

ST. STEPHEN R.C. MAGYAR CHURCH  
 223 Third St., Passaic, N.J.  
 Fr. Béla Török pastor  
 Fr. Frederick McKeever, O.F.M.

JANUARY 8, 1989

355 people attended Masses

Rectory: 779-0332

School: 773-2543

Bingo Hall: 779-9062

MASS INTENTSIONS:

Saturday	----	ATTILA		
	5:00	P.M. Therese Rotter		Mr.,Mrs. L. Gieger
Sunday	----	SZÖRÉNY - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD		
	7:30	Joseph Szarvas		A. & M. Koszkalics
	8:30	Rozalia Kassai		Mr.,Mrs. Fred Bodmer
	9:45	Therese Rotter		Mr.,Mrs. J. Holzli
	11:00	Sándor Lakatos		F. Kormann family
Monday	----	JULIÁN		
	8:00	Anna Braun		Mr.,Mrs. Carl Muller
Tuesday	----	VILMOS		
	8:00	Frank Soltes		Mr.,Mrs. J. Kosut & fam
Wednesday	----	ÁGOTA		
	8:00	Maria Gobl		Maria Gedeon
	7:30	P.M. Special Intention		English Rosary Society
Thursday	----	ERNŐ		
	8:00	Rose Takacs		Ruth Sacco family
Friday	----	CSONGOR		
	8:00	Helen Henyecz		Regina Basanyi
Saturday	----	BÓDOG		
	8:00	Papp Jenőné, Hermina		Fr. Török Béla
	5:00	P.M. Martin Hurley		Steve Toth
Sunday	----	LÓRÁND		
	7:30	Trojak Istvan		Mr.,Mrs. L. Somogyi
	8:30	Izabella Torok		Family
	9:45	George, Anna & William Merk/		Ann & Ethel
	11:00	Scheer Magdelene & Joseph/		Bravek család

CONFESIONS: Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. Sunday before the Masses

BAPTISM: Sunday after the 11:00 o'clock Mass

HOSPITAL CALLS: Please call the Rectory

ADULT INSTRUCTIONS: By appointment - Please call the Rectory

ALTAR BOYS: Saturday 5:00 P.M. Christopher Luke, William and

Joseph Boyko; Sunday 8:30 A.M. Stanley and David Marszat;

9:45 A.M. Richard Mozer; 11:00 A.M. Kerkay Béla, Marshall Tamás és László, Lendvay Béla és Géza, Dani Tibor.



*They followed his star*

TODAY THE CHURCH CELEBRATES THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD. The star shining in the sky to guide the wise men is pointing to something even brighter; the glory of God revealed in the Infant Jesus. Today the church is called to come before that child and to praise God for letting us see his own glory.

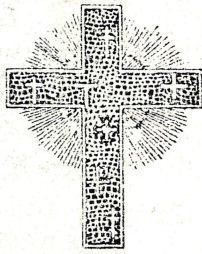
ON MONDAY WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD. Jesus was empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry out his ministry. We - The Church - share in "the anointing of the Anointed One" to bring the power of Jesus to the world.

SINCERE THANKS TO THE THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS for their Christmas donation of \$30. May God bless you all.

THE ENGLISH ROSARY SOCIETY WILL HAVE ITS MONTHLY MEETING ON WED. Jan. 11th following a Mass at 7:30 P.M. Members please try to attend. New members are welcome.

CHRISTIAN UNITY. The Annual Prayer Service for Christian Unity will take place this year on Sunday, Jan. 22nd at 3:00 P.M. at St. John Episcopal Church, corner Lafayette and Passaic Ave., Passaic. This Service, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, will be patterned after the Evening Prayer according to the Anglican tradition. Rev Jane Bearden, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will be the homilist. The choirs of the nine sponsoring churches will lead us in song. Refreshments will be provided afterwards. We hope that many from our parish will join with the other congregations to pray for the unity and understanding which the Lord desires among His followers.

*Building Community  
One Body In Christ.*



VÍZKERESZT - URUNK MEGJELÉNÉSÉNEK ÜNNEPE. Minden ünnep Krisztus életébe kapcsol minket. A mai ünnep azt hirdeti, hogy Jézus születésével maga az Úr, a mi Istenünk jelent meg a földön. Epifánia isteni megjelenést jelent. Ez a Születés legrégebbi neve. Az Epifánia sokkal korábbi, mint a december 25-i ünnep. Már a III. században megünnepelték. Az ünnep alaphangulata az öröm, az ujjongás és a hála. Most végre valóban megjelent a mi üdvözítő Istenünk. Egyetemes jel a mai ünnep. A három királyt a csillag hívta és vezette Jézushoz; a pásztorokat az angyalok, vagyis maga az Isten. Jézus megjelenése által minden ember reménybeli testvérünk. Szent Pál apostol így hirdeti ezt az igazságot: "Jézus Krisztusban a pogányok is társörökösök, tagjai az egy testnek és részesei Isten ígéretének. Ez az ünnep meghatározza a hívő, keresztény ember emberszemléletét: Ha minden ember meghívott az üdvösségre, akkor Isten előtt minden ember egyenlő. -A mai ünnep missziós küldetést jelent a világhoz. A keresztények mindannyian misszionáriusok. Legyünk ennek tudatában minden nap, ne csak a templomban, hanem ahol élünk és dolgozunk! Küldetésünk, hogy hirdessük a Megváltót, ahogy a Háromkirályok hirdették.

