

**January 2, 2011
EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD**

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

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 60:1-6. Nations shall walk by your light.
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6. Gentiles are coheirs in the promise.
Matthew 2:1-12. The wise follow the star.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Jan. 1 9AM Margaret Hague & Mary Ann Rooney
 2PM Wedding: Miguel Soares & Darlene Medeiros
 4PM Edward J. Bacci
 Sun. Jan. 2 8:30 Kelly Costa McCune – 3rd Anniversary
 10:30 Maria L. Resendes & Leonora Resendes
 Mon. Jan. 3 9AM Rita & Vincent Powell
 Tue. Jan. 4 9AM Maria Leite & the Souls in Purgatory
 Wed. Jan. 5 9AM Carleton Boardman III-Month's Mind
 Thu. Jan. 6 9AM Leonel Santos – 1st Anniversary
 Fri. Jan. 7 5PM Wedding: Danielle Lefrancois & Daniel Brown
 Sat. Jan. 8 4PM Dorothy Dias & Joseph Dias Jr.
 Conceicao Correia Raposo & Jose Raposo
 Sun. Jan. 9 8:30 Luis Tavares
 10:30 Manuel Leite – Month's Mind

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4PM Denise Branco
 Sandi Sevigney
 Jeannine Conroy
 8:30 Bob Adams
 Dennis Morris
 Julia Morris
 10:30 Barret Castro
 Sharyn Fitzgerald
 Susan Plonka

LECTORS:

Tony Branco
 Linda Rodrigues
 Ernie Benoit

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a 4PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, January 1st for the Sunday Obligation.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is lit for the month of January in memory of PAUL A. PELLETIER.

THE MARY CANDLE is lit for the month of January in memory of DORIS ST. PIERRE.

Please remember them in your prayers.

MONTH 4 - "I HAD A DREAM!" - The baby's brain has begun maturing – a process that will continue until she is about 14 years old. Her eyelids are now sealed shut and will re-open at 7 months. Her taste buds are now working. Nutrients consumed by her mother are passed on to her within an hour or two. Three hundred quarts of fluid a day are sent to the baby via the umbilical cord. Fine hair begins to grow on the head, eyebrows and eyelashes. Facial expressions similar to the baby's parents can be seen at this time. This month REMs (rapid eye movements) have been recorded – a sign of dreaming.

DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY our Holy Father asks that we join him in praying that the riches of the created world may be preserved, valued, and made available as God's precious gift to all.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held as usual on Monday and Wednesday from 9AM to 12 noon.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, please remember the soul of HELEN PERRY who's funeral Mass was celebrated here on Monday, and for BRIAN OLIVEIRA who's funeral Mass was celebrated here on Saturday. We offer our prayers and sympathies to their families. May Helen and Brian now share the promise of Eternal Life.

DAILY MASS AND SNOWSTORMS: When we have a storm it takes time to get the parking lot and walkways cleared. Last week's storm obviously was more intense than most. Effective now through the winter months, when we have a measurable snow storm or icy conditions, I would ask that you check the website www.stbernardassonet.org or if you are on our email list check your email or call the rectory to check the status of daily Mass before venturing out. If school is postponed or cancelled in Freetown then Mass will be cancelled as well and the intention for the Mass will be rescheduled as soon as possible. This policy is for everyone's safety.

BOWLING POT LUCK SUPPER & AWARDS BANQUET – We had a great turnout for our Season 3 Bowling Pot Luck Supper and Awards Night last Tuesday. The food was fantastic with our top bowler DON SILVA providing an appropriate "Frosty the Snowman" cake to grace our buffet table. Who knew he could bake too? Congratulations to:

Top Team....Alley Oops! Bob Adams, Art Bendinelli, Adonis Souza & Larry Thomas;

	<u>Men's Division</u>	<u>Women's Division</u>	
High Average	Don Silva	212	Sue Nordeste 153
Hi Scratch Series	John Zeb	724	Yvette Perry 513
High Sc. Game	Bruce Martel	266	Marie St. Pierre 218
High HCP Ser.	Brian Rapoza	802	Louise St. Michel 735
High HCP Game	Bill Boulay	291	Sandi Sevigney 281

Most Improved male bowler -Bob Adams

Most Improved woman bowler - Judi Morin

Team Spirit Awards - Art Bendinelli & Paulette Lemay

We are still in need of two bowlers for next season. If you are interested in bowling for the winter league, please call Sue in the Church Office 508-644-5585 if interested. We start up again next Friday evening Jan. 7, 2011 at the Holiday Lanes in Somerset at 7PM! It really is a lot of fun!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT 2011

Saturday, January 29, 2011-

Fall River Lodge of Elks

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT will once again be held for all our volunteers who have given so generously throughout the year of their time and talent to help our parish. REMINDER TO GROUP OR ACTIVITY LEADERS we need your list of volunteers YESTERDAY! PLEASE!!! We don't want to leave anyone off if they were active in 2010. You may email her at snordeste@comcast.net with your lists.

