



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." ~Mt 2:1-2

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 15, 2012
 1Sm 3:3b-10, 19/ 1Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

5:00 PM Grace Nute

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 AM John Hagenbuch, Sr.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:00 PM Gene Zawatski

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 AM Sam Click and Robert & Mary Nealon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated by Fr. Paul Clifford from 7:30-8AM & 8:30-9:15AM NEXT Saturday, January 14



THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 AM Grade 2 – Parents & Students followed by attendance at 10AM Mass
 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word
 12:00 PM Baptism
 5:30 PM Grade 10 Confirmation – Parents & Students

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

2:15 PM Grade 6
 4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5
 7:00 PM Grade 9 – Group 1

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5
 6:30 PM Grade 7

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

6:00 PM Grade 9 Service Project

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

4:15 PM Grade 1

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 – NO CLASSES – MLK DAY

10:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word
 4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5

Coffee Hour

St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation following the 10AM Mass, hosted this Sunday by the Lucas and Murchie Families. Please consider hosting Coffee Hour after the 10AM Mass. We have step-by-step instructions for you. Please contact Maureen and John Belger at mwb853@gmail.com or 508-686-2790.



O Christ,
 Here comes the world,
 drinking your light and basking in your brightness;
 the wise and ignorant, kings and beggars,
 CEO's and cowboys,

Shine your soft light
 on the darkness inside us.
 Incense our minds and hearts with your grace.

Be the treasure in our hearts.
 Be the gift that we give.

Amen.

from the Center for Liturgy Sunday website



FATIMA SHRINE

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY

THIS SUNDAY, January 8, is the FINAL NIGHT to see the traditional Christmas Lights display at the Fatima Shrine (Rte. 126 – Holliston) **from 5-9PM.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday.....February 22
 Easter SundayApril 8
 Confirmation (2 Masses) May 5
 Ascension Thursday..... May 17

In Loving Memory

Sandra McCarthy
 Charlotte Estes
 Reece Ann Williams

WINGS

All women are welcome to join WINGS (**W**omen **I**N **G**od's **S**pirit) as we kick off our new Winter Season. This season will focus on the theme of covenant. We continue to welcome guest speaker and scripture scholar, Celia Sirois. We are thrilled to have Celia join us as our guest speaker for the next three weeks of our six-week Winter season. She will explore the meaning of covenant as we break open its meaning within both the Old and New Testament. All women of our parish family are welcome. WINGS meets Tuesdays, in the parish center from 9:15-11:15AM. Childcare is always available.

For registration and information, please contact Sue Lampert: suelampert@comcast.net or Cathy McDonald: cathleenmcdonald@comcast.net.

NEXT TESTAMENT MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

Men of the parish, please join us for our next meeting of Testament at **7:30PM on Wednesday, January 18** in the lower church/Parish office area. We will hear from Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone, a Hopkinton resident and parishioner at St. John's. The title of his talk is: "Faith: Perspective through Serenity, Courage and Wisdom." For more information about TESTAMENT, please contact Bill Muench (497-9626) or Bill Maginnis (435-9615).



PAWSOX TICKETS

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN ALL SUMMER

Pawtucket Red Sox baseball with the TESTAMENT.

1. Get a flyer from the pews or tables at the back
2. See the TESTAMENT portion of St. John's website
3. Opt into regular e-mails or call Hank (435-4882)

Payment to Dorothy in Parish office
by deadline of Tuesday, January 31.

HOMEBOUND VISITATIONS

Please notify the parish (435-3313) if you know of someone who is unable to come to Mass due to poor health or advanced age. We can arrange for a regular home visit and/or an opportunity for reception of the sacraments. Also, please note that we do make periodic visits to several rehab facilities in the area. If you have a family member who might appreciate an occasional visit, do let us know.



"What gift can I bring the newborn King?"

RELIGIOUS ED. JANUARY HOURS

Monday – Wednesday.....9:30AM-Noon, 1-4PM
Thursday.....1-4PM

FIRST PENANCE

Please pray for our students and parents who are preparing to receive their First Reconciliation this month.

