

WHEN THERE IS A FUNERAL MASS, THERE WILL BE NO
COMMUNION SERVICE OR OTHER MASS.

LITURGY FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday, January 2nd:**
5:00 PM ~ FRANK PRINZI - By Sam Prinzi & Amnon Benabu
- Sunday, January 3rd:**
9:30 AM ~ JIM RYAN - By Jane & Family
- Monday, January 4th:**
8:15 AM ~ COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tuesday, January 5th:**
8:15 AM ~ COMMUNION SERVICE
- Wednesday, January 6th:**
8:15 AM ~ COMMUNION SERVICE
- Thursday, January 7th:**
8:15 AM ~ COMMUNION SERVICE
- Friday, January 8th:**
8:15 AM ~ IRVING WARNER - By Family
- Saturday, January 9th:**
5:00 PM ~ JOHN BIONDOLILLO - By Sisters
- Sunday, January 10th:**
9:30 AM ~ PETER LEONE - By Carol Cole

POINTS TO PONDER . . .

January 3rd – Feast of the Epiphany

- What are the gifts you and your loved ones bring to one another? Share these thoughts with them.
- Where do we long to see justice done in today's world?
- Are there issues in our community where some are "insiders" and others "outsiders?" What can you do?

THIS WEEK . . .

Missal Reading - #497Cycle C

- Saturday, January 2nd:**
 - 4pm Sacrament of Penance
 - 5pm Mass
- Sunday, January 3rd:** *Epiphany of the Lord*
 - 9:30am Mass w/CLW
 - 11am FF Grades K-5
- Tuesday, January 5th:**
 - 7pm Unity Council-St. Matthew's
- Thursday, January 7th:**
 - 7pm Transition Team Mtg.-St. Rose
- Friday, January 8th:**
 - 9:30am Staff Mtg.
- Saturday, January 9th:**
 - Sr. Hi Diocesan Impact Retreat at Notre Dame
 - 4pm Sacrament of Penance
 - 5pm Mass
- Sunday, January 10th:**
 - Sr. Hi Diocesan Impact Retreat at Notre Dame
 - 9:30am Mass w/CLW Rite of Welcome
 - 11am FF Grades K-5
 - 11am Jr. Hi Youth

Readings for the Week of January 3, 2010

- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22---4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19---5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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Liturgical Ministers – January 9th & 10th

	Altar Servers	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Ministers of Hospitality	Cantor
5:00 PM:	Hunter Shoemaker Becky Drexler Ben Drexler	#1 Mark Mitschow #2 Chris Mitschow	Cup: John Piampiano Jamie Shoemaker Cheryl Bovard Joan Reid	Amy Peri Robert Feeley Joseph Prinzi	David Roland
Mass Coordinator: John Piampiano & Joan Reid					
9:30 AM:	Brendan Coyne Natalie Kostraba Natalie Mignemi	#1 Kelly Bailey #2 Robert Deprez	Cup: Rebecca Wise Rachel Mignemi Mary Lou Marks Kolleen Coyne	Jan Irwin Maureen Kingston Thomas Mairs	
Mass Coordinator: Sr. Karen					

A Note from Sr. Karen . . .

Blessings in 2010.

Please join me in welcoming Fr. Louis Papes. Fr. Papes was ordained in 1988 and is a priest of the diocese of Georgetown in Guyana and will be speaking with us on the program Food for the Poor. This ministry provides direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. We are fortunate to have him with us this weekend to share about what it means to carry out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Fr. Michael will return to us later this week.

As we all begin another year, our thoughts often turn to resolutions or ways to “improve” and become better, newer, more organized, thinner, less tired, healthier, etc. In this time of transition from three separate parishes to one Parish Cluster, I think one spiritual resolution and one more practical might be helpful to us all. The first is that we all make praying for our three churches at this time a priority – each time we settle into a time of prayer; at Church, at the kitchen table, at our bedside at night and all the times in-between. Secondly, wouldn't it be great if each individual or household resolved to attend one event at one of the other two churches. This could be anything from a weekend liturgy to a social event to a portion of our upcoming Lenten retreat. And if you have already done it – do it again! The more we get to know our neighbors, the less daunting the task that lies before us will seem.

Thank you again for who you are, for your welcoming spirit and your generous sharing of all your gifts of time, talents and treasure.

New Year's Blessings,
Sr. Karen

We Welcome in Baptism

On December 20th 2009 we welcomed Audrey Grace Cirillo, infant daughter of Mark Anthony and Julie Ann Cirillo as a new member of our Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations to Audrey Grace and her family on this beautiful event in their journey with God.

