

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

John Henry Hopkins Jr. was 37 years old when he wrote the lyrics to "We Three Kings of Orient Are." In this achievement, Hopkins gave the world an enduring carol that has now been sung for a century and a half.

Hopkins was the son of an Episcopal bishop. He wrote the words and music to the hymn for an 1857 Christmas pageant while he was teaching music at the General Theological Seminary in New York City. He later became a priest.

The familiar words sing of the Epiphany we celebrate today: "O Star of Wonder, Star of Night / Star with royal beauty bright / westward leading, still proceeding / guide us to Thy perfect light."

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M. – In celebration of Mary Steffan's 100th birthday req. by John & Julianne Steffan

St. Joseph – IMO Joseph W. Cook by Susan Cook

Tabernacle – IMO Elizabeth & Joseph Brahler by Diane Keese

Sanctuary

1. IMO George Hahner Sr. by Hahner Family

2&3. IMO Edward Keese by Diane Keese

4. Special Intention

Guardian Angels

1&2. Special Intention

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning - 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule (in chapel)

Monday thru Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Cemetery Information

George Smith 544-3294

Frances Mickey 544-6089

C.C.D.

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic

CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

Bulletin Deadline - Tuesday prior to publication

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – January 4 – 9:00 a.m.

IRENE STERNICK (York Terrace Residents & Staff)

Tuesday – January 5 – 9:00 a.m.

CATHERINE M. POST

Wednesday – January 6 – 9:00 a.m.

ALICE UHEAULON (York Terrace Residents & Staff)

Thursday – January 7 – 9:00 a.m.

DOROTHY MLYNEK (Anne Marie Bierman & Eddie)

Friday – January 8 – 9:00 a.m.

SHIMELIS CEPHEUS (Dermo Family)

Saturday – January 9 – 5:00 p.m.

MARGARET H. ZELINSKY, 13th Anniv.

(Zelinsky Family)

Sunday – January 10 – 8:15 a.m.

EMILY SIDLER (Joseph T. Orlowsky)

Sunday – January 10 – 10:30 a.m.

GEORGE HAHNER JR. (Hahner Family)

Tuesday – January 5 @ York Terrace

BERTHA BULLOCK

READINGS

Epiphany of the Lord (January 2/3)

Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6

Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of the Lord (January 9/10)

Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Reading II: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon – 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Sunday 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m.

or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Rectory at least 6 months in advance

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass

Baptismal Preparation for Parents **MUST**

precede the Baptism.

Please contact Sister Maryanne for an appointment

New Parishioners

Please call the Rectory for an appointment to register.

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

Outreach Program

Margaret Glunz 622-3067 / Rectory 622-5470

SCHEDULE

Baptism of the Lord

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – January 9th

Reader: Bill Gianfagna

Euch.Min.: Kathy Gianfagna, Joan Albo

Servers: Angela, Alexandra, Samantha Disabella

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – January 10th

Reader: Janet Daubert

Euch.Min.: George Forney, John & Bernice Petock

Servers: Jason, Hannah, Celena Granito

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – January 10th

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder, Charlie Miller, (Dr. Visot)

Servers: Ryan, Patrick, Caitlin Coyle

Cantor: Suzette Joy

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Eighth grade parishioners attending Catholic, public or private elementary or middle school are invited to apply for a one-year \$1,000 scholarship to attend one of the eight Catholic high schools of the Diocese of Allentown. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement, involvement in extracurricular activities, service to school, parish and community, and pastor, principal and teacher recommendations. Application forms are available at the parish office, school office or through the parish religious education program. **Completed applications must be submitted to the student's school by January 8, 2010**

PRAY FOR OUR SICK / DECEASED

We remember in prayer those who are ill. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

Sick: Tina Dixon, Margie Glunz, Carolyn Foster, Maryann Wychunas, Edward Wychunas, John Woznicki, Faye Cuchara, Scott Rhoades, Ben Roeder, Sophia Kapsha, Roxanne Tutko, James Gombola, Jeanne Rehnert, Jan Marsicano, Mary Zambo, Bill Zaharis, Mary Ellen Viduszynski.

Deceased: Charles Foster



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Christmas: \$ 20,265.00

December 27th: \$ 6,610.90

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2:10-11

... WE REMEMBER ...

