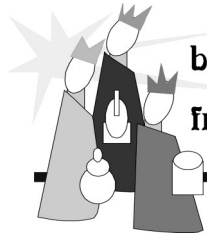


THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions



They came bearing gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh

Saturday, January 5

4:30pm †The Feeny & Robinson Families

Requested by Family

Sunday, January 6

8:00am †Sam & Mary Johnson
Requested by Family

10:00am

12:00nn

Monday, January 7

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, January 8

7:00am †Herman Card
(2nd Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Viola

Thursday, January 10

7:00am †Kerri Bessette

Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

Friday, January 11

7:00am †Annie Cooney

Requested by Michele Nielsen

Saturday, January 12

4:30pm †Anthony Ramieri

Requested by Wife & Family

Sunday, January 13

8:00am †Clementina Birch

Requested by Family

10:00am †Gail Norris & Jean Bold

12:00nn †Lillian Spinelli

Requested by Family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 6

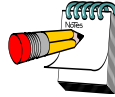
10:00am †Annie Cooney

Requested by Jane Estes

Sunday, January 13

10:00am †Roger Fenaughty

Requested by the Mitinas



For Your Information



They came bearing gifts of frankincense and myrrh

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you...Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.—A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah



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Diocese of Providence

St. Francis of Assisi Campaign Goal: \$626,135.00

Pledged through 12/24/18: \$801,465.00

Percentage of Goal: 128%

Registered Family Count: 1,709; Donor Count: 240

Average Gift: \$3,339.44

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (250)	-	\$6,715.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,585.00
Online Giving (# of donors—57)	-	\$2,276.00
Total Budget	-	\$10,576.50

Christmas Collection: \$12,260.00

Christmas Flowers: \$2,175.00

Due to early transmittal the collection information for December 30 was not available. It will appear in a future bulletin.

The second collection this week is the Monthly Collection. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

JANUARY 6, 2019

From the Pastor,

In the thought of the ancient Israelites the name represents the person. Therefore, God's name is to be held in veneration and in fact not pronounced. When pious Jews of today come across God's name in scripture or a prayer, they say "The Name" or "The Lord" or some other euphemism rather than pronounce the holy Name YHWH.

In Christianity this reverence is extended to the name of our Lord, and I am happy that Pope Benedict revived the commemoration of the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3 each year. It's painful to hear the Holy Name used as an expletive or worse, and we might meditate on the whole text of the second commandment: "Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the LORD will not leave unpunished those who take his Name in vain."

Here is a piece of a sermon given in the 15th century by the Franciscan preacher St. Bernardine of Siena, who propagated devotion to the Holy Name and carried a placard with the letters IHS on it, that is, iota, eta, sigma, the first three letters of our Lord's name in Greek.

O glorious Name! O Name so full of grace! O most powerful and loving Name! By you sin is forgiven, enemies are vanquished and the sick healed. Through you the patient are given strength and the afflicted consoled. You are the pride of the believer, a teaching theologian, the strength of the laborer, the sustainer of the weak, the fire of fervor and the heat of ardent love. You are the desire of those that pray, the inebriating liquor of the contemplative soul, and the glory of those who are triumphant in heaven, with whom, O sweet Jesus, allow us also to co-reign through your most Holy Spirit, together with all the Holy Saints in glory, we might glory and triumph and reign for ever and ever, Amen.

Fr. Bodah

MASS INTENTIONS

It is very much part a part of our Catholic tradition to have Masses offered for deceased relatives and friends. Parishioners are encouraged to practice and to continue this tradition. When was the last time you had a Mass offered for a deceased parent, grandparent, uncle, aunt, brother or sister? To make arrangements, please call the parish office at (401)783-4411 or stop by during office hours 9am to 4pm.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, January 6th

8:55-9:50am Grades K-6 (FGC)

8:50-9:50am Grade 7&8 (Parish Offices)

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass

11:00am Christmas Pageant (FGC)

Wednesday, January 9th

4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)

7:00-8:15pm Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)



*Good news and great joy
to all the world:
today is born our Savior,
Christ the Lord.*

Please join us for our Christmas Pageant
Sunday, January 6th at 11:00
in Fr. Greenan Parish Center
... followed by light refreshments.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED for NET Ministry Team



NET Ministries, a national evangelization team consisting of 12 young adults will be leading our Confirmation

Retreats again this year. They will be in our diocese for 13 days in March leading retreats. Our parish is responsible for providing lodging during part of their stay in Rhode Island – from Saturday, March 23rd through Wednesday, March 27th (they will leave the morning of March 27th). Team members travel with their own sleeping bag so they are just looking for floor space, hot showers and a meal. Spending time with these young adults is a real blessing! If you are interested in hosting some of them, please contact Diane Castro at our Religious Education Office by phone (792-8684) or email (castro_stfrancis@verizon.net).

Don't Forget! Our next CONFIRMATION GATHERING is on Sunday, January 13th in Fr. Greenan Center from 7-8:30pm. It is open to all high school students (Confirmation candidates are required to come).



This Week

Monday, January 7

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, January 8

6:00pm Social Outreach Committee Meeting (FGC)

7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Thursday, January 10

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (JFGC)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (SF)

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

Friday, January 11

Parenting Group Meeting (FGC)



Steubenville East Youth Conference

Registration for the 2019 Steubenville East Youth Conference to be held on July 12-14 at the UMass, Lowell Campus will open up in mid-January. Our teens get a lot out of this weekend, here are some of their reflections: "It was nothing like I expected. I felt so close and connected to God. I definitely feel like a stronger Catholic and I think as many people that have the option to come should." Each year we reserve spots for our teenagers who are currently 8-12th grade students. We are trying to get a feel for how many spots to reserve so if you are interested in participating, contact Emily Cuellar at youthministrystmsfa@gmail.com before January 13th. At this point, you are not under any obligation to attend.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are always interested in those parishioners who are unable to attend our services—whether it be for short term or a long time.

If you know of someone who is in a **convalescent home or who is home-bound**, please call the office and give us the information.



We want to reach out to and stay connected with all of our community members. **Thank You in Advance...** Contact Jacki at 783-4411 ext. 10 from 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday.

BABY SHOWER

The Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring the **Baby Shower 2019** for the month of January. Please bring unwrapped items such as diapers, toiletries, sleepers & toddler clothes. Please place donations at the entrance of the church and chapel. The agencies benefitting are: The Gabriel Project, The Pregnancy Center of Westerly, and Right to Life Services, Inc.

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Gospel Today
The Epiphany of the Lord | Matthew 2:1-12

And behold, the star that they (the Magi) had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. -Matthew 2:9-11

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

Matthew 2:10

The Feast of the Epiphany, when the Magi visit Jesus, begins King Cake season. The season lasts until Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras), the day before Ash Wednesday.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Feast	C	T	S	A	E	F	B	D	D	L	O	H	E	B
Epiphany														
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