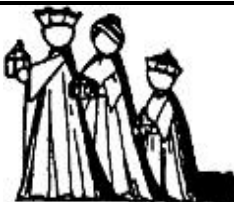


Mass Intentions

Albert Dello Russo	25th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(1/3)
Daniel L. Tillinghast	12th Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(1/3)
Rosalie Klecher	4th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(1/4)
John B. Perillo	Birthday Remembrance	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(1/10)
Thomas Burns	1st Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(1/10)
Delina Cotreau	1st Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(1/11)
Bernard Murphy & Family	Memorial Mass	10:00 p.m. Sunday	(1/11)



The Feast of Epiphany: On this very important feast of the Lord, we retell the story of His birth and of His manifestation to all people. A wonderful presentation every year, we are pleased that a large number of young people are participating. We thank them as well as Corinne and Fran whose dedication make this celebration possible. After the celebration of the Eucharist, please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments after Mass.



Grand Annual Collection: Thank you very much for the generous response. 211 families of the parish have donated \$30,240.00! Our thanks to them and our encouragement for all to support our Parish needs.

Hammersmith Christmas Stroll: Thanks to everyone who made the Stroll such a success this year, especially the Organization Committee, Corinne Riley, Joanne Eaves, Beverly Gorman and Nancy Vivace and to all who helped them, Jim Forgione, John Gorman, Patricia Arsenault, Michael Arsenault, Gloria Johnson, Barbara Celata, Mary Currie, Hazel Hartigan, Rita Rodgers, Mary Lou Furlong and 7th & 8th Graders from our Religious Education Program. We wish to thank parishioners and local merchants for their donations to our raffle table, the baked goods table, the cards and wrapping paper table and the Christmas light balls. In all \$2,334.00 was realized for the benefit of the Parish. A complete list of prizes and winners is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church.



The Sacrament of Baptism: is usually celebrated on the third Sunday of each month at 12 Noon. The next celebration of Baptism is December 21 at 12 Noon. The Preparation Meeting prior to the Baptism of a child is every other month. Future Baptism Preparation meetings for parents & godparents are: February 5, April 1, June 3, and August 5, 2004. These are held in the Parish Hall and begin at 7:00 p.m. Please call the Rectory to register.

Ministry to the Homebound: Do you know someone who is not able to come to Mass but would appreciate receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis? If so, would you let us know by calling the Rectory (781-233-1040). One of our Ministers of Holy Communion will be glad to visit them. Thank you.

United Parish Food Pantry: Our thanks for your continuous support of the local food pantry. The second weekend each month we invite you to bring non-perishable food to Church. The food is then brought to our local food pantry (located at the Cliftondale Congregational Church) where it is distributed on Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Please know that your gift of food is always needed and very much appreciated. The next food collection will be the weekend of January 10 & 11. *Thank you.*

The Annual Ecumenical Leadership Dinner will be here at St. Margaret's on Friday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. Needed are greeters and kitchen helpers for this dinner as we welcome members of the other Saugus Churches. Fr. Gerard Dorgan, Pastor of St. Mary's in Danvers, will give a wonderful presentation the art that was influenced by the Reformation. Fr. Dorgan is very informative and a very enjoyable presenter.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Alaska: A once in a lifetime kind of trip, a wonderful adventure awaits you as you discover the magnificent beauty of our nation's largest state. From Fairbanks to Anchorage by land and Seward to Vancouver by cruising aboard the beautiful Celebrity Ship Summit, there will be much to see. Brochures for this Parish adventure are available at the Church doors. To find out about this trip come to the **informational meeting on Tuesday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Please let us know if you plan to come to this meeting by calling the rectory (781-233-1040). Receive \$100 off the cost of this trip by attending this meeting. The trip is planned for June 7 to 19, 2004.

Wise men still seek Him!



Marriage: To stay on top of the marriage debate in Massachusetts, contact the Mass. Catholic conference, the public policy office of the Catholic Church in Massachusetts. Go online: www.macathconf.org or call 617-367-6060 for information about MCC-Net, the Catholic Church's legislative action network.

Snow CAMPS 2004: With Junior High students in mind, we offer a wonderful weekend retreat experience known as Snow CAMPS. Meet other youths from many other parishes, make new friends, grow in your faith and your relationship with God. It could be the best thing you do for yourself! Held at the Brookwoods/Deer Run Conference Center in Alton, NH, choose from one of two weekends: February 27—29 or March 5—7 2004. Each weekend begins on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and end mid afternoon on Sunday. At the next 7th and 8th grade meeting on Friday, January 9, someone will make a presentation on Snow CAMPS. Parents are welcome to hear all about it. Information will be available at that time.



Marriage Encounter: A weekend experience to Build Communication, Create Romance, Enrich the Values of Marriage, Family and Faith. For couples who want a better quality and richer communication in their Marriage. Next Encounter, January 16 to 18, 2004. Call 800-367-0343.

Kevin Baumann: We continue to keep the "bucket" with fliers about Kevin in the vestibule of the Church. Whatever you can do is greatly appreciated. You may deposit your offering directly into the Kevin Baumann Medical Fund, account # 25005, tax number 04-692-9285, at the Saugus Federal Credit Union. Please pray for Kevin and his family.

Offertory Collection: The Christmas Collection was \$3,865.00. The Christmas Collection is taken for the benefit of the retirement and medical needs of the Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. In the name of my brother priests who are being provided for because of your generosity, I thank you.



Parish Offertory Envelopes: We encourage the use of Parish Envelopes for your weekly donation to help support our Parish. If you wish to receive envelopes, please give us the following information:
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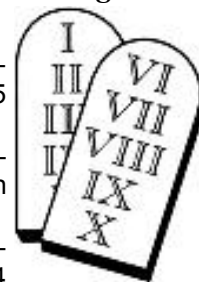
Religious Education

Grades 1 to 6: Classes will next Sunday January 11, 2004, from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. at the Belmonte Middle School.

Grades 7 & 8: The next meeting is Friday, January 9 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Grade 9, Year I Confirmation will resume on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Grade 10, Year II Confirmation – the next meeting for students & sponsors is next Sunday, January 11 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



Homosexuality: Our consciousness concerning homosexuality has been raised in recent months especially in the light of the Supreme Judicial Court's ruling on same-sex marriage. We have always known among those we love men and women whose primary attraction is to members of the same sex. On Monday, January 12, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Fr Thomas Nestor, a priest of the Archdiocese and a clinical psychologist will present an overview of the nature of homosexuality and our response to it. All welcome.

Manifestations of God by Fr. Jeffrey Day

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, a word that means "manifestation." Thus we celebrate the ways in which Jesus was made manifest to the world. Most of the time we associate the Epiphany only with the coming of the Magi, as we heard in today's gospel passage. But there are actually two other epiphany moments that we celebrate in this feast. Saint Peter Chrysologus explains that the second epiphany moment we celebrate today is Christ's Baptism with the accompanying appearance of the Holy Spirit above the waters. Saint Peter says that the third epiphany moment is the first of Christ's signs from heaven, namely the turning of water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana. In each of these epiphany moments, the glory of God was revealed more and more and the true identity of Jesus became clearer. In our own faith we have these kinds of epiphany moments. At times God seems hidden and distant, but then something happens which makes His presence seem very clear. I think this feast challenges us in two ways. First, it challenges us to find God's presence in the ordinary things of everyday life where so often we don't see Him. Second, we are also challenged today to make God manifest to others in the way we live. Can other people see Jesus at work in us?

Stewardship: The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?