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Marge Jarman, Religious Education Director

Donna Candelora, Tithing Coordinator

Ms. Patricia Cody, Principal

Mass Schedule

Mon. to Thurs: 7:00 A.M. & 8:00 A.M. (8:00 A.M. Only In June & August)

Fri. & Sat. 8:00 A.M.

Sunday Vigil 5:00 P.M. & 7:30 A.M. Lower Church 9:00 & 11:00 A.M. Upper

Holy Days (Except Christmas) Vigil: 7:00 P.M.

7:00 & 9:00 A.M., 7:00 P.M. All in Lower Church

Rectory Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. (Sat. 9:30 to 3:30, Sun 9:30 to 1:30)

Evening Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 7:00 P.M. To 8:30 P.M.

BAPTISM: is celebrated the first Sunday of every month.

Arrangements must be made in advance. Call the rectory for an appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation: From 4:10 to 4:45 on Sat. and anytime by appointment in the rectory office

MARRIAGE: Couples planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage should call the rectory at least six months in advance.

Religious Education

R.C.I.A....The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the way the Church regenerates itself by welcoming converts into the Church. Those interested in becoming Catholic are welcomed to contact the parish.

Bible Study: Wed. 1P.M. Annex • **Pre-Jordan:** For parents and godparents prior to the Baptism

RELIGIOUS ED. FOR CHILDREN: Sunday morning instruction for children in public school beginning with the 9:00 A.M. Liturgy.

Children's Liturgy of the Word within the 9:00 & 11:00 A.M. liturgies.

Parish School: *Remember the Past, Celebrating the Present Shaping the Future.*

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PARISH OUTREACH: Call rectory for assistance

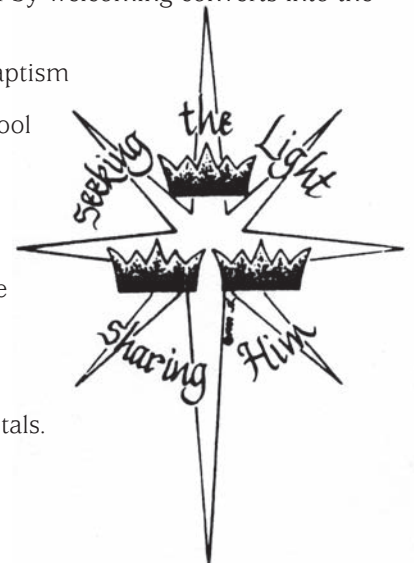
Methodist Hospital: Tues: parish priest/Sun Eucharistic minister. By request at other hospitals.

Communion to the Homebound: Once a month by request.

Meals for the Homebound: The parish participates in the AID for Friends program and

The Matthew 25 ministry

Saint Vincent De Paul Society: Serving parishioners in need



LITURGY SPOTLIGHT

Jesus' words "I am with you always..." comes alive in His Resurrection. Sunday as the Day of the Resurrection highlights in the regular routine time of any day Jesus' "timeless" loving presence with us. This is why Sunday is both the first day of the week and therefore a day in our time as well as the "eighth day," that is beyond our cycle of time.

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MESSAGE ON TITHING

"Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come (2nd Reading). Tithing is one of the new things that have come. Those who come to tithing, recognize the truth of the father's words in the prodigal son story: "Everything I have is yours." Even the tithe that we give is from God.

COMMENT ON TITHING

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing will be poured into to your lap." (Lk 6 37-38)

FROM OUR PASTOR

When Pope John XXIII was in office, he was once asked, "How many people work in the Vatican?" With a twinkle in his eye, he answered, "about half". In the U.S., we admire hard workers and see such dedication to work as a virtue.

This is a good thing because there is much work to be done to keep Epiphany parish and school vibrant and strong. The first and most important work to be done is coming together for liturgy. If this surprises you, remember that the word liturgy literally means "work". The work of the Mass is not primarily ours, but that of the Blessed Trinity. Jesus prays to the Father in the Holy Spirit. The liturgy allows us to partake in God's work of salvation. Our active participation at Mass opens us to the work that God wants to do in us and among us.