May God's blessings continue to be with you and your family.



Spirituality: Talkin the Talk
and
Walkin the Walk

Give yourself the gift of Retreat this year at Notre Dame Retreat House. God always reserves time for you, do you have a weekend to give Him? What a gift . . . time away from our busyness and time with God. Listen, learn and then go LIVE!

The Men of St. Agnes Parish are invited to a weekend retreat on **February 5-7, 2010**. If this weekend does not work for you, please consider making retreat on another weekend. The 2010 calendar is posted the Notre Dame website. www.ndretreat.org

For more information or to make a reservation, contact: **Jamie Shoemaker at 226-2023** from your parish or Nancy Lynch (office manager at Notre Dame Retreat House) at 585-394-5700 or email at ndlynch@rochester.rr.com.

Confirmation ~ correction



In our haste to get out the Christmas week bulletin, we unintentionally left out the name of one of the 18 youth confirmed at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Congratulations go out also to confirmand Caroline Hecht !!

Habitat for Humanity Informational & Application Sessions *For a home to be built in Avon*

- Livingston County Habitat for Humanity is going to build a Home in the Village of Avon.
- There will be two sessions held at the Avon Village Hall at 74 Genesee Street.
- Informational session on Thursday, Jan. 14th at 7p.m.
- Application session on Saturday, Jan. 21st at 9a.m. At this session, Habitat volunteers will be available to assist you in completing the application paperwork.
- Babysitting will be available at both of these sessions.
- If you have any questions, please call Sue Dimpfl at 243-5718.



Sharing our Gifts

As most of you know, each weekend, we set aside 3% of our collection and that is distributed twice a year to individuals or service organizations in your name. Just as we ask you to share with St. Agnes parish family, it is important that we share of the resources we have been given, extending the call to stewardship beyond our immediate parish needs. The Tithing Committee met in mid-December and here is a list of those we were able to help:

\$500.00 in Tops cards for a family in town
 \$500.00 in Walmart Cards for a school family for Christmas.
 \$500.00 in Babies R Us cards for Guardian Angels "Angel Care Ministry"
 \$250.00 Project Rachel
 \$1000.00 Catholic Charities, St. Nicholas Fund
 \$250.00 Birthright
 \$250.00 NCYC
 \$80.00 for two cards that were left on the giving tree.

There remains a bit leftover for any emergencies that should arise. As we move into the cold weather, there are often folks needing help with utilities, rent and car repairs. Leaving a bit on hand assures us of being able to help more freely.

Thank you all for without you we would never be able to share so much!

Vocation Awareness

Following the star, the magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem in search of the newborn king. When they found him they prostrated themselves and gave Jesus homage. God's glory was revealed to them through a tiny baby. It was revealed to all nations and for all generations. We have been made coheirs in the promise of Jesus Christ through the gospel. As such, it is ours to share with those around us. Our Church needs people who are dedicated to spreading the good news and the promise of Jesus as a way of life. Consider a rewarding life in ministry to the Church – lay ecclesial, ordained, or religious life. **Office of Vocation Awareness/** 585-461-2890/ vocations@dor.org/ [website: www.dor.org/vocations](http://www.dor.org/vocations)

Building Faithful Citizenship

Today's Gospel blends good and evil as the Magi journey to a distant land to honor the newborn Jesus. Because of King Herod's jealousy, their visit set off the unintended consequence of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt and the slaughter of innocent baby boys. It's tempting to think that the world has grown less harsh, but migration and violence are still the reality for children throughout the world.

This year National Migration Week, today through January 9, focuses on the plight of refugee and migrant children.

Reflection: How can I honor Jesus, the refugee child, through advocacy and works of love on behalf of today's immigrant children?

Learning to Live and Living to Learn.



What's New Around School

Performing Random Acts of Kindness

As a follow-up to last years' school theme "Fruits of the Holy Spirit" e.g., Love, Kindness, Generosity, Peace, Joy, Self-Control, Faithfulness and Gentleness, and complementing this year's theme "Planting a Garden of Virtues" – Dr. Ben chose "Performing Random Acts of Kindness" as our focus for the month of December. The children were asked to perform and record their kind gestures performed without being asked on a paper STAR. The STARS were placed on a Nativity scene bulletin board LIGHTING the WAY for CHRIST, who is the LIGHT of the WORLD.

