

Entrance Hymn: BB # 82 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Offertory Hymn: BB # 88 Silent Night

Recessional Hymn: BB # 81 Angels We Have Heard on High

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, December 27

4:00 PM Walter D. Breen

Sunday, December 28

10:30 AM Peter Belsito

12:00 PM Daniel Santos

Monday, December 29

9:00 AM Robert Andrew & Joan G. Netter

Wednesday, December 31

9:00 AM

7:00 PM Vigil for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, January 1

9:00 AM Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, January 3

9:00 AM Daniel Santos

Sunday, January 4

10:30 AM Josephine Flynn

12:00 PM

This week we also celebrate the following Saints

Monday

Memorial of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday

Memorial of St. Sylvester I, pope

Thursday

The Octave of Christmas

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday,

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

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 **Stacy Ferris, 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 \$5,166.97.

The collection for the Building Fund was \$3,657.00.



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

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.



If you would like to get involved with religious education, please consider volunteering in the office or substitute teaching. If you are interested in helping out, please call Karen LeBlanc at 508-746-8268.

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

A monthly observance of the First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. Peter and will continue each 1st Friday of the month. The service will begin promptly at 7:00 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. During Exposition a recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and the Litany to the Sacred Heart will be held, with time for confession as well as Holy Mass which will be celebrated at 8:00 pm. All are invited to join us.

The Octave of Christmas

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

The Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated December 31st Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM and Thursday morning January 1st at 9:00 AM.



Flower Offering

Flaherty Family, John E. Smith, Maureen Mathias, & Gerard Holland

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Fr. Ken's "Korner"



Greetings and blessing of the week,

Well, I guess that there is no doubt that winter is here after the visit by "Old Man Winter" last week. I'm ready for the warm weather! I hope that the week was a good one for all of us friends and families gathered together to celebrate the feast of God's love wrapped in the flesh of a newborn baby whose birth we commemorate on Christmas Day. It is truly a fitting time to stop and reflect upon the gifts and blessings that we have received from God during this holyday season. The economic downswing has, to some degree, made people stop and reflect upon what this season is about and what it is that we truly celebrate. That spirit was certainly demonstrated thanks to your generosity towards those in need. The outpouring of gifts and food to help both the food pantry and the "Giving Tree" effort was remarkable. We thank you for your help in this effort. Likewise, we thank those who were at the Parish Center Sunday evening to help set up the tables and arrange the gifts for the Monday afternoon giveaway. So too, we are grateful to those parishioners who helped with the actual running of the afternoon, from the greeters to those who helped bring the people around, to those who wrapped the gifts, as well as those who helped bring the gifts to the cars of the people who were here for help.



Speaking of thanking, we are grateful to Lena LeBlanc, Eda Provenzano, Jane Leary, Bob Houston for the decorating of the church for the Christmas holy days, as well as to those who helped bring the wreaths and other decorations from storage.

This week, we did not have time for much news (as is the case next week also because the bulletin has to be sent to the bulletin company on Monday instead of the usual Wednesday. Please keep Gerri Krebs grandson, Jamie, in your prayers. He is a lineman on the Plymouth North football team. He sustained an injury to his ACL during a football game. He had to have surgery on Tuesday, the 23rd – which happens to be his birthday! This is a difficult time of year for many families as find loved ones missing at their Christmas tables this year due to a death. Please keep them in your prayers during this bittersweet time.

The week between Christmas and the new year is a busy one for the calendar of saints. December 26th is the feast of the saint who is known as the first martyr. It is the feast of St. Stephen. Stephen was one of the seven deacons mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles. He was stoned to death around 35AD. Saul of Tarsus, later known as Paul (St. Paul) was present at his martyrdom. At this point in Paul's life, he had not undergone his conversion experience on the road to Damascus. December 27th is the feast of a saint whose symbol is the eagle.



