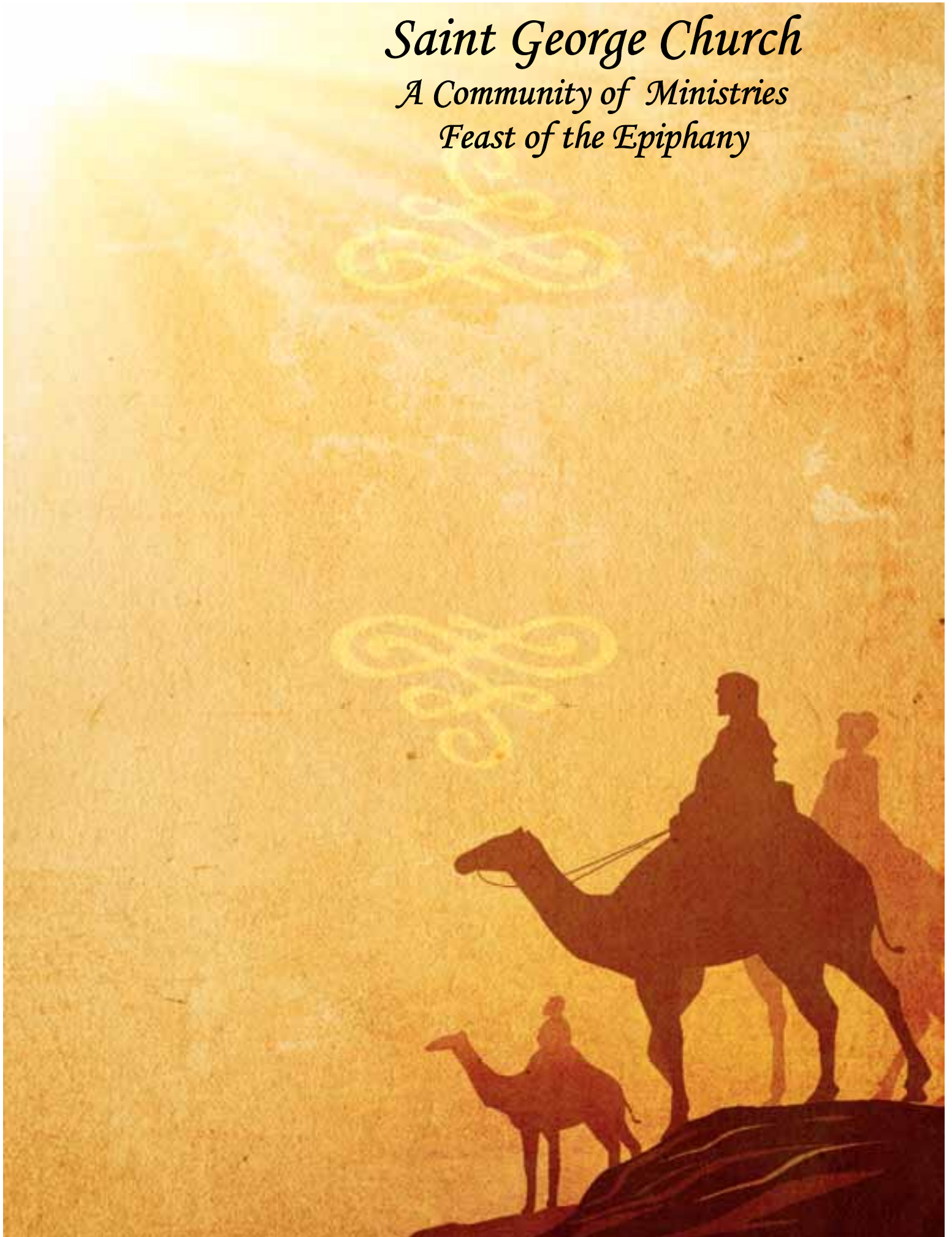


Saint George Church

A Community of Ministries

Feast of the Epiphany



Parish Information

40 Brattle Street, Worcester, MA 01606
 phone: 508-853-0183 fax: 508-854-0864 email: office@saintgeo.com Website: www.saintgeo.com

Eucharist Schedule: Vigil (Saturday): 4:00 PM Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM
 Monday through Friday at 8:00 AM.

Baptism: Once a month at 12:30 PM. Call Ruth Viens, Baptism Coordinator at 508-852-5658 to make arrangements.

