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*The Epiphany of
the Lord*

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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

Excerpts
from the
Lectionary
for Mass
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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

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required. Baptismal prep takes place on the 2nd 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-4:00pm

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Note from the Pastor



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011

The question is, will it be happy? Blessed Epiphany; great feast of the Manifestation. The question is, will we see? Will we get it?

And of this much I am sure, that the one will depend upon the other. We will be happy only insofar as we get it, as we see. My concern is that we have for some time now been a people walking in darkness. My hope is that someone will light a match.

Two-thousand eleven. We are already one decade into the new millennium. In 1999, we were a people bathed in light. We were all future. The economy was exploding and the greatest concern we had as a nation and as a world was the problem of the so-called Y2K. Would our personal computers recognize the year 2000? Well, they had no problem, we did. All throughout 1999 I, along with our Holy Father Pope John Paul II, preached Jubilee. "Proclaim Jubilee," was my battle cry all year long. Jubilee is the great biblical teaching that all things begin again. All debt is forgiven, all land is returned, the poor are able to glean from the fields all year long for free. Jesus' first sermon was to proclaim Jubilee: Liberty to captives, release of prisoners, good news preached to the poor, a year of favor for the Lord. Now this is great stuff. It is all future, all hope.

And then it happened. The new millennium came. The world had experienced 2,000 years of Christianity, of Jesus' teaching. We were supposed to be ready for the next stage in our development as a people, as a church. We were no longer adolescents (16th century) when we fought with our brothers and sisters over who was the best and who was the rightist and who was the smartest and who had the truth. No, now we were 20. Young enough to be flexible and dynamic, old enough to begin to be mature and understand what these teachings of Jesus were truly all about. And then the light went out. And we were, and are left in the dark.

First the new economy (the one that was supposed to only go upward) collapsed. The ripple effect not only touched those who lost money in the market, but devastated those in the third world, in the global economy. And the poor peoples of mother earth are presently suffering as they have not for centuries. Then the catastrophic occurred.

The world's richest, most powerful, independent and self-sufficient country ever to have existed was brought to its knees by religious fanatics yielding box cutters. And the twin symbols of invincibility came crashing down with death and destruction everywhere. The nation and the world was in shock. For a time, all too short a time, we were in what

theologians call liminal space. That is a space where all our defenses are torn down and the masks of being in control are utterly devastated and we discover that which separates us (race, gender, ethnicity, religion, economics) no longer had power over us. For all too brief a time this nation was one. In our vulnerability, in our devastation, in our pain, and in our grief we all transcended that which kept us apart from one another. There were neither liberals nor conservatives, Catholics nor Protestants; only a people who shared the common suffering of being out of control, unable to fix, and even unable to explain what had just occurred. Now, as terrible as all of this is, it did afford us a window of opportunity to transcend and be transformed. All of a sudden, all of the things that seemed so very important to us as we climbed the ladder of success, were unimportant. All of a sudden the things that so preoccupied us seemed so petty. Everything was put in a cosmic perspective. The Window to God was open for a while. And then it was closed. And now it seems to be sealed. Shut. Tight.

There is a saying that love makes the world go round. Oh, would that were true. I am afraid that in our modern world it is hate that makes the world go round. Love is just way too hard and takes way too long. Hate and its underlying emotion fear is so much more efficient and works much quicker. If you want to move anyone or even society at a very fast pace make them afraid, very afraid. And we are not afraid, we are petrified. We see terror on all sides. We are on orange alert. Now, the reason fear works so quickly and so well is that it speaks to our very basic instinct for survival. If we are afraid that we will be attacked at any moment by weapons of mass destruction and by evil empires and by people who are bad, well, then it only makes sense to have a pre-emptive strike, to strike first, to kill the killers. And if we are vigilant enough and work hard enough we will be able to kill them all and end terror once and for all.

Jesus exposed that as a lie.

Jesus has replaced the twin towers of greed and violence, which leads to all wars and the collapse of all cultures with the twin teachings of love and forgiveness. And Jesus' teachings are not for the faint of heart. In most ways they are more difficult than the ways of the world. There were only two things that Jesus consistently preached against: greed and violence. And the one will always lead to the other. Greed says there is not enough for me and for thee and, therefore, I had better protect my way, my life style, against your desire to take it and destroy it. Now that makes perfect logical sense. But it will also lead us into being the most greedy and violent nation in the world. It is the law of unintended consequences.

