



THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 The Galati Family
 Sunday 8:00 Ray Kozlowski
 10:00 Eileen Sheehan Snyder
 Monday 8:00 Frank McGaughey
 Tuesday 8:00 John & Helen Wendelken
 Wednesday 8:00 John & Alma Csaposs
 Thursday 8:00 William A. Gannon, Jr.
 Friday 8:00 Elizabeth Henderson

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 Beverly Fenlon
 Sunday 8:00 Mary Duff
 10:00 Louise Huber

PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH

Anthony Malner, Clara Murphy, Bill Splaine, Martin Coughlin, Tom Giguere, Flora Masa, Priscilla Y. Scibeck, Loretta Stephens, Regina Zanis, Harry Marcoux, John Keane, Tris Windle, David Cousins, Lynne Scalia, Alex Podeszwa, Bernadette Harrod, Brian Sluis, Rev. Robert Kemmery, John Potter, Patricia Falcone, Mary Mullen, Lillian McGrath, Justin Honegstein, Eric Bettag, Norm Klas, Fr. Paul Smith, Shirley McAuliffe, Walter Ollen, Katherine Rogers, Emily Doherty Baby Peter O'Connor, Rita Skarin, Jeannine & Ed Mooney, Bob & Gail Sadowski, Jimmy Higgins, Rose Stephan, James M. Clifford, Peter Cruckshank, Eileen & Ed Metterville, Thomas Stone, Kevin Rew, June Lee, Nick Bartick, Lucy Lopez-Roig, Bertha Meads, Beth Baillie, Connor Root, Pam Hedlund, John Szucs, Margaret Harrington, John Cuccia, Rita Grindle, Liz Baldwin, Patrick Eiler, Stuart Smith, Fr. Paul Lalic, Anthony Gorczyca, Bea Viau, Mary Ann Hassen, Eryn Bradley, Tammy Inman, Paul Conte, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Norma Sullivan, Michelle Battista, Paula Keefe, Kerry Gould, Ed Bryant, Danielle Rabel, Cornelius Shea, Mike Day, Edan Pearl, James Flynn, Joe DiBrigida

PRAY FOR LOVED ONES IN THE MID-EAST

Brandy Nelson, Anthony Horigan, Timothy Horigan, Scott Doucette, Michael Wilson, David Lucas, Sean Lucas, Peter Civita Shayne, Peter Cabral, Gregory DeLuca, Joshua Schmitt, Joseph Long, Brad Howard, Shawn Kivman, Thomas Scudder, Sean Keneally, David Lynch, Jeffrey Stebbins, Phillip McDonough, David Wilcox, Jordan & Zack Maxcey, Kristofer Poole, John Amick, Peter Scott Stephan, Philip Early, Karl Kuechenmeister, David McDonald, Adam Schade, Trevor English, David Duggan, David Puzzo, Bradford Van Tiem, Paul Van Tiem, Lt. Edward J. Maloney, Jacob Marshall, Michael Styskal, Andrew Kelley, Jim Schermerhorn, Ryan Lynch

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Len Niemi, Joanne Wetter

COLLECTION RESULTS -- THANK YOU

December 20 Regular \$ 2,757.00
 December Harvest Sunday \$ 2,629.00
 Annual Appeal \$30,089.00

COLLECTION COUNTERS

We are so grateful to the dedicated group of men and women who faithfully show up early every Monday morning to count the previous weekend's collection. Please help them out by checking off or clearly indicating the amount of your donation on the outside of the envelope. Year-end donation reports will be mailed to those who use the envelope system by the end of January.

ST. JOAN OF ARC GUILD

All women of the parish are invited to join us for our first meeting of the New Year on Tuesday, January 12, at 1:30 in the Parish Center. Our guest speaker will be Susan Moynihan of the National Park Service who will present a talk on the future of our National Parks. Come and enjoy an afternoon of friendship, information, conversation and delicious treats!

CHURCH HISTORY GROUP

We are meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, in the Chapel. For information call 508-349-9411.

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

A **BIG** thank you to the business and professional offices who help make this weekly bulletin possible by advertising on the back page year-round. Please take some time to look over our bulletin ads and when you patronize those businesses or services, thank them for supporting our parish in this way.



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NEED HELP?

**We will assist with
 food, shelter, medical, utilities.**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 HELPLINE 508-255-8080**

HELPING HANDS

Do you need help with small jobs around your apartment and house? Things that need fixing? Jobs that are too heavy or strenuous? Small repairs? Yard work? We're available to volunteer our help! Please call Ed Mahan & Friends at 508-896-7617.

PARISH NURSES

Exercise Program Check out our winter exercise classes continuing through February 24 every Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. Info: Call Jackie, 508-240-7766.

RETROUVAILLE . . . A LIFELINE

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille 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, Retrouvaille can help you. The next New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekends are January 15-17, 2010 and April 16-18, 2010. To register for the weekend or for more information, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230.

U.S. CENSUS HIRING

The U.S. Census Bureau's Hyannis Office is hiring for the 2010 census. These temporary, part-time jobs offer good pay, flexible evening and weekend hours, and the chance to work near home. Call 1-866-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov.

