

**JANUARY 8, 2012  
EPIPHANY  
OF THE LORD**

***“And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah.”***

**THE READINGS:**

**Isaiah 60: 1-6.** Nations shall walk by your light.  
**Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.** All nations will adore the Lord.  
**Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6.** Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.  
**Matthew 2:1-12.** The magi came from the east, following the star.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sat.	Jan. 7	4PM	Dorothy Dias, Joseph Dias Jr. & Maria Celeste Nunes – 28 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Leonel Santos – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
Sun.	Jan. 8	8:30	Luis Tavares
		10:30	Manuel Silva & Family
Mon.	Jan. 9	9AM	Rita & Vincent Powell
Tue.	Jan. 10	9AM	Maria L. Resendes & Leonora Resendes
Wed.	Jan. 11	9AM	Our Parishioners
Thu.	Jan. 12	9AM	Albano Medeiros – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
Sat.	Jan. 14	4PM	Albano & Maria Medeiros Lester Hallett
Sun.	Jan. 15	8:30	Our Parishioners
		10:30	George & Carole DuBois

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	<b><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u></b>	<b><u>LECTORS:</u></b>
4PM	Clergy Clergy Clergy	Paul Levesque
8:30	Mike Delisle Pat Canto Dennis Morris	Linda DeMarco
10:30	Paulette Martinville Shirley Carvalho Phil Carvalho	Carol Levesque

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**WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO BISHOP**

**GEORGE COLEMAN** who will be the main celebrant at this weekend's vigil Mass upon this momentous occasion when we celebrate being debt-free of our church mortgage. We also welcome members of the clergy who have graciously accepted our invitation to join us to share in our celebration: Rev. Karl Bissinger, Rev. John Sullivan, Rev. Paul Sullivan, Deacon Maurice Ouellette and Deacon Leo Racine.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be held on Monday and Wednesday from 9AM-Noon in the Prayer Chapel.

**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.

**IN YOUR PRAYERS** please remember the souls of EVA GENARD who's funeral Mass was celebrated here on Thursday and KRISTEN LEE ROMERO who's funeral Mass was celebrated here on Saturday. We extend our prayers and sympathies to their families. May Eva and Kristen now share the promise of Eternal Life.

**THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE COMMITTEE** needs 4 or 5 additional chaperones to add to their teams. Each team chaperones every other month. All volunteers must be CORI screened. For more info on all Knights related events, call BILL MORIN at 617-835-2590.

**DINNER FOR TWO COUPON BOOKLETS** are available again this year for \$30 each, buy 3 and get the 4<sup>th</sup> free for a limited time. Contact CAROL LEVESQUE at 508-965-9832—or email her at [carol.levesque@comcast.net](mailto:carol.levesque@comcast.net) or purchase in the Church Office.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES** – If you are 18 years or older and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to, classes will be starting after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. Classes are held in different locations of the diocese at various times including a Saturday morning class in East Taunton. Although there is no fee, pre-registration is required and must be done through Fr. Mike in advance. Please call the rectory for info. Confirmation is required to be a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation.

**PLEASE USE THE NEW ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REFERRAL BOXES** if you or someone you know needs assistance from our parish SVDP organization.

Family's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of Assistance \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTENTION SUPPER COMMITTEE:** The January meeting has been changed to Monday, January 23, 2012 at 6:30PM in the Church hall. We will be trying to put a rotation in place for people working in the kitchen. Please plan on attending this important meeting so you can be part of this planning. New members welcomed!

**NOW THAT CHRISTMAS IS OVER**, we need to take down the Christmas decorations! If you are able to lend us a helping hand this Sunday (today) at 1:30PM; with many hands helping, we should be able to accomplish the task or at least give it a good start! Bring the whole family if you'd like, little hands can be very helpful too!

