

**Entrance Hymn: BB # 38 On Jordan's Bank**  
**Responsorial Psalm: My Soul Rejoices in my God**  
**Offertory Hymn: BB # 466 Spirit Come**  
**Recessional Hymn: BB # 70 The Coming of Our God**

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.

### There will be no 12:00 noon Mass on Christmas Day



#### Saturday, December 13

4:00 PM William Gallerani

#### Sunday, December 14

9:00 AM Esther M. & Thomas L. Conley

10:30 AM Fannie T. Belsito

12:00 PM Geary & Zoccolante Families

#### Tuesday, December 16

9:00 AM The Locatelli Family

#### Wednesday, December 17

9:00 AM Virginia Patturelli & Genevieve & Donald Mayers

#### Thursday, December 18

9:00 AM Francisco Dicks

#### Friday, December 19

9:00 PM The Fernandes, Gomes, Silva & Barros Family

#### Saturday, December 20

4:00 PM Stephen Magner

#### Sunday, December 21

10:30 AM Joseph Gallagher

12:00 PM James Connolly

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

##### Monday

Memorial Saint. Mary Di Rosa

##### Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Adelaide

##### Thursday

Memorial of Saint Flannan

##### Friday

Memorial of Saint Anastasius I, pope

##### 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 **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"**.

Last week's offertory collection was \$5,976.97.

This week's second collection will be for the;

#### **Retired Religious.**

Why do we ask you to support the Collection for Retired Sisters? For many years sisters did not receive compensation for their services. Salaries, stipends, gifts, and donations were earmarked for others; new ministries, training, and education. Medical and retirement costs are escalating. Current social security benefits for retired sisters are about \$4,400 annually. The average beneficiary of Social Security receives \$12,498 annually. By contributing you will allow religious communities to continue to engage in the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy while providing adequately for their retired members. All donations are distributed directly to the religious congregations that participate in this collection. We hope to raise \$1,000,000.

Next week's second collection will be the building fund.



There are no religious education classes the weeks of December 21 and December 28 due to the Christmas holiday and school vacation. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5, 2009. May all of our parish families enjoy the blessings of a joyous holiday season. Merry Christmas to all and have a very Happy New Year.

The next Confirmation Mass for grade 10 students will be held on **Sunday, January 11, 2008 at 6:00 pm. All grade 10 students must attend.**

We are looking for grade 9 and 10 students to volunteer for the annual breakfast with St. Nicholas on Sunday, January 4, 2009 after the 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses. These hours will count toward community service. Please contact Karen LeBlanc at 508-746-8268 to sign up.

**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.

#### **Christmas Concert at St. Joseph's Church**

Christmas Concert The mater Dei Guild is sponsoring a performance by Jaymine Stuart Wolfe, well known musician, on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at St Joseph Church 270 Main Street Kingston. Take time out of your crazy schedule to enjoy the true meaning of the season with your family and friends. Jaymie will perform Christmas Carols and scriptural songs. The gifted musician and mother of eight is a columnist with the Pilot newspaper, author, and faith formation coordinator. This free event is open to the public.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Fr. Ken's Korner



Greetings and blessings of the week,

I hope that it has been a good one. It seems as though, all of a sudden, that Christmas has snuck up on us and is just around the corner. Today, the Church makes note of this as we celebrate the Third

Sunday of Advent. The vestments, instead of being violet, this week are rose or pink, as they provide a visible sign of the approaching holyday of Christmas that will soon be upon us.



The St. Peter's Women's League had their



first excursion to Kennebunkport to celebrate the pre-Christmas season with a little sightseeing, shopping, a meal and the parade of hats. Everyone enjoyed the day as a bus full of people left from

the Church parking lot at 10:00 AM on a Plymouth and Brockton bus and returned later that evening after a two hour bus ride. (The bulletin has to go to press on Wednesday morning, the 10<sup>th</sup>.) Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>, another sold out bus trip of seasonal revelers, in what is becoming an annual parish outing, headed into Symphony Hall in Boston for "Holiday at Pops" with the Boston Pops Orchestra. As with the Women's League trip, the trip to the Pops was also via a Plymouth and Brockton motor coach. It is the only way to go to Symphony Hall by avoiding all the hassles of driving, parking, etc. Friday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of December marked the lighting of the Christmas trees (I can say *Christmas* in our bulletin and not "Holiday Tree") and the various activities of the night as people walked up and down Main Street. Once again this year, our Parish Center was one of the venues for some of the evening's activities. This weekend the Plymouth Philharmonic has its "Holiday" (ouch! I prefer to say holyday concert) concert on Saturday and Sunday. It is wonderful to celebrate all these activities that energize the human spirit during this time of the year. Yet, at the same time, it is important not to lose sight of the reason for all this celebration and not get lost in the trappings that surround it.

Continuing the theme of this time of the year, we will once again be having our "Breakfast with St. Nicholas". We have found after having done it both before and after



Christmas that after Christmas seems to be a better time to have this event. This year it will take place on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. It is the feast of the Epiphany, known by some people as "Little Christmas". The breakfast is within the time of the real Christmas season. The real Christmas season begins as the "Xmas" season of commercialism ends. The first day of the Christmas season is December 25<sup>th</sup> and continues until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which, this year falls on January 11<sup>th</sup>. That is why the crèche in front of the Church stays up long after other reminders of Christmas are taken down around town. That is also why the figure of the Christ child is not put in the crèche until the Christmas Vigil Mass, as a reminder that we are still in the anticipatory season of Advent.

