

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ **JANUARY 3, 2010 • HOLY NAME OF JESUS • THE INFANT OF PRAGUE.**

Today is the First Sunday of the Month. The **Blessing of Religious Articles** is available after Mass. The **Special Second Collection** is for our Seminary. **Vespers** and **Benediction** are at 4:45 P.M.

✠ THIS WEEK:

The last days of our Christmas vacation see the end of its Octaves, and the great vigil of its high point, **Epiphany**. Check with us or Charles Simpson as to whether there will be a Knights meeting on **Monday**. The **choir** will practice on **Tuesday evening**. Plan to come to the **Special Solemn High Mass** of Priests **Wednesday Evening**, followed by our **Annual Appreciation Dinner**. We appreciate you! The great Octave of faith and adoration continues for eight days. Be with us!

✠ PRAYERS PLEASE:

Please remember to keep our sick and shut ins in your prayers

CONGRATULATIONS:

Our best wishes to Audrey Moeller, who was received into the Catholic Church, and made her First Holy Communion on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20, 2009.



POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Our Beloved Deceased
Robert Uhlenbrock

Segrest Family
Angela Segrest

Ushers

JANUARY 10, 2010

7:30 AM Kent Maki, Scott Pepiot, Volunteer, Volunteer
9:00 AM Mike Briggs, Mark Lotarski, Paul Puglielli, Steve Weigand
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Volunteer
5:45 PM John Seyfried

*Thank you for your generosity!
Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!*

✠ POETRY CORNER

HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear!

It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the troubled breast:
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding-place,
My never-failing treasury, fill'd
With boundless stores of grace,—

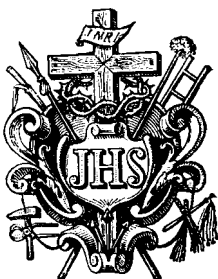
By Thee my prayers acceptance gain,
Although with sin defiled;
Satan accuses me in vain,
And I am own'd a Child.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But, when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then, I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy Name
Refresh my soul in death!

*—John Newton
(1725-1807)*

John Newton, like Charles Wesley, is best known as a writer of hymns. This is one of the most popular.



✠ NEXT SUNDAY:

Catechism classes resume at 10:40 A.M.

SET YOUR MISSAL: The Holy Family, with the collect of the Sunday within the Octave, and the Octave, Preface and Communicantes of the Octave.

A Holy Family Holy Hour (as suggested) by good Fr. Martin) will be conducted at 4:45 PM, and include simple Vespers and the chanting of the Magnificat, and Benediction.

Collection Report

Sunday December 27th\$4,058.00



Servers
JANUARY 6 AND 10, 2010

•WED 1/6 **SOLEMN HIGH MASS:**
MC's: R. VandeRyt, John Lotarski
TH: R. Hill, CROSS: A.D. Kinnett
TORCH: J. Simpson, B. Lotarski, N. McClorey
A. Richesson, A. Wanke

•SUN 1/10 **7:30 AM LOW:** A. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MC's: John Lotarski, R. Hill
TH: F. Puglielli
AC's: A. Richesson, T. Simpson
TORCH: J. Simpson, J. Lacy, N. Puglielli, A. Wanke
11:30 AM LOW: A. D. Kinnett
4:45 PM Holy Hour, Vespers & Benediction: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: A. Beaver