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Note from the Pastor (cont.)

Love is so hard. So darn inefficient. It takes so long. It requires so much. And it is impossible to teach. It can only be modeled. Fear is immediate, fast and easy to understand. Love requires story and patience and vulnerability and most of all it requires the precursor of forgiveness. The greatest act of love is to lay down one's life and the ultimate words to be spoken are the ones that come from the cross, "Father forgive them (all of them), they know not what they do."

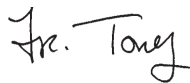
Now I can hear some of you thinking (and at many times, myself included), "Yah, Father, that's nice churchy, theological talk. But this is the real world." Is it? Is this the real world or is this the illusion that we have chosen to embrace. The illusion of control, the illusion that we are the center of the universe, the illusion of sin. If, indeed, God is the ultimate reality, and that God is love then the really real is love. And Jesus was the ultimate realist.

This is the year 2011. This is the day of the Epiphany, God's manifestation to us. It is also the day when we traditionally make New Year's resolutions. I would like to propose one for us all, "Get real." There is no such thing as cheap grace. And while love is the ultimate reality, it takes great work. But it is not the work of control, it is the work of surrender, of letting go, of trusting, of forgiving. In the year 1999, we were all future, all hope. And we still are.

There is no future without forgiveness and forgiveness will always open up the door to that ultimate reality, love.

Happy New Year. Blessed Manifestation. May we all see it. May we all get it. May we get real.

In Jesus, the Real Manifestation of God Who is Love,



Parish News

COME, ADORE HIS PRESENCE

You are invited to join with others in worshipping our Eucharistic Lord during our monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration, any time from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on **Monday, January 3**. The day of adoration and prayer begins with Mass and closes with **Benediction** at 7:00 PM. **All** are invited to join us **any** time during the day as well as for Benediction. Remember, there is **perpetual adoration** in the Visitation adoration chapel located at 799 S. York Road.

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN FREE ICE SKATING AT THE YMCA

SUNDAY, 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!**

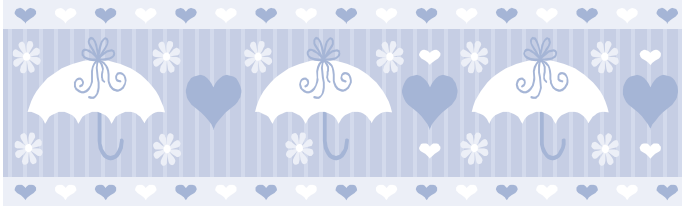
**The MQH Men's Group is sponsoring
FREE Ice Skating for MQH Parishioners
On Sunday, January 9, 2011
From 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.**

**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**



WE'RE HAVING A BABY SHOWER!

CCW has taken a young woman under our umbrella as she prepares for the birth of a baby boy. She is a client of Catholic Charities and is in need of all things baby.

Please join us with a shower gift for our mom-to-be.
Enjoy some fun and refreshments with friends and neighbors.

Tuesday, January 18, 2011
7:00 to 8:30 pm
Barrett Hall

Please let us know if you can attend by dropping off this sheet in back of church or in the collection basket or calling (630-279-3148), emailing (e.desantis@comcast.net) Cheryl DeSantis

Name: _____

I will attend.

Parish News



Articles for bulletins for the month of January will have the following deadlines:

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
Sunday, January 16	Friday, January 7
Sunday, January 23	Friday, January 14
Sunday, January 30	Friday, January 21

The deadline for all articles for the bulletin is Fridays at noon.

Thank you for your cooperation.



DROP IN YOGA CLASSES

9:00 am - 10:00 am
Jan 6, Jan 13, Jan 20

Meet us in Barrett Hall - with a yoga mat
Call Debbie 630-941-7224 to be put on her email list for automatic Yoga invites or any questions at all.

Christian Worship Commission



Please call 630-279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face. 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.

Mary Grace Cibula

- Kristen Jacobsen Elkins
- Jorge I. Gómez
- Carmen Hernández
- Alfred Martin
- Mark Poedtke

EPIPHANY



Christian Education News



Please mark your calendars:
 Saturday, January 29 11:00 AM -
 4:30 PM Confirmation Retreat in
 Barrett Hall

Please note:
 There is no RE on the following Wednesday,
 January 5.