A MAGYAR RÓZSAFÜZÉR TÁRSULAT és a II. REND IMAÓRÁJA MA DU. 2-kor lesz a templomban most kivételesen!



Instructional

# OUR CHURCH WEEK

## IT'S A THOUGHT



*Word and Wisdom  
for Weekdays*

*“In the name of the Father . . .”*

## WHO IS MY GOD?

### MONDAY

I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice . . . to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement (Isaiah 42:6-7).

### TUESDAY

I shall pass this way but once. Any good thing that I can do, therefore, or any kindness that I can show to any other human being, let me do it now (Epitaph on gravestone in old cemetery in England).

### WEDNESDAY

Today is the tomorrow that you worried about yesterday.

### THURSDAY

I did say yes to someone — or something — and from that hour I was certain that existence is meaningful and that, therefore, my life, in self-surrender had a goal (Dag Hammarskjöld).

### FRIDAY

It would seem that you aren't having any good luck until you believe that there is no such thing as luck in it at all (Irish Proverb).

We all have our own image of God. For some he is the police officer keeping a watchful eye, for others a fix-it person solving problems, or even a theater director maneuvering players on creation's world stage. There is no capturing God in human terms; and thus his love often sounds too good to be true.

God's love is at the heart of the Good News that Jesus came to reveal. The Incarnation allows us to touch God, he became one of us. He showed that a life of total giving destroys all the chains that bind us on this earth. The Resurrection is victory over fear and suffering — even death.

As Mass begins, we make the sign of the cross, reminding us of Jesus' ultimate victory. We pray in the spirit of Paul, “May I never boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ!” (Galatians 6:14). The presider says the words, “In the name of the Father . . .,” and the people respond, “Amen.” The response is an affirmation essential to the liturgy. The prayer comes alive throughout as each one responds, listens, reflects, and sings with conviction and enthusiasm.

Our cross is joined to Christ's. In this most simple gesture of beginning, we are instantly joined to the saving actions of our Lord. The burdens carried into church are still real: the child restless, the adolescent searching, the husband and wife distant, the single or separated or widowed lonely, the aging weary. All of these find hope, even peace, in the sign of his Cross.

# Opening Prayer

Almighty, eternal God, when the Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan, you revealed him as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



Baptism of the Lord  
Monday, January 9, 1989

## CATHOLIC FACTS

George Gallup and Jim Castelli, in their 1987 book *The American Catholic People: Their Beliefs, Practices and Values* (Doubleday), present the following interesting statistics.

Catholics make up about 26 percent of the American population, roughly 53 million Catholics. One in three Catholics lives in the suburbs; 39 percent of Catholics still live in the central cities.

Gallup finds stability and growth to be the bench marks of American Catholic religious life in the 1980s. Two-thirds of American Catholics show a "great deal" or a "lot" of confidence in the Church and 80 percent give high approval rates for local parish priests.



## DELIGHT SIDE

### BULLETIN BLOOPERS

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale, a good time to get rid of things not worth keeping and too good to be thrown away. Bring your husbands.

EPIPHANY

## GOOD NEWS

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

*Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6*

*Matthew 2:1-12*

Faith is not just God and me. As a believer I belong to a community. The joys and pains of the larger group are mine as well. Faith calls me to reveal the presence of a caring God. These are the lessons of today's Scriptures.

Today's first reading says, "Darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples" (vs. 2). The writer, Third Isaiah, uses these images to symbolize the frustration of Judah and Jerusalem after the exile; the time is around 500 BC. Hope is symbolized in the light that will shine upon Jerusalem when the exiles return (vs. 4). This light will be for the good of all, "nations shall walk by your light" (vs. 3) and hence the believers reveal their caring God.

Matthew writes of the pagan Magi following the star. The Magi represent all those Gentiles who will enter the Christian Church while the Jews, who possess the Scriptures, reject Jesus. Matthew also sees believers as signs of a caring God. The believer who embraces the lonely and sorrowing reveals a compassionate God.

**Next Sunday:**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
*Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-12*