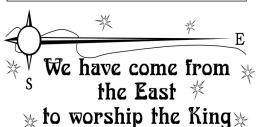
## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



## Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 7

4:30 pm Domenic Capalbo, Jr.

Requested by Dennis & Anna DeLuca

Sunday, January 8

8:00am Donia Nigrelli

Requested by family

10:00am Archie Kenyon

12:00nn Jason Drury, 1st anniversary remembrance

Requested by Aunt Vicky

Monday, January 9

7:00am Eugenia Plymesser

Requested by family

Tuesday, January 10

7:00am Kerri Bessette

Requested by Mom, Dad & Scott

Wednesday, January 11

7:00am The Stone Family

Requested by Gerard X. Murphy

Thursday, January 12

7:00am Mass for the People

Friday, January 13

7:00am Carolyn Draper

Requested by a friend

Saturday, January 14

4:30 pm Branden J. DeLuca

Requested by family

Sunday, January 15

8:00am Laura Webb

10:00am

12:00nn Robert Stewart

Requested by the Stewart Family



## St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 8 10:00am Jane Benz

Sunday, January 15 10:00am Daniel Fenaughty

Requested by Family



## For Your Information



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

Please join us for our Christmas Pageant This Sunday, January 8th at 11:00 in Fr. Greenan Parish Center followed by light refreshments. All are welcome!



Come & Behold Him A festival of lessons and carols

The Saint Francis of Assisi Choir, with orchestra



## This Sunday, January 8 at 3:00pm (In the church)

Free Admission—Donations Accepted

**Contact information for further inquiry:** StFrancisWakefieldMusic@gmail.com

## PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Support
Budget envelopes used (240)
Loose Donations January 1 \$6,080.00 \$1,491.00 Online Giving (# of donors–60) \$2319.50 **Total Budget** \$9,890.50

Solemnity of Mary
Budget envelopes used (178) Other Donations
Total Collection 422.00 \$2,792.50

This week's second collection is the Ongoing Maintenance. Next week's second collection is for the Catholic University.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

## **JANUARY 8, 2017**

## From the Pastor

Bishop Tobin has designated the present calendar year as a Year of Our Lady in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the apparitions at Fátima, Portugal. Here's a little bit of the entry in Wikipedia "Our Lady of Fatima:"



In the spring and summer of 1916, nine-year-old <u>Lúcia Santos</u> and her cousins <u>Jacinta and Francisco Marto</u> were herding sheep at the <u>Cova da Iria</u> near their home village of Fátima, Portugal. They later said they were visited three times by an apparition of an angel. They said the angel, who identified himself as The Angel of Peace," taught them prayers, to make sacrifices, and to spend time in adoration of the Lord.

On 13 May 1917, the children saw a woman brighter than the sun, shedding rays of light clearer and stronger than a crystal goblet filled with the most sparkling water and pierced by the burning rays of the sun. The woman wore a white mantle edged with gold and held a rosary in her hand. She asked them to devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to pray the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the [first world] war."

It is the teaching of the Church is that no apparition is a matter of "divine and Catholic faith." That is, we are not obliged to accept any of these "private revelations." Still, devotion to our Lady is part of the apostolic tradition in Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy as well as in some forms of Protestantism and even in Islam, and certainly the call to prayer and repentance is fundamental to the message of the gospel. Here in southern New England we also have many ties to Portugal and I am glad that the bishop has reminded us of the timely message of Fatima.

I have asked the music ministers to add an antiphon or some other composition at the end of communion time to honor our Blessed Mother. So let us raise our voices in praise of her who is "higher than the Cherubim and incomparably more glorious than the Seraphim."

Fr. Bodah



#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

## Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

8:50-9:50am Grades K, 1 & 2 (FGC) 10:50-11:50am Grades 3-6 (FGC) will attend the Christmas Pageant 10:50-11:50 Grade 7 (FGC)



#### St. Francis' Little Friends-

Child Care for children from infant to 4 years

**old** will be available <u>every Sunday</u> during the 10am Mass in the lower church.

Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC) 7-8:15pm Grades 7 & 8 (FGC)

No Classes/No Children's Liturgy of the Word next Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### STEUBENVILLE EAST YOUTH CONFERENCE

Registration for the 2017 Steubenville East Youth Conference to be held on July 14-16 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 current 8-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. We are trying to get a feel for how many spots to reserve so if you are interested in participating. contact the Religious Education Office. At this point, you are not under any obligation to attend.

CALL BARBETTE CULLEN OR DIANE CASTRO AT 792-8684 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

This Week Monday, January 9

7:30am Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, January 10

7:00pm Bible Study (↓FGC)

Thursday, January 12

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph (FGC-Foyer)

Friday, January 13

7:00pm Parenting Group (FGC-3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

Saturday, January 14

10:00am-noon Affairs of the Arts w/ Peter Spaine (\JFGC)



#### **BABY SHOWER**

Just a reminder that the Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring the *Baby Shower 2017* 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 benefitted are: The Gabriel Project, The Pregnancy Center of Westerly, and Right to Life Services, Inc. Any questions, please contact Anne Cooney at 783-7034.

#### St. Francis Parenting Group Meeting

The St. Francis Parenting Group will meet on Friday, January 13th at 7:00pm in Fr. Greenan Center. This month's topic is Catholic Apologetics. All couples are welcome!



The magi "prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."—Mt 2:11

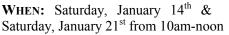
The Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew



2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11). The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day.

## ART SHOW & PAINTING DEMONSTRATION

**WHAT:** Peter Spaine will display his works of art and offer guidance, tips, and a demonstration on creatively painting your own piece of art!!



WHERE: Father Greenan Center

January 14<sup>th</sup> we will enjoy Spaine's art and he will give a complimentary explanation about the process and procedure of the art. He will also share the cost if you choose to advance to the next meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>. On January 21<sup>st</sup> we will be guided by Peter to create our own work of art by painting flowers and portraits using acrylics.

Community Home Care is looking for a live-in caregiver to work with a charming 85-year old woman who lives in in Scituate. The caregiver will need to stay at the senior's home for up to 5 nights. You do not move in with the senior. You will stay a couple of nights & then return to your own home on your days off. The senior lives in a wonderful home where you will have your own bedroom and bath. She has 2 dogs that are her pride and joy. She needs assistance with light housekeeping, meal preparation, & occasional gentle reminders for going to the bathroom, brushing teeth, & transportation. If interested contact: Patti Fish, Community Liaison Home Care Assistance of RI at (401)-284-0979 or pfish@homecareassistance.com.

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