

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 2

4:30pm Margery Hunt, Nancy Caswell
Mary-Frances Esty
Requested by family

Sunday, January 3

8:00am Rosemary Flaherty
Requested by Social Outreach Committee
10:00am Anthony Ramieri
Requested by family
12:00pm John T. McNulty
10th Anniversary

Monday, January 4

7:00am Rose Silva
Requested by granddaughter

Tuesday, January 5

7:00am Jerry Heim & Anne Zaremski
Requested by Tom Zarem

Wednesday, January 6

7:00am Andrea Heineman
Requested by Joseph and Sharon Clossick

Thursday, January 7

7:00am Celebrant's Intention

Friday, January 8

7:00am Rita and Tom O'Rourke and
Warren Behie
Requested by family

Saturday, January 9

4:30pm Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, January 10

8:00am Thu and Chi Thi Anna Tran and
Thanh John Ha
Requested by family

10:00am Kerri Bessette
Requested by Mom, Dad and Scott

12:00pm Celebrant's Intention



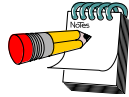
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 3

10:00am Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, January 10

10:00am Michael Sullivan
Requested by Vitiello family



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Thu and Chi Thi Anna Tran and Thanh John Ha.

BABY SHOWER

The Social Outreach Committee is sponsoring the Baby Shower 2016 for the month of January on the weekends of January 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24, 30/31. Please bring unwrapped items listed on the enclosed insert. 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.

BIBLE STUDY resumes for 2016 this Tuesday, January 5 at 7-8:30 pm in FGC. We will continue our study of the Book of Exodus commentary by Ignatius Press. All are welcome!

GENTLE REMINDER ...

When sending in checks to pay for Mass intentions, it would be most helpful if you'd provide us with the dates of those intentions so we can look them up with ease and mark them paid. Thank you for your consideration.

SOCIAL OUTREACH MEETING

This Tuesday, January 5th at 6:00pm in Father Greenan Parish Center the Social Outreach Committee will hold their monthly meeting. This year we'll be taking on many new projects in the parish. Come and learn all that we're working on. We're always looking for new members and would love to have you join us. See you then.

PARISH SUPPORT— December 20

Weekly Support

		December 20
Budget envelopes used (294)	-	\$6,551.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 1,517.00
Online Giving (# of donors 52)	-	\$ 1,376.00
Total Budget	-	\$9,444.50

Ongoing Maintenance

Envelopes used (187)	-	\$2,169.00
Other donations	-	\$ 570.00
Total Ongoing Maintenance (Dec)-		\$2,739.00

This weekend's second offering is the monthly offering for January. Next weekend's second offering will be the Ongoing Maintenance fund offering for January.
As always, thank you for your generosity.

From the Pastor

I'm writing this on the Feast of the Holy Innocents. The gospel relates how Joseph took "the child and his mother" and fled to Egypt to avoid the wrath of King Herod. This is Herod I or Herod the Great, famous in Jewish history as the extender of the temple in Jerusalem, the so-called "Second Temple," as well as for his unscrupulous cruelty, even to his own family, his 10 wives and many children. One of his sons, Herod Antipas, was the Roman's puppet-king of Galilee at the time of our Lord's trial and death.

The Islamic tradition expatiates on the exile of the Holy Family, (there is more about our Lady in the Qur'an than in the New Testament) and tells how, when the infant Jesus and his parents entered Egypt, the pagan idols fell from their bases and were shattered, since he too was a prophet of the One True God.

There are, of course, many meanings we can draw from this story in Matthew's gospel, but one that occurs to me at this juncture of our nation's history is that it might be salutary for us to remember that the Holy Family were once refugees, emigrants from their own country. The Epistle to the Hebrews challenges us in these words, "Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." (Heb. 13:2) Even greater are the words of our Lord himself: "Whatever you did to the least of my brethren, you did unto me." (Matt. 25:40)

As we enter the Year of the Lord 2016, I pray for a year blessed with grace for all!

Fr. Bodah

Be Happy!

There's one New Year's resolution I'd like you to consider making. No matter what your state of health or wealth, do yourself a favor: Decide to be inwardly happy.