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	1/4/10	OCTAVE DAY OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Anne Ferro (<i>Gerry Keaveney</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Poor Souls - Special Intentions (<i>MAW</i>)
TUE	1/5/10	VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY
		ST TELESOPHURUS, PM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Anne Ferro (<i>Gerry Keaveney</i>)
	4:00 PM	First Vespers of Epiphany
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Poor Souls for Mattingly Family Conversions
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
WED	1/6/10	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Repose of Mr. Oliver Omh (<i>Augustine Mary</i>)
	11:20 AM	Low Mass Katie Bischak - with our gratitude (<i>Bishop Dolan and St. Gertrude the Great Church</i>)
	5:15 PM	Blessing of Gold Frankincense, Myrrh and Chalk
	5:30 PM	Solemn High Mass For our Church volunteers, workers and benefactors
	7:00 PM	Appreciation Dinner
THUR	1/7/10	WITHIN THE OCTAVE FIRST THURSDAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Robert L. Fey (<i>M/M Robert Uhlenbrock</i>)
	11:20 AM	Low Mass For the sanctification of Priests (<i>Alter Christus</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Nadine Henry, 3 month anniversary (<i>Janet Clementi</i>)
FRI	1/8/10	WITHIN THE OCTAVE
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor souls - St. Gertrude's needs
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:20 AM	Low Mass †Ralph Patton (<i>SGG First Graders</i>)
	5:15 PM	Confessions and Rosary
	5:30 PM	Infant of Prague Novena II
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Dolores Maki (<i>Kent Maki</i>)
		Novena, Benediction, and Confessions
SAT	1/9/10	WITHIN THE OCTAVE
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass In honor of the B.V.M. (<i>Tom & Stella Simpson</i>)
	8:00 AM	Sermon and Low Mass My Family - Merry Christmas (<i>Mary Lacy</i>)
		Confessions
SUN	1/10/10	THE HOLY FAMILY
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †George Wissing (<i>Loraine Wissing</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass †Ann Arlinghaus (C. Simpson Family)
	10:40 AM	Catechism Classes resume
	11:30 AM	Low Mass †Ralph Patton (<i>Your Loving Family</i>)
	4:45 PM	Holy Family Holy Hour
		Vespers and Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude's

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

New Year's greetings in the Holy Name of Jesus! May Jesus and Mary be often on your lips and always in your heart during this New Year, and it will be a blessed one.



Today we honor the Infant of Prague, as well as the Holy Name. Join us on Fridays for our Novena to the Divine Infant, in which we are confidently praying for continued peace and protection throughout this year, and the return of our dear fallen away brethren.

Our Christmas **was** peaceful, wasn't it? It belonged to the children and the elders, those who may walk right in to Bethlehem's Basilica. I thank the little ones who decorated and served and sang for His holy birth, and the sweet seniors who sang forth the carols at the 11 A.M. Mass on Christmas. God bless and keep you, and those in between as well.

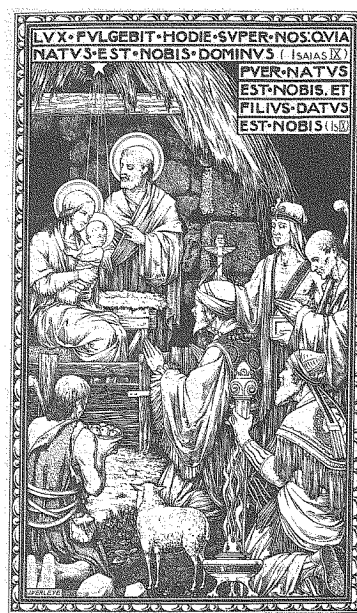
We had a lot of true "comfort food" this Christmas, loving baskets for the clergy, and a very generous spread for the Midnight Mass reception. God bless you for bringing comfort and joy to others.

We received many compliments for the choir, the Christmas decorations, and the very beauty of the Midnight Mass this year. It was beautiful because it was simple yet elegant, rich and heartfelt worship rendered to the Newborn King. What a pleasure it was to hear High Mass or Vespers sung by Fr. Ercoli this Christmas. We are grateful for his visit, the supportive and loyal presence of Fr. McGuire, and our seminarian from Finland, Mr. Vili Lehtoranta. Fr. Larrabee was helping Fr. Zapp, but returns tomorrow. Come and visit with them all Wednesday evening for our Appreciation Dinner on the great feast of Epiphany.

Thank **you** for making this one of our best Christmases ever.

Yours in the Holy Name,

—Bishop Dolan



A CHILD IS BORN TO US
THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH.

