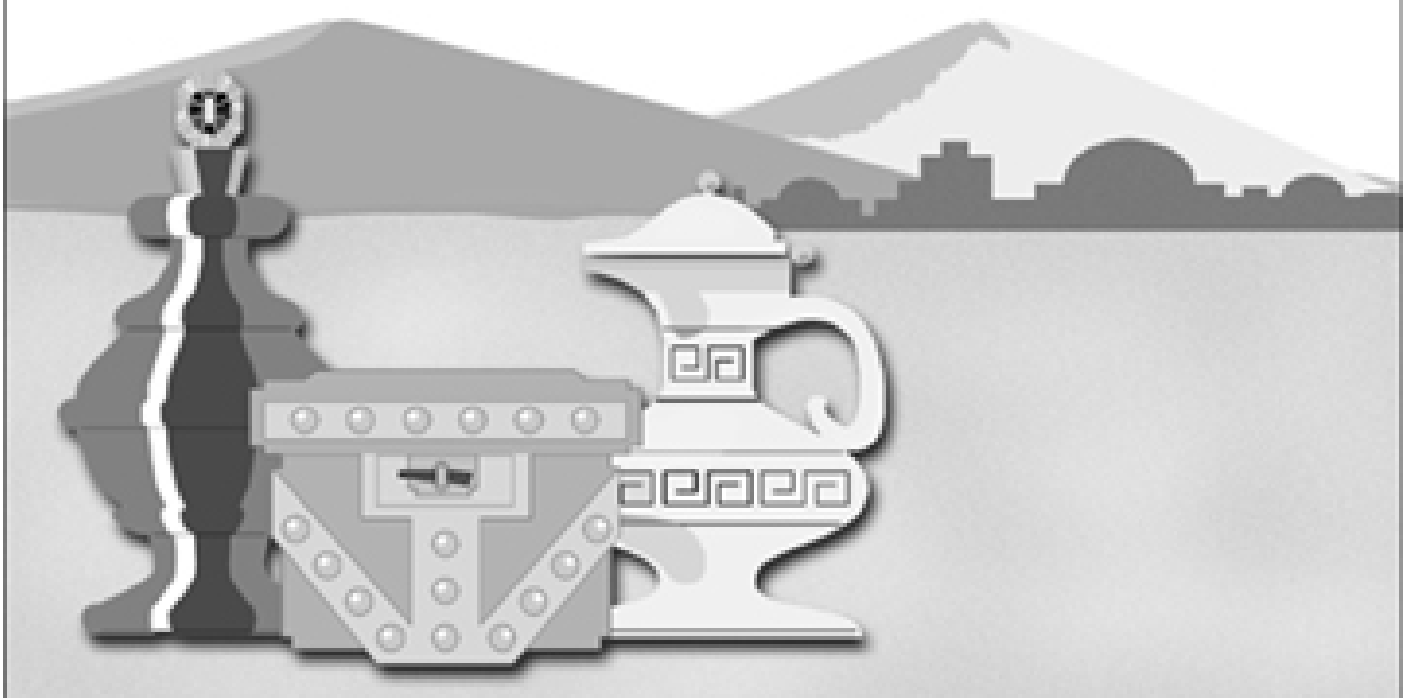
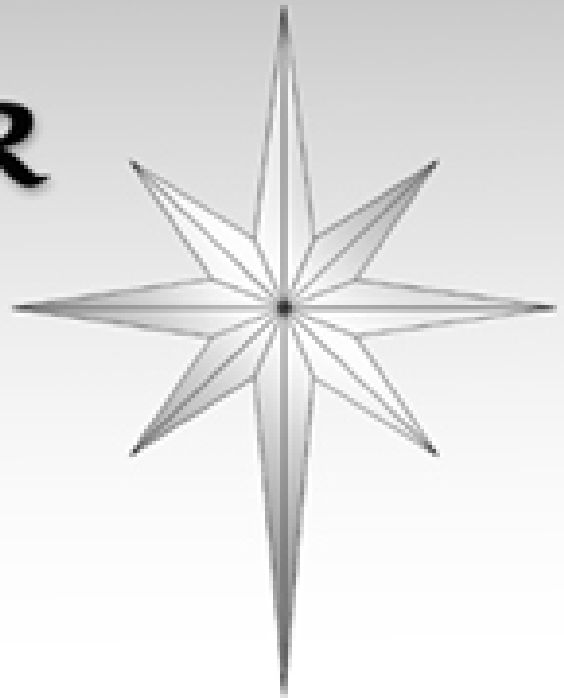


