

# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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January 3, 2010

## Epiphany of the Lord

*Nations shall walk by your light,  
and kings by your shining radiance.*

ISAIAH 60:3

### Worship Schedule

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

#### Weekday Schedule

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri.: Mass

Thurs.: Communion Service

All at 8:30 a.m.

#### Rosary Devotion

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

#### Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

#### Baptism

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required. Baptismal prep takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month at 7:30 pm. Please call Deacon Tom Nolan to register.

#### Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

### Parish Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.: 9:00am-4:30pm

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*Caminarán los pueblos a tu luz  
y los reyes, al resplandor de tu aurora.*

ISAÍAS 60, 3

## *Note from the Pastor*



Today we celebrate the great feast of the Epiphany. We retell the story of the three Wise Ones. The star gazers coming from the mysterious East and going West to where the Star stands still in Bethlehem. It is a marvelous story of East going West to encounter the Divine Presence. These are travelers, sojourners, who are continually being pulled by the power of the ineffable to see where it leads. And it leads to a child, a little child. As they behold this child, they experience concentrated in this Little One, the immensity of God. They fall down before Him and worship Him bringing gifts of gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

Recently three semi-wise Star gazers from the West were also pulled by that same Star to the East. On the 30th of November, parish trustee Mary White, 4:30 mass usher, "Ziggy" Kielbasa and I joined 26 other pilgrims on route to follow the Star and to seek the very same thing the ancients sought 2,000 years ago, the presence of God.

The ancient astrologers traveled by camel in caravan. We traveled by a Boeing 777 through London to Tel-Aviv and then to Jerusalem in preparation to come to the place where the Star stands still. It took the ancients at least a year to reach their destination; we did it in a little less than 24 hours. Their travel was very difficult and hard. Outside of taking our shoes off at every check point (I had to keep reminding Ziggy that this was necessary because we were approaching Holy Ground, Terra Santa, our travel was pretty much pain free.

In their winter sojourn, the magician-astrologers had to stop in Jerusalem to find out where this king was to be born. King? Did they say king? We have no king but Caesar. And the local King, Herod, would brook no political rivals. With him, all of Jerusalem was troubled. It had just acquired some sort of quiet, some sort of peace and now the apple cart may be turned over. Where was this all-powerful one to be born? In Bethlehem say the sages. Little Bethlehem, forgotten Bethlehem. Do go and seek out this child-king and let us know what you learn so we to might go to... well, you know the story.

When we modern truth seekers also arrived in Jerusalem; we too wanted to know how to get into Bethlehem. We were told it would not be easy. A great wall had been erected between the little city of David and the great Jerusalem. And unless your papers were in perfect order, you could not enter. And even if your papers were in perfect order, depending upon the mood of the check point guards, you could not leave. As in days of yore, all of Jerusalem is still troubled with religious and political strife. The watch words are: security, fear, land, settlements, refugees, suicide bombers, ethnic cleansing, Palestinian victims, Jewish victims, Muslim victims, Christian victims, grievance, anger...did I mention security and fear?

The ancient ones continued in their caravan from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. It is an eight mile journey and took them about a day. When they arrived they saw and believed. They fell on their knees and beheld the source of truth, the source of life hidden in this vulnerable, powerless child. They gave their gifts which must have seemed like straw in the presence of the incarnated Divine. And they left by another route because there was no way the earthly king would begin to understand the mystery of the Heavenly King.

We moderns too started out on our journey to Bethlehem. In the best of conditions it takes about 15 minutes by modern day camel, a.k.a. a tourist bus. It took us almost one and one-half hours. The traffic flowed smoothly until we reached the first check point outside of Bethlehem. We were five minutes from our destination. The bus stopped, credentials were checked, all was in order and we were refused entry. The 18 year old sentry told us we would not be allowed to enter at that check-point, try another one. Oh, did I mention that our bus driver was a Palestine-Muslim named Mohamed? One-half hour later, we arrived at another check point. This time we got through and one-half hour later we arrived at our destination. It was worth the detour and the humiliation. Why? Because we beheld the Saviors of the world.

As we traversed the streets of Bethlehem, we were surrounded by Divine images, the faces of the many children of Bethlehem who looked upon us in wonder as we beheld their faces with awe. I have traveled the world over and have discovered one absolute truth. Little children are pre-cultural, pre-religious, pre-political, pre-prejudiced and are all exactly alike. They act alike, they laugh alike, they cry alike. Why? Because they are the same. They have not yet been taught cultural and religious superiority. They don't know political hatred or that they are supposed to be separate from one another. Put a Hebrew speaking three year old in a room with an Arabic speaking three year old and pretty soon they will be speaking the same language, the language of a child who has not yet learned barriers and boundaries and check-points and... fear of each other.

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**(NOTE FROM THE PASTOR CONT.)**

Is it any wonder that the ancient ones bowed before the mystery of the Child? And if we are to be saved as a people we must do no less. Were the children in charge, there would be no wars. The lion would lie down with the lamb and a little child would lead them.

Today is the feast of the Epiphany. The feast of things hidden in plain sight. The great revelation of the mystery of life is hidden inside the most vulnerable and the most innocent. It is time to bow before the mystery.

In Child Jesus, the manifestation of God the Vulnerable,

*Jr. Tony*

## Parish News

### WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME (WCH)



*Is today the day?  
You've come calling my name  
I followed the road of my choosing  
I've wandered far away*

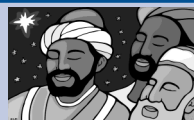
*So I'm asking Lord....  
Did I hear you calling out to me,  
"Come home today?"*

Are you or is someone you know a Catholic who has been away from the Church for awhile and has recently come back? No matter how long you have been away, no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Church. Mary Queen offers a special program for those who are seeking answers to questions about returning/coming home to the Church.

