



# The Epiphany of the Lord



January 4, 2009



## Announced Masses

- Sat 01/03 4:00 pm Fr. John Byrnes (2nd anniv.)/  
Anne Rocanella
- Sun 01/04 10:30 am Guy Ridenour/Paul Panko, Sr. &  
Paul Panko, Jr.
- 12:00 pm Joseph Baratta/Fr. Ken Hallahan &  
The St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
- Mon 01/05 8:00 am Margaret S. Hallahan/Anita Quinn  
& Joe
- Tue 01/06 8:00 am Spencer Smith, Jr. & Spencer  
Smith, III/Marie Smith
- Wed 01/07 8:00 am Open
- Thu 01/08 8:00 am People of the Parish/Fr. Ken
- Fri 01/09 8:00 am Open
- Sat 01/10 4:00 pm Angelina Rocanella (Birthday)/  
Daughter, Anne
- Sun 01/11 10:30 am Freda Fattore (Birthday)/Carroll  
Family
- 12:00 pm Wilma Palaganas/Palma Family

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**The People's Tithe**  
**Holy Family: \$0.00**  
**Christmas: \$0.00**

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## Sick List

Please pray for those who are ill and those who care for them:

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**Entered Eternal Rest**  
**James C. Weakley**

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## A Family Perspective

**The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in 2009 to be the guiding star in the life of your children.**

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## Stewardship Reflection

### *Gifts of Stewardship*

**"May the Kings of Tarshish and the island bring tribute, the Kings of Aribia and Seba offer gifts. May all kings bow before him, all nations serve him." (Psalm 73:10,11)**

**When you faithfully live out sharing your time, talent and treasure in parish ministry, you are setting your gift of faithful stewardship before the Lord. Does your list of New Year's resolutions include increasing your gifts of stewardship this year?**



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## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a joyful Christmas and is ready to begin a new year with hope-filled hearts.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, or the Three Kings. The feast highlights the truth of our faith that salvation is meant "for all" as we pray in the Eucharistic Prayer.

The astrologers who came from the East represented the cultured, educated class of the foreigners, unlike the shepherds, who represented the poor and illiterate. God intends salvation for both groups, and for all others, without exception.

In our world, many people reject the notion of universal salvation. For different reasons, they want to believe that only they themselves, or people like themselves, are truly worthy of salvation. This allows people to treat "the other" with less respect, dignity and justice than they otherwise would.

In the worst cases, the refusal to admit salvation to others leads to mass murder, genocide and ethnic cleansing. In less serious, but more widespread cases, this attitude leads to injustice and the mistreatment of the poor, the immigrant, the person of minority status and women.

In most countries of the world, the majority of people are treated unfairly. They have inadequate food, water, income, work, education, health care, political rights and religious freedom. In most the world, for most people, life is a constant repetition of mistreatment and rejection.

The bible and the teachings of the Catholic Church oppose this mistreatment of God's children. Agencies of the Church, such as Catholic Charities, Caritas International, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and many parishes, schools, hospitals and other institutions try to show respect for every person who comes to them.

By showing respect to all, we can live out our belief that is expressed in the Feast of the Epiphany, that the message of salvation comes to the Gentiles as well as to the Jews. Blessings to all who live out this message in the New Year.

Peace,  
Fr. Hallahan

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## Fashion Show and Wine & Cheese Kick-Off

**Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**

**642 Market Street, Camden**

**Thursday, January 8, 2009 - 7:00 pm**

**For information/reservations, call (856) 964-1580**

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## Evening of Reflection "Communion of Saints"

**St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center**

**Monday, January 12, 2009 - 6:00-9:00 pm**

**Donation: \$25.00—dinner included**

**For information/reservations, call (856) 227-1436**

## Volunteers Needed from St. Joan of Arc for Blood Drive at St. Bart's on January 19, 2009 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

**For information or to volunteer, please call  
Betty Atkins at the Office of  
Black Catholic Ministry at (856) 755-0953**

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## January CAP

The CAP (Child Assault Prevention Program) sessions are part of the Diocese of Camden's program of prevention under the Charter for Protection of Children and Young People. The Diocese of Camden requires all adults in regular contact with children to attend one of the sessions. Diocesan Policy requires adults to attend once every five years.

The following sessions will be offered in January:

Monday, January 12th, 7:00 pm, St. Peter, Merchantville, Lower Church;

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Wednesday, January 21st, 7:00 pm, Notre Dame School, Landisville Campus;

Wednesday, January 28th, 7:00 pm, St. Rose of Lima, Newfield, Church Basement.

To attend one of these meetings, call the CAP registration line at (856) 583-6165 or email [ddiggons@camdendiocese.org](mailto:ddiggons@camdendiocese.org). Please register at least 5 days before the session you would like to attend.

In case of inclement weather, please call the location of the CAP session you are attending.

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## Attention: Parishioners on Medicare!

**Information about 2009 Medicare Advantage Plans is available through Catholic Golden Age to all parishioners on Medicare. Call CGA Benefits, Inc. toll free at 1-800-836-5699 between 8:30 am and 8:30 pm Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday for information.**

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## Diocese of Camden Job Postings

**Administrative Assistant:** Full time secretarial support to accounting and financial services departments. Proficiency in Microsoft Word & Outlook.

**Assistant Director of Development for Major Gifts:** Full time individual for the management of the Diocese' major House of Charity donors. BA degree required. CFRE or other fundraising certificate preferred.

Please submit resume with your qualifications and salary requirements to the Diocese of Camden, Office of Human Resources, 631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102, Fax (856) 963-8475 or email [hr@camdendiocese.org](mailto:hr@camdendiocese.org).