# We Saw His Star At Its Rising

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# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3, 2010

*"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." Psalm 72*

## Mass Intentions for the Week OUR LADY OF SORROWS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

5:00 p.m. Lucy Nami \*Joseph & Lucille DiBiase  
Bertha Del Gaizo \*Nephew, Anthony

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

7:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish  
9:00 a.m. Harriet G. Ford \*Barbara Cerrine  
George Matson \*Babbitt Family  
11:00 a.m. Marsilio Persiani \*Family  
Regina Uveges \*John & Doris O'Donovan

### MONDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00 a.m. Pasquale DiFranco  
\*M/M Richard. Lisiewski & Tina Genovesi  
Marilyn Emerich \*McNamara Family  
Aunt Mary Kondash \*Amanda Panda

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00 a.m. Sal Chianese \*Ann Angelini  
Betty Frascella \*Carlini Family  
Edwin J. Lewandowski, Sr.  
\*M/M Randy Ponticiello

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

7:00 a.m. Nancy DiBiase \*Family  
Rose Satalino \*Joseph J. & Joseph A. Satalino

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

7:00 a.m. Chris DiCostanzo  
\*Angelo & Elaine Candelori & family  
Alexander Abramenko \*Gene Strycharz

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00 a.m. Mildred T. Carter \*Colleen Stevens  
Nicholas D'Angelo \*Debbie, Rich, & Ashley Evans

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

5:00 p.m. Alfonzo Doohaluk \*Wife & family  
Elizabeth Courtney Robbins \*M/M William Kelly

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

7:30 a.m. Salvatore & Gertrude Mucaria \*Niece, Grace  
Delores "Dee" McManimon \*Jack & Betty Dirk  
9:00 a.m. Matthew Okupski \*Mom & Dad  
Louis Rizzuto \*Rizzuto Family  
11:00 a.m. Edward Kinsky \*M/M Michael Usarzewicz  
Joseph Cerino \*Family

## Mass Intentions for the Week SAINT ANTHONY

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 a.m. Mario Joseph Passolino \*JoAnn Crea  
Fred Sorrento \*Wife, Vickie, & family  
4:30 p.m. Kathleen O'Donnell \*Family  
Joann Maher \*Karen Wood

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Garton \*Phil & Marietta Garton  
Alvin Rosetti \*Family  
10:00 a.m. Angelina White \*Family  
Joann Maher \*Carmela Solimando

### MONDAY, JANUARY 4

8:00 a.m. Margaret Gennello \*Parish  
Rose Lagana \*Sister, Vickie, & family

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00 a.m. Joann H. Maher \*Rosary Altar Society  
Delena M. Spoto \*Linda Hollo

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00 a.m. John Paul Rooney \*Patricia Muldrew & Philip Lepore  
Mary Gervasio \*Catherine & Ralph Chiarello

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 a.m. Pete Poland \*The Napolitanos  
Delores McManimon \*Carol & Hugh Bryce

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 a.m. Victor Mottola \*Battisti Family  
Arthur Angelucci \*Zia Novemia's Family

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 a.m. Ginny Britton \*Daughter  
Augustine Asta \*Anne & Frank Grove  
4:30 p.m. Paul Crea \*Family  
Theodore & Margaret Zorn \*Children

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish  
10:00 a.m. Victor I. Mottola \*M/M Matthew Boyle & family  
Julia Meszaros \*Rosary Altar Society

### Liturgical Celebrations This Week

Mon., Jan. 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Tue., Jan. 5 St. John Neumann  
Tue., Jan. 6 Bl. André Bessette  
Wed., Jan. 7 St. Raymond of Peñafort

