



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF January 3, 2010

Weekend of December 20, 2009
Regular Collection Goal Per Week - **\$15,000**
Actual amount received - **\$5,863**
Savings - **\$901**
Envelopes sent to registered parishioners - **\$1,199**

REMINDER
All Parents who have children in St. Laurence School are required to give **\$10.00** each week in your church envelope. Catholic High School, **\$12.00**

H.O.P.E.
If you have an emergency need for transportation (a doctor or dentist appointment, help with food shopping,) call our H.O.P.E. representative, as early as possible at the following numbers:
WEEK OF January 3, 2010
610-352-1662 OR 610-352-7436
WEEK OF January 10, 2010
610-353-3934 OR 610-789-3763

ST. LAURENCE PRAYER COMMUNITY
meets every Tuesday evening in Church at 8:00PM.
All are most welcome!

RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY
every Monday evening at 7:00 PM in church.
All are most welcome!

HOLY HOUR
WOULD YOU SPEND ONE HOUR WITH ME?
The Adoration Society invites you to join them for a Holy Hour each Saturday, 3:45PM to 4:45PM.
Holy Hour Remembrance Cards for someone special for whom you are praying are available with the sign-in sheets at the church entrances during Adoration Hour.

- Mon. 8:30 Joseph A. Livingston
- Tue. 8:30 Rev. Msgr. Francis Fitzmaurice - *6th Anniversary*
- Wed. 8:30 Patrick Burns
- Thu. 8:30 Deady, Fortune, Leary, & Condran Families
- Fri. 8:30 Paul Henkels
- Sat. 8:30 Clarence & Dora Cucchi
- 5:00 Margaret O'Hara
- Sun. 7:30 Msgr. James Cummiskey - *27th Anniversary*
- 9:00 Deady, Fortune, Leary, & Condran Families
- 10:30 Vincent D'Camillo, Mary Ann Kirlin & Josephine Baptiste
- 12:00 Winifred Kenny
- PM 6:00** Parishioners of St. Laurence

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Agnes DeLacy, Angelica Sheeler, Marie Innaurato, Frances Kaminski, Patricia Spicer, Margaret Lesniak, James Delaney, Rose Bonsera, Jim Noble, Lois Cook, Lawrence Cardarelli, Joyce Cardillo, Danny Lane, Melody Dalrymple, Anthony Carr, Brenda Taylor, Paul Skipper, Veronica Kagen, Bernadette Palasch, Robert Grant, Vincent Alexander, Martin Garland, Joe Clifford, Marion Toffling, Jim Lynch, Albert Oliver, Gina Scorson, Robert Clark, Peg Kearns, Rita Eckardt, Bob DeFino, John Morris, Dolores Baranick, Concetta McMenamin, James O'Donnell, John Martin, Maria McClelland, Lorraine McCarty, John Duffy, Lynne Cahill, Anthony Costandino, Alexandra Bilotta, Raymond Gannon, Catherine Gavin, Patricia Cashman, Lynn Smith, Joseph Kelly, Cynthia Harris, Lawrence Toto, Christine Kirlin, An Ngo, Ralph Celidonio, Sabrina DePrince,

Deceased Parishioners of St. Laurence

The Epiphany of The Lord

January 3, 2009



A NOTE from the Pastor

Little Christmas

The Magi were members of the priestly caste of the Mazdean religion. They traveled trusting the guidance of the Star leading them to the little town of Bethlehem. This Star led them to the Christ child and their lives would be forever changed.

One fundamental insight:

The Magi represent that the *New Covenant* is universal. Without Partiality, the New Law of Love is extended to all people. This is the *true gift of God the Father: The person Jesus Christ* who brings forgiveness, opening the gates of heaven.

A second fundamental insight:

We say Little Christmas because Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child. So too, we bring out gifts to the altar of the Lord and exchange gifts with one another as a sign that we respect life and pray for prosperity in Christ.

Particular Blessings for Our Christmas Season

As a faith community you are *consistently* reaching out to those in need. The food baskets at Thanksgiving and St. Vincent de Paul trailer set the tone for a truly Christ centered Advent. Our Advent Giving Tree was once again a great success. Thank you to everyone who pitched in with a helping hand. Father John from *Cross International* was delighted to visit. He was most grateful for your kind attention and generous spirit. With Fr. McLaughlin, Msgr. Malone, Fr. John and I had a most enjoyable dinner that evening, listening to Father's experiences with Cross International and the many parishes he has visited.

