

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 1

5:30pm Eileen & Dorothy Barry
Requested by Jack Barry

Sunday, January 2

8:00am Kenneth Hendrickson
Requested by Maria Earley

10:00am Albert J. Lepore
Requested by Ralph Franco

12:00pm Clifton Chappel
Requested by family

Monday, January 3

7:00am John T. McNulty
Requested by daughter

Tuesday, January 4

7:00am Rose Silva and John Vieira
Requested by families

Wednesday, January 5

7:00am Daniel Russo
Requested by Jane and Joe MacDonald

Thursday, January 6

7:00am Mary B. Smith
Requested by her son

Friday, January 7

7:00am Fred Matazzaro
Requested by family

Saturday, January 8

5:30pm Joseph "Pippy" Boragine
Requested by family

Sunday, January 9

8:00am Special Intention
Requested by Sisters Janet, Martha and Monika

10:00am David Smith
Requested by family

12:00pm Oscar Newton
Requested by Theresa Newton



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 2

10:00am For Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, January 9

10:00am David Monaghan and
William and Madeline O'Gara
Requested by David Monaghan, Jr.



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Due to the Christmas / New Year bulletin printing schedule, Parish support for the past couple of weeks will be published in the January 9th bulletin. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of John T. McNulty and Rose "Gam" Silva.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LUNCHESES

Thank you to all who provided the lunch of sandwiches and chips, fruit, desserts, and beverages of the workers of Habitat for Humanity as well as the parishioners who delivered and set-up the lunch. The food was in abundance and was very much appreciated by the workers and homeowners. Thank you again for your generosity!

- St. Francis of Assisi Social Outreach Committee

POPE BENEDICT'S PRAYER INTENTIONS for JANUARY

General Intention: That the riches of creation be preserved, valued and made available to all, as precious gifts from God to mankind.

Missionary Intention: That Christians may achieve full unity, bearing witness of the universal fatherhood of God to the entire human race.

THANKS, AND MORE THANKS

Fr. Nick, Fr. Joe and the entire staff wish to thank all who sent cards and gifts during the Christmas Season.

These and many other expressions of good will were deeply appreciated.

We thank also those who helped make the Holy Season so memorably beautiful - the choirs at both church and chapel, the cantors and musicians, and all those wonderful people who gave of their busy time to decorate and make both places of worship so fitting for the great feast.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married Couples – it's New Year's resolution time! Resolve to start anew love affair with your spouse that's beyond your wildest dreams. It can happen on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up soon so that you can renew your love for one another. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends in New England are January 14 – 16, February 11 – 13, and March 18 – 20.

For more information call Ralph and Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit the webpage at www.wwmeMARI.org

GET IT?

A reporter once asked Mother Teresa, "What's wrong with the Church today?"

She responded, "You and I, sir; we are what's wrong with the Church, for we are the Church."

Post-Christmas Blues

For a fleeting moment, earth was joined to heaven. But now everything is back to normal. We'll have to wait for a whole year for the magic to sparkle again. At the very least, we are left with a feeling of anti-climax.

It reminds me of a story.

A young student came to his rabbi with a problem. He said: "When I study, and particularly when I join others to celebrate the great feasts of our faith, I feel surrounded by light. I feel alive and joyful. But the minute it's over, it all disappears. Everything dies inside me."

The old rabbi thought for a while, then replied: "It's exactly the same feeling a person gets who walks through the woods at night, when the breeze is cool and the scent of the air is intoxicating. If another joins the traveler with a lantern, they can walk safely and joyfully together. But if they come to a crossroads, and the one with the lantern departs, then the first must grope his way alone. That is, unless he carries a light within him."

Now that we have come to the end of Christmas, and all the externals are removed, have we anything left within us? What if, as in the case of the young student, it all disappears, and everything dies inside us?

If that should happen, let us not be alarmed. The emptiness can be a grace. It can serve as a potent reminder that human things can never satisfy our hearts. A sense of something missing is God's way of calling us into greater intimacy with himself.

And we should remember this! Just as the star and the heavenly music were not what the first Christmas was about, but were merely pointers to the Christ-child, so the externals which surround our Christmas, is not what Christmas is about. They are merely the wrapping of the gift. Only a fool would mistake the wrappings for the gifts.

Even though the wrappings have been disposed of, Jesus, the gift of God, remains with us. "Know that I am with you always; yes, until the end of time." (Matthew 28:20)

Stay with us, Lord, and let your presence inflame our hearts and raise our spirits, so that we may journey toward your kingdom with undimmed hope.

The New Year 2011

New Year's Scripture

Once the hand is laid to the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God. (Lk9:62)

New Year's Prayer

We thank Almighty God that we are gifted by Him to be alive, and able to welcome the New Year.

New Year's Reflections

Yesterday was history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift! That's why it is called 'The present'.

New Year's Toast

May you laugh as long as you live, and live as long as you laugh.