### Sacramental Statistics - 2009\*

Number of Households (As of 12/21/09)  
2849 (active); 1055 (inactive)

Baptisms	108
Receptions in the Church	4
First Holy Communions	132
Confirmations	103
Marriages	36
Anointings of the Sick	331
Funeral Rites	160

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! The first Sunday of this new year of Our Lord is the Solemn Feast of the Epiphany. In many countries it is still celebrated on its traditional date of January 6. Whatever the case, it is a great and ancient Solemnity. It has eastern or Greek origins. The very name is Greek, meaning "appearance" or "manifestation." The eastern Church by this feast stressed more the divinity of Jesus, the coming down of God to dwell among us, whereas the western feast of Christmas stresses his humanity, his birth from the Virgin Mary.

It is also a feast of gifts as we contemplate the gifts offered by the Magi to the Child Jesus: gold as a sign of his kingship; frankincense, offered in the temple at worship, to denote his divinity; and myrrh used at burial rites, which points us to his sacrificial death. What are the gifts we give to Christ our Divine King and Savior? The responses would be as varied as the people of our parish. Yet, I think we can all agree that the greatest is the gift we make of our love for him through prayer and in our service to others. Consider the words of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, whose image now adorns Our Lady of Sorrows Church: "People today are hungry for love, for understanding love, which is greater and which is the only answer to loneliness and great poverty."

Speaking of love, allow me to thank everyone for their generous response to the Adopt a Family Christmas "project" this year! A special word of gratitude and praise to Mary Vanderhoof, Judy and Brian Malloy, Kathy McGlinchy, Angie Milinowicz (I am sure I am missing so many others) and our wonderful Social Concerns-Social Justice Committee for organizing and carrying out this tremendous work! I hope the author of a recent email that Mary and I received won't mind if I share her message. In part it read:

*I just wanted to share with you my "Christmas spirit" moment from yesterday...One 'theme' I've been hearing a lot of this year from sooo many people (co-workers, family, friends, etc.) has been that no one is really "in the mood" for Christmas this year—for many reasons (unemployment, illnesses, family issues etc.). Well, then I went downstairs to the cafeteria to drop off my Adopt-A-Family gifts. WOW! It was truly amazing to see so many gifts for the families! EVERY table was filled with beautifully wrapped gifts for the families in need! What even struck me as more amazing were the larger generous gifts people were carrying in---bikes, large baby equipment, etc! So, I went back upstairs (into the gym) and told anyone who would listen to me, "If you need to find the Christmas spirit, go downstairs and see it!) I was truly moved by so many people's generosity and caring this time of year (when I know it's been tough for so many)! It really made me feel so good the rest of the day! Thank you again, Mary, for doing such a wonderful and self-less 'job' this Christmas season!*

With affection,  
Msgr Gervasio

### **Stewardship Report**

Weekly collection: December 20	\$5,406
Holy Day (Immaculate Conception)	\$3,313
Support Religious Retirement	\$2,951

### ***The Year of the Priest Continues!*** ***"The First Thursdays"***

Our parish will continue to observe the *Year of the Priest* with a day of Eucharistic Adoration, opportunity for Sacramental Confession, Evening Prayer, and Benediction on the First Thursday of the each month through June 2010.

As previously announced, these services were held from July-December 2009 at St. Anthony's Church.

The second half of the year (January-June), they will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Please spend some time with the Lord and pray for the sanctification of all priests and our seminarians, and for vocations.

**Thursday, January 7**

**Our Lady of Sorrows Church**

**Eucharistic Adoration will begin following the 7:00 a.m. Mass**

**Confessions: 6:00 -6:30 p.m.**

**Evening Prayer and Benediction: 6:30 p.m.**

### ***God Bless Our Newly Baptized***

Imalia Gauthier

### ***Pray for the Sick***

*We commend to your prayers all the sick in the parish. While not every name can appear in the listing below, we remember all those who are ill and pray that they may know the Lord's healing presence.*