Penance: Saturday - 3:15 to 3:45 PM or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements, including date and time, must be made one year in advance with a priest. One of the couple must have been a registered member of the Parish for at least six months.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls: Members of the family should notify the Rectory whenever a parishioner becomes confined at home, in a nursing home, a hospice or in the hospital.

Registration: New parishioners are always welcome! Please call Annie Doyle at the Rectory to register.

Coffee Shop: Sunday after every Mass in the Church Hall.

Pastoral Staff: Rev. Ronald Falco, Pastor; Rev. Michael Lavallee, Associate; Norbert Archibald, Deacon

Safe Environment Coordinator: Margaret Moynahan

Church Office: Joan Koppenal, Secretary **Parish Outreach:** Ann R. Doyle, Coordinator

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, closed Fridays and holidays

Religious Education: 508-852-1784 - **Elementary:** Margaret Moynahan, Coordinator

Junior High:

Senior High: Christopher O'Neill, Coordinator

Confirmation: Susan Pacek, Coordinator

CYC Youth Group:

Music Ministry: Michael Lizotte, Director 508-854-0459

Bulletin Editor: Joan Koppenal, 508-853-0183

Newsletter Editor: Ruth Viens, 508-852-5658

Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish community of Saint George, celebrate the presence of Christ in our lives.

Central to our identity and together with the universal Catholic Church, we are nourished and sustained through the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist. We are inspired by the proclamation of the Word and guided by the Holy Spirit.

As Catholic Christians, we continually seek to grow in a deeper understanding of our faith, to respect the sanctity of human life, and to respond to what Jesus asks of us in our time by sharing our gifts and participating in parish activities.

Eucharist and Prayers for the Sick

Members of the family or friends are requested to either call the Rectory or add the name to the Prayer Basket, which is located in the Mary Chapel.

Please: Call to let us know if a family member or neighbor is hospitalized, homebound or ill. We can arrange to visit and bring Eucharist.

Coffee Shop Captain

January 10, 2010
 Robert Gray: 508-755-1268

Please join us in the Hall after Mass on Sunday for coffee, donuts and fellowship!



Altar Ministries

We are thankful to the Altar Servers and Ministers of Holy Communion from TEAM B who will serve at our Masses next weekend. Thank you for sharing your time & talents with our Community of Ministries.

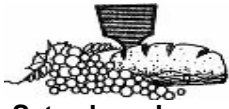
Financial Information

December 12/13 2009

4:00 PM: \$2178.95	Fuel (to date)
121 envelopes	\$3825.00
7:30 AM: \$1747.29	165 envelopes
70 envelopes	Repair Fund
9:00 AM: \$1989.00	\$424.00
76 envelopes	23 envelopes
11:00 AM: \$1437.39	Air Conditioning
77 envelopes	\$200.00
Mail: \$3280.00	1 envelope
46 envelopes	Retirement Fund/Religious
Weekly Total:	\$3302.46
\$10632.63	173 envelopes and cash
390 envelopes and cash	Immaculate Conception
	\$828.30

Our Weekly Financial Goal is \$7,750

*This week we achieved 137.2% of our goal .
 Thank you for your generosity.*



Mass Intention

Saturday, January 2: *Vigil*
 4:00 PM For the Community of St. George
Sunday, January 3: *Epiphany of the Lord*
 7:30 AM For the Community of St. George
 9:00 AM 18th Anniversary for Robert Novia
 by wife & family
 11:00 AM For the Community of St. George
Monday, January 4: *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*
 8:00 AM For the sick of our parish
Tuesday, January 5: *St. John Newmann*
 8:00 AM In thanksgiving for the Religious Ed
 teachers
Wednesday, January 6: *Blessed Andre Bessette*
 8:00 AM 2nd Anniversary for Mary Howard by her
 husband Wayne & family
Thursday, January 7: *St. Raymond of Penafort*
 8:00 AM For our homebound parishioners
Friday, January 8:
 10:00 AM For vocations to the priesthood
Saturday, January 9: *Vigil*
 4:00 PM For the Community of St. George
Sunday, January 10: *Baptism of the Lord*
 7:30 AM 5th Anniversary for Charles Pena by the
 Morley family
 9:00 AM Memorial for Clare Menezes by the
 Ajbani family
 15th Anniversary for Arthur Cronin by
 family
 11:00 AM Memorial for Robert O'Neill by the
 Gale family
 12:30 PM Baptisms



Attention Users of Online Giving

As soon as you have made your last donation for the year, you can access your statement for your tax returns on the website. The IRS will accept your printout in lieu of a statement from the envelope. A statement for your donations prior to using Online Giving will be mailed by D.P. Murphy before the end of January.

