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The Epiphany of the Lord

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Sunday: (Saturday, 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM ZOOM)
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

Holy Day: (Eve 4 PM) 7 AM, 12 Noon & 7 PM

Daily: 7AM and 12:00 Noon

Every Friday 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Adoration & Benediction

Confessions

Will be down on Tuesdays and Thursday by appointment
only please call the rectory to make an appointment

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptism will be done every Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 PM
Classes for Parents and Godparents will be held on the First
Thursday of every month from 7:00 PM until 8:00 PM on
(ZOOM)

These are the three ways you can register through our web-
site at www.stanthonysrevere.org
email: stanthonysrevere@stapr.org, or call the rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Preparation for Christian Marriage begins at least one year
prior to the planned date of the Wedding. Couples contem-
plating marriage please go on-line to www.bostoncatholic.org
to find out date and time for Transformed in Love.

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January 3, 2021

Pray for All the Soul in Purgatory:

**Elizabeth Giron, Emily Cerulli, John (Jackie) Aulino
Linda Secatore Gerry and Dr. Anthony Scarpicchio**

Masses this Week

Sunday, January 3, In Church

8:00 Anthony & Natale DeAmelio by Lisa & Nick

10:00 Olimpia Tollis by family

12:00 Vincenza Defino Scannelli by
Ralph Scannelli & family

Monday, January 4, In Church

7: AM Deceased Members of The Pinto Family by
Hilda Carneiro & family

12:PM Deceased Members of The Albanese & Joy
Families by The Joy Family

Tuesday, January 5, In Church

7: AM

12:PM In Thanksgiving to Maria Varela (Birthday-Living)

Wednesday, January 6, In Church

7: AM

12:PM

Thursday, January 7, In Church

7: AM

12: PM Ralph Matterese (1st Anniversary) by family

Friday, January 8, In Church

7: AM

12: PM Antonio, Maria & Anna Lardieri by daughter
and sister Susan

Saturday, January 9, In Church

9: AM Community Mass

4: PM Joseph Giunta by wife

Masses next Sunday January 10, In Church

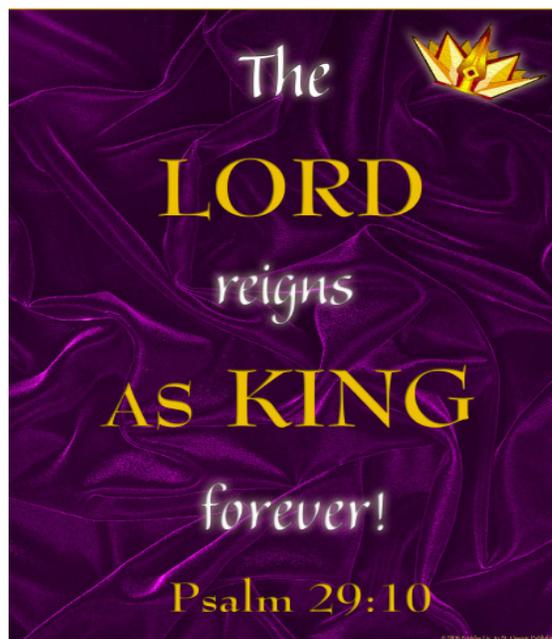
8:00 George Maglione (Birthday) by daughter
Marie & family

10:00 Rita (Birthday) & John (12th Anniversary)
Pennacchio by daughters Evelyn & Jean

12:00 Mary Indorato (4th Anniversary) by family

Saturday Community Mass January 9, at 9:AM

1. Vincent & Catherine Napoli
2. Lucy DeMasse
3. Rev. Edward J. Gaudette
4. Galla Family by son William
5. Philip LaCascia & Carol LaCascia
White by family
6. Bobby, Vinnie and All the Souls in
Purgatory
7. Special prayers for Joel Colegrove by
family
8. Gina & Antonio Pepe by The Pepe Family
9. Frank Prizio , Mary Ferrante & Helen Courtney by
Mike & Phyllis
10. Florence Colanton by family
11. John A. Zankowski by St. Anthony
12. John Corrado by Mike & Phyllis Prizio
13. Diane Schroer by Ken O'Connor
14. Dolly Weller by The Iantosca Family
15. John Barston by The Iantosca Family
16. Dana Delorey by Marianne Iantosca
17. John Forcellati by Loving Daughter Francesca
18. Maryann Bacigalupo by Judith D'Ambrosio
19. Marie Fusco by Mike & Phyllis Prizio
20. Frances DeSantis by St. Anthony's
21. Grace Celeste by St. Anthony's
22. Adriano Marulli by Giacomo Ciampi
23. Elizabeth Giron by St. Anthony's
24. Emily Cerulli by St. Anthony's



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News from the wheel-House

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29/11).