Please join us for informal listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by members of the parish which include some former non-practicing Catholics. The next program starts on January 24. We'll meet for six consecutive weeks on Sundays from **11:45 am to 1:15 pm**.

For more information about this program or to register, call the Welcoming Catholics Home Coordinator, Donna Klopacz at 630-832-3618.

## Parish News



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 3 - JANUARY 10

#### Sunday, January 3, 2010

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass in Church  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church

#### Monday, January 4, 2010

##### Preschool Classes Resume (M/W/F)

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church  
9:00 AM - 7:15 PM Eucharistic Adoration in Church

#### Tuesday, January 5, 2010

##### Preschool Classes Resume (T/Th)

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CRHP (Women) in Social Hall

#### Wednesday, January 6, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church  
3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes Resume  
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Adult Ed & Spirituality in Conf. Room

#### Thursday, January 7, 2010

8:30 AM Communion Service  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM New Wine in School Rooms 4-5, 13  
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Choir in Church  
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Men's Group in Barrett Hall

#### Friday, January 8, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church

#### Saturday, January 9, 2010

3:30 PM Confessions in Church  
4:30 PM MQH Mass in Church

#### Sunday, January 10, 2010

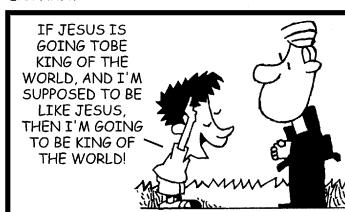
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass in Church

### Gospel Verse

Magi from the East arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
"Where is the newborn King of the Jews? We saw His  
Star at its rising and have come to do Him homage."

- Mt 2:1b-2

EPIPHANY



## Parish News



### THE KINGS AND GIFTS

The Kings brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh in their adoration of the newborn Christ. Come and adore Him this **Monday, January 4**. Eucharistic Adoration will take place between the hours of 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. The day closes with Benediction at 7:00 PM. **All** are invited to join us **any** time during the day, **as well as for Benediction** (there is incense too). We're still looking for someone to "adopt" the 3:00 PM time on a permanent basis (there is backup if you need to be away sometimes). Please contact **Kay Diggins at 630-530-7214**, or **Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238 with questions or to sign up**. There is a perpetual adoration chapel at Visitation, 799 S. York Rd.

## Christian Worship Commission



*To pray for our sick is an important privilege of our parish family. Please call 630-279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face. When calling the parish office, please leave contact information and your relationship to the person. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks. Contact the parish office to renew the individual's name on our prayer list. We hope that you will pray for these persons every day.*

Kristeen Dotson



### MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN FREE ICE SKATING AT THE YMCA SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

*Sponsored by Mary Queen of Heaven Men's Group*

**Join us for a fun afternoon of  
FREE Ice Skating at the Elmhurst YMCA Ice Rink!**

**The MQH Men's Group is sponsoring  
FREE Ice Skating for MQH Parishioners  
On Saturday, January 9, 2010  
From 12:45 PM to 1:45 PM.**

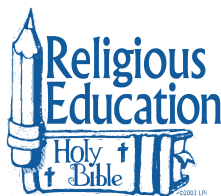
**The Elmhurst YMCA Ice Rink is located  
at 211 West 1st Street  
(on the corner of 1st St. and Maple Ave).**

**No pre-registration is required,  
but maximum capacity for the ice  
rink is roughly 300, so please come early.**

**Ice Skates will be available at the rink at no charge.**

**For more information, call  
Paul Letourneau at 630-698-0081**

## Christian Education News



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Please mark your calendars:  
Saturday, January 23  
11:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
Confirmation Retreat  
in Barrett Hall**

#### Please note:

**RE Class sessions will resume  
at the normal time on  
Wednesday, January 6.**

**For more info on any of the above, please call  
Mary Ann Woods at the REO,  
630-832-8962.**



### MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

**Come visit us! Open House Dates:**

<b>January 31, 2010</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. - noon</b>
<b>February 4, 2010</b>	<b>5:30 p.m. - 7:30p.m.</b>
<b>February 21, 2010</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. - noon</b>
<b>March 4, 2010</b>	<b>5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</b>

**For additional information please contact :**  
**Mrs. Liz Lowrey, Director**  
**Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool**  
**(630) 833-9500      mqhpreschool@aol.com**  
**www.maryqueenpreschool.org**



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010**

	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
<b>Lector</b>	B. Lawlor	M. McCall	S. Napolilli
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	K. Diggins (S) H. Todd (C) S. Pingatore D. StaRosa C. Reisenbuckler M. White R. Styka	T. Sabel (S) M. Conway (C) A. Grozik M. Grozik D. Bernstein G. Regan K. Passarelli	P. Mason (S) J. Eichorst (C) J. Spears M. McCall J. Lindberg K. Mueller K. Mueller P. Twardowski T. Kevil
<b>Altar Servers</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA

**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK****Sunday, January 3, 2010**

8:30 AM † Albert Kabat

10:30 AM † Franz Frank

**Monday, January 4, 2010**

8:30 AM All Parishioners

**Tuesday, January 5, 2010**

8:30 AM All Parishioners

**Wednesday, January 5, 2010**

8:30 AM All Parishioners

**Thursday, January 7, 2010**

8:30 PM Communion Service

**Friday, January 8, 2010**

8:30 AM All Parishioners

**Saturday, January 9, 2010**

4:30 PM † Laretta Vero

**Sunday, January 10, 2010**

8:30 AM † Dino and Adeline Fuggigi

† Dora Rizzo

10:30 AM All Parishioners

† indicates person is deceased

**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**Collection Totals for December 27 will be  
published in the January 10 Bulletin****ParishPay**  
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or call 866-PARISH-1 for further information.