New Year's Blessing

May you find truth in the year's smallest grace, and hope in the year's heaviest cross.



Religious Education

Grades K-6—Classes will be held at the times given below.

Wednesday Classes—Grades 3-6 meet from 4-5pm in Father Greenan Center.

Grades 7 & 8—Classes meet from 7-8:15pm in Father Greenan Center.

Confirmation I & II—Classes Monday from 7-8:30pm.

Children's Liturgy of the Word—during the 10am Mass.



This Week

Sunday, January 2

8:50-9:50am Gr. 1 & 2 (FGC)

9:50-10:50am Kdg. (HBH)

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:50-11:50 Gr. 3-5 (FGC)

Gr. 6 (HBH)

2:30pm Christmas Pageant -FGC

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, January 3

7-8:30pm Conf. I & II Class (FGC)

7pm Social Outreach Committee (MCCR)

Tuesday, January 4

6:30-7:30pm RCIA (MCCR)

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (loft)

Wednesday, January 5

4-5:00pm Class Gr. 3-6 (FGC)

7-8:15pm Class—Gr. 7 & 8 (FGC)

Thursday, January 6

7:00pm Men of St. Joseph Mtg.

7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (MCCR)

First Friday, January 7

6:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)

*"Therefore the Lord himself
will give you
this sign:
the virgin shall conceive, and
bear a son,
and shall name him
Emmanuel."*

The Star

We are told that the Magi were lead to Christ
by the light of a bright star.
Often, however, it is not through the experience of
light,
but of darkness, that people discover Christ.

This should not really surprise us.
The fact is, we cannot see the stars
in the bright light of day,
but only in the darkness of night,
and the darker the night, the brighter they shine.

Just as the stars continue to shine
even when we cannot see them,
so the Lord's light is always there,
even though it is sometimes hidden from us by
clouds,
clouds of confusion, distraction and unbelief.

Everyone needs a star to follow,
just as ships at sea need a lighthouse beacon
to guide them to port.
From now on we have a star that will not deceive us;
we have a compass that will not lie to us.

You, Lord, are the star that will guide us
until the lights of the eternal port
appear on the horizon.

St. Francis Parish Festival Summary of Income/Expenses 2010

Category	Income	Expenses	Profit
Rides	1,484.00	1,203.00	281.00
Basket Raffle	3,924.00	995.54	2,928.46
Children's Games	219.35	66.00	153.35
Food Court	853.00	769.64	83.36
Pasta Dinner	1,055.00	534.60	520.40
Ham/Bean Dinner	978.00	549.57	428.43
Breakfast	1,287.00	598.17	688.83
Rent (Crafters)	75.00		75.00
Sponsors	2,200.00		2,200.00
Bakery	354.20		354.20
50/50	429.00	215.00	214.00
Talent Show	900.00	800.00	100.00
Race	3,265.00	2,340.52	924.48
\$\$Raffle	<u>5,624.00</u>	<u>3,250.00</u>	<u>2,374.00</u>
Totals	22,647.55	11,322.04	11,325.51
Less General Expenses		<u>4,195.65</u>	
NET INCOME		7,129.86	

CHURCH OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI & CHAPEL OF SAINT ROMUALD FINANCIAL/STATISTICAL INFORMATION FISCAL YEAR END 6/30/2010

	06/30/10	06/30/09
TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME:	\$644,715	\$656,752
TOTAL EXPENSES (exclusive of depreciation):	\$616,679	\$636,673
NET ORDINARY INCOME(LOSS) BEFORE DEPRECIATION:	\$28,036	\$20,079
AMOUNT OF MONEY NEEDED TO RUN THE PARISH ON A WEEKLY BASIS:	\$11,859	\$12,244
AVG. WEEKLY BUDGET COLLECTION INCOME:	\$10,972	\$10,817
CASH INVESTED IN DIOCESAN CD:		
FGH Capital Campaign:	\$0	\$0
Church:	\$403,558	\$307,924
SALARY AND BENEFIT EXPENSE:	\$322,290	\$341,219
NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN PARISH:	2,136	2,129
NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS:	5,630	5,575
NUMBER OF BUDGET ENVELOPES MAILED:	971	964
NUMBER OF BUDGET ENVELOPES USED:	425	412
NUMBER OF CHILDREN EN-ROLLED IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:	540	514
STUDENT TUITION AID:	\$26,325	\$33,150

Respectfully Submitted by Edward F. Fox, Jr.

FISCAL YEAR END 6/30/2010
Father Greenan Parish Center
Capital Campaign

Amount of Pledges to Date: \$1,845,893
Amount Received to Date: \$1,289,987
Balance Due from Pledges: \$ 555,906
Number of families / gifts: 726

Again, thank you for your commitment to the Father Greenan Parish Center Project; we appreciate your continued support.
A gentle reminder, please use your budget envelopes if you have them. If you don't have them, please call the parish office and sign up for them. Thank you.