Hello Everybody,

I hope that you all had wonderful New year celebration. With me it was a very quiet one, unlike the previous years. However, I have stepped into this year with the renewed and rejuvenated hope. You know why and how? It is because what God had offered us in the past year 2020 and before. Like me some of you might have thought that you might not make it, but here we are in 2021. The year that we have just passed, has given us life long message; “how vulnerable we are” and “nothing is in our control”. The tiny, man-made invisible virus has brought us to our knees. Now at this point of realizing our frailty and vulnerability, what we have to do that we may have a better and blessed life in 2021. Our Holy Book, Bible calls and directs us to get to the Lord who not only can rescue but also offer the better that we are seeking and longing for. We read in Matthew’s gospel (Mt 11/28) “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest”. Throughout the bible we have many episodes which give us this lesson and direction. Here, I want to bring to your kind attention what prophet Jeremiah did to the people of Israel. The people of his time were so confused, depressed because of the political situations which brought a lot of havoc to them. They even became hopeless about their future. At that point, the prophet who once had become despondent like you and me, who said that “the day I was born be cursed”, brought to the people the word of God that we read in his book (Jeremiah 29/11), ““For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and hope”. The accounts of the bible and the history stand to us as powerful proofs for how God is faithful in fulfilling His words. Things may look frustrating, depressing and hopeless but our God changes everything into something awesome. He who did it in the past will also do the same with us today and tomorrow. “Even to your old age I will be the same, and even to your graying years I will bear you! I have done it, and I will carry you; And I will bear you and I will deliver you” (Isaiah 46/4). These are the reasons that give me the strength to step into this new year 2021 with hope and I have written this that you may also have the same blessing of hope. God bless you!

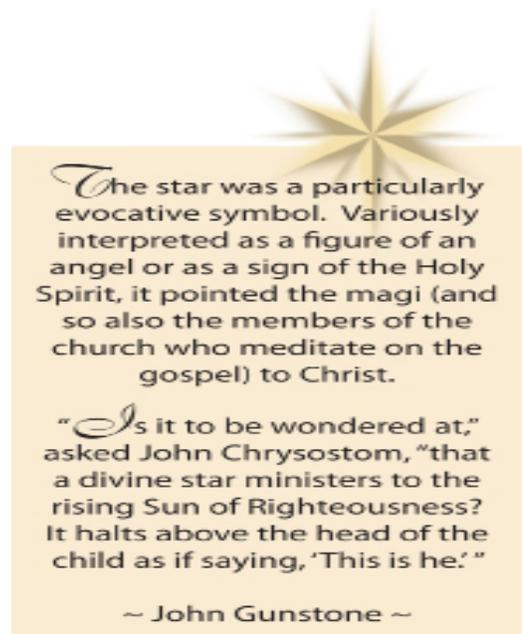
In this year 2021 you may have taken a lot of resolutions to do. I want to add one with your list and I guarantee that will surely bring lot of benefits to you and your family. All that I am asking you is to do family prayer every day. If we do it without making any excuse, I am telling you that you will see God’s hand working in you and your family in a special way. Kindly remember these two sayings: “Where there is a will there is a way” and the “Family that prays together, stays together” Amen.

Last week we worked on to bring the heat in our church candle room. We were able to work on that because of your generous support. Thank you!

Though we did not have many people for Christmas, through all the Masses we were able to collect \$2300.00 for the senior clergy fund. I really appreciate and thank your generosity and the kind expressions of your acknowledgement of their service to the faithful in our archdiocese of Boston. God bless you.

Well, here goes the bell calling me to go and hold the Wheel. Before I go let me say once again “A Happy, Healthy New year 2021 and God bless you” and assure you of my continual prayers for your well-being!

Your Administrator,
Fr. Xavier



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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Happy New Year to one and all! Welcome 2021! May this year be one of deepened faith, joy, good health and peace!

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany!

All grades from 1 through 8 should have received their next online lesson for this weekend. Grades 1, 3,4 and 5 will continue with Project Nazareth-”The Good News” with a lesson on “The Fall”. Grades 6,7 and 8 will be working on a lesson from Project Nazareth-” Sacred Mysteries” on the Feast of the Epiphany. Grade 2 students, you will continue to learn more about the Mass in your series, “Blessed.”

Confirmation 1 and 2 students, your next assignments will be posted next weekend, January 9 and 10th. Confirmation 2 students, please return your Sponsor and Confirmation Name sheets as soon as possible. We will also be planning a ZOOM session for our Confirmation candidates this month so please watch your emails!

Online lessons for Grades 1-8 will be assigned on January 3, January 17 and January 31 this month. Confirmation 1 and 2 students will have lessons assigned on January 9 and 24th this month.