Second Collection

This weekend, the annual collection for the Catholic University of America will be taken up at all Masses. Please be as generous as possible to this important collection.

Year End Giving

Please remember that we must receive donations that you want posted in 2009 by December 31 and the checks must be dated by December 31. All gifts to the Church are fully tax deductible. Requests for the use of your gift will be honored, just note it in on the envelope or the check. Thank you.

Parish Calendar

Saturday, January 2:
 8:00 PM AA Hall
 Sunday, January 3:
 8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy Conf. Rm
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Hall
 Monday January 4:
 Tuesday, January 5:
 2:00 PM Liturgy Meeting Rectory
 5:00 PM Choir Party Hall
 6:30 PM Weight Loss Group Center
 Wednesday, January 6:
 7:00 PM Bible Study Center
 7:00 PM Widow/Widowers Center
 Thursday, January 7:
 6:30 PM Family Prayer Church
 7:00 PM Women's Guild Conf. Rm
 Friday, January 8:
 Saturday, January 9:
 8:00 PM AA Hall
 Sunday, January 10:
 8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy Conf. Rm
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Hall
 10:00 AM Men's Club Conf. Rm
 6:00 PM Gr. 9/10 Religious Ed Center
 7:00 PM Confirmation Hall

*Catholic Worker Bread Sale
 After all Masses*

Scripture for the week of January 10, 2010

10	Sun	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
11	Mon	1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
12	Tue	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
13	Wed	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
14	Thu	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
15	Fri	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
16	Sat	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/ Mk 2:13-17
17	Sun	Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

This Week...

Pray for the leaders of our country that they will govern with wisdom and respect for the dignity of all human beings.

We Commend to your Prayers

Edward Manahan, our parishioner, husband of our parishioner Mary Manahan

John Farley, brother of our parishioner Joseph Farley

May the Angels lead them into Paradise



Religious Education

Peg Moynahan
508-852-1784

Religious Education classes grades 1 through 6 will resume the week of January 11.

Enjoy the Christmas Season!



Parish Outreach

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183 x12
Office hours Mon-Tue-Wed 9-5
adoyle@saintgeo.com

Start the New Year off by making a difference in the world:

- Resolve to bring non-perishable food items for the hungry each week
- Make up your mind to buy Homeless Prevention Cards after Mass
- Decide to knit a Prayer Shawl this year
- Promise yourself that you will come to Mass 10 minutes early to greet and welcome others (the need is especially great at the 11AM Mass)
Make a resolution to

Special thanks to Michele and Jay Simard for sharing their time and talent by making the beautiful arrangements outside our Church Building.

Let it Snow

Daily Mass will not be cancelled due to weather. We ask that you consider the road and sidewalk conditions before leaving your homes. Your safety is our utmost concern. Remember that daily Mass is offered on Charter each morning at 9:00 AM.

Cancellation of afternoon and evening events will be decided on an individual basis.

Free Donut Tickets for Children's Liturgy

The Men's Club will be offering "Free Donut Tickets" to all participants to the "Children's Liturgy" during the 9:00 AM Mass next Sunday. The children will be given the tickets while at the Liturgy to be redeemed after Mass. Best Wishes to our young Catholics.

A Christian Steward receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with all, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

Pastoral Reflections

My Friends in the Lord Jesus,

Christmas is the joyful celebration of the beginning of our salvation, the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. As we proclaim Jesus as the world's salvation whose light is mercy and peace, Jesus is revealed on today's feast of Epiphany as the love of God incarnate. Jesus is the heavenly Father's gift to the world which calls forth from us gifts given in return. As the Magi present gifts which reveal the identity of Jesus, gold - Jesus king of the universe, Frankincense - Jesus high priest who offers the sacrifice of himself, Myrrh - Jesus whose death is salvific for all people. So too gifts we offer Christ reveal not only who Jesus is as Lord of our lives but who we are in relationship to him, his disciples.

As we begin this new year of grace 2010 and as you make new year resolutions, what are you resolved to do this year to enhance your relationship with Jesus? What gift are you ready to offer the Lord that will reveal who Jesus is in your life? Perhaps these gifts could include such things as daily Mass, daily prayer, prayer as a family, or weekly reflection on scripture? We live a life of faith which permeates all that we do. As we celebrate this feast of the revelation of Jesus as Light of the world, may his light illuminate our hearts in grateful acts for God and for others. As we continue our celebration of Christmas, we sing "Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King."

