Sr. (Ed Schmidt)  
 10:30 A.M. - Elizabeth Polanowski  
 (Doris & Jim O’Hare)  
 - People of the Parish  
 12:00 Noon - Edward Doyle (Wife Flo & Family)

**Rest in Peace:** John Siciliano, father of John, Richard Wright, father of Stephen.

 **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for one week for the Blessed Mother in Memory of Elizabeth Gillen, Requested by Joyce Chasky. **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for one week for John the Baptist in Memory of Mary Kubis, Requested by Paul Kubis.

**Altar Bread, and Wine** for one week in Memory of Elizabeth Gillen, requested by Joyce Chasky.


<b>Financial Statement</b>	
Last Week’s Income was:	
Regular Collection.....	\$9922.50
Christmas Collection.....	\$17,495.38
Christmas Charities.....	\$3,846.00
<b>Thank you for your generosity.</b>	

**From the Pastor’s Desk**

Next Sunday we welcome Monsignor Edward Burns, former National Director for Vocations and presently Rector of St. Paul Seminary in Crafton, who with Diocesan Seminarians will assist at the 10:30 and 12 Noon Masses...we pray for them in their ministry as they promote vocations to the priesthood by visiting various parishes in the Diocese throughout the year...this evening we recognize all those liturgical ministers who give of themselves so faithfully during the year at our Appreciation Dinner in the Gathering Place, doors open at 5:00 P.M....as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, let us be mindful to let Christ’s light shine through us throughout the world....

Father Pribonic

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**Second Collection next week is** for Repairs and Replacements.

 **Congratulations** to Catherine & William Reddy on their 64th Wedding Anniversary.


**Offerings at the Crib** for St. Theresa’s Orphanage, Carmelite Sisters, Zagreb, Croatia. Visit: [www.sttheresasorphanage.com/](http://www.sttheresasorphanage.com/)

**Financial Statements for 2008:** If you wish to have a statement, please indicate by writing the word “statement” on you Sunday envelope.

**Please check out our new updated website at:** [www.mystjoan.org](http://www.mystjoan.org). More changes are coming!

**Mass request for 2010 will be taken after February 15, 2009.** Please send names, dates, and payment in an envelope marked masses 2010 and return the envelopes to the Rectory. All masses will be on a first come first served basis. Remember your loved ones by a Sanctuary Lamp for \$5.00 for the week, and/or Altar Bread and Wine for \$25.00 for the week. Weeks still available in 2009, call the Rectory to schedule.

**Reminder: Appreciation Dinner:** Sunday, January 4th, doors open at 5:00P.M. dinner starts at 6:00 P.M..

 **Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:** Rosemarie Jabo, Tony & Jeannie Obidzinski, Tom Kiley, Laurie Smyth, Marnie Rennie, Louise Hillman, Emily Herring, Bill Jurgevich, Michael Pro, Father Jerome Vereb, Paul Pro, Tim Zalewsky, Rich & Marie Fix, Cathy Villella, Kathleen Gearhart. Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!

**Scripture Reflection**

On this day of worship, here at the end of Christmastide, God invites you and me to live in the generous light of our Lord's coming. That invitation suggests, at the very least, that we acknowledge our hunger for the light. Isn't it interesting that pesky bugs will flee the darkness of the night and fly toward the light, even though the light will kill them? Why is it that we who know the darkness of life so often refuse to come to the light of Christ who alone can give us meaningful and nourishing life? The first decision we must make is to admit our lives are drowning in darkness.

And then, with great courage, God invites us to step toward the bright generous light of Christ's love. Christmas means many things to all of us: family, traditions, gifts and giving, music and pageantry. But at its core, at the very center of Christmas, is this One who is "the bright morning star, "the Light of the world," the living and life-giving Lord. His is a generous light that gives life to all who come to him.

What is it about Christmas and lights? Christmas is light, the manifestation of God's life in our hungry, dark world. Come to that light, live in God's light now and always.

Amen

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**The Sisters of the Divine Redeemer**, 999 Rock Run Rd, Elizabeth Township are proud to sponsor the Vatican Exhibit of the Eucharistic Miracles from 9 AM to 5 PM Friday, Saturday and Sunday January 9, 10 & 11th at the Motherhouse. Come visit this beautiful display and spend some time with Our Lord during Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel. This event is free to the public and is very educational. All are welcome.

**Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat** for post-abortion healing will be held on February 6-8,2009 at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. **A** To register or for more information, visit [www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org), or call Catholic Charities at 412 456-6999 before 1/30/2009 and ask for Ann Depner or Karen LaFrance.

<b>Altar Server Schedule</b>	
<b>Saturday, January 10, 2008</b>	
5:00 P.M.	- C. & J. Counihan
<b>Sunday, January 11, 2008</b>	
7:30 A.M.	- B. Swiess, A. Swindell
9:00 A.M.	- T. Brdar, A. Krajina
10:30 A.M.	- A. Stein, N. Burke
12:00 Noon	- K. Messner, T. Ashton

**2008 Angel Tree Report:** The 2008 Angel Tree Gift Giving Program was a huge success, over 500 gifts together with food were collected and distributed by members of our Saint Vincent DePaul Society the week before Christmas to 58 families and 121 children. The Society wishes to **Thank** all parishioners for their generosity at this season and during the entire year. With your help we will continue to do "Gods' Work".

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** MEETING Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place. If you don't know how to crochet or knit, we will teach you. Bring a friend, all are welcome. If you don't like to attend meetings but like to help others, this is a ministry you can do at home. Please call Carol Lacher at 724/348-4692 for details and or questions.

