



St. Clement of Rome Romeo, MI

January 6, 2008

Epiphany of the Lord

Parish Handbook

Plans are underway for a new parish handbook (names, addresses & phone numbers - no pictures!) Please let us know if you do **NOT** want any of the following listed. **(THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE.)**

You need to call the office each year if you want your phone number or address eliminated.

Thank you.

(Circle which item you want eliminated)

Name	Yes	No
Address	Yes	No
Phone No.	Yes	No

Your Name _____

Epiphany Prayer

Father,

You revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith.

Epiphany!

What does the word "Epiphany" mean, and why is it connected in our Catholic tradition to the three wise men?

Epiphany means revelation, appearance, or manifestation. It comes from the Greek epiphaneia (appearance). Today's feast is called the Epiphany because Jesus was "revealed" to the wise men through the "appearance" of a star.

The universal significance of the Epiphany derives from the fact that the wise men represent all nations. Christ came to bring salvation to the whole world, Gentiles and Jews alike. The wise men are our ancestors in the faith. The Epiphany was foreshadowed by the prophet Isaiah in today's first reading: "Arise, shine; for your light has come ... Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn A multitude of camels shall cover you all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD" (Is 60:1-6). The responsorial echoes: "LORD, every nation on earth will adore you." In the second reading, Paul proclaims: "the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (Eph 3:6). In the gospel, we join the wise men and find the child with Mary his mother (Mt 2:1-12). We, too, bow before Jesus and offer him our gifts.

The gifts brought by the wise men are signs that reveal the glory of Jesus. Gold is for a king. Jesus is the King of kings (Rev 19:16). Frankincense, with its sweet perfume, is offered by priests to adore God.



Myrrh is an aromatic resin used for embalming. Jesus died to redeem us from sin. He was laid in a tomb, swathed with burial cloths in a mixture of myrrh and aloes (In 19:39-40). The Epiphany, therefore, reveals Jesus as King, Priest, Savior, and God.



We of St. Clement of Rome Parish, with the Power of the Spirit, welcome, embrace and unite all the many faces of Christ who worship with us. As a family, we deepen our faith and seek God in the community, through prayer and good works.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HAPPENINGS -

Religious Education Classes:

Jan. 6 -

Preschool classes held

Jan. 7th, 8th, 9th -

Classes held

Jan. 12th -

Sponsor & Candidate Evening

Jan. 13th -

Preschool classes held

Religious Education Office Hours:

Mon, Tues, Wed. - 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Friday - Closed

The Office is closed daily from
12 - 1 p.m. for lunch.

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Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor Evening

Mass and Dinner and Activity

January 12, 2008

Meet in church at 5 p.m. Mass
Dinner immediately following in
the social hall

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETING:

This Sunday, January 6th

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Room 13 in the Rel. Ed area

Bring a friend and help us plan our meetings and activities for the next few months. Enjoy great food, ping pong, and open Gym!!!

Call Carol Bodiya at 752-9074 or e-mail her at:

stclementyouth@gmail.com for more information.

FATHER DOC'S DEN

Epiphany! Already! And I can write this with exclamation points because though you are reading this on the day, and in the natural order of the great feasts we have been keeping over these days, I am actually writing this on 20th December in order to make the deadline for the printer! Christmas has flown by this year, in huge part due to the fact that the columns for the last three weeks have all had to be in long before their publication date, which perhaps gives me an opening for today.

Life moves so quickly for us that it is often difficult to allow ourselves the gift of slowing down to notice what God is doing in our midst. Wonder is often lost in the time and place where life moves at such breakneck speed that many of us find precious little time to sit in awe of the unfolding of God's presence in our lives and in our world. Maybe this is why we have such a problem with taking up the invitation given with the dawning of this feast in this new year.

Epiphanies are the OH! moments in our lives. They come in many flavours and in diverse ways; not all of them filled with spiritual or theological meaning, and usually lost or filed away for later pondering because there just isn't the time, now, to sit with them.

Our heritage tells us that three sages - astronomers - magi from lands far removed from Bethlehem, make their way to this God forsaken little town in order to find a reason for an extraordinary cosmic light show seen in their own lands. Whatever this event was - a star or comet or alignment of planets or hovering UFOs, it was of such importance to them that they left everything familiar to discover its meaning. Were they taken aback or disappointed or underwhelmed when they discovered that the outcome of a long and arduous journey was a toddler in a nondescript house in a backwater? Not according to the Scriptures. We are taught, in the wisdom of our ancestors, that they discovered that the God of Israel had made good on a promise made long, long ago. And they rejoiced!

How often do we allow the wonders that God does in our midst pass by because there is little, to our way of thinking, to set them apart from the natural passage of time and season in our own lives? How open are we to wondering, as did these men, about what God is saying in the seeming simple things which touch our lives? How willing are we to be called out of our own comfortable and complacent situations to discover the Lord in our midst?