Our Sunday Collection

Stone by stone the skilled mason follows a blueprint to success. As parishioners, you too are following a blueprint, a gospel blueprint in Christ. In the midst of our great economic stress, Monsignor Malone, our Augustinian Fathers and I are most appreciative of your every sacrifice. God bless you, the good people of Saint Laurence Parish. Have a merry "*Little Christmas.*"

Sincerely, Father Gerlach

HONORING OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN THROUGH PRAYER & SUPPORT

Photos and information about our spouses, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, etc. in all branches of the service, are being collected weekly to be put in the bulletin boards in the Tower.

Call: Irene Oliver at 610-352-1139

UNITED WAY / St. Laurence

You can help support the different areas of CYO without doing anything extraordinary just by using the DONOR OPTION choice for UNITED WAY. Look for:

CYO/St. Laurence/Upper Darby, PA
in the United Way booklet. For Southeastern Pennsylvania, the Donor Option number is: **04348**. Other chapters may use a different code number. By your donation, you will be helping all areas of the St. Laurence CYO.

ATTENTION TO ALL PARISHIONERS WHO DRIVE TO MASS

Your fellow parishioners would appreciate your consideration when parking in the parking lot. Many people often have to leave before Mass lets out because of emergency situations such as being on call for the hospital-nurses, doctors, etc., firemen, police, as well as people who are feeling ill or performing a service for the parish.

Please do not block people in.

**PARK IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY.
THANK YOU!**

**PLEASE TURN YOUR CELL PHONES
OFF DURING THE
CELEBRATION OF MASS!**

SELF-CARE MINISTRY FOR MINISTERS

Awareness, balance and contemplation enhance one's ministry and restore one's soul. We cannot give what we do not have. The IHM Retreat Center (on the grounds of St. Aloysius Academy) 401 Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr, will host a program for caregivers, presented by

Sister Jeannine O'Kane, IHM, on **Thursday, January 7 from 9:30 - 2:30**. Lunch and Mass are included. To register, please call 610-581-0120 or email: ihmconference@verizon.net by January 4.

Notice to Vision of Hope Heritage of Faith Campaign Contributors

Parishioners who have made a pledge to this campaign **should not** send money or checks to the rectory or put it in the collection. The Archdiocese will be sending follow-up notices to you with respect to your pledges and the method of payment you requested.

REGINA ANGELORUM ACADEMY

proudly presents "The Great Divorce", a one-man, one-act play adapted and performed by Anthony Lawton, based on the novel by C.S. Lewis. This play has received rave reviews from its electrifying performances. The performance will be on **Saturday, January 16 at 7 pm in St. Colman's Parish Hall**. For more information or to order tickets, please call:
Harry at 267-205-2758. Tickets are \$25.

BULETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the Sunday Bulletin is Noon on the Monday preceding the desired publication date. All articles must be submitted in writing to the rectory.

FOOD BANK - Collection January 16 & 17

The FOOD BANK is in dire need for food items. Boxes will be in the Tower for collection. Meat products (spam, beef stews,) tuna, baked beans, peanut & jelly, cereal (hot or dry), soups and fruit juices.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Are you a newcomer to the parish?

All new parishioners are asked to call the rectory (610-449-0600) to arrange a time to register as members of the St. Laurence Family. We will be pleased to inform you of a convenient time to register.

Two proofs of residence and baptismal certificates for all Catholics are required the day of registration. Please call ahead before you register 610-449-0600

Are you planning to move?

If you are planning to move either within the parish or out of the parish, please put in writing to the rectory informing us of your residence change. This information is necessary in order that parish records may be kept up-to-date.

Are you planning to be married?

If you are recently engaged and are planning to be married, you must contact a St. Laurence parish priest at least six months before the expected date.

Are you planning to have your baby baptized in our parish?

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 PM with the exception of the first Sunday of the month.

Pre-Jordan classes for the Sacrament of Baptism are conducted on the first Sunday of the month. You have to call the Rectory at 610-449-0600, ext. 0 to register. Classes are held in the rectory at 1:30PM. This instruction is required for those requesting Baptism. Parents are required to attend; godparents are most welcome.



BAPTISM

Welcome to our newly baptized Member of St. Laurence Parish
Colleen Elizabeth McGillian
Daughter of Martin & Helene