Evelyn Bella, Peggy Seiler Brand, Connie Caggiano, William Curtin, Jr., Noel DeBlois, Ted Dolci, Paula Donahue, William Doolan, Victoria Elley, Laura Fritsky, Milto Gallagher, Kristin Alia Garvey, Linda Gonzales, Jim Holman, Susan Jakubiak, Joseph Kalinowski Sr., Edith LaBella, Leon LaBella, John A. Lenhardt, Jr., Richard Lisiewski, John A. Longo, Barbara McClanahan, JoAnn McGuinness, Lori Moreau, Mary O'Malley, Charles Scarna, Josephine Tertecki, Dave Thoennes, Anthony Tonzini, Virginia Urlick

*Due to limited space and our desire to include the names of others, absent special circumstances, names will remain on our list for one month only. Call the parish office (587-4372) to have a name removed earlier.*

### ***Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased***

Sylvia J. Nedwidek

Anthony Valenza

Julius J. Veres, Jr.

## Year for Priests

2009 – 19 June – 2010

### *Faithfulness of Christ—Faithfulness of priests* A Prayer for Priests

Heavenly Father, please grant to your faithful servants the grace and strength to carry out your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.

**Saint John Vianney, pray for us.**

Keep in Your Prayers this Week:

Rev. Adam T. Midor  
Rev. Richard R. Milewski  
Rev. Henry A. Militante  
Rev. Roman A Modino  
Rev. M. Joseph Mokrzycki

From the Curé d'Ars:

The Wise Men overcame every difficulty and surmounted every obstacle, in order to follow the Star.

Sermon on the Magi

## **Many Thanks!**

With gratitude, the parish priests acknowledge the wonderful contributions of all those who helped to make our celebration of this Christmastide so beautiful.

### **All our Parishioners**

Without your presence and prayerful participation, we could hardly celebrate with joy and thanksgiving.

### **Our Deacons and Liturgical Ministers**

Your assistance and devotion were an invaluable aid to our worship! Thank you Reverend Deacons, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Altar Servers, and Ushers.

### **Our Music Ministry**

The beauty added through your gifts helped us to praise and thank the Lord! Thank you, Michael and Choir, Cantors, Carl, Pat, and the Hand Bell Choir, and Instrumentalists!

### **Our Liturgy Committee**

Thank you for helping to sharing your talents to create the environment for sacred worship. Thanks Barbara, Kevin, Sr. Ruth, Committee Members all. Thanks to all those who offered so much of their time to the careful work of decoration!

### **Our Office and Maintenance Staff**

Your many hours of necessary work nearly always "behind the scenes" are greatly appreciated! Thanks to Phil, Roscoe, "Lew and Crew," the Scouts, Clara, Doreen, and Denise, and all our "Counting Crews!"

## **Holy Father's January Prayer Intentions**

**General:** That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.

**Missionary:** That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.

Mark your  
calendar!

**Celebrate the  
Solemn Dedication  
of the Renovated Church  
and the  
Blessing of the  
Elevator Addition & Hall  
in this 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the parish foundation  
Sunday, March 7, 2010**

The celebration will include  
Solemn Liturgical Rites  
and a Gala Banquet  
*Details to follow!*

## **Seniors' Activities**

### **Senior Club #1**

Meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 1:00 p.m.  
St. Anthony Church Hall

Trip to Showboat Casino (AC) on January 19  
Bus leaves St. Anthony church parking lot at 9 a.m.  
Call Gloria (587-1944) for a reservation.

### **Senior Club #2**

Meetings: Tuesdays, January 5 & 19; 1:00 p.m.  
Church Meeting Room

### **Senior Club #3**

Meetings: Tuesday, January 12 & 26, 1:00 p.m.  
Church Meeting Room; Table 3 will host  
Bingo and cards will follow meeting.

*Our Seniors Clubs welcome new members! You do not have to be a parishioner to join the Seniors Clubs.*

### **Rosary Altar Christmas Luncheon**

The Rosary Altar Christmas Luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon on Sunday, January 10, at Tessara's Restaurant (Route 33 in Hamilton). The cost for dinner is \$25. Please make check payable to OLS-SA Rosary Altar Society. Complete the following registration form and place with your check in an envelope marked Christmas Luncheon. Place the envelope in the collection plate, or return to the parish office no later than Monday, January 4. If you have any questions, please call chairpersons Joyce Berryman (587-8791) or Melissa Demko (695-5359).

