

**Entrance Hymn: BB # 105 We Three Kings**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Lord every nation on earth will adore you.**

**Offertory Hymn: BB # 83 Away in the Manger**

**Recessional Hymn: BB # 104 The First Noel**

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 3**

4:00 PM Alfred & Mildred Rezendes

**Sunday, January 4**

10:30 AM Josephine Flynn

**Sunday, January 11**

7:30 AM Darryl Furtado

9:00 AM Joseph Fama

10:30 AM Fannie & Peter Belsito

12:00 PM John R. Casey

6:00 PM Confirmation Mass

**This week we also celebrate the following Saints**

**Monday**

Memorial of St. John Neumann, bishop

**Tuesday**

Memorial of Bl. Andre Bessette, Religious

**Wednesday**

Memorial of St. Raymond of Penafort, priest

**Thursday**

Memorial of St. Thorfinn

**Friday**

Memorial of Adrian

**Saturday,**

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

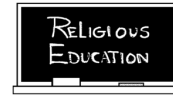
Your Prayers are requested for all the deceased of our parish who now sleep in Christ.

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 **Stacey Ferris, Billy Jolly, John Nelson, Peter Kelly, Ann Flaherty, Cindy Gaudreau, James Casey, Marcella Mosher, Nathan, Mary Enos, James Blackmore, Barbara Kadish, Dan Wilson, Raymond Pool, Marilyn Barry, Jennifer Kelly, Elsa Dias, "Little Eddie"**.

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11*

Last week's offertory collection was \$6,056.11.

The Christmas collection for clergy retirement was \$10,424.92.



CCD classes will resume on Monday, January 5, 2009.

The next **Confirmation Mass** for grade 10 students will be held next **Sunday, January 11, 2009 at 6:00 pm**. All grade 10 students must attend.

All grade 9 students are required to attend the presentation on The Christian View on Sexuality conducted by Linda Thayer on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at St. Peters Parish Center. There will be no regularly scheduled classes on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade students that week.

First Penance will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009 for all second grade students from St. Peters and Blessed Kateri. Please mark you calendar for this important event. There are two services, one at 10:30 am and one at 1:30 pm.

Thanks go to Jo-anne's Bright Beginnings Pre school for their many donations to the Giving Tree. Gifts collected at the pre school by the children and parents were delivered to St. Peter's Christmas Gift Give Away. Jo-anne's Bright Beginnings Pre School, located at 20 R South Meadow Road will host an open House Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

**Boston Catholic Men's & Women's Conferences**

2009 Boston Catholic Men's & Women's conferences Registration for the conferences on April 18 to 19<sup>th</sup> is now open. For more information, please see [www.CatholicBoston.com](http://www.CatholicBoston.com) and [info@CatholicBoston.com](mailto:info@CatholicBoston.com).

**Reminder;** According to new Federal Tax guidelines donations must be made by check or by our parish envelope in order to claim them as a tax deduction on your Federal tax return. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to sign up for envelopes.

**Breakfast with St. Nicholas**

The St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the St. Peter's Women's League and the Knights of Columbus will be held this Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup> after The 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses. Tickets will be sold at the door.



## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### Fr. Ken's "Korner"



Greetings and blessings of the week,

A happy and blessed New Year. I hope that the week was a better one for you than it was for the New England Patriots. The schedule of Masses for the last two weeks has been a tad confusing as to what day of the week it was with ordinary weekend Masses, along with Christmas and Solemnity of Mary on January 1<sup>st</sup>. This week's bulletin, due to January 1<sup>st</sup> being a non-work day for Liturgical Publications that prints our bulletins requires that next Sunday's bulletin needed to be transmitted on Monday morning before the events of the week transpired.

Please join us in the Parish Center after the 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 10:30 AM Masses for our annual "Breakfast with Saint Nicholas." Last year we moved this event from before Christmas (on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Nicholas on December 6) until after the Christmas rush. The pace is slower and having the breakfast after Christmas proved to be a better time for people, as was shown by the numbers who attended. In addition to breakfast, there are activities for the children to do, as well as to take home. We are grateful to the St. Peter's Women's League and the Knights of Columbus who have coordinated this event, making sure that everything is in order and taken care of. It is a nice time to come together with fellow parishioners and friends to share food, fun, and conversation.



Tomorrow, schedules get back to a normal routine for many people. Once again, the familiar yellow school buses will be on their regular routes as classes resume after a prolonged Christmas vacation. So too, with parish schedules. The multi-parish RCIA program will resume its regular Tuesday evening 7:30- 9:00 PM sessions for those people who are on a spiritual journey as they move towards full communion in the Catholic Church. Also, religious education classes for school children are also back in regular session.

It was good to see some of our parishioners who turn into "snowbirds" for the winter back home for the Christmas holydays, as well as those parishioners who are home from college for semester break.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anton Pinto, whom Fr. Bob anointed last week at Life Care. A funeral Mass was prayed for him on Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. We ask you to continue to pray for our many parishioners who are ill and undergoing tests for various ailments. Gerri Krebs grandson, Jamie, is recuperating from ACL surgery on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December. We have been asked to pray for Rose Veiga and her husband, Al. I was told that they both were recently discharged after a stint at the Jordan Hospital. Al also, I was told, underwent some surgery as well.



We recently had some work done at the church. There appeared to be some drainage matters that needed to be tended to. The drain in the stairwell that goes down to the boiler room on the parking lot side of the church needed to be cleared out so that the drain could work. The grate over the drain also needs to be fixed. There is a temporary grate that was put over the drain. It is now functioning properly. We will take a closer look at it once the warm is here. There are also some of the kneelers that are in need of repair due to the fact that the pad on the kneeler has

come loose or completely off. This matter is also being taken care of.