These men were not Israelites. They had obviously researched the prophecies as part of their questioning about the origin of this sign, but the promises were not a part of their own spiritualities or theologies. And yet, here they were, to wonder and marvel at what the God of the Israelites had done for his people. Not only that; they were willing to allow this promise to touch their lives and to change them. They were moved to offer rich gifts to this child because they sensed that they were in the presence of someone touched and set aside by the God of Israel for greatness.

In the light of this epiphany we are called to allow God to be manifest in our own lives. We are challenged to put aside a bit of our own cynicism and 21st century malaise in order to allow God to break through the darkness of warring nations and religions, of a troubled economy, of bleak horizons and uncertainties in our own lives. We are dared to profess our faith anew

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**Please Pray for
the Sick**



Yolanda Angeli	Gordon McBride
Daniel Benac	Yong Hui
Geraldine Benac	McBride
Babies Noah and	Richard Parrott
Ruby Biljan	John Pokorney
Kathryn Bloom	Ed Polakowski
Adelaide Bobiney	Judy Polakowski
Angie Castranova	Renso Ponce
Lois Chinoski	deLeon
Toni Couzens	Norbert Rapp
Sharon Czajka	Ed Redlawski
Barb DeSaele	Joseph Risch
Celeste DiLegge	John Salsido
Christina	Carl W.
DiMaggio	Schatmaier
Rose Fagan	Ed Sherman
Juli Graser	Tom Trbovich
Jerome Johnson	Anne Urban
Henry LaBaere	Kay
Margaret Lark	VanDenBrouck
Bettie Lester	
Ed Lester	And those who
Micky Mallick	care for them...

**Newly Added to the
Sick List**

Micky Mallick

**THANK YOU ST. CLEMENT
YOUTH & PARISHIONERS!**

In December, we heard that Walberto, our El Salvadoran student, completed his High School program and is eligible to attend College. One semester of tuition is \$700; we were asked if we could raise money to help him continue his education.

Thanks to our teen bakers and 8th Grade Confirmandi who volunteered to bake and to those at the 5 p.m. Mass on Dec. 15th who donated and purchased all the treats, we raised \$220 toward Walberto's first semester of college. Combined with our previous fundraising and the generosity of the K of C, Walberto should be able to continue his studies.

Thank you everyone!

**FAITH COMMUNITY
NURSE CORNER**

**What is the Prescription
Resource Network?**

The Prescription Resource Network (PRN) is a community-based program established to assist low income residents of this area who have no prescription insurance coverage, to obtain their prescription medication through the Patient Assistance Programs of major pharmaceutical companies.

It is with compassion, respect and dignity that the PRN works in cooperation with healthcare providers, offering its services to:

- Improve the health of Area Residents
- Avoid an economic crisis: Food /rent/ etc. vs. needed medications.
- Promote self care in disease management
- Increase work productivity to the extent possible

Who is eligible?

The eligibility criteria include the following:

- Resident of Henry Ford Macomb Hospital Service Area
- U.S. Citizen
- Usually 19 years of age or older
- Medications prescribed for chronic medical conditions
- No prescription coverage
- Unqualified for other programs
- Must meet income-based eligibility determined by the pharmaceutical company (usually less than \$1,800 total monthly household income)

How do I contact the Prescription Resource Network?

- Ages 19 and older call: (586) 263-2110
- What is the cost?

The fee for the services provided by the prescription Resource Network is a \$25.00 non-refundable annual processing fee.

Funding Information

The Prescription Resource Network (PRN) is a collaboration effort within the community, funded by Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, grants, donations from private physicians and public donations.

Ministry to the Sick Meeting

Tues., Jan. 8th

At 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Sister Val's sister will speak about Hospice.

All the parish is invited to attend.

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A Grief Support Group starts on Jan. 14th for six consecutive Mondays from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Clement

It is being given by Hospice of Michigan.

No charge.

To register call Rosemary Kern at 752-2555 or Claudia Been, Grief Support Services Manager at 586-263-8514

Daughter's Knights Circle:

First meeting Jan 19th at 11 a.m. in the Rel. Ed. area. Open to all Catholic girls ages 10-17. Stop in the Religious Ed. Dept. to find out more or call Andrea Szewczyk at 752-5210.

Funeral Luncheon Dishes

We have an abundant amount of dishes in the hall kitchen. Please stop by and see if you are missing a dish.

Thank you

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PASTOR

Rev. Stephen C. Reckker

Associate Pastor
 Rev. John "Doc" Ortman

Weekend Assistant
 Rev. Jerome Odbert, S.J.

Mass in Spanish
 Rev. Jerry Kessel, OFM CAP

Vicariate Hispanic Pastoral Minister
 (North Macomb Vicariate)
 Sr. Valerie Knoche, I.H.M.

