

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Epiphany of the Lord

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

The journey of the Magi made in search of Christ was filled with risk and suspense, yet they pushed on until they came to Bethlehem. We have long since arrived at Bethlehem, that is, the Church, the sacraments, the Scriptures – all the places where Christ is to be found today.

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Now it has been revealed that the Gentiles are coheirs of the promise

Matthew 2:1-12

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Offertory Collection

December 28, 2003

\$838.00

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Susan Walker, 9 a.m. – Thomas Kaczmarczyk.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from December 27th – January 10th in memory of Richard & Rose Meli by Louise Meli.

Eternal rest grant to Joseph Mollick, stepfather of Deacon William Cocco, and all the souls of the faithful departed.

According to the laws of the State of Delaware, two trustees must be elected on the first Sunday of January. To vote you must be a registered parishioner and be at least 18 years of age. It will be held in the priest's sacristy after the Sunday Mass this weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	January 3,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	January 4,	9:00 AM (rip) Schroeder Family by Martha Lester
Monday,	January 5,	8:00 AM (viv) Fr. Siry by Helen Brannon
Tuesday,	January 6,	8:00 AM (viv) Helen Brannon by C. James Schaefer
Wednesday,	January 7,	8:00 AM (viv) Mary Smith by David Smith
Thursday,	January 8,	8:00 AM (rip) Helen & Stephen Sefcik
Friday,	January 9,	8:00 AM (rip) Willard Smith by David Smith
Saturday,	January 10,	5:00 PM Gondek & Kleamski Families (living & deceased)
Sunday,	January 11,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are: February 23, 25, and 27, 2004.

The 31st Annual March for Life will take place on Thursday, January 22nd. Information sheets are on the table in the vestibule. Deadline to register is 1/6/04.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, January 4th, Sr. Betty Ann McNeill will discuss her new book, "15 Days of Prayer with Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton." Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations – We have so much to learn from the Holy Family. Mary allows God's will to change her life; Joseph pays close attention to and follows the prompting of the angel; Jesus says to the Father "not my will, but Thine be done." What is the Father's will for you? Are you taking steps to find out? If you think God might be calling to you to live out a religious vocation, call Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Vocations at (302) 573-3113.

Jesus House is offering a Winter Book Study -- Reaching the Invisible God, by Phillip Yancey. This book study will embark on a spiritual journey that according to Yancey will "reconcile faith with honesty." The group will meet on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon in the main house starting on January 12 and running through March 29. The cost of the study is \$45 and includes the book and study guide. Arleen Kerrigan will facilitate this group. An evening group will meet on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. To register, call (302) 995-6859.

Jesus House is offering a Day of Prayer and Reflection on Tuesday, January 27, 2004 from 9:30 A.M. - 2:45 P.M. Presenter: Katherine Boucher, LCSA-C, President of Life Skills Associates, a consultant group that deals with family life. Katherine brings a fresh new perspective to our days of reflection. The cost for the day is \$25.00, which includes lunch. Mass is at 12:05 P.M. To register, call (302) 995-6859.



Gifts of Dreaming

Joseph and the Magi believed that they could receive genuine guidance in their dreams. Because they trusted, the life of the Infant Jesus was preserved. In a recent book, *She Who Dreams*, Wanda Burch says, "I am alive because I dream." She relates how she was able to use the healing images of her dreams in the diagnosis, treatment, and healing of her breast cancer. Dreams are gifts. Are you grateful for those you receive?

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January 4, 2004