



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 2nd

Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 PM Joseph Capodagli & Kevin McWilliams
Requested by Joan McWilliams & family

Sunday, January 3rd

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Joseph & Maria Perrone
Requested by their daughter Gina
and John Fanelli

10:30 AM Gloria LeClair

Requested by the LeClair family

Monday, January 4th

St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton, religious

7:00 AM Maryann (Ramondelli) Desgroseilliers
Requested by Mary Young & daughter Nancy

Tuesday, January 5th

St. John Neumann, bishop

7:00 AM NO MASS

Wednesday, January 6th

Blessed Andre Bessette, religious

5:30 PM Rev. Raphael Posco
Requested by his nieces & nephews

Thursday, January 7th

St. Raymond of Penafort, priest

7:00 AM Christine Kosakowski
Requested by her family

Friday, January 8th

9:00 AM Melvin Lewis
Requested by his family

Saturday, January 9th

Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

4:00 PM Sr. Clara Cerasia, MPV
Requested by Betty & Dennis Anderson

Sunday, January 10th

The Baptism of the Lord

**8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Perla
and DiNatale Families**
Requested by the Macchio family

10:30 AM Kenneth Paul

Requested by the DiVito & Paul families

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:
Millie Zichelle IMO of Nick Zichelle

January 2 – 3, 2010

Epiphany

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering
the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother.
They prostrated themselves and did Him homage.*

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1 – 5, 9 – 11

Second Reading: Titus 2:11 – 14, 3:4 – 7

Gospel: Luke 3:15 – 16, 21 – 22

December 27th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$4,067.00
Children's Collection (\$9.00)	\$9.00
DEFICIT this week	\$813.00
TOTAL DEFICIT	\$7,563.50
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION	\$5,982.00
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$1,581.50

Flower Collection totaled \$1,149. Thank you to all who help us to beautify the Church during this holy season.

St. Anthony's Variety Show! Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday, January 6th, at 7:00 PM in the church hall** and continue every Wednesday until the show in April. Adults with various levels of talent and ability are welcome. We are looking for cast members and stage crew assistants. If you would like to have fun during the long winter season ~ join us! For more information please call Joanne Pagnotta at 978-502-6993 or 978-345-7853. Hope to see you there!

Attention all parents of children: Boxed children's offertory envelopes are now for you at the entrances of the church. If you think this is a good learning tool for stewardship and sharing for your child or children then please take a box. We currently have about 10 families who use these children's envelopes on a regular basis. Please do not take them if you do not plan to use them. When using them, please be sure to include YOUR current envelope # on their envelope so that we may add to your family contribution totals. If you as an adult do not currently receive weekly envelopes and would like to start please call the office to request they be sent to you.

Church Contribution 2009 Tax Information

Any parishioners wishing to make up missing envelopes or make an additional donation to be included as a deduction for the 2009 tax year must do so no later than January 4th. Requests for contribution statements for the 2009 year can be called in to the office or emailed to saintanthony@net1plus.com. We will be happy to mail them out however we do not mail them unless you have specifically requested one from us. We will start to mail them out in mid January. Thank you.

December "5-10" Club Winners:

\$500	The Thibeault family
\$100	Lisa Crawley, Debbie Cormier, Pamela Kirousis
\$50	Jack Ginnity, David Hilton, Dannielle Farrow, Kimberly Hilton
\$25	Dan Magennis, James Monette

Dear Friends,

The Feast of the Epiphany is a celebration of the universality of the Church. Catholic Christianity by its very nature knows no borders or boundaries. "Catholic," in the dictionary is defined as universal, worldwide. The marks of the Church from its earliest days have always been that the Church is "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic." Anyone can lay claim to holiness, because it is subjective, only God can judge who or what is holy. But let's take a look at the other marks which prove which is the Church of Christ.

One: There is one Catholic Church in the world under the leadership of the Pope. Anyone who is not in union with the See of Peter cannot claim to be a part of the Catholic Church. There are many branches of Lutherans, Baptists and other Protestant denominations, all of whom claim to be speaking for the entire Lutheran or Baptist tradition. We have one clear voice, one undoubted head on earth.