RE Class sessions will resume at the normal
 times on Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

For more information on any of the above, please
 contact Mary Ann Woods at the REO,
 (630) 832-8962 or email at
 mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net.



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

Become a part of our growing school. Schedule a visit,
 meet the teachers, come "Light the Way" and join us in
 our "Dividends for Life". Come visit us! Open House
 Dates:

January 30, 2011	9:30 a.m. - noon
February 3, 2011	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
February 20, 2011	9:30 a.m. - noon
March 3, 2011	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For information please contact :
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Year of the Eucharist



Diocese of Joliet Official Biography for

**Patron Saint of the Year
 of the Eucharist
 January:**

**Saint John Neumann
 (1811 - 1860)**



In the Church of Saint James in Baltimore, Maryland, Father John Neumann became the first priest to make his religious profession as a Redemptorist in the New World. Before his elevation to bishop of Philadelphia at the age of 41, he had served as rector of Saint Philomena in Pittsburgh and Saint Alphonsus in Baltimore, as well as vice-provincial of the missionary order in America.

Neumann had many accomplishments throughout his life, including administering the largest diocese in the country and building new churches, one almost every month. He had a fond love for children and was the first to organize a Catholic diocesan school system, increasing the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from two to one hundred. He founded a new religious community, the Sisters of The Third Order of Saint Francis of Philadelphia, and he saved the Oblate Sisters of Providence from dissolution. He also introduced the Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotion to the United States.

Father Neumann was a priest of extraordinary spirituality, intense devotion to the Eucharist and selfless commitment to the service of all people. He was elected bishop by Pope Pius IX in 1852, and after his ordination, and because of his short stature, many called him with the greatest affection, "Our Little Bishop."

His feast day is January 5.

Corporal Work of Mercy: to instruct the ignorant

Spiritual Work of Mercy: to pray for the living and the dead

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	M. Grozik A. Grozik	K. Sutkus	M. McCall
Eucharistic Ministers	D. StaRosa (S) B. Eadon (C) G. Los H. Todd G. Pstrzoch M. White M. Zelinski	A. Grozik (S) B. Nosek (C) M. Conway D. Bernstein G. Regan T. Nanak M. Kelly	R. Morro (S) P. Mason (C) K. Gusloff M. Japczyk J. Spears P. Le Tourneau B. Quist M. Quist
Altar Servers	TBA	TBA	TBA



Church Support

Collection Totals for:
Sunday, December 26, 2010

Adults	\$5,578.31
Parish Pay	\$3,520.41
Children	\$72.00
Collection Total	\$9,170.72

Thank you for your continued support!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 2, 2011

8:30 AM † James Conway
10:30 AM † Thomas Lavin

Monday, January 3, 2011

8:30 AM † Ann Mariello
† Al Fuchs

Tuesday, January 4, 2011

8:30 AM † Ralph St. Pierre

Wednesday, January 5, 2011

8:30 AM † Mary Queen's Faithful Departed

Thursday, January 6, 2011

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, January 7, 2011

8:30 AM † Anna Marinello

Saturday, January 8, 2011

4:30 PM † Robert Lawlor, Jr.

Sunday, January 9, 2011

8:30 AM † Rose Reilly
10:30 AM † Helen Colucci

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of January 2, 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/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat												
<p>2 Epiphany of the Lord 7:45 AM RCIA in School Rm 4-5. 11-12,13 8:30 & 10:30 AM Mass of Epiphany in C 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in C</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM - 7:15 PM Eucharistic Adoration in C</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 No RE Classes</p>	<p>6 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Yoga in BH 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Men's Group in BH</p>	<p>7 DEADLINE BULLETIN JAN 16</p>	<p>1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> 10:30 AM Mary Mother of God in C 3:30 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM Mass of Epiphany in C</p>												
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<p>16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:45 AM RCIA in School Rm 4-5. 11-12,13 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses in C 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in C</p>	<p>17 Martin Luther Kings, Jr. Day PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Commissions Mtg. in BH</p>	<p>18 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM CCW Baby Shower in BH</p>	<p>19 3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School</p>	<p>20 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Yoga in BH</p>	<p>21 DEADLINE BULLETIN JAN 30</p>	<p>22 3:30 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass in C</p>												
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