Adult Education Coordinator

Mrs. Cheryl Zuehlk 752-6984

Minister of Music

Mr. Bert Lord 752-9611

Religious Education Director

Mrs. Debbie Knoblock 752-6591

Youth Groups

High School

Carol Bodiya 752-9074

Samaritan House 677-7590

Agape Center 336-6839

Pregnancy, Counseling and Adoption

Catholic Family Services 416-2300

Hispanic Ministry 336-6842

Knights of Columbus

Ron Stec 752-9180

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday - 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
 Spanish - 7:00 p.m.

Holiday and Weekday Masses

As announced

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Baptism: Prior arrangements must be made. Call the parish office.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the marriage date.

Care of the Sick: Call the parish office at any time to make arrangements for Anointing, Communion calls or Visitations.

Funeral Luncheon Ministry: Please call the parish office.

Registrations: New parishioners should register at the parish office. Those moving should notify the parish office.

Parish Council

Administration Commission

Charles Anglewicz.....752-9435

Christian Service Commission

Nancy Kaspari. 752-6419

Children's Education Commission

Social Commission

Christine Steinberg.752-3606

Worship Commission

Cheryl Zuehlk.752-7564

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WEEKLY EVENTS FOR January 7 - 13

Monday, January 7

7:00 p.m. - Prayer Group

Tuesday, January 8

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Elizabeth Phelps req by Ray & Kathleen Wiegand

9:30 a.m. - Rosary

9:45 a.m. - Lay Home Visitors Meeting - social hall

10:00 a.m. - Adoration

6:30 p.m. - ESL

7:00 p.m. - Baptism Mtg. - Adult Ed Room

Wednesday, January 9

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Sylvia Yombor requested by Dale & Bev Chesney

9:30 a.m. - Rosary

3:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study - Adult Ed Room

Thursday, January 10

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Kathryn Schwartz req by Romayne Stapleton

9:30 a.m. - Rosary

5:30 p.m. - RCIA Team Mtg. - Adult Ed Room

7:00 p.m. - RCIA - Adult Ed. area

7:00 p.m. - K of C Meeting

Friday, January 11

9:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Deceased Family Members req by the Caporuscio Family

9:30 a.m. - Rosary

Saturday, January 12

5:00 p.m. - MASS - Int Celia Hanzek req by the Hanzek fam. Int Bud Verellen req by Earl and MaryLou Forbes

5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Sponsor Evening - social hall

7:00 p.m. - K of C Free Throw Basketball - gym

Sunday, January 13 -

Baptism of the Lord

7:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Herbert Westlake requested by Mabel Westlake

Int James and Margaret Smallbone

9:00 a.m. MASS - Int Kelly McGrath req by her family

Int Carl Kaspari req by Jim and Janet Schuchard

11:00 a.m. - MASS - Int Mary Koss req by Mary & Irene Kargol Int Richard Rinke, Jr. req by John Esper family

6:30 p.m. - Jr. High Group - Rel. Ed area

7:00 p.m. - MASS (Spanish)

Int of St. Clement Parishioners

SAMARITAN HOUSE SHARING TREE

With your help -- this year the Sharing Tree Program provided gifts for:

250 families
 1,036 people



There was a total of 2,100 gifts donated.

Thank you to all who generously gave to those in need.

A Family Perspective

by: Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families: one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you.

Walking In The Gym

The gym is available for walkers Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. **Please remember to wear your gym shoes.**

Vigil Lights

Special intention, Nancy Pihlaja
 Thanksgiving and for needs of
 dear ones - A. Monache
 For family intentions - the Bian-
 chi family
 Good health, peace of mind, poor
 souls in Purgatory - RM
 Micky Mallick, health & holi-
 ness for friend with ear problems
 In Thanksgiving
 Special intention for Laurie
 Norman Gamache & family
 For peace in our hearts and in
 the world
 For the hungry, homeless and
 those who feel unloved
 Special intention for all those
 serving in the military.



**Members Serving
 Our Country**

Cpt. Nicole DeTomaso
Pfc. Shane Dietlin
Pfc. Brian Gaines
Sgt. James Griffie
MSG. David Hampton
SSG. Mary Hampton
Cpt. Timothy G. Knoth
Lt. Col. Fred Krawchuck
Spec. Mark A. Lubinski
SSG. Brian Niebel
Maj. Catherine Peuterbaugh
L/Cpl. Ryan Riebant
Pr2. Rebecca Sovereign
Maj. Catherine M. Tait
Pfc. Bill Thompson
Pfc. Evan Vanouwer
Cpl. Bradley Wing



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**Please continue to pray for
 these and all those serving in
 our military.**



