

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

Happy New Year! God has given us another year to do His will! Think about it, the possibilities are endless! When confronted with God's will, we must always be open for wonderful surprises. I know that God is going to do great things through our parish this year, in ways that we have not even thought of, so let us get busy about doing His will through us!

Well I guess I will not be praying for you in Italy or France after all. I received a call early Monday morning telling me that my step-grandmother had died, and so I had to cancel my trip so I could bury her. Please pray for her soul – her name is Mary Verbish – and she is my step-father Buck's mother. She has been in my life now for over 25 years, and she was a great lady who was filled with faith. I miss not being in Europe with my brother priests and Bishop, but God had other plans – His will be done.

I want to thank everyone who came and helped decorate the Church! Everything looks so beautiful this year! So many people worked so very hard to make our Church one of the most beautiful ones around – THANK-YOU ALL SO MUCH! Also, thank-you again to everyone who helped set-up, clean-up, or brought things for the priest party. As always, you went over and above what I requested and were so, so generous with your time and gifts!!!! Thank-you!

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany. The word "Epiphany" is another word for revelation, and what God reveals about Himself today is that He is the God for ALL people, not just for the Jewish people. This is why our Church is called "Catholic." Catholic means universal, and it means that it is for everyone. Is my will the same as God's will in this regard? Do we believe that God wants everyone to be saved, and do we want everyone to be saved? If so, what are we doing about it?

As we have begun this New Year – 2010, I pray that this year is a year that we as a parish and as individuals grow in holiness and living God's will. We have 365 days that God is giving to each of us—what are we going to do with them? May we spend every day for His honor and glory!

We pray that this New Year may be one of peace for the whole world!

Remember I love you - God Bless you+++
In His Love,
Fr. Larry

THE ERIE MARCH FOR LIFE will take place on Saturday, January 9th. Be a voice for the voiceless by declaring the goodness and value of human life. Gather at the Perry Square Gazebo by 10:45 am. The March will begin at 11:00 am. For those who would have difficulty walking, a motorcade will follow the marchers. After the march, there will be a brief, interfaith Memorial Service conducted by Rev. Blair Blakeslee and Fr. Steve Schreiber at the Gazebo. The service will conclude no later than 12:30 pm. For more information call (814) 882-1333 or visit www.peopleforlife.org.

ATTENTION RELIGIOUS ED PARENTS FOR GRADES 7 THROUGH 10!!! The Religious Education class scheduled for Sunday, January 10th has been CANCELLED. We are encouraging ALL students of these grades to attend The Hope and Power tour to be held at St. John the Baptist Church, from 6 PM to 9 PM that evening.

EXPECTING A BABY? Then please plan to join other expectant mothers for an evening of prayer, meditation, and reflection on THIS Thursday, January 7th at 7 PM. We will meet upstairs in the main room of the Community Center. As you get ready to welcome your baby, take some time to pamper your soul! Open to all expectant mothers. If you would like to attend, please contact Therese Brown at 864-8746 or email therese.d.brown@gmail.com.

THE FOLLOWING HOURS ARE OPEN IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL: Sunday 12 AM, 1 AM, 3 AM, 11 AM, 4 PM and 5 PM; Monday 6 PM and 11 PM; Tuesday 12 AM, 1 AM, and 3 AM; Wednesday 10 PM and 11 PM; Thursday 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 8 AM, 7 PM, 8 PM and 11 PM; Friday 12 AM, 2 AM, and 12 PM, 2 PM & 6 PM; Saturday 12 AM, 3 AM, 5 AM and 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 8 PM, and 11 PM. We are also still in need of a Division Coordinator for the hours from 6 PM to 11 PM; and Hour Coordinators for 1 AM & 2 PM Call Sherry at 864-0283 or Ruthann at 868-0308.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME, having surgery, ill, a death in the family, or they could just use a shawl full of prayers? Then please contact Wrapped In His Arms and we will present them with a prayer shawl. There is no cost involved. All shawls are donated by the ministry. Support donations are always welcomed, but not necessary. Please phone Laurie at 459-6503.