It can be done. You may have to work at it, but once you begin to think positively, your life will take on a new luster. Believe in the wisdom of Sacred Scripture: "A cheerful heart is the best medicine" (Proverbs 17:22).

Happiness is not something to be grasped directly, the way you would take an apple from a tree. Happiness is the by-product of a meaningful life.

You can transform an unhappy disposition into a happy one. The choices you make and the thoughts you allow yourself to think are key factors in the process. Clearing the mind and heart of anxiety and resentment is the first step.

The words of Jesus teach us the way: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Do not judge. Forgive 70 times seven." If we could only do what Jesus asks, we'd be happier, freer, and more joyful human beings.

I once heard someone say, "I am poor and I am in pain, but I am a happy man." He wasn't insane; he was simply in charge of his own inner life. He decided to be happy because of the knowledge of God's love, and no one was going to take that happiness from him.

I encourage you to make a New Year's resolution that will help you achieve a more positive spirituality. Claim happiness as your birthright, and have a Happy New Year. - Fr. John Catoir, The Christophers



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, January 3rd

- 8:50-9:50am Grades 1 & 2 (FGC)
- 9:50-10:50am Grade K (HBH)
- 10:50-11:30am (Early dismissal)
Grades 3-6 (FGC)
Grade 8 (HBH)
- 10:00 Mass- Children's Liturgy

Please join us next Sunday, January 10th at the 10AM Mass for our Listening Mass. We will welcome in a special way our First Communion students who will reflect during the homily on the importance of listening to God's Word in Holy Scripture. A reception will follow in HBH.



This Week

Sunday, January 3

- Religious Ed Classes
see schedule above
- 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word (HBH)
- 11:00am Christmas Pageant (FGC)
- 11:00am Choir Rehearsal (SR)

Monday, January 4

- 7:30-12nn Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, January 5

- 6:00pm Social Outreach Mtg. (FGC)
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (SF-loft)
- 7:00pm Bible Study (FGC)

Wednesday, January 6

- 4:15-5:15pm Classes Gr. 3-6 (FGC)
- 7-8:15pm Gr. 7 & 8 Classes (FGC)

Thursday, January 7

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

Friday, January 8

- 7:00pm Parenting Group (↑FGC)

Throughout the Month of January

BABY SHOWER hosted by the St. Francis Social Outreach Committee
~ Benefitting various agencies listed on the flyer inserted in this weekend's bulletin. As always, thank you for your generosity!



2016 Steubenville East Youth Conference

Registration for the 2016 Steubenville East Youth Conference to be held on July 15-17 at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell Campus will be opening up in mid-January. To give you an idea of what the teens get out of the weekend, here is a reflection that one of our teens wrote after last year's conference. "This was my first time going and it was incredible. 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. It is my plan to keep coming as long as I can." Each year we reserve spots for our teenagers who are current 8-12th grade students. We are trying to get a feel for how many to reserve so if you are interested in participating in this powerful retreat, contact the Religious Education Office at 792-8684 before January 8th. At this point, you are not under any obligation to attend.



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

Please join us for our Christmas Pageant
TODAY, January 3rd at 11:00
in Fr. Greenan Parish Center
... followed by light refreshments.



High School Youth Night

At our next youth night, we will be helping out at several soup kitchens on the weekend of January 16-18th. If you have not signed up for a particular site, call the religious education office soon at 792-8684.



*As often as you did it for one
of my least brothers, you did
it for me.*

BISHOP TOBIN'S "KEEP THE HEAT ON" FUND OFFERS NEW METHOD OF GIVING

Bishop Thomas J. Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" fund launched a fast and easy way for donors to help Rhode Islanders stay warm this winter. Bishop Tobin kicked off the annual 'Keep the Heat On' heating assistance program with the launch of Text-to-Give initiative for the campaign. This method of giving is done simply by using a mobile device and texting **HEAT** to **27722** to donate \$10; to donate \$25, text **HEATRI** to the same number **27722**. If you're in need of assistance, please contact Eileen Noble in the Wakefield Office at (401) 783-3149 or visit www.heatri.com.



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