

Epiphany of Our Lord Church
The Nativity of The Lord

...a **Savior**
has been
born
to you;
he is
Christ
the **Lord.**

Luke 2:11, NIV

December 25, 2011

New Year's Schedule Confessions

Saturday, Dec. 31, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Masses

New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31

5 p.m. Vigil

New Year's Day, Sunday, Jan 1

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

Please Remember in your Prayers
Those Who Have Died

Walter J. Brinkman

Who died Dec. 13
Husband of Jeanette Brinkman
Father of Walter, Michael, Anne,
Kathleen, David and Paul Brinkman



Parish Office Closed

Our parish office will be closed from Friday, Dec. 23 at 11:30 a.m. until Tuesday Jan. 2 at 8:30 a.m. in observance of Christmas.

Collection Counters

We are in immediate need of a collection counter for the third Monday of each month. Please contact JoAnn O'Connor at (610) 828-8634 if you would like to volunteer.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Needed



We need volunteers to bring Holy Communion to the sick who are homebound, at Sunrise of Blue Bell, Arista Care at Meadow Springs and Mercy Suburban Hospital.

We also need volunteers to help distribute Holy Communion at four

Masses on weekends and Holy Days of Obligation, and daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.).

Any parishioner who would like to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Mary Sheehan at (610) 828-8103 or Toni Rochow at (610) 292-9572.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 26

8:30 A.M. – Gallagher-Rohan Families

Tuesday, Dec. 27

8:30 A.M. – Douglas Gibson, Jr.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

8:30 A.M. – David Mustin

Thursday, Dec. 29

8:30 A.M. – Charles Viola

Friday, Dec. 30

8:30 A.M. – Sarah (Sally) Zugay

Saturday, Dec. 31

8:30 A.M. – Cimini & Palma Family Rochow Family
Living-Healing Intention

5:00 P.M. – Vigil Mass

Respect Life Rose

In Loving Memory

Mary Mack

This rose will remain on
the Altar in front of

The Blessed Mother



Stewardship is a way of life. Tithing is God's Plan for Giving.

This Week's Tithe	\$ N/A
Last Year's Tithe	\$ 18,098
Children's Tithe	\$ N/A

From the Pastor:

Next to the yearly celebration of the paschal mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season. (General Norms, 32).

The Christmas season extends from Evening Prayer I of Christmas through the Baptism of the Lord, Monday, 9 January 2012.

From the Pews:

Glad to do tithing but I think a lot of people do not understand just how much it costs to run a church and school.

2012 March for Life



Monday, Jan. 23 Washington, D.C.

Epiphany Respect Life Committee cordially invites you to attend our annual March for Life bus trip to Washington, D.C., on Monday, Jan. 23.

The bus will leave our parking lot promptly at 6:55 a.m. and return at approximately 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$16 for parishioners and \$20 for non-parishioners.

Archbishop Chaput will celebrate Mass at 10 a.m. at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception this year (where we park), and we should be able to attend, if we leave at 6:55 a.m. Light refreshments will be provided on the bus, but for lunch we recommend that marchers bring a bag lunch.

We will stop for a buffet dinner on the way home. The cost for dinner will be approximately \$14 for adults.

Sign-up sheets are available in our church vestibule. Please sign up early so we can properly complete our planning, and fill the bus. During the Christmas holidays, the sign-up sheet may be on the "food certificate" table.

For further information, call Steve Idzik at (610) 834-1922 or Elaine Thorpe at (610) 828 6925.

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

3050 Walton Road, Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania 19462

Phone: (610) 828-8634 Fax: (610) 828-1802

◆E-Mail: epiphanych@comcast.net ◆www.epiphanyofourlord.com

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Joseph J. Quindlen, Pastor

Rev. James J. Kelly, In Residence (Retired)

Permanent Deacons

Kenneth P. Clancy, Emil J. Wernert

William R. Radetzky (Retired), Joel M. Ziff, (Retired)

Parish Staff

Paris A. DiPietro: Business Manager, Constance M. Steuer: Music

Minister, Lydia Hayward: Business Secretary,

Anthony R. Mashaintonio: Maintenance Supervisor,

John F. Phipps: Church Sacristan, Cecilia T. Dadario &

JoAnn O'Connor: Administrative Assistants

School Staff

Miriam A. Havey: Principal, (610) 825-0160.

Dolores Strittmatter, Secretary

Tour/Info: (610)-943-6666

Office of Religious Education

www.epiphanyrep.webs.com (610) 825-6790.

Stephanie Quigley, Coordinator, part-time

Nicole Zimmerman, Adm. Assistant, part-time

Office of Youth Ministry

Gail Toto, part-time, (610) 943-6627

Perpetual Adoration Chapel



In order to keep our Perpetual Adoration Chapel open 24/7, we need your help. Please ASK a family member or friend to consider spending time with our Eucharistic Lord Jesus. He is our companion, our divine physician and Good Shepherd. You can come to HIM, to praise and adore HIM or to pour out one's heart to HIM, to ask for inspiration, to be consoled and comforted, to ask for favors and guidance, and to give thanks. If you can commit to any of these times, please call Elaine Thorpe at (610) 828-6925.

OPEN HOURS

SUNDAY: 12-1PM, 1-2PM, 3-4PM, 8-9PM, 12:30-2AM

MONDAY: 10-11AM, 3-4PM, 11PM-12:30AM

TUESDAY: 10-11AM, 1-2PM, 4-5PM, 12:30-2AM, 2-3:30AM, 3:30-5AM

WEDNESDAY: 5-6 AM, 4-5PM, 7-8PM, 10-11PM, 11PM-12:30AM, 12:30-2AM, 2-3:30AM, 3:30-5AM, 11AM-NOON

THURSDAY: 5-6 AM, 1-2PM, 4-5PM, 7-8PM, 10-11PM, 12:30-2AM, 2-3:30AM

FRIDAY: 5-6AM, 8-9AM, 9-10 AM, 7-8PM, 2-3:30AM, 3:30-5AM

SATURDAY: 11-12PM, 12-1PM, 1-2PM, 3-4PM, 6-7PM, 9-10PM, 2-3:30AM, 3:30-5AM

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5 p.m. Vigil (fulfills the Sunday Obligation)

SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.

DAILY: 8:30 a.m. Monday to Saturday

HOLIDAYS: Vigil at 7 p.m., 8:30 a.m., 12 & 7 p.m.

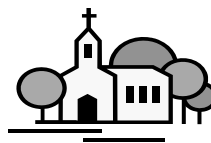
CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

RECTORY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Closed for lunch: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
SATURDAY 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
SUNDAY Closed July-August
A mail slot is located in the rectory front door.

OFFICE REQUESTS



To register in the parish, arrange for a baptism, or request a Certificate of Eligibility for sponsorship at baptism or confirmation, you may contact the rectory. You may come in person to the rectory to meet with one of the deacons on any Sunday of the month (except July and August) after the 9:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Masses. Also, please advise our office of any change of address, telephone number or family status.

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, except on the fifth Sunday of the month when Baptism is celebrated during the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Both parents must attend a Pre-Jordan class, which is held the first Wednesday of every month. Pre-Registration for the class is required by coming to the Rectory office after the 9:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Masses on any Sunday (except July and August) and seeing a Priest or Deacon. Sponsors are required to obtain a letter from their church stating they are members in good standing.

Marriage

Notify the Priest of your intention to marry at least six months before the date of the wedding to assure sufficient preparation and to arrange for Pre-Cana instruction and Natural Family Planning sessions. Pre-Cana Days are held in April and October.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Saturday of the month during 8:30 a.m. Mass or by special request. Please notify the rectory as soon as possible when any parishioner becomes seriously ill or is admitted to the hospital.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL—PERPETUAL NOVENA

After 8:30 am Mass every Saturday

Epiphany of Our Lord School News

3040 Walton Road
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462-2361
Office Phone: 610-825-0160 / Tours and Information: 610-943-6666
Website: www.eols.org



A Note from the Principal

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Peace-filled New Year. The Christmas play was a huge success. The eighth grade really put their hearts into their last play at Epiphany. The children did a wonderful version of Silent Night, in which they sang and signed. It was beautiful. Special thanks to Sr. Regina for the great job that she did teaching them the various songs. I think that next year, we'll be ready for the B 101 contest. Thank you for your generosity.

The CSC was excited to pick up the toys to be distributed to those in need. Thank you for your many cards, prayers and best wishes extended to the faculty at this time of year. Did you know that in the past week, I have seen several "old" parents? What great memories! I remember when their children attended Epiphany. Now, they have children! How time does fly! I have to share that my mother found my first report card from West Catholic- I didn't do as well as I thought. She also found my first teaching contract signed by the pastor and myself. Guess what my pay was-\$ 11,000.00 a year. I think my take home pay was \$129.00 a week- that's about how much that I spend on gas every two weeks, now.

