

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

The celebration of the Epiphany highlights God’s offer of salvation to the entire world. The Child born in Bethlehem as the King of the Jews is made manifest to the nations as the Savior of the world. Jesus is born for everyone, including those from distant lands, those who are not like us, those who are strangers, and even those for whom we may not care. The Epiphany of the Lord sheds new light on the mystery of the Incarnation and Nativity. It also and therefore sheds new light on what we are called to be.

**QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Gospel Question:** What gifts do you possess that you could offer back to God?

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Question:** In terms of your faith, what causes your heart to “throb and overflow”?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Question:** When have you had an epiphany in your faith journey?

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2012

5:00 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:15 AM + Walter Hale

11:15 AM + Jack Wainglass

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012

9:00 AM + Oscar Banda

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012

9:00 AM + Anthony Campos

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012

9:00 AM + Jeanne Fitzgibbon

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012 (AT PARADISE) Saint Hilary

9:00 AM + Loretta Livelsberger

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2012

5:00 PM + Edward Hoffeins

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012

8:15 AM - People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine

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**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 / 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20  
John 1:35-42

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**ALTAR SERVERS FOR JAN. 14<sup>TH</sup>/15<sup>TH</sup>**

5:00 PM – C. Miriello, L. Miriello, J. Wicker

8:15 AM – K. Jenkins, M. Seifert, J. Smith

11:15 AM – M. Gunzelman, M. Mailey, A. Pivirotto

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION – JANUARY 1, 2012**

Adult Envelopes	\$ 6,040.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$ 6.75
Loose	\$ 1,268.70
Total	\$ 7,315.45
Needed for Budget	\$ 7,900.00
YTD Surplus/Deficit	\$ +2,845.29

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**Celebrant/Presider for January 7/8**

5 PM – Father Smith

8:15 AM – Father Smith

11:15 AM – Msgr. Gribbin

Confessor for January 7<sup>th</sup> – Father Smith

**Celebrant/Presider for January 14/15**

5 PM – Msgr. Gribbin

8:15 AM – Father Smith

11:15 AM – Father Smith

Confessor for January 14<sup>th</sup> – Msgr. Gribbin

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In the charity of your prayers, please remember Rev. Thomas F. Langan, former pastor of IHM for 16 years, who died this week.

Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> for Fr. Langan’s funeral.

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**PARISH SICK LIST** – Please keep the following in your prayers:

James & Marilyn Drummer, Jo Monaco, Judy Misiti, Elmer Wantz, James Jacoby, Joseph Balek, Laverne Lawrence, Denise Ferguson, Fred Krepps, Isaiah Starner, Scott Hale, Louise Snoots, Betty Smith, Phil Wagaman, Jim Aiello, Polly Renaut, Charlie Kulynych, Patricia Agius, Geraldine Pohlman, Nadine Kroft, The Laughman Family, Len Freed, Keira Slonaker, Tom Larson, John Potocki and Raymond J. Varela.

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**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Jesus’ question in today’s gospel is still valid today: “What are you looking for? What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brian Gurgul, brother of Mike Gurgul of our parish who died recently.

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Also remember Burnell Grim, former member of our parish, who died this week.

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Evelyn Altland of our parish who died this week.

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The Sanctuary Candle is lit to remind us of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and burns this week in memory of Fr. Thomas F. Langan who died this week.

The candles in front of the statues of Mary, the Mother of God and St. Joseph and the Sacred Heart are lit in memory of our service men and women who have died this week.

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**GROCERY CERTIFICATES**

Know that we are most grateful to all of you who faithfully participate in our Grocery Certificate Program. All proceeds support our Religious Education Program. We receive 5% profit on all certificates sold. During the week of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> we sold 850.00 for a profit of \$42.50.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany! Epiphany is the original feast of Jesus' birth. The word Epiphany comes from a Greek word which means coming to light or appearing. God continues to reveal Himself to all people. Christ's saving light is meant for all people of every nation and race. The Magi searched for Christ the Lord and found Him. May we too search and find the Messiah and Lord! The Feast of the Epiphany liturgically closes the Christmas Season and then the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday introduces us to Ordinary Time. Blessed Christmas Season to all! Remember to celebrate the remaining hours of "the Twelve Days of Christmas".