**Coming in January: Tai Chi Classes with Sister Kathy!** Tai Chi is an ancient form of exercise that began in China. It has developed over the centuries and today it is practiced by millions of people around the world to improve and maintain good health. The delight of Tai Chi is that anyone can practice it. Some of the benefits for practicing Tai Chi include: reduce stress levels, increase energy, improve concentration, strengthen bones, muscles, and joints, improve heart lung function, prevent age-related ill health, improves overall well being. Tai Chi's movements provide the opportunity to relax and strengthen one's body, without risk of strain or injury. It is also particularly suitable for the elderly as it improves balance and strength. Classes will be held Wednesday mornings beginning January 7,2009 at 8:30 A.M. in the Schuster Room.

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**Dear Joan:**

*I heard Father talking about a catholic website, can you please tell me what it is?  
Signed: Cathy Catholic*



**Dear Cathy Catholic,**

*The website Father was referring to is :  
[www.whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com](http://www.whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com) pertaining to all things Catholic in today's news.*

*Signed: Joan d'Arc*

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**Christmas Remembrance;  
In Loving Memory of or Honor of:  
Joyce Phalin ( M/M Thomas Phalin)  
Ellen Spaziani (Oscar Spaziani Family)  
John E. Mathilda Kubiak, Jr. (Children)  
John & Ann Mooney ( Barbara Mooney)**

Youth Group

**YOUTH GROUP MASS** - Sunday, January 11 at 10:30 AM. Pews at the front, left side will be reserved for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school students.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING** - All 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school students are invited to join us on Sunday, January 11 from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM in the Schuster Room. Our speaker is Alicia Kozakiewicz. At the age of 13, Alicia was lured away from the safety of her home by an Internet predator. She was abducted and taken to another state where she was held prisoner for 4 days. Today, she is in college studying forensic psychology and she is here to share her story with us.

**HOLLYWOOD VS FAITH** - Frank Runyeon, Hollywood star of TV and film uses the Beatitudes and writing of St. Paul to critically look at the world of media through the eyes of Catholic teachings. He uses humor to reveal the shortcomings of the media's world view. 8th grade and high school students interested in attending this program should return a signed permission form no later than Jan. 4 to Mrs. Sherratt. We will meet at SJA at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, January 14 and travel to St. Benedict the Abbot for the 7 PM performance.

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**Party at SJA**— Chase away those winter blues and join us for the Tom Watt Island Party to be held February 20 & 21, 2009. Tickets are \$30.00 each which includes the live music of Tom Watt, the “Buffett Man” and a fabulous island buffet dinner. For tickets and further information, please call Pat 412-854-1089.

**Happy New Year! from the Respect Life Committee**

The members of the Respect Life Committee would like to wish a very happy and healthy New Year to everybody of St. Joan of Arc Church parish. We thank you for your past support and look forward to your continued help throughout the new year of 2009. Please know that the pro-abortion leadership in Congress is taking aim at unborn children and their mothers with a radical pro-abortion agenda:

They propose to require taxpayers to fund abortion for any reason. They propose to force hospitals and health care professionals to provide abortions. They will fund organizations that perform and promote abortion. They propose to force employer health insurance plans to cover abortion. They propose to enact the FOCA (Freedom of Choice Act) - a bill that would invalidate virtually all state and federal laws restricting abortion, including parental notification laws, and make partial-birth abortion legal again.

Go to [www.stoptheabortionagenda.com](http://www.stoptheabortionagenda.com) and find out how you can help. Thank you!

**This week at Saint Joan of Arc School...**

Monday, January 5...School Resumes for all students

Tuesday, January 6...Advisory Board Meeting, 7PM  
Library

Wednesday, January 7...9AM Mass, prepared by Mrs. Davis and grade 6

*The students, faculty and administration of Saint Joan of Arc School wish all of our parishioners a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!*

**Congratulations to our Forensics Team** on an excellent job at the December 13<sup>th</sup> tournament held at Saint Elizabeth School. The students earned 11 first place ribbons, 4 second place ribbons and one third place ribbon. Saint Louise de Marillac School will host the next tournament on January 24. Thanks to our moderator, Mrs. Kathy Moeslein for preparing our students.

**It is not too soon to begin thinking about the 2009-10 school year!** Registration for our Three and Four Year Preschool classes, Half and Full Day Kindergarten and grades 1-8 for the 2009-10 school year will begin soon! Please check the bulletin for more information as well as the school website, [www.mysjaschool.org](http://www.mysjaschool.org). Please call Mr. Jon Cuniak, school principal to schedule a tour at 412/833-2433. Financial assistance is available.

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**Divine Redeemer Mother House –Elizabeth Pa. Sat Feb 21--Tom Rutkoski "Blessed Virgin Mary Reflections" with Bishop ZubiK saying Mass;** Sun Mar 22--Fr Mark Gruber, OSB "Pro-Life Reflections"; Sun May 17--Fr James Bump "Forgiveness Reflections"; Sat Sep 26--Fr Peter West "Priests for Life Reflections"; Sun Oct 18--Patricia Nosel "End of Life Reflections" with Fr Bump saying Mass; Sat Nov 28--Fr Angelus Shaughnessy "Advent Reflections". Each day includes 3 conferences, Holy Hour, Confessions, Luncheon, Mass and much more all for only \$30 each or \$150 for all 6 paid in advance. Call Sister Rosemary at 412 751-8600 for reservations or more information or e-mail her at [sisrosemarysdr@aol.com](mailto:sisrosemarysdr@aol.com).

**Sign up for Retrouvaille** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? . For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 9, 2009, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

**Need Help with taxes?** Site South Hills Bible Chapel 300 Gallery drive McMurray PA . Free tax service offered February 2,2009 through April 15,2009, Monday—Friday from 9 Am to 3PM. No appointments necessary, Walk ins only!!!Please bring all pertinent tax documents: W-2 forms, interest, dividend forms, charity donations, etc.