REMINDER: Grade 10 Confirmation meets THIS Sunday, January 8 from 5:30-7:30PM.

ECHOES OF FAITH VIDEO SERIES

Would you like to learn more about our Catholic faith? Are you interested in taking a refresher class on the core Catholic beliefs? *Echoes of Faith* is a basic-level, video-assisted enrichment program; a series of five sessions that will be offered jointly by St. John's, St. Cecilia in Ashland, and St. Mary in Holliston. Classes will focus on the Creed, Liturgy & the Sacraments, prayer & spirituality, morality, and the Hebrew roots of our faith.

We ask that parish members who would like to attend please RSVP to the facilitator so we have an idea how many people might come. Please save the schedule below:

Wednesday, January 25 – 7-9PM at St. Mary, Holliston – "Old & New Testaments: Introduction to Scripture"

Fran Crespi: st.marysre@verizon.net

Wednesday, February 1 – 7-9PM at St. John, Hopkinton – "Revelation & Faith: Creed – I Believe, We Believe"

Carol Zani: czanistjn@verizon.net

Wednesday, February 8 – 7-9PM at St. Mary, Holliston – "Catholic Morality"

Fran Crespi: st.marysre@verizon.net

Wednesday, February 15 – 7-9PM at St. Cecilia, Ashland – "Church: Liturgy and Sacraments"

Janet Wilkinson: re-7-10@saintceciliaparish.org

Wednesday, February 29 – 7-9PM at St. John, Hopkinton – "Prayer & Spirituality"

Carol Zani: czanistjn@verizon.net

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

MARRIED COUPLES – Worn out from the Holidays? Are you looking for a way to avoid the January blahs? How about a special weekend, just for the 2 of you? Register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend today! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are **January 13-15 and February 10-12**. For more information, call Ralph & Jane Becker (800-710-WWME) or visit our webpage at www.wwme.org.

PRE-CANA (MARRIAGE PREP.) CONFERENCE

Saint Matthew Parish will host a Pre-Cana Conference for engaged couples on **Saturday, February 11 from 8AM-5PM**. The Conference will take place in the Parish Center located at 105 Southville Rd. in Southborough. Lunch will be provided. Please call the Parish Office (508-485-2285) for registration information or email us at office@stmatthewsb.org.

JANUARY 8, 2012

**From the
Pastor's Desk**



My brothers and sisters,

This Sunday we conclude the Christmas Season in the Church by celebrating the Solemnity of the Epiphany. From the Greek word for "manifestation" or "showing forth" the Epiphany recalls 3 events: 1) The visit of the magi to Bethlehem, 2) Christ's Baptism at the Jordan, and 3) The Wedding at Cana – Jesus' first miracle, as recorded in St. John's Gospel.

This Christmas Season and month of December have been so busy and, as often seems to happen, full of challenge and change. Fr. Jeremy St. Martin has begun his work at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Townsend. A day or two before his arrival, fire destroyed the historic building which was serving as their Parish Center! We wish them the best as they assess their loss and their needs, and as they create a plan for the future. I may turn to you for some assistance as our brothers and sisters in Townsend seek to rebuild.

Fr. St. Martin's transfer puts a little more strain on Fr. Shawn. He is on a FAST learning curve relative to what we mean when we say there is a critical shortage of priests in the archdiocese. His workload with the Deaf Apostolate will increase a bit in the short term (alas, no raise in pay!) while he completes his three-year assignment here at St. John's. Our hope is that he will then be named full-time director of the Deaf Apostolate in June.

All that, tremendous Christmas crowds, a few funerals, a few more baptisms, and all the helping hands we extend to those in need at this time of year, and you have a pretty good recipe for Christmas chaos.

What always settles it down for me is watching the kids visit baby Jesus at the manger. The peace and wonder and faith on their faces remind me of why we do what we do here at St. John's.

Our thanks are extended once again to the donors who make our manger scene possible:

Mr. & Mrs. John Palmer
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Brendan & Serena, Vincent & Gina Doyle
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Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Amy Schacterle
Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Sheila Kester

In His service and yours,
Fr. Paul Clifford