Catholic: Catholic churches exist through the world and in whatever country they exist, they are one community. The Orthodox churches, for example are tied to their national origins even in other countries. There are ethnic Catholic parishes in the United States – French, Italian, Polish, etc. – but they are under the authority of one bishop, regardless of nationality. The Orthodox churches in the United States have their own separate bishops for each group – Greek, Russian, Syrian, etc. Therefore, they never become truly one, even if it is generations since the first immigrants founded churches in this country.

Apostolic: Only the Catholic and Orthodox churches can claim undoubted Apostolic succession, a continuous unbroken connection with the Apostles. All the others were founded after 1517, when Martin Luther broke with the Catholic Church. Many Christian denominations can claim one or more of the marks of the Church as their own, but only the Catholic Church can claim all four.

The Epiphany is the precursor of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, because it shows us God's intention from the beginning was that there would be one Church and one People of God for all the world and for all time.

Pace e Bene,

Relay for Life - Every year the American Cancer Society sponsors the Relay For Life. St. Anthony's participates in the Ayer Relay For Life which will be held in June. Each person raises money for the cure for cancer and walks the track for shifts of an hour or two, depending upon how many team members we have. We will be having an information meeting and sign up for the "Angels Among Us" team. It will be held **at the school in Grade 4 on Monday, January 11th from 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.** We look forward to seeing you and having you be a part of our team! Any questions please contact Linda Sordoni at the school 978-354-7785.

The Serra Club invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: January 3rd through January 9th : Rev. Thomas Tokarz; The Trappist; Rev. Thomas Walsh; Deacon John Aleskevicz; Rev. Ernest Allega; Deacon Ronald Aubuchon; Deacon Stanley Baczewski.

Please Continue to Help the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
New items added to the food pantry wish list are: canned meat and fruit, bathroom tissue, canned vegetables; brown beans; corn beef hash; tuna and Raman noodles. The number of people in need is always increasing and many people rely on this weekly service that St. Francis provides. **Please try to bring one item a week.** Remember, only canned items – no fresh as it may spoil. Thank you!

Item of the Month – The Youth Group is accepting donations for Our Father's House and the Veterans' Homestead. **This month's items are shampoo and conditioner.** Items can be placed in the marked boxes at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your support.

If you know of any parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home and would like to receive the Eucharist, please notify Jo Belli at 978-537-4802 or Fr. Bob at the rectory. Also remember to notify us if someone is in the hospital for an extended stay. Without notification from a family member we have no way of knowing this.

Retrouvaille – A Lifeline - Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. The next New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekends will be held **January 15-17, 2010**, and **April 16-18, 2010**. To register for the weekend or for more information, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 800-470-2230.

Conversation with Bishop McManus: looking ahead to issues of the Catholic Church in 2010 will air on Fitchburg Access TV 8 on **Thursday, January 7th at 9:30 AM & 5:00 PM and on Friday January 8th at 9:30 AM.**

March for Life 2010 – Information and registration forms for the diocesan bus trip to the annual March for Life in Washington, DC on **January 22, 2010** are now available. Cost is \$70 per seat. Register at www.worcesterdiocese.org/respectlife to ensure your seat!

Bereavement Support Group in Leominster - Compassionate Companions Bereavement Support Group meets at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 1400 Main St., Leominster on Wednesdays at 7 PM from **Jan. 20 through Feb. 24**, facilitated by Elaine Hackett and Cathy Pimley. This faith-based group provides a safe and confidential environment for expressing sadness and learning ways to cope while grieving. Pre-registration is required. You may email ehackett1098@comcast.net or call the parish office at 978-342-2978.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

*Albert Gallant, Catherine Ruberti,
Augustine Pizzaccone, Judith DiPasquale &
Sr. Angela Bisol, M.P.V.*

who died this past week. May their souls rest in peace.