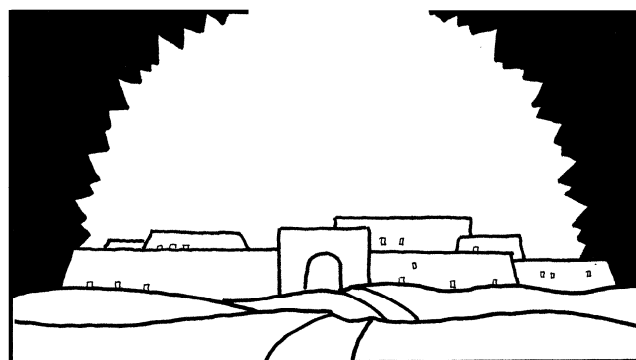


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RISE UP IN SPLENDOR

This great feast of the Epiphany of the Lord opens with these words: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you" (Isaiah 60:1). That reading goes on to describe a world covered with darkness. Even in that world, the prophet announces that the glory of the Lord will shine on Jerusalem. Many would agree that our world is covered with darkness—the darkness that war, terrorism, and famine bring. Today we announce that even in today's world, the Lord can scatter that darkness, if only we would welcome Epiphany's light. As we remember the visit of the magi to the manger, let us pray that one day our weary world will rise up in splendor—the splendor of peace and justice.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29 or Ps 104; Acts 10:34-38
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Grades 1-5 **Mondays** **2:45—4:00 p.m.**
Grades 6-10 **Monday** **6:45—8:00 p.m.**

Mon	Jan 4	No classes
Sun	Jan 10	9 a.m. Kindergarten
Mon	Jan 11	Classes, Gr 1-10 6:45 p.m. Gr 10 Parent Meeting
Tues	Jan 12	6-8 p.m. Gr 9-10 Teen Nite
Mon	Jan 18	MLK Day—No classes
Fri	Jan 22	6-8 p.m. Gr 6-10 Orleans Bowling
Mon	Jan 25	Classes, Gr 1-10 3:15 Gr 1 Student-Parent Activity
Tues	Jan 26	5:30 p.m. Staff Retreat 7:00 p.m. Catechist In-Service
Sun	Jan 31	9 a.m. Kindergarten 10 a.m. Family Mass Faith Formation Pancake Breakfast
Mon	Feb 1	Classes, Gr 1-10 3:15 Gr 1 Parent Meeting
Tues	Feb 2	6-8 p.m. Gr 9-10 Teen Nite
Mon	Feb 8	Classes, Gr 1-10
Mon	Feb 15	No classes
Mon	Feb 22	Classes, Gr 1-10
Tues	Feb 23	6 p.m. Staff Confirmation Retreat Meeting
Sun	Feb 28	3-9 p.m. Confirmation Retreat

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish all our Faith Formation Families a healthy and blessed 2010. Have a safe and enjoyable school vacation. We look forward to your return to classes on Monday, January 11.

GRADE 9 & 10 NEWS

A **Grade 10 Parent Meeting** is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 6:45 p.m. in the Church. We urge all parents of this year's Confirmation candidates to attend. We plan to discuss the activities scheduled for the coming months, February's Retreat, and additional requirements needed for this sacrament.

Teen Night All Grade 9 & 10 Confirmation students are expected to attend Teen Nite on Tuesday, January 12, from 6-8 p.m. to work on a community service project and share in dinner and fellowship.

RCIA

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 6, at 5:00 p.m. and our focus will be the Mass.

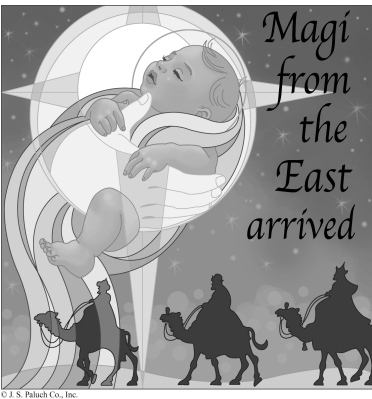
NO EXCEPTIONS!

Scripture scholar Bill Moore speaks fondly of his friend and teacher, Darwin. It seems that Darwin sometimes wishes he were a farmer. When Darwin participated in a “visioning” workshop recently, he was asked to close his eyes and imagine the happiest, most wonderful experience he could think of.

What came to Darwin’s mind was the image of a great gathering at a farm. Friends, neighbors, and many strangers were working together with him to bring in the crops. They were enjoying each other’s company, and celebrating the bountiful harvest.

What do Darwin’s “vision” and the Feast of the Epiphany have in common? Much more than one might think! The great mystery and message of Epiphany is God’s revelation to every race and nation near and far, known and unknown. It is the celebration of God’s great vision of unity in which all are welcome to share and rejoice together in the boundless abundance of merciful kindness and healing love.

Epiphany’s three Magi stand in for all who do not share the Jewish identity of Jesus and his first followers. The Magi reach out to the newborn king; they “read” the signs in the heavens and travel far to pay him homage. Mary and Joseph welcome and accept their gifts.



The message is clear -- Jesus is not just for the Jews, just as he is not just for the Christians. Jesus’ peace and love are for everyone — the forgiveness and reconciliation he brings about through his death and resurrection are for everyone.

Perhaps you have seen the bumper sticker that prays “God bless the whole world -- no exceptions!” On Epiphany we joyfully affirm our belief and thanks that God does exactly that. We are all -- every last one of us -- invited and welcome to visit the Child of Bethlehem and hear and receive the good news of peace, joy, and reconciliation!