We thank you for your continued support of the parish food pantry as well as the soup kitchen as well as the food pantry. The Sunday newspaper had an article on how the present state of the economy is putting an increasing demand upon soup kitchens in trying to help meet the needs of people in need of assistance. There continues to be new faces at the parish soup kitchen as the numbers continue to grow for the Sunday afternoon meal at the soup kitchen. This past week, once again, all the food was eaten -- with no leftovers remaining. Salad, bread and butter, cheese potatoes, green beans, ham, cake and ice cream, coffee and other drinks was the meal for the day. John Malloy and our other volunteers do a great job in preparing a delicious and nourishing meal every Sunday. This is, for some, possibly the only meal for the day.

Today is the feast of the Epiphany, known to some as "Little Christmas". The word, *Epiphany*, has its roots in a Greek word that means a manifestation. This is the day that is traditionally associated with the Wise Men and their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These searchers found the manifestation of God's presence in the birth of Jesus. We too share a common spirit in them in that we too seek truth and knowledge on our journey of life and faith. This twelfth day of Christmas does not bring the Christmas season to an end. The actual end of the Christmas season is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. January 5<sup>th</sup> on the calendar of saints is the feast day of a saint who immigrated from Bohemia and spent his life working in the United States. It is the feast of Saint John Neumann, who died in 1860. He was a member of the Redemptorist Order. (The Redemptorists staff Mission Church in Boston.) He was the bishop of Philadelphia who was well known for his holiness and learning. He was a pioneer and promoter of the parochial school system in the United States. He was, in 1977, the first American bishop to be canonized as a saint. January 6<sup>th</sup> is the day we honor another man of faith who lived and died in North America. He is probably better known among Canadians than here in the U.S. He may well be better known in New England and New York than in other parts of the U.S. because of the geographical proximity. The man is Brother Andre Bessette who died in 1937 at the age of ninety-one. He was orphaned at the age of twelve. He became known as a healer and the "Miracle Man of Montreal". He is the one who founded the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal (well worth a visit!). He was dedicated to and fostered devotion to St. Joseph. Over one million people paid their respects at his death!!



Happy Birthday to Pat Gallagher who celebrated her birthday on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Likewise, happy birthday to Emily Bartula who left behind her teenage years on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Also happy 7<sup>th</sup> birthday to Robert Paul Abruzzi on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

May the Lord's blessings smile kindly upon you and your loved ones in the coming week. Your brother in faith, Fr. Ken

*JANUARY 4, 2009*

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – CYCLE B

(2009 BY Ken LeBlanc)

Assembling – Audience – Bethlehem – Caravans – Clouds –  
Coheirs – Copartners – Darkness – Daughters – Diligently –  
Dromedaries – Emptied – Ephah – Frankincense –  
Generations – Gold – Homage – Jerusalem – Mystery –  
Overflow – Praises – Prophets – Radiance – Sea – Search –  
Sheba – Shepherd – Shines – Sons – Spirit – Splendor – Star  
– Throb – Troubled.

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Thoughts for the Week

“Friendship is the shadow of the evening  
which strengthens the setting sun of life.”

(Jean de LaFontaine: 1621-1695)



‘Feeling gratitude and not expressing it  
is like wrapping a present and not giving it.’

(William A. Ward: 1921-1994)



“You don’t stop laughing because you grow old.  
You grow old because you stop laughing.”

(Michael Pritchard)



**JANUARY 4, 2009**

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

**Lance Corp. Ryan Coady USMC**  
**Thomas Conley 3<sup>rd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Air Force**  
**Capt. Jeremy Delbos USMC**  
**First Lt. U.S.M.C. Adam Drexler**  
**Corporal Michael V. Farina USMC**  
**Lt. Troy Perry Glendye USCG**  
**Pvt. Kyle Hellpap**  
**Spec. William Kirby**  
**Sgt. James Lansmore**  
**Sgt. Amy Liddell National Guard**  
**Lt. David Maccaferri Helicopter Pilot USCG**  
**AST3 Steven Maccaferri Rescue Swimmer USCG**  
**Corporal William Mueller USMC**  
**Lt. Peter Curtis McGrath USMC**  
**Airman First Class Trevor Nadile**  
**Spec. Christopher Vigliotte, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, Spec. Ops**  
**PFC David Wylie US Army**  
**SFC Joseph Wylie Spec. Forces**  
**Capt. Michelle Wylie 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne**  
**CPL Jonathan F. Yule, USMC**  
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#### **St. Vincent De Paul**

The food pantry is in need of spaghetti sauce  
pasta, canned pasta, beef stew and dry cereal

#### **Hospitalization.**

If you are hospitalized upon admission, be sure to indicate that you are a Catholic and give permission to have your name included on the hospital's religious census to ensure that you receive the spiritual/sacramental care afforded to Catholics during your hospitalization. Because new federal confidentiality regulations (HIPPA Patient Privacy Law) only patients who give their permission will receive pastoral care. Otherwise, priests or pastoral visitors will not have access to your name, and will be prevented from visiting you in the hospital.



#### **Homeless Shelter**

The Plymouth Taskforce for the Homeless has the need of more volunteers for staffing the Overnights of Hospitality. This gift of love and kindness for 6 to 10 guests requires the presence of 2 people (one has to be male) each night from 6pm to 7am in the facilities of participating Churches. Without these volunteers the Homeless will not be able to find shelter in the cold months. For more information please call Eileen McElhinney at 508-746-0515 or Connie Melahoures at 508-746-3805 (H), 508-367-0516 (cell).