



FEAST OF THE EPIHANY

Epiphany - What a perfect feast to start the year with! As we read the magi's story we are challenged to begin the year on our feet, already walking on the path of righteousness. We are given the gift of a mission, called to look up toward God, following His star even when earthly authority stands in our way. We are reminded to carry our gifts faithfully, laying them at the feet of God, allowing Him to make full use of those gifts.

Epiphany says to every heart, stand up from your apathy, look up to God, lift up your gifts and follow His path.

What better recipe for a year could we find?



Prayer for Peace

Dear Lord, the world has known so many wars
 It bears such bitter, deep and lasting scars
 Reach our Your hand, O Maker of us all
 Bend down Your listening ear and hear our call
 In this and every other passing hour
 Only Your might, dear Lord, only Your power
 can change the hearts of men, can bid them cease
 their avarice and greed and bring us peace.

G N Crowell



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Giving comfort! The Prayer Shawl is given to a person as a means of bringing God's love, comfort and peace. The recipient can wrap themselves with the shawl and it gives them comfort and warmth. We have an ample supply of blessed shawls. If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a shawl, please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Bereavement Luncheon is a very rewarding ministry. You are helping a parishioner by cooking, baking or working at the luncheon.

The families of the deceased appreciate the convenience, hospitality and delicious food. Some of the relatives are now cooking for us. This shows that this ministry is appreciated and successful. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated. For more information please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322.

Rest in Peace

- Normand Renquin
- Therese Y. Belleville
- Joseph "Larry" Lavoie
- Shirley Paquette
- Beatrice Chateaufneuf
- Dorothy Cox



HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Clergy and Staff wish you and your family a very happy and holy New Year. We pray that this year will be filled with God's blessings for all of you.

A SINCERE THANK YOU

The Priests and the Staff would like to thank everyone who made this Season so special. The cards, the gifts, the warm wishes, the attendance and great spirit from so many people. A special thank you goes out to the many, many people who helped to make our liturgies so prayerful. We have a great group of liturgical ministers and people behind the scenes without whom we could never accomplish all that we do.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

This Sacrament will be offered every Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy. We ask that you come to the front pew and wait for the priest to finish greeting the people and return to the sacristy for the Sacred Oils.



PRAYER LINE

We would like to thank those who pray with us. However more faithful servants are needed to join us, so that we may be able to keep the Prayer Line strong. If you believe in the power of prayer, and pray regularly, we need you! If you are able to join us, or have an intention for the prayer line, please contact the Parish Office at 978-957-0322 or email your request to prayerline@stmar.org. ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL. It is suggested that if the prayer is very personal, then it would be best to use the phone. Please pray for all the members of the Prayer Line so that we may remain healthy and continue to be able to devote our time to daily prayer for those who call upon us.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Tuesday evening in room 101 of the Parish Center. Evening includes Rosary at 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by Prayer Meeting. All are invited at any time during the evening.



The financials were not available due to the early deadline for this bulletin.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



FREE

INFANT/TODDLER/PRESCHOOL PARENTS GROUP

Stay at home moms and dads, come join us for 1½ hours one day per week with your young ones and join in for story times and activities for the three age groups.

This takes place on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. If you are interested in being part of this program, please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322. ***There is no cost for this program.***



600 CLUB DRAWING NEXT SUNDAY

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 600 Club Drawing for January will take place next Sunday, January 10, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us in Ste. Marguerite Church Hall for a pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.



SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL MEMORIAL GIFT PROGRAM

Donations to the Memorial Gift Program of St. Louis School are wonderful extensions of your love and concern when you want to remember a friend or loved one. Contributing to these various funds provides satisfaction in knowing that you are helping shape the educational and moral future of our school children. Gifts can be made in times of bereavement as a perpetual remembrance, for birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, illness or thinking of you. These donations are often given in lieu of other gifts or flowers. Families of those honored will be notified and will be remembered in our prayers and newsletter. The amount of your gift is never disclosed. If you have any questions or concern, please call the school at 978-458-7594.



During this past year, you have brought comfort and peace to many of our parishioners by your support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. May the peace and joy of this holy season be yours. The Poor Boxes are the bread boxes of the poor.