### **Rosary Altar Christmas Luncheon**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of entrée:

\_\_\_\_ Broiled Tilapia

\_\_\_\_ Chicken Parmesan

\_\_\_\_ Grilled 10-oz. Steak

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

### **Congratulations**

The parish family of Our Lady of Sorrows-Saint Anthony congratulates and extends its prayerful best wishes for a long and happy marriage to the couples who were wed in the second half of 2009. They are:

*Ketia LaFleur & Sony Thomas*

*Kristina M. Serediuk & Michael Papero*

*Teresa Crivelli & Keith Monteleone*

*Melissa Gould & Russell Newborn*

*Erin Jackson & Brad A. Bishop*

*Karen Proulx & Andrew Craven*

*Louise Smith & Sean Joyce*

*Rachel Funke & Jesse A. Williams*

*Mary Nicloe Angelo & Michael Ryan Chiorello*

*Nicole Sforza & Richard Szmanski*

*Denise L. Mate & Francis J. Prunetti*

*Danielle Kistler & David Aievoli*

*Patricia Louise Hampson & David Thomas Eget*

*Karen E. Evanko & Jay P. Zayac*

*Lauren Neitzke & Christopher J. Adamo*

*Christine Visnyiczke & Donald Allen*

*Kathleen Patricia Eldracher & Barry Wayne Volkert*

*Jamie Murray Panfili & Barry Wayne Volkert*

*Kelly Ann O'Connell & Matthew John Swatko*

*Lauren Louis & Jeffrey Rapciewicz*

*Islande Joseph & Franck DeBrosse*

### **Congratulations, Monsignor Sam!**

Our parish family extends heartfelt congratulations to Rev. Sam Sirianni on being named by our Holy Father as a "Chaplain to His Holiness." This papal honor brings with it the title *Reverend Monsignor*.

Monsignor Sirianni has served with distinction as diocesan Director of the Office of Worship and as a parish priest for the past 25 years.

What a beautiful gift to mark his silver jubilee year!

### **Kudos**

. . . to the following young parishioners, who achieved honors in the second marking period at Notre Dame High School:

#### **Honor Roll of Distinction**

Justin Adams, Christian Chamberlain, Alexis Chomicki, James Cody, Matthew Dolan, Alyssa Ferdetta, Christopher James, Jaime Juarez, Elizabeth Kantor, Andrew Kolpack, Maureen McGuinness, Theresa McGuinness, Brittany Patten, Theresa Ponella, and Joseph Szalecki,

#### **Honor Roll**

Brian Beyer, Kevin Beyer, Chelsea Bosi, Sean Brett, Colette Brisson, Courtney Brisson, Elise Cairo, Adrian Carella, Anthony Carella, Ian Carsia, Colleen Dolan, Emily Dolan, Vincenzo Esposito, Connor Fuller, Chelsea Grama, Natalie Hrycak, Patrick Ilagen, Juan Juarez, Jessica Kohhie, Rebecca Kuehner, Haley Langton, Peter Leonard, Janna Mazur, Anne Marie McGuinness, Gabriella Milo, Meghan Mount, Alena Pascucci, Chirstine Ponella, and Nicholas Ratsep

## **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

The Mass for Infant and Pregnancy Loss is scheduled for Friday, January 29, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great Church. The liturgy will be accompanied by beautiful music and candlelight. A reception will follow. For more information, please call Doreen at 838-7713.

### **You're Invited to FUSION 2010**

The Notre Dame High School Performing Arts dance students will present *FUSION 2010* an evening of dance, on January 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling 882-7900 during school hours. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors, students, and children.

## NEW IMAGES AT OUR LADY OF SORROWS

In addition to the refurbished statues of Our Lady and St. Joseph, among the new images included in the church renovation are those of three Saints and one Blessed. These are placed in “niches” that flank the entrances of the transepts. Each statue is of hand carved linden wood, created at the DeMetz Studios in Ortisei, Italy.