Prayer for Epiphany:

Lord Jesus,

May your light shine our way, as it once guided the steps of the Magi; that we too may be led into your presence and worship you, Child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the King of all Nations, the Saviour of all mankind; to whom be all glory forever. Amen.

Keeping you all in my prayers,
Donna Felzani

Procrastination

“Boast not of tomorrow, for you know not what any day may bring forth.” Pro. 27:1

Most of us are struggling or finding difficult to handle procrastination in our daily lives. It creates a lot of tension and pain. It ruins our earthly and eternal life. It never allows us to be comfortable. We can’t take procrastination as mere failure in the area of spirituality because it will destroy our souls. Let me share with you in following lines about procrastination in our spiritual life.

Once there was a discussion among devils in the hell ‘how to bring more souls to their kingdom.’ Each devil suggested various methods and means but everything was rejected. At last a small devil gave a suggestion that “let us tell people that today, you all enjoy. There is tomorrow to change yourselves.” An unknown pastor says the most dangerous word in the bible is “Tomorrow.”

Rick Warren in his article called “why do I procrastinate?” gives five reasons for procrastination according to the bible. They are:

1. Indecision (Jam. 1:8)
2. Perfectionism (Ecc.11:4)
3. Fear (Pro.29: 25)
4. Anger (Pro.18:9)
5. Laziness (Pro. 13:4)

The best remedy to get away from procrastination is more diligence which is always rewarded by our Lord. In the parable of ten virgins (Mt. 25: 1-13) the five wise virgins are able to go with bridegroom due to their diligence. To inherit eternal life, we should always ‘stay awake’ (Mt.25:13).

While reading this column, let us check ourselves that do we have the habit of procrastination in our life? If the answer is yes, let us take necessary steps immediately to stay awake and avoid procrastination from our life.

Prayer: Gracious God, I thank you for all the blessings in my life. In spite of your blessings in my life, I procrastinate many things especially in my spiritual life. Give me more grace to avoid procrastination and to be more diligence in my spiritual life. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Compiled and Edited by M.A. Heniston Washington

The Epiphany of the Lord

READING 1IS 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the LORD shines,
and over you appears his glory.
Nations shall walk by your light,
and kings by your shining radiance.
Raise your eyes and look about;
they all gather and come to you:
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see,
your heart shall throb and overflow,
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.
Caravans of camels shall fill you,
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;
all from Sheba shall come
bearing gold and frankincense,
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM..... PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
He shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

READING 2EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the
stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for
your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known
to me by revelation. It was not made known to people
in other generations as it has now been revealed to his
holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the
Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and
copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the
gospel.

ALLELUIAMT 2:2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPELMT 2:1-12

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." When King Herod heard this, he was
greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the
people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be
born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for
thus it has been written through the prophet:
*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel.*"

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained
from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent
them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently
for the child. When you have found him, bring me
word, that I too may go and do him homage." After
their audience with the king they set out. And behold,
the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over the place where the
child was. 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. Then they opened their treasures and offered
him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having
been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they
departed for their country by another way.

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*Sanctuary Candle
January, 2021
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*In Loving Memory
Of*



*Eucharistic Hosts
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*Altar Wine
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Of*

*Robert Scrima
by
wife & Family*

Divine manifestation: The Epiphany takes its name from the Greek *epiphania*, which denotes the visit of a god to earth. The first idea of the feast is the manifestation of Christ as the Son of God. “Begotten before the daystar and before all ages, the Lord our Savior is this day made manifest to the world.” The feast unites three events in the life of Christ when His divinity, as it were, shines through His humanity: the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan; and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Moreover, at Epiphany the Church looks forward to the majestic coming of Christ on the “youngest day” when His manifestation as God will be complete. The Gospels of the baptism and the marriage at Cana are read on the Octave Day and the Second Sunday after Epiphany, and later Sunday masses in the Epiphany season continue to show the divine power of our Lord in some of His most striking miracles.

Royal kingship: A second important idea in Epiphany is the extension of Christ’s kingship to the whole world. The revelation of Christ to the three kings at Bethlehem is a symbol of His revelation to the whole of the Gentile world. Epiphany presents to us the calling of not merely a chosen few, but all nations to Christianity.

Your Light is Come: Closely linked to both these themes of divine manifestation and world kingship is a third idea running through the Epiphany feast: that of light. During Advent, the world was in darkness, and we prayed and waited in the spirit of the Jewish nation which lived in expectation of the Coming Light during thousands of years. At Christmas the Light shone forth, but dimly, seen only by a few around the crib: Mary and Joseph and the shepherds. But at Epiphany the Light bursts forth to all nations and the prophecy is fulfilled: “The Gentiles shall walk in Thy light, and kings in the brightness of Thy rising.” The mysterious star of Epiphany, “flashing like a flame,” is still another facet of the light-motif, a symbol capable of being interpreted in a dozen different ways.