

January 8, 2012

The Epiphany of the Lord

- ✠ Saturday, January 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort
5:00 p.m. **Norman Baines**
by Catherine and John Kappus
- ✠ Sunday, January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 a.m. **Vincent Perna**
by Family
10:30 a.m. **The Altar Rosary Society**
- ✠ Monday, January 9 The Baptism of the Lord
8:45 a.m. **Susan Auché Olsen**
by The Haines Family
- ✠ Tuesday, January 10
8:45 a.m. **Frances Blevins**
by Rachael Semonche
- ✠ Wednesday, January 11
8:45 a.m. **Margaret Wyatt**
by Eileen and Jim Mattison
- ✠ Thursday, January 12
8:45 a.m. **Nick Fornarotto, Sr.**
by Rachael Semonche
- ✠ Friday, January 13 No Mass St. Hilary
- ✠ Saturday, January 14
5:00 p.m. **Stephanie Eder**
by Charlie and Nancy Guerriere
- ✠ Sunday, January 15
8:00 a.m. **Birthday Blessings for Gloria Keker**
by Dorothy and Stan Wantrobski
10:30 a.m. **Joseph Meechan**
by The Olsen and Swan Families

and then there are the gifts that the Wise men brought to the newborn Baby Jesus. As we continue to celebrate the Christmas season, we are strongly reminded that we must continue to seek out God's presence in our lives and in our world. Having celebrated Christ's birthday a few days ago, the Church is now asking us to consider how we must still search for Christ. I use the word 'search' here not in the sense that we are searching for something that we have never found. Rather we are continuing to look for a deeper knowledge and experience of the Christ in whom we already believe. In our own lives, we don't just find God once, and then our search is over. In some ways, we should always be searching for God. As a matter of fact, Christian life is no other thing than looking for Christ and through Him, finding God, the Father and God, the Holy Spirit.

Today we should renew our desire to look for Christ with the same determination of the Wise men. Whatever it takes! For them it was a long trip and they had many obstacles to overcome, but they finally arrived to Bethlehem: "They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother" Let's make our profession of faith a reality in our lives accepting the Light of Christ, rejecting sin and allowing Jesus to be the light that guides our journey.

They offer the most precious gifts of the East. They offer him **Gold**, a symbol of His divinity. **Frankincense**, symbol of his royalty, the perfume, which was burned each evening on the altar as a symbol of the hope placed in the Messiah. And, **Myrrh**, because God made man, will take upon Himself our weaknesses, and be burdened with our sorrows, and died for us. What is it that we want to offer Jesus on the feast of the Epiphany?

"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage..." May the Star of our Christian vocation be **the permanent guide** of our whole life and may we be **splendid** with the Child Jesus as we offer our gifts to Him today and always!

In Christ
Fr Zenek, SDS



The Epiphany of Our Lord

We are surprised today to see another group of people looking for the Child Jesus. A few days

ago we contemplated the Shepherds going to Bethlehem and today we have the Wise men, 'magi from the East', arriving in Jerusalem and asking, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews?'

Today with **the Solemnity of the Epiphany** the Church celebrates the 'manifestation' of the newborn Jesus to the whole world. **Epiphany** means 'manifestation', and in the Wise men are represented all peoples of every language and nation who set out, called by God, to adore Jesus.

There are several symbols in today's feast day that are interesting for us, one of them is the 'manifestation' or 'proclamation' of Jesus as the Messiah. Then, we see people searching for Christ, we also hear about Jesus as the light of the World

**MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON DC -
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012**



Pro-Life advocates from around the country gather in Washington DC to seek change for the right to human life on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision on Roe v.

Wade. Bus Trips to Washington DC:

Annandale - Immaculate Conception - Bill Smith 908-797-7359, Basking Ridge - St. James - Kerry Shannon 908-309-7363; Fords - Our Lady of Peace/K of C Council 9199 - Alan Nygard 732-986-3199 Perryville - St. Catherine of Siena - Bill Smith 908-797-7359; Phillipsburg - St. Philip & St. James - Camille Bates Rapinesi 908-387-0001; Somerset - Immaculate Conception - Jeanine Cavanagh 908-725-1112 x1126. For bus information and all inquiries, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 exts. 1543 or 1629

Spiritual Adoption Program - Your Baby's Progress:

First Month: At fertilization a new human life begins, complete with his or her own unique set of DNA, which is present from the first moment of life. The new little person's sex is also determined from the moment of conception. During this first amazing month the baby grows to 10,000 times his or her size at conception. By the third week the baby's heart begins to beat.

Second Month: The developing baby is now called a fetus, which is Latin for "little one." He or she is making rapid progress developing all external and internal organs. During the second month baby teeth form; fingers and toes are developing. Ears, nose, lips and tongue can now be clearly seen. Brain waves can be recorded. The skeleton changes from cartilage to bone. Forty muscle sets begin their first exercises. This Little One can now suck his or her thumb. By eight weeks all body systems are present.

Stewardship Treasure (Collections)

Last Week \$2,700	Last year \$2650.36
Fuel \$1,238.	Last Year \$1,033.25

St. Theodore's Rel Education Calendar 2012

JANUARY

Monday, Jan. 9th *Classes at School*
 Monday, Jan. 16th *No Religious Education - (Martin Luther King)*
 Sunday, Jan. 22nd *8th Grade at 10:30 Mass*
 Monday, Jan. 23rd *Classes at School*
 Sunday, Jan. 29th *7th Grade at 10:30 Mass*
 Monday, Jan. 30th *Classes at School*

FEBRUARY

Monday, Feb. 6th *Classes at School*
 Sunday, Feb. 12th *6th Grade at 10:30 Mass*
 Monday, Feb. 13th *Classes at School*
 Monday, Feb. 20th *No Religious Education - President's Day*
 Wednesday, Feb. 22nd *All Grades at Church for Ash Wednesday Mass 6:30 p.m.*

Sanctuary Candle in Loving Memory of
Vincent Perna
 Request of Wife



2011 Income Tax Contribution Statements are available. Please, when you submit your request, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
Not a registered parishioner? There is no contributions record keeping procedure for non-parishioners. You have to be registered for your contributions to be counted. If you would like to register, please stop by the office Monday-Thursday, 9:15am to 2:15 pm or call...908-689-8318, Ext. 1.

TAX REFUND & TITHING

Are you receiving a tax refund this year? Have you considered giving a percentage of it back to your parish? Even if you are not yet able to give a full 5% or 10% tithe to your parish on a regular basis, many Catholics find that tithing on unexpected income – a tax refund or an inheritance is a great first step to experiencing the joy and contentment that comes when we really do give as God has asked us to give.



Please pray for: Chris, Keira, Anna & John Saksa, Theresa, Stephen, Bobby Gross, Lillian Shaffer, Bridget, Erin Stanton, Katlyn Faulkner, Barbara Zack, Bobby Greco, Frances Fiumefreddo, Jay Mildrum, Enrico Staiano, Emir Kane, Gracie Witte, Billy, Carol A, Kim Paine, Mary Ellen Horner, Richard Horner, Lauren Asmar.

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