ST. BERNARD EMAIL LIST: With the upcoming winter weather, this email list will allow Fr. Mike to reach you quickly in the event of a weather situation or for any other parish matter. To be added please send your name and email address to: StBernardAssonet@aol.com and we will add you to the list.

DINNER FOR TWO BOOKS – Even though Christmas is behind us, for a limited time we still have Dinner for Two books available in the Church Office for \$29.95 each. Buy 3 and get one free! It's a great gift for those hard to buy for people who like to eat! Our parish makes a \$10 profit on each book sold.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: The regular collection last weekend was \$2,492.54 with only two weekend Masses being held. \$4,471.78 was given to help support the Parish on Christmas. \$337 was given for the mortgage, \$22 for Building & maintenance and \$39 for Utilities. \$782 was given in the second collection last week for the Parish Emergency Fund.

THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for Utilities and Building and Maintenance donations.

THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK is for the Church Mortgage.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS – There is a great need in the Greater Fall River area served by St. Anne's Food Pantry for non-perishable food items. We thank those who continue to bring these items to our church for this purpose. St. Anne's serves over 200 families every week. Items can be left at the entrances of the church...they are picked up weekly.

AS OF JANUARY 2011 the Masses on the First Friday of the Month will be discontinued. However, on the Thursday before the first Friday, Fr. Mike will hear confessions before morning Mass, beginning at 8:15AM.

YOUTH DANCE the first dance of the New Year will be on Friday, January 21st 2011 for children in Grades 5-8. The cost of admission is \$8.00 with refreshments also available. The dances begin at 7PM and end at 10PM – a responsible adult must sign in all students and come inside to pick them up at the close of the dance.

HELP IS NEEDED TO TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. The Christmas season is the shortest in the church calendar, just under 3 weeks. Next Sunday, January 9th around 1:30PM, after baptisms, we will take down and store all the decorations...they do come down

faster than they go up! The more hands the better. Please accept my thanks in advance to all who can help.

BULLETIN CORRECTION WITH APOLOGIES...ONE DATE FOR CONFIRMATION WAS INCORRECT IN LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN

Due to the large size of our 9th Grade class, we will be doing two Confirmations this year; Monday, May 9th and Wednesday, May 11th are our assigned dates. Msgr. John Perry, Vicar General of the Diocese will administer the sacrament. After the 1st of the year we will make a decision as to what classes will be confirmed on which date.

I take this opportunity to express my thanks to all who made our Christmas celebrations very beautiful; to all who go generously gave to our Giving Tree organizations and helped those less fortunate have a brighter Christmas. To the many volunteers who helped decorate the church so beautifully and to Denise Weaver and the music ministry with the children's choir, adult choir and Paul Levesque for leading us in song. Thank you to Barret Castro, our altar servers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers who faithfully serve in their ministries and to our parishioners who do so much for our parish by your presence at the Eucharist and support the parish in so many ways. Finally I sincerely thank the many who sent cards, gifts and goodies...your thoughtfulness are appreciated very much. May the New Year be filled with many good things to all of you; we are truly blessed as a parish community. Next week I will share the annual sacramental report of the parish for the past year.

Have a Blessed and Happy New Year!

Fr. Mike

30 WEEK CLUB

STARTS FEB. 1, 2011

Welcome parishioners, family and friends!

The 30 Week Club is starting our final drive for members in our last big push to help pay off the Church Mortgage this year! The 30 Week Club will be starting February 1, 2011 and all are welcome. The dues are \$3.00 per week beginning the first week of February and ending August 27, 2011 a total of \$90.00. There are \$100 prizes drawn weekly plus Grand Prizes drawn at the conclusion of the club. Once registered you will be assigned a captain who will be your contact person and the person you pay your dues to. If you have any questions, please call JEFF DEMARCO at 508-880-3146. Please use the form below to register as a member. We ask you to please fill out one form for each \$90 membership.

30 WEEK CLUB MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

New Member _____

Member from Last Year _____