This weekend, we also mourn the loss of our beloved former Pastor, Fr. Thomas F. Langan, who died peacefully on Tuesday morning, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> and rejoice with the angels and saints in giving thanks, remembering and celebrating his life and ministry among us. We pray for him and our parish family, for his sisters, Pat and Peg and the priests, deacons, sisters and faithful of the Church of Harrisburg. He was a dear friend and brother, a faithful priest, teacher, mentor, model and witness. He was a great story-teller and loved life and he was full of wit and humor. He had a very peaceful and joyful spirit. He will be missed beyond words. He was truly the "Father" of this faith parish community. God bless you and give you peace and rest from your labors. Well done good and faithful servant. Msgr. Gribbin and Father Smith and so many of our parish members will remember our pilgrimage in 1998 to the Holy Land. What a trip and pilgrimage! What memories!

"The Gift you have received, give as a gift." – Matthew 10:8

Most sincere thanks for your many acts of kindness, expressions of prayerful best wishes, cards, greetings, gifts and goodies. Thanks to all who made the Christmas liturgies so beautiful and meaningful. A special thanks to our pastoral staff and all those who volunteer in ministry to the good people of our parish. God bless you!

Let us continue to pray for one another. Happy New Year in 2012.

In His Love and mine,  
*Fr. Smith*

## **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.**

This weekend we will have a second collection for the Churches in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps to reinforce the Christian ideals of charity, family values, and kindness in a place struggling in the aftermath of 70 years of atheistic Soviet rule. Please be generous.

Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> begins National Vocations Awareness Week – Please pray for vocations in our Diocese, parish and families. Vocations are centered in faith and in the love of Jesus and His Love for His people. Vocations are centered in loving sacrificial service. Please consider taking the vocations chalice in the back of the church to pray for vocations as family or as a class. This week, January 8-14, the chalice will be with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade religious ed – Confirmation class. The chalice will be available for families/households in our parish by March 2012.

## Parish Calendar for the Week of January 8-16, 2012

Sunday, January 8 – The Epiphany

8:15 AM - Mass

No Religious Education classes or Adult Education Class

11:15 AM - Mass

4 PM – Mass of Remembrance – Fr. Thomas F. Langan

5-6 PM – Viewing and Visitation – Fr. Thomas F. Langan

Monday, January 9 – The Baptism of the Lord

National Vocations Awareness Week begins-Ordinary Time

Parish Office is closed today in memory of Fr. Langan!

No 9:00 AM Mass

9 – 10:30 AM Viewing & Visitation for Fr. Thomas Langan

11 AM – Mass of Christian Burial – Fr. Thomas Langan

Luncheon and Burial

6-8:00 PM – Viewing & Visitation – Burnell "Doc" Grim

8:00 PM – Christian Wake Service

No Evening Activities or meetings

Tuesday, January 10

8-9:00 AM – Holy Hour

8:30 AM – Rosary

9:00 AM – Mass

9:40 AM – Bible Study

11:00 AM – Mass of Christian Burial – Burnell "Doc" Grim

Burial and Luncheon here at IHM

2:00 PM – Christmas Decorations to be taken down – any

volunteers are greatly appreciated

6:30 PM – RCIA – Catechumenate

7:30 PM – Legion of Mary

Wednesday, January 11

8:30 AM – Rosary

9:00 AM – Mass – Novena and Sacrament of Penance

10:00 AM – Christmas Decorations to be taken down – any

volunteers are greatly appreciated

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts

Thursday, January 12

8:30 AM – Rosary

9:00 AM – Mass

Friday, January 13

8:30 AM – Rosary at Paradise School Chapel

9:00 AM – Mass at Paradise School Chapel

Saturday, January 14

3:30-4:30 PM – Sacrament of Penance

5:00 PM – Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 15 – Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:15 AM - Mass

9:30 AM – Religious Education Classes

9:45 AM – Adult Religious Education Class

11:15 AM – Mass

Monday, January 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Parish Office Closed

8:30 AM – Rosary

9:00 AM – Mass

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