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF COUNCILS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** is busy once again

preparing to raise funds to distribute scholarships to deserving students of our parish. This year we are planning an event that needs the help of our parish community to be a success. We will be holding our annual dinner dance and silent auction/ raffle on March 24th, 2012 at White's of Westport. Tickets for the event will be on sale soon. We are in need of goods, services, or ideas for our silent auction and raffle baskets. Here are a few examples of items or services that could be donated, but we welcome **any** ideas or contributions you can offer! Please note that items must be **new**.

- A free haircut or hair care supplies
- A free manicure, pedicure or massage
- Free limo service for a prom or wedding
- Gift certificates (any amount) for a restaurant or retail store
- Movie passes
- Yard Clean-up
- Free floral arrangement
- Sporting event tickets
- Concert tickets
- Free oil changes
- Scratch tickets
- Jewelry
- Collectables (i.e. Precious Moments)
- Vera Bradley bags
- Artwork (original or signed)
- Children's board games
- Handy Man services
- Free snow removal
- Housewares



Anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated. If you can't offer these services or goods yourself, perhaps you can ask a business that you support on a regular basis. Please send in all donations to the Church Office, attention: Marlene Correia or call (508) 763-3406.

**Thank you for helping to assist the deserving students of our parish!**

**CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING** There will be an important Confirmation parent meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 11:30am upstairs in the church for those students who attend classes on Sunday and Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 6:15pm in the church hall for those students who attend Wednesday classes. The meeting will discuss the upcoming retreat, Confirmation dates, dress code, rehearsal, robe pick-up, etc. Please plan on attending. The meeting will take approximately 25 minutes.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT** All 9th grade students in our Confirmation program are required to attend a retreat which is scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2012. The retreat is being held at the Holy Cross Family Ministries in Easton, MA. The retreat is a full day and attendance is mandatory for Confirmation. Transportation and lunch will be provided. The students are asked to meet at the church by 8:30AM and will be leaving from the St. Bernard

Church parking lot by bus at approximately 9:00 AM. Expected return time is approximately 3:50PM.

**GRADE 2 PENANCE RETREAT** - All grade 2 students are required to attend a Penance retreat day on Saturday, January 28, 2012. The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 2:30 p.m. Students will be having lunch at the church so please bring a bag lunch and drink for your child. Students will be engaged in activities throughout the day that focus on the theme of forgiveness in preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Each student will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation at the end of the day. Parents are invited back to the church to attend the Reconciliation Service by assembling in the church upstairs around 12:15 pm. All students must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation in order to receive First Communion.

**A LOOK BACK AT 2011** – As I traditionally do at the start of the New Year I like to share with parishioners the numbers and comparison of all the sacraments administered here in the parish over the last year compared to the previous year:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
BAPTISMS	89	<b>117</b>
FIRST COMMUNIONS	70	65
CONFIRMATIONS	57	64
WEDDINGS	21	21
FUNERALS	29	28
ADULTS RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH	6	6

We are certainly a flourishing Faith Community.

**RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, EUCHARIST, AND CONFIRMATION** – In preparation for Easter, those who have not received at least two of these Sacraments and would like to be received into the Church at Easter, please speak to Fr. Mike or Paul Levesque. Classes will begin in Lent.

**DAY OF PRAYER** – Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> marks the 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roe Vs Wade – the day in which the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion. As Catholics we are asked to hold this day as a day of prayer and fast. The Pro-Life Committee of St. Bernard Parish will sponsor a Day of Prayer on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning with the 9AM daily Mass followed by all day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. At 7PM we will have a Holy Hour for Life concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It is our way of praying for the gift of Life on this sad anniversary.

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT:** The regular collection last weekend was \$3,399.15 with 211 budget envelopes used. \$20 was donated beginning our Capital Improvement Fund, \$266 was given to Building & Maintenance and \$138 for Utilities. \$780 was given on the Holyday for the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society for those in need. Thank you for your continued financial support.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION TODAY** is for the Parish Capital Improvement Fund.

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION NEXT WEEK** is for the Communications Campaign.

**PLEASE RETURN THE PEW CARDS** for the Mass translations to the end of the pews when you exit. For those in the folding chairs at the back of the church, just leave them on the seats. Thank you!