FUEL ASSISTANCE

You could be eligible for fuel assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). A flier with the Maximum Income Preliminary Benefit Levels is available at the rear of the church. For more information, contact the Dracut Senior Center or Community Teamwork in Lowell.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP AT ST. FRANCIS

90 Minutes in Heaven—Brought to you by popular demand!! Join Fr. Bob and Kathy Long on Saturday, January 9th at 9:30 am for coffee and muffins as we discuss the book 90 Minutes in Heaven. Don't miss this chance to see life's troubles in a whole new life. Please call Nancy at St. Francis 978-452-6611 to let us know you are coming.

WINE, WOMEN AND THE WORD

Where do we find our hope, what is the path to healing? Relax and come in out of the cold. Join us at St Francis Parish Hall on Thursday, January 28th from 7-9pm. We will have wine, hot cocoa and sparkling beverages as we pray, discuss and look deeply within ourselves through prayer and reflection. Join us and bring a friend too. Email Kathy Long at klong@saintfrancis.net or call Nancy at 978-452-6611 to let us know you are coming!!!



THANK YOU NOTES

We received the following notes of appreciation from some of the people who received gifts from your generous donations through our Christmas Giving Tree:

“Thanks for making my kids Christmas a little brighter.”

“Thank you for making my children's Christmas a special one. Times are tough for everyone and I am so thankful that on Christmas morning my children will not have to bear this burden. God bless you and Merry Christmas.”

“A million thanks to all those who donated gifts to me and my daughter. Our holidays will be a lot brighter because of you.”

“Thank you for all the help you provided to me and my family at these hard holidays. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart. I love seeing smiles on my wonderful children's faces and because of your love and great heart they were so happy. God bless you and have a merry Christmas and a Happy New year.”

“Thank you so much for the Christmas gifts! My 10 year old daughter will be so excited to see such kindness. Sometimes it's hard to remember how much good there actually is in this world. With all of our hearts we thank you.”

“I want to give you a heartfelt Thank You! Thank you so much for donating to the Giving Tree. Your gifts have helped my family tremendously. We seem to be stuck in a financial rut and your donation and help has alleviated a lot of stress from me. Each year I struggle trying to buy Christmas gifts for my kids, but your generosity has made not only my six kids Christmas brighter but mine more joyful. Merry Christmas and bless you all.”

JANUARY 3, 2010



BREAD AND WINE

This week, at all Masses, the gift of Bread and Wine is given in memory of **William & Irene Toupin**. Please remember them in your prayers.

We invite parishioners to donate the Bread and Wine for consecration at all Masses for a given week. This can be a personal donation or in memory of someone. The person donating or person(s) remembered will be listed in the bulletin on the weekend and will cover all Masses for that week. Suggested offering for this gift is \$50. Please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322 to schedule this special memorial.

MASS INTENTIONS

We are presently taking Mass intentions for January through June 2010. Please call the Parish Office with your intentions.

This Weekend – January 2 & 3

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Lucille Laurent-Dion

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Robert Matte (80th Birthday Remembrance)

9:00 a.m. Kristine McNeil

11:00 a.m. Pauline Geoffroy

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:30 a.m.	M/M Leo Cloutier and M/M Alphonse Thibeault
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Frances Drouin and Donna Whiteside
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	L. Robert Rondeau
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Robert J. Matte
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Frances Williams
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Parish Intention

Next Weekend – January 9 & 10

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Marjorie Pelletier

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Lucien "Bob" Rondeau

9:00 a.m. Holly Sullivan

11:00 a.m. Violette Berard

RESPECT LIFE MARCH

We are fortunate to have 23 students and 5 adults from both parishes participating in the Respect Life March in Washington, DC on January 21-23 with Cardinal Sean. We need to raise \$3,000.00 to cover these costs. Please help us by purchasing raffle tickets to a Bruins game which have been donated to us for this cause. Each raffle ticket is \$10.00 and you can win two seats on the floor 15 rows from the action! (A \$280.00 value) These raffle tickets will be sold by those attending the March for Life after Masses on all weekends in January. The winner will be notified the week of January 24th for the game on February 2nd.

You can also help us by just putting a donation in the Respect Life jar in the back of the church. Thank you so much for your support!! Peer Leaders and Youth Ministry.