

Entrance Hymn: BB # 105 We Three Kings
Responsorial Psalm: May God bless us in his mercy.
Offertory Hymn: BB # 104 The First Noel
Recessional Hymn: BB # 79 Joy to the World

We encourage everyone to join in the singing of all hymns at Mass and to remain in your seats until the final hymn is completed

Anyone needing music for a weekday Intention Mass may call our organist / pianist Carl Petit at 508-833-0687.



Saturday, January 2

4:00 PM Mildred & Alfred Leo Rezendes

Sunday, January 3

9:00 AM

10:30 AM Joseph E. Comeau

12:00 PM Daniel Santos

Saturday, January 9

9:00 AM

4:00 PM Mike Verre & Florence Glover

Sunday, January 10

7:30 PM Darryl Furtado

12:00 PM Dorothy & Mario Zoccolante & Norma Wylie

This week we also celebrate the following Saints

Monday

Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

Tuesday

Memorial of st. john Neumann, bishop

Wednesday

Memorial of Bl. Andre Bessette, religious

Thursday

Memorial of St. Raymond of Penafort, priest

Friday

Memorial of St. Thorfin, Bishop

Saturday,

Memorial of St. Adrian, priest and teacher

Your Prayers are requested for all the deceased of our parish who now sleep in Christ especially **Eva Zinani, and Louise Martin.**

Please remember all those who have no one to pray for them and for all the intentions listed in the Prayer Intentions Book. Our prayers are also requested for all of our loved ones who are ill, especially, **Rev. Kenneth A. LeBlanc, Chris Barker, Mary Hayward, Stacey Ferris, Peter Kelly, Ann Flaherty, Stephanie Borden, Marcella Mosher, James Blackmore, "Little Eddie".**

The Collection for the week of December 20th (the week of the snow storm) was \$2,845.00.

The collection for last Sunday December 27th was \$6,261.70. The collection for Christmas Day which benefits the Clergy Fund was \$9,848.59. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the retirement, health care and financial needs of the priest of the Archdiocese of Boston. May you all have a Healthy and Happy New Year.



CCD Classes will resume at the usual times the week of January 3, 2010.



Confirmation students have classes on January 3rd, January 17th and January 31st. Grade 10 students must attend all three classes in January.

First Penance will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at Blessed Kateri Parish for all second grade students at St. Peters and Blessed Kateri. Group 1 will be at 10:00 am and group 2 will be at 12:00 pm.



Penance rehearsal is being held on Tuesday, January 19th at 4:45 pm at Blessed Kateri church located at 126 South Meadow Rd., Plymouth.



Classes for RCIA will continue after the Christmas break on Tuesday January 5th at the Parish Center.



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, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. Look us up on the web at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

We want to call to your attention a wonderful story that appeared in the Boston Herald on Sunday, December 19, 2009 featuring the ministry of Rev. Shawn P. Carey. In this Year for Priests we are very appreciative of this positive coverage and we extend our prayers and support to Fr. Carey and the Deaf Apostolate which is doing inspiring work on behalf of the Church.

State's first deaf priest heeded signs from above

By **Katy Jordan** | Sunday, December 20, 2009 |

"We need silence to be able to touch souls. . . . God is the friend of silence." - Mother Teresa

Though the Rev. Shawn P. Carey heard his calling to the priesthood silently, the call was insistent enough to resound in his soul.

A Westfield native, Carey is the state's first deaf priest, and one of its youngest. At 37, he is inspiring parishioners at St. John the Evangelist Church in Hopkinton to hear God's word differently - by listening with their vision.

His Masses resonate in part because the message he delivers - in American Sign Language - is a blessing to those who cannot hear.

"Disabilities don't matter," Carey said through an interpreter at Boston's archdiocese headquarters in Braintree. "We can feel a spiritual connection no matter what the language. It's a beautiful thing. People can realize that any person serving God can do anything."

For Carey, known to parishioners as Father Shawn, the path to the priesthood was a spiritual feat. Growing up, language access to the church was a hurdle for deaf children because of a lack of interpreters in education and religion.

Carey recalls that his parents often sought an interpreter for his religious education, but were unsuccessful. "It was frustrating. We were stuck," he said. "Then my parents found one tutor. She was a Protestant woman, but she was willing to tutor me so I could receive First Communion."

He received it alone.

A model student who worked tirelessly to perfect his education, Carey attended Cathedral High School in Springfield, where he was the only deaf student.

"One of the greatest things to happen to me was going to a Catholic high school," he said.

Because he did not have an interpreter in his classes, Carey worked hard outside class time, going over the subjects with a tutor proficient in sign language. It was after he received his degree from Providence College, where he studied political science and developed an interest in law, that his calling to the priesthood began.

"For my situation, there were different moments, and at each of those different moments I recognized the grace of God," he said. "People began to ask me if I was going to become a priest."

While in high school, Carey met a deaf priest, the Rev. Michael B. Medas, who gave a Mass in sign language. He was transformed.

"I could see God's word through the sign language. It was such a grace-filled experience for me. Through a signing priest, I finally had a more spiritual connection with direct access," he recalled.

He went on to St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif., where for six years he studied and worked to become what he is: the state's first and only deaf priest.

Carey said many deaf Catholics are isolated from their faith because access is lacking. "There are deaf people from different places who talk about not being able to find a place to worship or receive the sacraments," he said. "They feel lost. They want access. And they want to connect with God."

At St. John's, Carey's Masses are for everyone, employing an interpreter for both deaf and hearing Catholics who attend. American Sign Language, or ASL, has taken hold of St. John's parishioners too.

"Yesterday I met a parishioner who said she's starting to pick up simple signs like Jesus and hallelujah, just by coming to Mass," he said. He sees it as symbolic for the Catholic Church of tomorrow.

"I see this church as a sign for the future; it's not about separate communities," Carey said. "Deaf Catholics go there with the hearing Catholics and the two become one. One community means one body of Christ. St. John's is a good sign of the future - it's like a big family here."



JANUARY 3, 2010



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Anyone wishing to participate in any of these ministries please contact the respective numbers. Any amount of time will be both appreciated and rewarding.



JANUARY 3, 2010

Please remember our service men and women serving in the armed forces.

Thomas Conley 3rd 2nd Lt. Air Force
Lt. Chris Capasso US Army Infantry
Capt. Jeremy Delbos USMC
Christopher Doonan US Army
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St. Vincent De Paul

Due to the early publication of the bulletin for Christmas and New Years Day a report on the Christmas Giving Tree and the Food pantry's food distribution will come later. However we would like to thank all who donated money, gifts, and food to the Saint

Vincent De Paul Food. Have a Blessed New Year.



*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." -
Mt 2:1b-2*