



**Finances for January 5/6, 2008**

Loose \$ 122.21 White Offering \$ 2094.00  
 Total: \$ 2216.21  
 Last Year: 2933.83  
 Thank you

*Invite a friend back home to St. Mary's, tell them we miss them.*

**Mass Schedule**

**Monday, January 14, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Edward Donnelly, requested by  
 Neil and Carmen Fierro

**Tuesday, January 15, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Jonathan Zawilski, requested by  
 Rose and Matt Nelson

**Wednesday, January 16, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Special Intention of Maggie's Family,  
 requested by T. Rhee

**Thursday, January 17, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Carl Schwartz, requested by  
 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stazehe

**Friday, January 18, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Martha Stec, requested by  
 John Wengrzynek

**Saturday, January 19, 2008**

5:00 P.M. - Donna Keifer, requested by  
 Mendofik Family

**Sunday, January 20, 2008**

8:30 A.M. - Bernard Ceaser, requested by  
 Margaret Lukashewski  
 10:30 A.M. - Parishioners

**Altar Servers Schedule**

**Saturday, January 19, 2008**

5:00 P.M. - Julianna Bodek, Charlie Bodek

**Sunday, January 20, 2008**

8:30 A.M. - Joshua Phillips, Jeffrey Phillips and  
 Jaeson Phillips  
 10:30 A.M. - Curt Yenchik, Cole Rosner

**Lector Schedule**

**Saturday, January 19, 2008**

5:00 P.M. - Norbert Dotzel Sr. & Norbert Dotzel, Jr.

**Sunday, January 20, 2008**

8:30 A.M. - Jo Ann Gulvas, Skye George  
 10:30 A.M. - Stephanie Grubert, Joan Davenport

**Knights of Columbus**

The "Sweetheart" Dance is scheduled for Saturday,  
 February 9, 2008. Please mark your calendars.

**Altar and Rosary Society**

The next meeting for Altar and Rosary will be on  
 Monday, January 21 at 7:00 P.M. in the rectory meeting  
 room. All are welcome to attend.

**Military Prayer List**

The following Military people are now serving in a  
 dangerous place.

<i>Michael Boothe</i>	<i>Derek Jankowski</i>
<i>Ryan Curry</i>	<i>Christopher Kenney</i>
<i>Jonathan Cupina</i>	<i>Andrew Lukashewski</i>
<i>Charles Dixon</i>	<i>Brian Lukashewski</i>
<i>Peter Dolan</i>	<i>Joseph Lukashewski</i>
<i>John Folmar</i>	<i>Adam Wendalski</i>
<i>Michael Janosov</i>	

**Parish Sick List**

*Come to us, O risen Savior, faithful physician of our bodies  
 and souls, and grant relief to our sick and aging who suffer:*

<i>Christopher Badman</i>	<i>Donald Myers Sr.</i>
<i>Thomas Bodek</i>	<i>Dorothy Novicki</i>
<i>Dianne Burick</i>	<i>John Paul Magauran</i>
<i>Jennifer Haydt</i>	<i>Wayne Justin Parks</i>
<i>Jack Kania</i>	<i>Michael Popiak</i>
<i>Diane Kovalski</i>	<i>Luke Sechevich</i>
<i>Donna Lynn Myers</i>	<i>R. T.</i>

Betty Ann Levy	<i>Helen Sherksnas</i>
<i>Adrienne Wanyo</i>	<i>Marie Zajac</i>

**“2008 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity”  
January 18-25, 2008**

“Pray without ceasing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:12a, 13b-18) is the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25). Begun in 1908, this year marks the centennial celebration of the inclusion of this special week of prayer into the Liturgical life of the Church. These days have been set aside each year so that Christians the world over may share the prayer of Jesus: “that all may be one. that the world may believe” (John 17:21). During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are encouraged to answer Christ’s call to deepen our unity as we look forward to that day when the Holy Spirit will bring us into full, visible communion in faith, life and witness. For more information and resources for the 2008 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, visit the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute at: [www.geii.org](http://www.geii.org).

The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton, on Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 10:30AM for An Ecumenical Celebration of God’s Word. Please note the time of this year’s prayer service. The Most Reverend Joseph F. Martino, D.D., Hist. E.D., Bishop of Scranton will preside. The Reverend Robert L. Driesen, recently installed bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will deliver the message. Clergy and representatives from various Christian traditions and ecumenical agencies will be present. The public is cordially invited to attend. The service will be aired on Catholic Television (C-TV).

**Shursave Gold Card**

Shursave can help our parish in a “sure way” to save: Send us your Gold Card number (if you have not already) and we will register you so that each time you use the card you will be helping our parish with a Financial return. Thank you.

**Financial Statements**

We will not be mailing our financial statements to each family in our parish this year for tax purposes. However, if anyone would like a copy of their statement, we would be most happy to send one to you upon request. Office Hours are: Monday through Wednesday (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.). The telephone number for the office is: 570-868-5855.

**Bazaar Meeting**

A meeting to discuss the 2008 bazaar will be on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory meeting room. All are invited to attend.

**Collection for Human Development**

On Saturday and Sunday, January 26 and 27 the second collection be take place in support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Together, we can help some of the 35 million Americans who are caught in the cycle of poverty. The Campaign funds local projects

that help people come together to solve community problems of unemployment, homelessness, drugs and violence in our community.

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 13, 2008**

“I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality. Rather the man of any nation who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to Him. This is the message that He has sent to the sons of Israel, the ‘good news of peace’ proclaimed by Jesus Christ who is Lord of all... I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth. He went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the devil, and God was with him.”

In his sermon Peter taught about his experience of Jesus “beginning with his baptism at the Jordan.” His sermon touched the lives of many, as he told about the words, the deeds and his personal relationship with Jesus.

As the spirit came and the voice spoke, we find Jesus identifying totally with humankind. He submits to John’s baptism, teaching us of His total oneness with us. It was a moment of change, as disciples of John began to follow Jesus. His words had new meaning. His deeds changed people’s lives.

We too have experienced that change in our baptism, as we became children of the Lord, able to call God Abba, Father, and entered into the life of the church. We too are called to focus on our relationship with Jesus. My works can bring healing. My deeds can make Jesus present to others. My baptism brings me into a new relationship with God and others. That is what it means to “fear God and act uprightly”. Am I acceptable to Him?

**WE THE PEOPLE OF THE BEATITUDES**

**BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,  
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**

The teaching of Jesus, called by the name Beatitudes, is found in the gospel of Matthew. Each speaks of a reality and a promise. As a spiritual guide for our Christian lives, we can reflect upon one statement each day, to help join our lives with Jesus Christ as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery – the dying and rising of Jesus Christ. Surely the Passion of Jesus is a reality and a promise for all.

To be poor in Spirit ... to show a dependence upon God and not on things ... to be willing to strip myself of the guards I place around myself, and take risks in the service of others ... to allow the first commandment of the Decalogue (respecting God, His name and His day) to be lived in a positive joy-filled way. To discover the many ways God is present in my life and to bring others to enjoy that presence.

May each day allow me to express a deeper dependence and

trust in God. May I look for spiritual strength in the person of Jesus Christ and the promise He has made.