*The following children were
 baptized in November:*

Isabella Charlene Boggs, daugh-
 ter of Jason & Krystin (Bernasconi)
 Boggs

Madeleine Noelle Frechette,
 daughter of Marc & Amy
 (Townsend) Frechette

Annaliese Virginia Gajewski,
 daughter of Aaron & Amanda
 (Weber) Gajewski

Alexander Hernandez, son of
 Jorge & Juana Hernandez

Allen Hernandez, son of Jorge &
 Juana Hernandez

Lesley Michelle Lagunes, daugh-
 ter of Rafael & Sonia (Lopez)
 Lagunes

Guillermo Salcido Lozano, son of
 Guillermo & Juana (Lozano)
 Salcido

Brett James Matyunas, son of
 Bradford & Amy (Ternes)
 Matyunas

Andrik Mercado, son of Arturo &
 Miryam Mercado

Juan Alvaro Norberto, son of
 Alvaro & Yanet (Chavez) Norberto

Yetsiry Paramo, daughter of
 Rafael & Karina (Leon) Paramo

Amelia Grace Polsinelli, daugh-
 ter of Steven & Nicole (Greer)
 Polsinelli

Ruth Marie Slavick, daughter of
 Eric & Kim (Roland) Slavick

Joseph John Ternes, son of
 James & Melissa (Bernasconi)
 Ternes

**St. Clement Parish extends
 congratulations to the parents
 and welcomes the children into
 our community.**

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FR DOC'S DEN:

that God does not magically take away difficult times, but is present in the midst of them, calling us to take up the gifts we have received in Jesus' birth, living, dying and rising, in order to make the darkness bright.

As we are invited again into the mystery of this romantic story of kings and camels, or shepherds and angels, of a young family with no home in which to make their beginning, we are also invited to pray for the same faith that allowed Joseph and Mary to make that trip from their home, difficult though it must have been - Bethlehem is a long way from Nazareth! We are invited to allow ourselves the same sense of wonder that called those sages-astronomers-magi to leave their homes and countries to see what God had done. We are called to find in this two or so year old boy the God of the ages, who lives our life, with all of its joys and sadnesses, and teaches us how in the midst of both to offer our lives, as does he, in thanksgiving to our Father.

Grace and peace,

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Liturgical Appointments for Jan. 12/13

	Sat. 5 p.m.	Sun. 7 a.m.	Sun. 9 a.m.	Sun. 11 a.m.
Lector/ Comm.	Jean Obrecht Ed Risch	Mitch Lenczewski	Holly Bielawski James Burns	Dave Feighan Kathy Ortiz
EME Capt.	Barb Seger		Charlotte Carr- McIntyre	
Altar Ser.	Gregory Balsam Brad Vinckier		Melissa Israel Brandon Head	Amanda Szewczyk Madline Schafer



Readings for the Week of January 7, 2008

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

Sunday, January 13 -

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

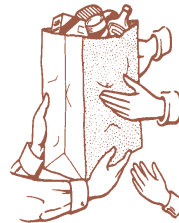
Acts 10:34-38

Mt 3:13-17

Samaritan House

January Pantry Needs:

Cereal	Canned meat
Fruit juice	Canned fruit
Dry Milk	Flour
Sugar	Boxed Potatoes
Spaghetti Sauce	Laundry Detergent
Toilet Paper	Dish Detergent



We appreciate any non-perishable food items and toiletries you can donate.

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Drop off your donations during our normal business hours:

Tues. & Wed., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and

Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Samaritan House is located at 58944 Van Dyke, Washington, 48094 (27 Mile Rd.). The phone number is 586-677-7590.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Please join us every Wednesday at 3 p.m. for Prayers, Mercy Stations, Mercy Litany, Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Meditations and time for Silent Prayer. The Holy Hour takes place in the church.

Don't Forget to Recycle...

...your newspapers, mail, catalogs & magazines while helping our youth groups and the environment. We received a check for \$109.13 for our Nov. recycling. The landfill space saved in cubic yards is 22.71.



Men's Retreat

You are invited to attend a weekend retreat for men. Join us at the Capuchin Retreat on 95 wooded acres adjacent to the Stony Creek Nature Center to: relax from a hectic schedule, enjoy nature, make new friends, reflect on our situation in life and above all, to reopen and strengthen our lines of communication with God. www.capretreat.org

When: January 18-20, 2008

Where: The newly renovated Capuchin Retreat, 62460 Mt. Vernon Rd. (north of 28 Mile Rd.) Washington, MI

Registration: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, concluding at 1 p.m. Sunday after dinner

Cost: \$50 non refundable deposit to confirm your reservation. Suggested offering of \$150 for the weekend. This includes lodging, conferences, a Friday evening snack and five excellent meals.

Capacity is limited so please call ASAP to confirm your reservation. Paul Okoniewski 586-752-7834.