### **St. Anthony of Padua Priest and Doctor of the Church**

After Our Lady, St. Anthony of Padua (1195-1231) enjoys “pride of place” since he is a patron of the parish. Baptized Ferdinand de Bulhoes, he entered the Canons Regular of St. Augustine at Coimbra, Portugal but became a Franciscan in 1220 inspired by the martyrdom of Franciscans in Morocco. St. Anthony exercised a preaching ministry in Italy and France noted for its eloquence, fire, and persuasion. He also taught theology in several universities. He died at Padua in 1231 and was canonized a saint only eleven months later. In 1946, Pope Pius XII named him a “Doctor of the Church.” In our own church he is depicted in his Franciscan habit with a book, symbolizing his preaching of the word and mastery of theology, a lily denoting his purity of life, and with the Christ Child on his arm because of an episode in which a visitor reported this happening. In other places Anthony is also shown with bread, recalling his care for the poor; a flame, symbolizing his apostolic zeal; and a heart, signifying his charity. St. Anthony is invoked in finding lost things and by women seeking husbands. He is the protector of orphans, prisoners, pregnant women, and sick children. His Memorial of June 13 is celebrated as a “Solemnity” in our parish.

*The image is the generous gift of Mr. and Mrs.  
Michael Swem, made in memory of Theodore and  
Lucy Swem & Giuseppe and Carmela Scozzari*

### **St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face Virgin, Religious, and Doctor of the Church**

Thérèse Martin (1873-1897) was born in Alençon, France, and, at age sixteen, entered the Carmelite Community where two of her sisters already lived. At the direction of her superior, she kept a diary, which became the classic, *Story of a Soul*, which reflected a spirituality characterized by simplicity and faith in the love and mercy of God. It was her quest of holiness she called her “little way” of confidence and love. She is invoked as patroness of the Missions (along with St. Francis Xavier) because she offered in silence and patient fidelity every day of her illness for the spread of the Gospel and for priests. She was canonized in 1925 by Pope Pius XI and named a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997. Her parents, Louis and Marie were beatified in 2008. Memorial: October 1

### **St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Priest and Religious**

Francesco Forgione (1887-1968), born in Pietrelcina, Italy, was a devout peasant boy who even at a young age claimed to experience heavenly visions and ecstasies. He entered the Franciscan Capuchin Community and took the name, Pio. His father, Grazio, worked in the United States to help pay for his seminary education. He became a renowned spiritual director; the greatest aspects of his priestly ministry were the celebration of the Mass and the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. His five rules for spiritual growth were weekly confession, daily communion, spiritual reading, meditation, and examination of conscience. His priestly ministry was also marked by physical and spiritual suffering, demonic encounters, and carrying within his own body the marks of Christ’s passion (the stigmata). It is for this latter reason he is depicted wearing gloves. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2002. Memorial: September 23.

### **Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) Virgin, Religious**

Agnesë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu (1910-1999) a native of Albania, founded the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India, in 1950. For over forty-five years she ministered to the poor, sick, orphaned, and dying. She guided the community’s expansion in India and in other parts of the world. At the time of her death, the community ministered in 610 missions in 123 countries. The apostolate included hospices and homes for people with HIV/AIDS, leprosy, and tuberculosis; soup kitchens; children’s and family counseling programs; orphanages; and schools. Among the numerous honors accorded Mother Teresa during her life were the Nobel Peace Prize (1979), Bharat Ratna (India’s highest civilian honor, 1980) and, by an Act of Congress, made an honorary citizen of the United States. Blessed Teresa was chosen to be honored in our church in recognition of, and to further inspire the work for, justice and charity that characterizes the parish. Moreover, her image recalls her visit to our Diocese when she participated at Mass at our Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, celebrated by Bishop John C. Reiss on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi in 1997. At the behest of Bishop Reiss, the sisters now minister in the Diocese of Trenton at Asbury Park. Memorial: September 5.

*This generous gift was made in honor all living  
and deceased parishioners by a couple wishing  
to remain anonymous.*