School News

KINDERGARTEN: MRS. KONESKI: In Religion the kindergarten learned the true meaning of Christmas, Jesus' Birthday. They had a Birthday Party for Jesus and every child earned a dollar and bought a present for the poor. Mrs. Koneski took their gifts to Toys for Tots.

1ST GRADE: MRS. DUNSMORE: Epiphany of Our Lord's first grade class delighted their families with the Christmas play, *The Birth of the Baby Jesus*. First grade brought smiles and tears to their relatives faces as they retold the glorious event. The little ones sang *Silent Night*, *Away in a Manger*, *Go Tell It On The Mountain* and *Happy Birthday, Baby Jesus*. Baby Jesus was portrayed by Georgia's baby sister. Sister Regina accompanied the children on guitar. A happy, holy time was enjoyed by all!

2ND GRADE: MRS. MORASCO: The children will enjoy celebrating Christmas and New Year's with their family. I can not wait to hear what resolutions the children will have as well as winter family traditions.

3RD GRADE: MS. PALCKO: The children are getting ready for the Birth of Jesus. They love hearing stories from the Old Testament and putting symbols on our Jesse Tree. Have a Blessed Christmas.

4TH GRADE: MS. CATANIA: My fourth grade students will ring in the New Year by setting future goals for themselves by creating *Dream Maps*. In Social Studies and Art these young cartographers will be designing maps of imaginary places utilizing the map skills they have learned thus far this school year. In Religion and ILA the fourth grade will be composing formal letters to Pope Benedict XVI and will anxiously await the response of this wise and holy man!

5TH GRADE: MS. MILLER: Social Studies: Fifth grade wrote narrative stories about a Christmas character and began studying Rocky Mt cities. Sixth grade learned about the contributions of Roman civilization as seventh grade began to focus on the Constitutional Convention. Eighth grade examined urban and political corruption in the Gilded Age.

ART: MRS. CRAWFORD: GRADES 6,7,8: Still working on creating a sunset winter scene with watercolors and placing our crafty Penguins on the painting.

COMPUTERS: MRS. CRAWFORD: Grade Pre-K K,1,2,3,4- Christmas computer games on Portaportal.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: MS. CRAWFORD: ELA GRADE 6,7,8: Charlie Brown's Christmas in class, and Our Christmas Show.

GYM: MRS. GILMAN: Pre-4 and Kindergarten will play "Hula Hoop Bowling"- a target shooting game and "Run for your Supper"- a tag game. Grades 1-3 will warm up with jumping jacks and "Hula Hoop Bowling" followed by "Aerobic Bowling Bingo"- a running, throwing and target shooting game. Grades 4-8 will play a kicking and strategy game called "Hoof Ball" trying to score runs for their team.

HONORS MATH: MRS. O'HAGAN: GRADES 4,5,6,7,8: 4th - Multiplying 2 to 3 digit numbers as well as money 5th - Division of Fractions, Whole Numbers and the use of Reciprocals 6th, 7th and 8th - Continued on the Math Moves You Project in which the students must answer the question "How Does Math Put the Action in Your Passion?" The students are working hard and are using their creativity and their technology skills.

MATH: MS. MARIANI: GRADES 5-8: Students will continue to work on their "Math Moves You" Project. They have to figure out how math puts action in their passion. Some students are researching cooking, others are using their favorite sport, as well as many other ideas. I wish you all a Merry Christmas!!! Relax and enjoy this time with loved ones!

MUSIC: SR. REGINA DOUGHERTY, SSJ- May your Christmas and the New Year ahead be filled with an abundance of God's blessings and Peace. Sr. Regina Dougherty, SSJ

SCIENCE:

MR. ANTONELLO: GRADES 5,6,7,8: 5th Grade is doing some intellectual heavy lifting as they learn about work. 6th Grade is getting up to speed as they learn about velocity and acceleration. 7th Grade has their thinking juices flowing as they study the circulatory system. 8th Grade is taking the plunge as they begin to explore the far depths of oceanography.

SPANISH: MRS. CRAWFORD: GRADES 5,6,7,8: Will continue with Rosetta Stone.