All the other work that we as a parish community need to do such as tithing, works of charity, fund raising for our school is only fruitful if it flows from the Sunday "work" better known as the Liturgy. If these other works don't lead us back to Sunday Mass then the psalmist tells us that we labor in vain when the Lord does not build and Jesus stresses that "apart from him we can do nothing".

How many people work at Epiphany? Less than half. Unfortunately, that is no joke. 18% of registered parishioners come to Sunday Mass and 40% of our school families attend Mass. So, we who do the work of Sunday Mass have another task to do. Invite, encourage and welcome the other 82% (excluding the homebound) to join us at Sunday Liturgy. When we do all this work through Jesus and in the Holy Spirit for the greater honor and glory of the Father, Jesus assures us that it will be easy and light. If it should begin to feel burdensome, Jesus says, "Come to me...and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light." (Mt 11: 28-30)

FOUNDATION OFFERS HELP

A Private Foundation has once again offered to provide tuition assistance to families of Epiphany parish.

Because of a desire to remain anonymous, the Foundation makes its arrangements through the parish and for the benefit of our families, the parish honors its desire and cooperates fully with its intention and work.

The whole parish, not only school families who receive a tuition assistance grant, is deeply indebted to the generous work of this Foundation. Every parish member is encouraged to remember in your prayers this Foundation (and its family). Their generosity is matched by their upstanding commitment to family life and Catholic schooling.

School families have already been advised of the procedure for filing an application for a tuition assistance grant by June 1st. Applications are available at the rectory office.

MARCH 14, 2010 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MEMORIAL DONATIONS OF HOST AND WINE

To the greater glory of God and in memory of
Alexander and Louise Berardinelli,
the Host and Wine
used at parish masses during the month
of March have been donated by
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LITURGICAL CORNER

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Joshua 5: 9-12

After Moses died, God selected Joshua to lead the Israelites. In this reading, Joshua and the Israelites have just crossed the Jordan River and now at long last are in the Promised Land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Some members of the Corinthian community found it hard to accept Paul's teachings. They challenged his credentials and sincerity as an apostle because he was not an eyewitness to the earthly life of Jesus. In this passage, Paul defends his ministry as an apostle.

PARISH NEWS

Volunteers of any age are requested for the Washing of Feet at the Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30 pm as well as for the presentation of the 3 oils in the opening procession.

Epiphany School will celebrate a Mass of St. Joseph on Friday, March 19th at 11 am. and also will participate in the Holy Week Liturgy of the Word on Wednesday, March 31st. All are welcome!

The young people of the parish community will celebrate The Living Stations on Friday, March 26th at 7 pm in the upper church.

TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION - Target donates 1% of your REDcard purchases at Target & Target.com. To Epiphany of Our Lord School. You simply sign up for a Redcard or if you already have a Redcard, go online and select Epiphany School. It's ID# is 14720. Get started at Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142.

The annual Mass for Disabilities will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Sunday, March 21st at 2:30 pm.

The St. Joseph Sunday Missal is available in the rectory for \$3.00. This provides the reader with the Sunday readings throughout the Church year beginning with November 29th and the first Sunday of Advent as well as the other Mass parts.

CONGRATULATIONS ROBERT SIMON

Robert Simon, a senior at Neumann-Goretti, and one of our weekend Sextons, received the 2010 Philadelphia Inquirer Citizenship award. We rejoice with your family and are proud of you. Good Wishes Robert as you prepare for graduation.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM *PREP - FORMERLY CCD*

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be held on Sundays from March 21st through April 18th between 10am and 12 pm at Epiphany School, 1248 Jackson Street. All students **MUST** have a copy of their Baptismal Certificate at the time of registration. Registration fees are \$75. For all levels and are **NON-REFUNDABLE**. For further information call Mrs. Jarman at 215-467-5621 line #2.