THIRTY-ONE CLUB: The following parishioners will be offering Mass for vocations during this week: January 3rd – Beth Ann Servidio; January 4th – Nancy Murray; January 5th – Ron Snippet; January 6th – Trish Johnson; January 7th – Dale Jennings; January 8th – Dan Schaaf; January 9th – Dawn Schaaf and Dolores Smith.

VOLUNTEER PARTY: Just a reminder that all reservations for the Volunteer Party on January 10th MUST be in the parish office **no later than Monday, January 4th**. We need to give the caterer an exact number at that time. Please do not call the office to make your reservation. Forms are available on the table in the back of the church and on the pew outside the Adoration Chapel.

ADULT CATECHISM: Father Wright's Adult Catechism class continues every Tuesday at 7:00 PM on the second floor of the Community Center. All adults are welcome!

CHURCH CLEANING: The "Emmanuel Laborers" will be cleaning the church on Saturday, January 9th, beginning at 8:30 AM. We can use lots of help to God's house neat and clean in the New Year! We will be done by 10:00 AM with many helpers!

FELLOWSHIP: Fellowship continues on Sunday, January 10th, and we are in need of more volunteers to help with the set-up and clean-up AND with bringing goodies to share. Please call Christina Murnock at 866-3790 or Amy Orzechowski at 602-7405 if you can help.

BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEONS: We would like to continue offering a Bereavement Luncheon for families of deceased parishioners at the time of the funeral. However, we are in need of two volunteers to lead the teams of current helpers. If you are interested or need more information, call Anna Marie May at 825-6759.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: Church envelopes for 2010 are now available in the vestibule of the church. Please pick up the box with your name on it as soon as possible. All envelopes need to be picked up by January 15th. If you are homebound and unable to pick them up, please call Nancy in the parish office this week, so that they can be sent to you.

Masses For the Week

- Saturday (1/2)** *Anticipated Mass for Sunday*
5:15 PM + Msgr. Joseph Scheffner (Friends)
- Sunday (1/3)** *Feast of the Epiphany*
8:30 AM + The Living & Deceased of the Parish
11:00 AM + Paul Ryan—Anniv. (Mary & Bud Penquite)
- Monday (1/4)** *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious*
7:00 AM + James Dallas (Anthony & Rita Yochim)
11:30 AM + Sr. Kathleen Blair (Trish Johnson)
- Tuesday (1/5)** *Saint John Neumann, bishop*
7:00 AM + Joseph Spano (wife, Linda)
11:30 AM + Dorothy Nuber (Karen & Rick Orlemanski)
- Wednesday (1/6)** *Blessed Andre Bessette, religious*
7:00 AM + Chester Smogorzewski (Family)
11:30 AM + For the Souls in Purgatory (Gerry Baker)
- Thursday (1/7)** *Saint Raymond of Penafort, priest*
7:00 AM + George & Anna Froberg (Deacon Andrew)
11:30 AM + Sr. Kathleen Blair (Trish Johnson)
- Friday (1/8)** *Christmas Weekday*
7:00 AM + Eligio & Livia Tonelli—Wedding Anniv. (Lillian)
11:30 AM + Tom Lehner (Cheryl Konzel)
- Saturday (1/9)** *Anticipated Mass for Sunday*
5:15 PM + Helen Schweitzer (Earl & Jeanne Matson)
- Sunday (1/10)** *The Baptism of our Lord*
8:30 AM + Mark Marchant (Murnock & Tatar Families)
11:00 AM + The Living & Deceased of the Parish

Week December 28, 2009

Offertory	\$ 7429.00
Stewardship	\$ 627.00
On-line Giving	\$ 843.00
Weekly Expenses	\$ 8542.00

Weekend January 9th & 10th

- Saturday, January 9th** 5:15 PM Fr. Larry
- Sunday, January 10th** 8:30 AM Fr. Wright
- 11:00AM Fr. Larry

If you have a special prayer intention for the month of January, call Lore Blair at 455-7081 or Chris Smith at 459-2236.