The following are the names of parishioners, former parishioners and those who have been laid to rest in our cemetery during the past year. Please take a moment and remember them and their surviving families as we pass through to a New Year.

William Bachman

Gertrude Bambrick

Julian Chipлонia

Josephine Clay

Daniel Fox Sr.

Margaret Fry

Maureen Kalymun

Edward Keese

Elizabeth Ketner

George Klassen Jr.

Theresa Morgan

Emily Sidler

Anna Tucci

Amy Beth Williams

Jeffrey Williams

Robert Zuppert

LONGABERGER BASKET & POTTERY CALENDAR

The Family Guild will be sponsoring the Longaberger Calendar for March 2010. The members of the Guild would like to extend the opportunity to any parishioner to sponsor a basket or make a donation toward a basket.

If you are interested, please call **Jen Daubert 622-8760** or the Rectory 622-5470.



CHAT

Community Health Awareness Talks

NEW YEAR...NEW YOU!

Make your health a priority in 2010!

Wednesday, January 6th

Learning to "Breathe" in 2010 (Gentle Yoga experience)

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Building Your Pyramid – Becoming More Active

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Building a "Home Body" – Exercising at Home

(Note: Please bring a mat or towel for the January 20 program)

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Think Before You Eat

Wednesday, February 3

Breaking Old Habits

(Learning more about Smoking Cessation)

Schuylkill Medical Center - South Jackson Street
Medical Conference Rooms A&B – Main Hospital Bldg.
420 South Jackson Street, Pottsville, PA
Programs begin at 6:00PM

Programs are FREE of charge; No registration necessary; Healthy snacks will be served. Please call **Debbie Herb at 621-5047** for additional information.

For Thou will light my candle; the Lord my God, will enlighten my darkness.

January 1, 2010

**Celebration of Mary the Mother of God
and World Day of Peace**

The solemnity of the Mother of God has the distinct purpose to honor the role of Mary in the mystery of salvation and at the same time to sing the praises of the unique dignity thus coming to "the Holy Mother...through whom we have been given the gift of the Author of life."

*This same solemnity also offers an excellent opportunity to renew the adoration rightfully to be shown to the newborn Prince of Peace, as we once again hear the good tidings of great joy and pray to God, through the intercession of the Queen of Peace, for the priceless gift of peace. Because of these considerations and the fact that the octave of Christmas coincides with a day of hope, New Year's Day, we have assigned to it the observance of the World Day of Peace (Paul VI, *Marialis Cultus*), Feb. 2, 1974, no.5).*

Through His Sacrifice on the Cross, He (Jesus) brought about universal reconciliation, and we, as His followers, are called to be "peacemakers" (Mt. v. 9). In the end, it is only from the Gospel that there can spring forth true Peace, not in order to make men dull and soft, but to replace the impulses to violence and bullying in their minds, by the manly virtues of reasoning and heart characteristic of true humanism. We do so, finally, because we would not wish ever to be rebuked by God and by history for having kept silence in the face of the danger of a new conflagration between peoples, which, as all know, could take on sudden forms of apocalyptic awfulness.

For more see:

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/paul_vi/messages/peace/documents/hf_p-vi_mes_19671208_i-world-day-for-peace_en.html

1. ***This year Pope Benedict's message for World Peace Day is "If You Want To Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation."***

At the beginning of this New Year, I wish to offer heartfelt greetings of peace to all Christian communities, international leaders, and people of good will throughout the world. For this XLIII World Day of Peace I have chosen the theme: If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation. Respect for creation is of immense consequence, not least because "creation is the beginning and the foundation of all God's works",[1] and its preservation has now become essential for the pacific coexistence of mankind. Man's inhumanity to man has given rise to numerous threats to peace and to authentic and integral human development -- wars, international and regional conflicts, acts of terrorism, and violations of human rights. Yet no less troubling are the threats arising from the neglect -- if not downright misuse -- of the earth and the natural goods that God has given us. For this reason, it is imperative that mankind renew and strengthen "that covenant between human beings and the environment, which should mirror the creative love of God, from whom we come and towards whom we are journeying".[2]

For more see: <http://www.zenit.org/article-27852?l=english>

What can we do? Join "Pax Christi":

<http://www.paxchristiusa.org/>; Help with "Change for Global Change"<http://www.changeforglobalchange.org/>

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