SPRING FLEA MARKET AND CRAFT FAIR

Lower Moyamensing Civic Association is planning a Flea Market and Craft Fair for April 17th from 9 am to 3 pm (raindate is April 18th). Location is Broad and Snyder, in front of South Philadelphia High School. Vendor spaces available, starting at just \$20. Donations of household items also accepted. All proceeds benefit our civic association. For more information, call 215-463-2831 or visit www.lomophilly.org.

POT OF GOLD LOTTERY

The winning numbers from Monday, March 8th were:

6, 17, 23, 24, 35

No ticket matched all 5 numbers but one person won the consolation prize The jackpot for next week is up to **\$15,000** and the consolation prize is \$1000.

The winning numbers are posted on the school website each Monday evening. The school website is www.teacherweb.com/PAEpiphanyofOurLord Philadelphia/MissPatriciaCody-Principal

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! Our Lottery is now on solid ground and so long as we sell about 5,000 tickets a week it can be the profitable fund raiser that will keep our school strong and viable for many years to come.

EPIPHANY CYO SPORTS BEEF-N-BEER

On Saturday, March 20th, Epiphany CYO will hold its annual Beef-n-Beer benefit in the school hall from 7:00 pm to 11pm. For information or tickets call Epiphany School at 215-467-5385.

MARCH 14, 2010 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS LITURGIES AND SERVICES

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, MARCH 13 & 14

5:00 pm (Vigil) Frank & Frances Pinto
7:30 am (Mass) Rita and Rose Cairo
9:00 am (Mass) Patricia Ideo
11:00 am (Mass) Lucy Mangeri

MONDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 am (Mass) People of the Parish
8:00 am (Mass) Rose Costantino

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

7:00 am (Mass) Jessica De Sanctis
8:00 am (Mass) Tony Lucas

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

7:00 am (Mass) Members of the Dilks Family
8:00 am (Mass) Giovinni and Teresa Gulla
1:00 pm Bible Study - Annex
6:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

7:00 am (Mass) Thomas J. Angelina & Grandparents
8:00 am (Mass) Joseph Gerace Sr.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19 - FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

8:00 am (Mass) Nicholas, Jennie & Marie Duca
11:00 am School Liturgy
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

8:00 am (Mass) Anthony and Salvatore Soli
4:10 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, MARCH 21 & 21

5:00 pm (Vigil) Nicola Mennilli
7:30 am (Mass) Anthony & Antoinette Liberato
9:00 am (Mass) Anna and Navio Candelora
11:00 am (Mass) Burt and Catherine Scidurlo

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend the second collection will be for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE YEAR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

The parish received the following full scholarships. We thank the donors for their generosity.

16. Thomas J. Simmonds Memorial
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20. Amy, John, Stephen Bosio Scholarship
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21. Pope John Paul II Memorial
Donor - Anonymous.

If you would like to donate a scholarship or see the full list of previous scholarship donations, go to our school web site: www.teacherweb.com/PAEpiphanyofOurLordPhiladelphia/MissPatriciaCody-Principal

ENROLLMENT FOR EPIPHANY SCHOOL

Epiphany School will be holding registration for students for the 2010-2011 school year on Monday, March 15th and Tuesday, March 16th. Registration will take place during these sessions:

Morning Session: 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Afternoon Session: 1:00 - 2:30 PM
Evening Session 6:30 - 8:00 PM

ST. VINCENT De PAUL NEWS

“Help others help themselves”. Your continued donations in the boxes at the entrance of the church is greatly appreciated.

Fruit of the Spirit - Cook book give away

St. Vincent de Paul Society are giving away--at no cost--the cookbooks previously used to raise funds. Donations will be accepted. Cook books originally sold for \$7.00.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

.....**Our Sick** especially..... Nicholas Siciliano, Caroline Talotta, Josephine Jaconelli, Gary Baldino, Ann Lawler, Barbara Salokis.

.....**Our Homebound** especially...Angelina & Salvator Cappello, Rose & Viola D'Annunzio, Pat Donato, Dominic, Bob, Renee & Florence Frontino, Elsie Giuliano.

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