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One of the four evangelists (gospel writers), John was one of the original Apostles. He died around the year 100AD at Ephesus. He was one of the sons of Zebedee, along with James. He authored in addition to the gospel according to John, the letters of John in the New Testament, as well as the book of Revelation (known by some as the book of the apocalypse). He is the patron saint of Asiatic Turkey. John's death marks the end of the era in Church history that is known as public revelation. December 28th is known as the Feast of the Holy Innocents that recalls the death of the male children under a certain age in Bethlehem at the command of King Herod, who went to any extreme in order to solidify his stronghold on the kingdom by eliminating anything, or anyone, that he perceived as a threat to his power and position. It is a time when we should pray for the innocent who have perished, among other ways, through abortion, starvation and war and violence of all types.



This year, December 28th happens to be the Sunday that falls between Christmas and the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. Monday, December 29th, is the feast of St. Thomas Becket. He was martyred December 29, 1170. (You may recall the story Murder in the Cathedral). Thomas was killed by the order of King Henry II of England. Thomas served for eight years as the chancellor of England. As the archbishop of Canterbury, he defended the freedoms of the Church. Thomas was canonized three years after his death. He is considered one of the most famous martyrs of the Middle Ages. December 31st is the feast of Saint Sylvester who died in 335. He was bishop of Rome from 314-335. He organized public worship and dedicated the first lateran basilica. He is one of the first non-martyrs venerated as a saint.

Significant feast days in the church are designated by an octave (8days) of observance and celebration. January 1st is the Octave of Christmas and known as the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It is a holyday of obligation! Masses for the holyday here at St. Peter's will be December 31 at 7:00 PM and January 1 at 9:00 AM.



January 2 is the feast of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, both of whom were bishops and doctors of the Church. Basil, bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia died January 1, 379. He is one of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church. Gregory Nanzianzen, died January 25, 389 or 390, was the Patriarch of Constantinople and was well known for his knowledge of sacred Scripture.

This coming spring the Boston Catholic Conferences for men and women will be taking place on April 18 and 19, 2009. For further information contact www.CatholicBoston.com or info@CatholicBoston.com.

May the Lord's blessings be with you and yours in the coming week and the new year. Your brother in Christ, Fr. Ken

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – CYCLE B

(2008 BY Ken LeBlanc)

Abram – Arms – Childless – Consolation – Credited –
Descendants – Devout – Dictate – Eliezer – Galilee –
Generate – Heir – Inheritance – Isaac – Israel – Jerusalem –
Law – Nazareth – Normal – Phanuel – Pigeons – Pregnant –
Prepared – Promise – Purification – Reward – Rise – Sarah –
Seashore – Servant – Shield – Sky – Stars – Steward –
Symbol – Test – Turtledoves – Vision.

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Thoughts for the Week

“Opportunity is missed by most people
because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

(Thomas Alva Edison)



“To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it.”

(Mother Teresa)



“And in the end, it’s not the years in your life that count.
It’s the life in your years.”

(Abraham Lincoln)



DECEMBER 28, 2008

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 3rd 2nd 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, 101st Airborne, Spec. Ops
PFC David Wylie US Army
SFC Joseph Wylie Spec. Forces
Capt. Michelle Wylie 101st Airborne
CPL Jonathan F. Yule, USMC



St. Vincent De Paul

Thank you to all who donated food, money and gifts for our Christmas Give Away Program. Many in the area were assisted this season because of your generosity.

Retreats for Married couples

World Wide Marriage Encounter 1800-710-WWME web page www.wwmeMA.org

Retrouvaille of New England 800-470-2230 web page www.helpourmarriage.com

Marriage Encounter, Natick 800-367-0343 web page www.mene.org

Espousal Retreat House, Waltham 781-209-3101 e-mail admin@espousal.org

Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury 781 585-2460

Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham 781-749-2155 web Page www.glastonburyabbey.org

Cardinal Seán will celebrate a one -hour televised

Christmas Mass at 9:00 AM from the studios of WHDH-TV/Channel 7 in Boston. It will be broadcast on both Ch 7 & their sister station WLVI-TV, CW56.

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 4th 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.