This weekend's second collection is being taken up to benefit the retirement fund for retired religious. If you can read this "Korner", and attended parochial school as a child, the reason that you are in fact able to read this in the first place is because a member of a religious order taught you to read, thereby opening up a whole new world to us that changed our lives for the better. Imagine what your life would be like if you had not learned to read and write, as well as the other educational skills that you learned in order to prepare you for life!

This past Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed our newest members into our faith family as Deacon John Hulme baptized five children. We hope and pray that this initiation into our faith will be followed by further growth in the ways of faith that is supported by the example of their families. We are happy to count among our newest parishioners at St. Peter's Sarah Elizabeth Nardone, Sarah Evelyn Densmore, Joseph Patrick Cunningham, Nicholas Joseph Morano, and Kaylen Marie Mahoney.



As we approach the Christmas holyday please keep in your prayers two families who will have one less family member at their Christmas table. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Irene Sorenson for whom a Mass of Christian Burial was prayed on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Also, please remember in your prayers Suzanne Fox for whom funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, as well as for Theresa Basari for whom funeral services were held on



Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. May they rest in peace and may their families find strength and support in their faith, families, friends and memories.

We extend congratulations to Ron and Jane Leary as they celebrated their eighteenth wedding anniversary on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Likewise, congratulations to Alex Post who was an altar server for years here at St. Peter's. I believe that she was named to the ACL All Star cross country team.

Please be sure to check the Christmas Mass schedule. There will be no 12:00 noon Mass on Christmas Day! Masses will be at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day Masses will be at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM. If you want a seat, especially at the 4:00 on Christmas Eve, make sure that you get here around 3:00 PM, due to the fact, as you know, that this Mass is especially crowded.



Calling all ladies to Winter Bible Reflections. This is a series of talks sponsored by an Archdiocesan program called "Wings" (Women in God's Spirit). It will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption Hall in Green Harbor (Marshfield) beginning January 13<sup>th</sup> and running through February 10<sup>th</sup>. If you need more information please contact Mary Callahan @ 781-834-6313 – or Email at: [MaryCallahan@ymail.com](mailto:MaryCallahan@ymail.com). Assumption Rectory telephone number is 781-834-6252 – Email: [assumchrch@verizon.net](mailto:assumchrch@verizon.net).



May the Lord's blessings smile kindly upon you and your loved ones in the coming week.

## DECEMBER 14, 2008

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – CYCLE B

(2008 by Ken LeBlanc)

Anointed – Circumstances – Crying – Desert – Diadem – Faithful – Favor – God – Growth – Heartily – Holy – Jesus – Jewels – John – Joy – Levites – Liberty – Light – Mantle – Peace – Plants – Pray – Prepare – Proclaim – Prophet – Quench – Release – Retain – Robe – Salvation – Soul – Spirit – Salvation – Utterances – Vindication.

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### Thoughts for the Week

“What the caterpillar calls the end of the world,  
the master calls a butterfly.”

(Joshua Bates: 1936 -)



“We ought not to judge men’s merits by their qualifications,  
but by the use they make of them.”

(Pierre Charron: 1541-1603)



“Instead of worrying about what people will say of you,  
why not spend time trying to accomplish something they will  
admire.”

(Dale Carnegie: 1888-1955)



### Third Annual Advent Prayer Meeting and Cookie Swap

Third Annual Advent Prayer and Cookie Swap will be held at the Parish Center Wednesday morning at 9:45 to 11:30 am on December 17<sup>th</sup>. For details call Jane Leary at 508-746-1699.

*DECEMBER 14, 2008*

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

**CH.Lt.Col. Timothy A. Butler US Air force**  
**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**



Thank you for the on going donations for the foods pantry.

Gifts from the **Giving Tree** are being accepted from now until December 17<sup>th</sup> . Ornaments with the age of a girl or a boy may be picked up

from the trees at the Church and the Parish Center. Gifts may be returned **unwrapped** at the church or Parish Center. Ages are from infant to 18years. Gift cards are accepted. Thank you for keeping the less fortunate in mind.



#### Retreat Information

**Miramar Retreat Center** January 2-9<sup>th</sup> with Robert Mallonee, SVD and a Centering Prayer Retreat January 23-25<sup>th</sup> with Maureen Casey, SND for info visit [Miramarretreat.org](http://Miramarretreat.org) or call 781-585-2460.

**Emmaus Adult Retreat Program** for 20 years and older coded for people seeking to grow in their relationship with Christ regardless of their present level of faith and practice. They are held at Cathedral Camp in Freetown, MA. For info visit [www.emmausretreat.com](http://www.emmausretreat.com) or call 401-624-7605.



#### 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 on Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup> after The 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses. Tickets will be available after Christmas through Aneice Lawrence, 508-830-0781. Tickets will also be sold at the door.