A Gift of a Goat

The HEIFER INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM – Since 1944, Heifer International has worked to bring help, healing and hope to millions of impoverished families worldwide and has assisted more than 10.5 million families in more than 125 countries. In areas where hunger and despair once prevailed, Heifer programs have reinvigorated communities through livestock and agriculture. Dr. Ben asked the children and teachers if they would each consider donating \$1.00 toward the purchase of a goat for \$120 for a family in Kenya. The children, faculty, and staff have worked to fill the "Goat Jars" placed in each classroom and collected the money necessary for the purchase of the goat. The gift of a dairy goat can supply a family with up to several quarts of nutritious milk per day. What a wonderful way to honor a family in need during this holiday season!

A Night to Remember

Christmas Holiday Concert held on December 20th was wonderful. We had over 225 people from our surrounding towns and beyond. A spectacular evening! Our performing guests - superb and one very special highlight was the guest appearance of Felicity Thomas (6th grade student) singing Pia Jesu with opera vocalist Amy Cochrane.

Online Giving

You can access online giving from our website! Please click on the "Giving Opportunities" section of our website and select "Online Giving". Donations are secure and made through PayPal (you do not need to have a PayPal Account to make a donation.) We are grateful for the strong support we receive from our St. Agnes School Angels and thank you for considering a gift to our school this holiday season.

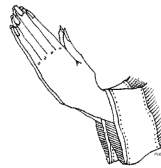
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deceased priests, sisters,
and laity of our community
especially Pat Barsz and

Bucky Brooks.

Pray also for Mary Aikens, Debbie Arca, Barry Balonek, Anne Biondolillo, Mike Brooks, Robert Brooks, Kathy Cadek, Tim Cochrane, Tom Cochrane, George Collins, Charlie Cook, Garry Crysler, Margaret Eckl, Father Frank Erb, Shirley Federico, Karen Flick, Rose Fusco, Michael Gillen, Gordon C. Gladden, Sharon Driscoll Glose, Rose Gross, Brennan Haglund, Elizabeth Hally, Steve Hanzlik, Brian Harrington, Leslie Heath, Sandy Hope, Nora Hynes, Betty Kelishian, Tom King, Dan Kingston, Kay Lathron, Inez Law, Ruth Ann Lochner, Steve Mack, Ann Mancuso, Ignatius Mattie, Linda McMahon, Elaine Miller, Ruth Miller, Bob Mineo, Kathleen Mueller, Sadie Nau, Carl Olsen, Patricia O'Meara, Ray Patnode, Sam Peri, Sandra Piampiano, Josephine "Pep" Pusateri, Genevieve Reibson, Rose Reis, Steve Restivo, George Suhr, Ethel Thomas, Joe Tuchrello, Evelyn Tybor, Ann Marie Van Gelder, Brian Welch, Jane Welch, Kenneth Wilfeard, Zach Wilson, Betty Witherow, Jim Zito & Bessie Zulia.



Please continue to pray for all men and women in our armed forces who are serving throughout the world especially Navy Commander Joseph L. Smith and PFC Thomas Kane.

Have we missed you or a loved one? Please call the parish office. Please help keep our list updated - call the office if you or your loved one no longer wish to be included on this list.

St. Agnes Parish Giving Innovative Methods

Have you ever made a long-term gift to St. Agnes? If you have, then you already know that every long-term gift made to St. Agnes **stays right here at St. Agnes**—helping our parish grow and prosper.

The following is a list of long-term “outright” gift suggestions:

Gifts of Cash

Simplicity and ease of delivery are the major factors in making cash the most popular type of charitable gift.

Gifts of Appreciated Property

A viable alternative to a cash gift with the most favorable tax benefit is one generated by a contribution of appreciated, long term, capital-gain securities and another being real estate.

Gifts of Life Insurance

You could name the parish as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, or make a gift of the policy to the parish. If you have an old life insurance policy that may no longer be needed, rather than cashing it in, consider gifting it to the parish.

Gifts Through Wills

Another way to designate that a portion of assets be used for the benefit and support of the parish, is by naming St. Agnes Church as a beneficiary of your will.

If any of the above suggestions interest you, please consult with your financial advisor, or contact **Lynne Siragusa at the rectory office (226-2100)**.

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Are You Interested in Learning More about the Catholic Church?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or simply getting some information about our Church, please let Fr. Michael, Deacon Ed, Sr. Karen or Mike Drexler know. Often-times, being in Church with family and friends at holiday time causes stirrings in your heart or questions in your mind. There are wonderful resources and a formal process for becoming a member that we would love to discuss with you. And if you are already a member but know of someone who might be interested, don't hesitate to ask them – sometimes the lack of personal invitation is all that is holding them back!