✠ THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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The Name of Jesus inspires such reverence and love that the Church has separated her commemoration of the giving of this Name from the feast of the Circumcision. Its celebration is of recent origin, but the veneration which inspires it is as old as the Church. Thus the apostle Peter bade the cripple at Lystra rise in the name of Jesus. By invoking this Name the Fathers of the desert put the devil to flight. The ancient masters of the spiritual life, in the cells of Sinai and Syria, regarded the invocation of the Name of Jesus as one of the most powerful aids to the attainment of perfection. Saints Bernard, Bernadine of Siena, and countless other western saints regarded it in the same light. This Holy Name is the last word that Christians try to utter on their deathbed, for there is no other Name by which we can be saved.

By invoking this Name, we honor the incarnate Son, on whom the Father Himself bestowed the Name of Jesus by His angel. We approach the Lord, who in this very Name (meaning Saviour), reveals to us the profoundest depth of His Sacred Being and of His Redemption. In reverencing this Name, we revere Jesus Himself, for in this one word He makes His presence felt among us, and the superabundance of His love. For this reason the apostle says that "everything in heaven and on earth and under the earth must bend the knee before the Name of Jesus" (Phil. 2:10)

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas.

Let us offer gifts, because utterly irreverent is the one who adores with empty hands. The Magi attest to this, who were weighed down with gold, aflame with frankincense, and hallowed with myrrh when they bent down before Christ's cradle.

—Saint Peter Chrysologus

GOD OF LOVE

*For Him the angels sang that starry night,
A hymn of praise unto the Prince of Peace,
Who came in perfect love that hate might cease,
Once man had learned the meaning of His light.*

*Again He comes, two thousand years gone by:
One day man will remember, then forget
The Child Who came in payment for his debt—
How great His love, to suffer and to die.*

*Birth in a stable, death upon a tree,
And three and thirty years of love between:
The record of a Man Who might have been,
And would be still, if mortals willed to see,
The God of Love, forgiving as He smiled
Down from the cross, His arms embracing all;
Even as they opened at the rustic stall
To shepherds come to see the strange new Child.*

—Alma R. Giordan



The Magi brought gold; you bring a temperate and virtuous spirit. They brought incense; you must offer pure prayers, which are the incense of the soul.

They brought myrrh; you must bring a humble and contrite heart along with alms.

—Saint John Chrysostom

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.



PRAYERS TO THE CHILD JESUS

Lord Jesus, whose admirable name was foretold by an angel, given Thee by Thy Mother, understood by Simeon, and praised by Anna: save Thy people throughout the world, Thou whose name is exalted in Heaven. Thou who alone are glorious in Thy power, be also kind and merciful to those who have strayed away from Thee.

Devoutly we approach Thy cradle, Lord; there let us find Thee, of whom Moses wrote, Thee, whom the prophets foretold. Thy Name, Thy Majesty are known to us; give us also grace to experience thy sweetness to the full. We believe Thee to be true God, and true man, the only Christ: in time come to deliver us all!

THE HEALER'S BALM

Let no confusing mortal concept bar
Thy earnest way to Light; no one can mar

The teaching of the One who rose above
All darksome lore and proved that God was Love.

We speak of Him who healed the good and bad,
The failure, the success, the sane, the mad.

And this He taught—this He was certain of:

Whatever man may be, man's God is Love.

He mingled with the Pagan and the Jew,
And gathered from the lot a humble few—

All common men—like John who saw the Dove,

And John who penned in wisdom: "God is Love."

So stand ye firm and honor He who tames

The Self with heaven's Balm. Give ear to James:

"Ask ye in faith for wisdom from above,"
And this will be thy answer: "God is Love."

—U. Stanley Aultman

✠ THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

For years the Franciscan Order has followed the lead of the apostles, urging reverence for the Holy Name

FRANCISCANS AND THE HOLY NAME

It was my privilege October 13, 1946 to walk with 25,000 in the Holy Name parade of the Queen City of the West. As we stepped along the streets of Cincinnati, Ohio, memory wafted back to the beginnings of such public demonstrations of devotion to the Divine Name. The early origins of ardent affection for the Holy Name were distinctively and peculiarly Franciscan.

