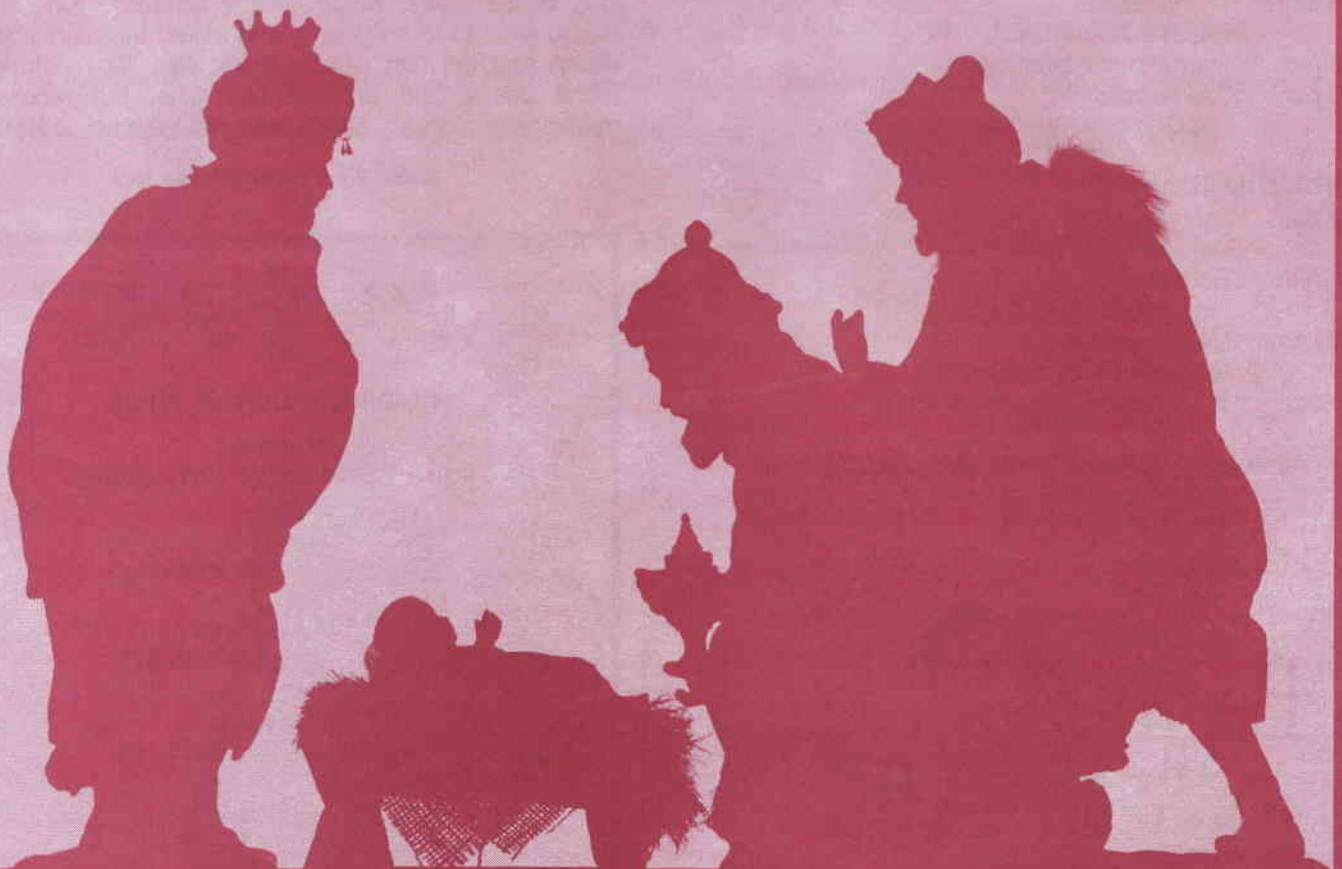


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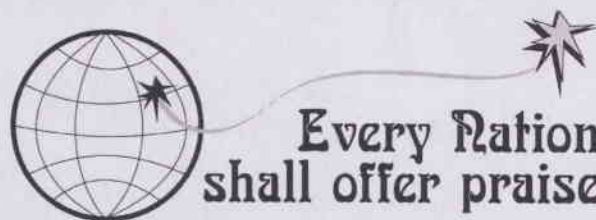


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Our Lady of Lourdes Church ~ Milltown, New Jersey



## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ✧ JANUARY 3, 2010



# Every Nation shall offer praise

### MONDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00 p.m. Rose Feminella  
req M/M Wm. Fama

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00 a.m. Andrea Henry  
req Bonnie & Sam Saloom

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

7:00 a.m. Hannah & Thomas Granahan  
req Family

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

7:00 a.m. Fran Dempsey  
req Wilbur Dempsey

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00 a.m. Health of James Smyth  
req Sister

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 a.m. Ruth Pisacka  
req The Kwietniaks  
5:00 p.m. Intention of Parishioners  
7:00 p.m. Joe Natalicchio  
req Gombas Family

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

7:30 a.m. John Brush  
req Judith Campbell  
9:00 a.m. Ralph Oliva  
req M/M G.Oliva & Fam.  
10:30 a.m. Helen Hanzes  
req Audra & Ernie Zadotti  
12 Noon Ed & Natalie Davis req Family

All weekday Masses (except Monday, 7 p.m.)  
will be said in Convent Chapel



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#### First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah rejoices over the light and glory that will shine upon Jerusalem. He describes how the wealth of nations will be brought to Jerusalem, and travelers will arrive bearing gifts and praising God.

#### Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul explains to the Ephesians that the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews. Through Jesus, they became members of the same body. Therefore, they would receive everything God had promised the Jewish converts if they followed Christ's teachings.

#### Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.

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### 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



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**“God’s secret plan, as I have briefly described it, was revealed to me, unknown to men in former ages, but now revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets. It is no less than this: in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body and sharers of the same promise through the preaching of the gospel.”**

On this great day of The Epiphany, The Three Kings or The Magi, we celebrate the plan of God, the salvation of all humankind. The well known story of the journey, the meeting with the king, the guidance of the star, the presentation of three gifts are directed to one fact, which Paul calls “God’s secret plan.”

We may remember many details of the gospel occurrence and can fail to understand the full meaning of the event. The Word of God teaches us that God revealed Himself in the Person of His Son Jesus Christ. That revelation, His coming as Savior, was not restricted to that place outside of Jerusalem, or limited to those present at that time. Instead, we celebrate the fact that God used this event to tell us today, that He is our Savior, that Jesus Christ is the gift, that the light has come to guide us to the fullness of life, and because we believe, we offer Him homage.

Like the astrologers, we return to our world, enlightened and gifted by God’s grace, co-heirs, and members of the same body and sharers of the same promise as we live and proclaim the gospel.



### **HIS WORD TODAY**

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS