

**THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM**

*The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.*

*Today's feast also reminds us that God's presence is, indeed, manifested here in our Crucifixion Parish community of faith. We are so grateful for the many hands (often behind the scenes) who make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful and prayerful --- our liturgical planners and ministers, our music ministers, those who prepare and care for our worship environment. We also see the saving presence of God throughout the year in the ministries of prayer, service, social outreach, faith formation and community life which make present the Lord's love among us. May God continue to bless us throughout the new year!*

*Father Bruce Jarboe*

**Daily Mass Intentions** will be said by the Franciscan Friars Mission in Ghana, West Africa through The Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City.

Mon	01/07	Deacon Ernest Cibelli
Tues	01/08	Jesse & Mary Lennox
Wed	01/09:	Ida
Thurs	01/10:	Mary Bloomberg
Fri	01/11:	Jovita Kenney
Sat	01/12:	
	8:30 am	Archdiocese of Baltimore
	4:30 pm	Pauline Jess
Sunday, 01/13:		
	8:30 am	North Anne Arundel County Cluster
	11:00 am	Parishioners



**Winter Relief Program:** Next weekend (January 5th and 6th) the Poor Box will be designated for the Winter Relief program. We will also be taking sign-ups for volunteers in the Cry Room. We will need volunteers for the following:

- **Food for in house meals:** Certain foods are needed for the planned menus. Meals will be breakfast and dinner.
- **Lunches:** Food and items are needed to provide bag lunches for the men to take with them for the day.
- **Guest Laundry:** Volunteers are needed to assist with cleaning our guests' personal laundry on only two designated evenings a week
- **Drivers:** Our guests will need to be picked up at 5pm from Hope House in Glen Burnie each evening and returned to Glen Burnie at 7am the next morning.

For one week **January 28<sup>th</sup> to February 3<sup>rd</sup>** we will provide shelter for people who are homeless. We are happy to join in this wonderful outreach ministry. For more information contact Alma Grossman @ 410.766-3458.

**March for Life 2008**

**Come to the 35th annual March For Life  
on Tuesday,  
January 22, 2008**

The March for Life Fund has planned a full program for 2008, including:

- Rally on the Mall
- March for Life to the Supreme Court
- Meeting with your Representative and two Senators on Capitol Hill

**RALLY ON THE MARCH: Rally will begin at 12:00 PM, Tuesday, January 22, 2008.**

Again, as last year, the Rally will be on the Mall, which is the large park on the west side of the Capitol.

Please be sure to plan on arriving at 11:30 AM in order that we may obtain an accurate count by Noon. We will conduct the count from the stage. Last year many of you were crowded on side streets along Constitution Avenue, and we cannot see or count you from the stage.

We will begin the Rally with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. We invite the President and Members of Congress to speak because the purpose of the Rally and March is to dialogue with our public officials. We will also introduce our six Student Contest Winners and end with prayer.

**ON CAPITOL HILL**

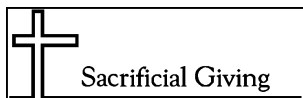
We ask you to be sure to visit your Representative and two Senators so they know that their constituents March for Life. Before leaving home, make an appointment to be in their offices on the morning or afternoon of January 22, 2008.



**Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12)**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- 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: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17



***This weekend our Poor Box will be utilized for our guest who will be with us for the Winter Relief Program. We thank you as always for your overwhelming generosity!***

*Dec. 23rd our faithful stewards gave \$3,793.00  
Our Poor Box collection \$ 305.61  
Attendance: 356*

*Christmas our faithful stewards gave \$5,142.00  
Attendance: 422*

*Dec. 30th our faithful stewards gave \$3,896.00  
Our Poor Box collection \$ 91.59  
Attendance: 324*

***"Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison and not minister to your needs?' Matthew 25:44***

**Interested in placing an ad on the back of our bulletin ? Contact George Blyler @ 1-800-524-0263**

**Sarah's House is in urgent need of winter coats for men, women, and children.**

The need for winter coats will continue through the season. Please call Angela at Sarah's House if you can help the homeless this winter.

Sarah's House has been a source of assistance and hope for the homeless since 1987. As Anne Arundel County's largest supportive housing provider, we assist homeless families through the provision of case management, transportation, employment services and child care programs. We serve approximately 125 guests, half of who are children, each day. The goal of these and all our services is to maintain the family unit and promote their ability to complete together the journey to independence. In the spirit of the biblical figure of Sarah, we welcome with hospitality those who come to us, and try to offer all of our guests a sense of hope in the face of homelessness.

**Christmas Flower Remembrance 2006**

*In Honor/Remembrance Of: From:*

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| <i>Fr. Erik Arnold</i>           | <i>Wanda Hartman</i> |
| <i>Our whole Church Family</i>   | <i>Wanda Hartman</i> |
| <i>Joan Cortina</i>              | <i>Frances Butz</i>  |
| <i>Vernon Listman</i>            | <i>Frances Butz</i>  |
| <i>John R. Butz</i>              | <i>Frances Butz</i>  |
| <i>Frank &amp; Maria Cortina</i> | <i>Frances Butz</i>  |
| <i>Mary Hall</i>                 |                      |
| <i>Rose Wengut</i>               |                      |

**SNOW—INCLEMENT WEATHER:** It's been cold and people have been asking about possible changes to any scheduled evening activities here at the Church.

**The answer:** When Anne Arundel County school system closes EARLY or are closed, all EVENING ACTIVITIES will be CANCELLED.

**THE SENIOR MINISTRY** is looking for new members. We are a social gathering of people 55 and over, meeting on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Come join us for an afternoon of prayer, fun, food and fellowship. Our membership drive is running during January & February. **If you are interested in joining please contact: Herb Jankowski 410-787-0514 before 5pm or Betty Yeader 410-647-3134 or Skip Welch 410-766-0856.**