Memory brought back the story of St. Francis whispering the sweet Name of Jesus with such delight that he would pass his tongue over his lips to taste its sweetness.

I saw the vast crowds gathered about "The Herald of the Holy Name," St. Bernadine of Siena, who never preached without a banner with the Sacred Name. I heard him calling upon the throngs who milled about him to respect and reverence that name above all names. I walked again in the Holy Name parades of five centuries ago with their beautiful banners and picturesque standards. In a profuse variety I saw medals and medallions with the letters IHS, the first three letters of the Greek word for Jesus, in the center of a sun disk, from the middle of which twelve rays streamed outward, symbolic of Him who said, "I am the Light of the world."

As thousands in 1946 thundered applause of the men marching, I recalled Blessed Thomas Illyricus, one time guardian of the Friars Minor at Toulouse, who so successfully stirred up devotion to the Holy Name that he obliged the card-makers to turn their talents to the engraving of cards with the Sacred Name. In this new enterprise, they realized more profit than ever before. This same Blessed Thomas influenced the towns-people to inscribe Our Lord's Name "on all the gates of the city, and over the doors of numerous private houses."

This practice was promoted by

another brown-robe, Blessed Matthew, Bishop of Girgenti, who added the sweet name of Mary. To this very day one may still see those Names above many doors in Sicily. This custom was also preached by the patron of Franciscan parish missionaries, St. Leonard of Port Maurice, who carried with him on all his missions a banner with the Holy Name wrought in letters of gold.

A certain listener of Porto-Ferraio decided to decorate the outside of his apartment with the Sacred Name, but the Jew who owned the shop below opposed the plan so strenuously that the Christian contented himself with inscribing the Holy Name over his window only. A few days later a fire broke out in the shop of the Jew, destroying all its contents. The flames licked upwards only to stop miraculously as they reached the letters of the Adorable Name.

As I marched that October, I recalled that it was St. Bernadine who started writing an office of the Holy Name, which was completed by one of his faithful disciples, Blessed Bernadine de Busti. In 1530 the feast was established in the Order, and permission was granted by Pope Clement VII, at the request of a Friar Bonaventure, for the sons of St. Francis to keep the feast. This same Friar Bonaventure on his return from a pilgrimage to Rome established a chapel dedicated to the Holy Name, the first of its kind in France. In 1721 Pope Innocent XIII extended the feast to the universal Church and appointed the second Sunday after Epiphany as the day.

Our hearts hark back to this "Herald of the Holy Name" as we approach the New Year and the feast of the Holy Name. There are lessons and inspirations in the rise of this devotion. With Bernadine and Capistran and Leonard you will find obstacles and difficulties in showing your love for the person and Name of Jesus. Even misusing His Holy Name may be difficult to overcome.

To get into the practice of respecting and repeating that sweet Name with reverence will not be easy. But these saints in brown have set us an example. We see

them saving burning buildings and winning decisive battles through the power of that Name. In the power of that same Holy Name we will go on to win the battles of the New Year.

—Arthur Tonne, O.F.M.

This old St. Anthony Messenger article will bring back proud Catholic memories for those of you old enough to remember "way back when" in Cincinnati.



When **St. Bernadine** was brought by his enemies before the Pope and accused of heresy in preaching the Holy Name of Jesus, another Franciscan, his friend, **St. John Capistran**, came to his aid and ably defended Bernadine and his preaching before the Papal Council, **June 8, 1487**. Overjoyed, the Pope ordered a procession, which was led by Capistran bearing his "IHS" banner, while the secular and religious clergy and all the Roman laity followed singing through the streets of Rome.

Jesus, Jesus, be to me Jesus!



Quietly the Snow



Quietly the snow descends—

Flake on flake it falls

With each crystal adding to

Floor and roof and walls

Of a fairy castle built

For all eyes to see

Where, a day or two ago,

Stood a willow tree.

Now at last this wondrous thing

Stands complete and free.

—Helen Howland Prommel