Fr. Ron

Office for Healing and Prevention

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse and find healing. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact Frances Nugent, Victim Services Coordinator for our diocese at 508-929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

Pietà

Is an ongoing support group for bereaved parents. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child is welcome to attend. The next meeting will be on January 11 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Please join us.



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

The Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel wish to thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for these favors:

1. For a wonderful Thanksgiving with all my children.
2. For the blessing of my mother.

The Chapel of the Perpetual Eucharist Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament needs additional adorers. Call Deacon Archie at 508-847-3710 or 508-853-8169. to sign up or if you have any questions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

New members are invited to join this important ministry of outreach to the sick and suffering. You might want to knit or crochet – here at our bimonthly meetings or at home. Patterns and traditional yarn is available.

We hope you will call today for more information.

Weekly Gospel Reflections



Starting January 6 on Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM in the Parish Center.

Please join us as we gather to read the Gospel of the upcoming Sunday, share faith and prayer. Fr. Michael Lavallee will lead these sessions.

Members of St. George and other Catholic parishes are welcome to attend. To register please call Fr. Lavallee at St. George 508-853-0183 x 16.

Why not make a resolution to dedicate the first hour of your families' work week to God?

Children's Liturgy

Children are invited to hear God's Word on Sundays at the 9:00 AM Mass. Pre-school and school age children are encouraged to join us . Call Alicia Barry 508-829-3361 for more information.

Bulletin Deadlines

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to the parish</u>
January 16/17	Wednesday Jan. 6
January 23/24	Wednesday Jan. 13
January 30/31	Wednesday Jan. 20

Please submit bulletin items by 5:00 PM on the due date. Items can be mailed or faxed to the Rectory or e-mailed to office@saintgeo.com. If you have any questions please call Joan Koppenal at the Rectory (508-853-0183).

Family Ministry

Ruth Viens, Coordinator - 508-852-5658
Email : ruthviens@charter.net

Family Connection

A Blessing Prayer for Our Home - Lord God, bless our home and all those who enter here. May this family and all who visit us this year be healthy and holy. May we worship Jesus within these walls. As the star made Christ visible to the Wise Men, help us make the light of Christ visible in our home today. Amen.




Saint George's is the Cat's Meow!!!

A replica of the church has been created by the Cat's Meow Company. The "church" is available for sale for \$25.00 in the Rectory during regular hours. All proceeds will benefit the parish.

Please call the Rectory if you are interested stop by or call Joan at 508-853-0183

Have you signed up for Online Giving Yet?

If you have..Thank You! If not - why not consider it. Just go to  www.saintgeo.com and click the Online Giving icon. If you have any questions or concerns e-mail office@saintgeo.com or call Anne at 508-869-9982. It takes less than 15 minutes to sign up!

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

The Gospel today says that, having found the infant Jesus, the shepherds returned to their work, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. We, too, have seen and celebrated the mystery of the Word made flesh. Will we follow their example when we return to work tomorrow?

Adoration Chapel

Doors to the Adoration Chapel are locked to visitors when young people are in the building. Visitors are invited to pray and adore the Blessed Sacrament in the Church Building.

Committed Adorers who have completed the necessary paperwork with Peg Moynahan will maintain Perpetual Adoration.

Chapel is closed to visitors:
 Sunday 5:30 PM till 9:00 PM
 Monday 3:30 PM till 7:30 PM
 Tuesday 3:30 PM till 5:30 PM
 Wednesday 3:30 PM till 5:30 PM

Please contact Deacon Norbert Archibald at 508-847-3710 if you have any questions.

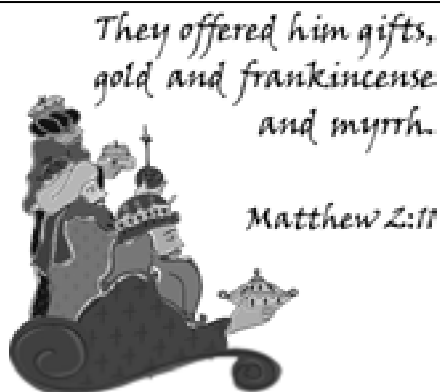
Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking Reminders

Especially during the winter when we have snow and ice on the ground, it is critical that we keep access for emergency vehicles open at all times - both in our parking lot and on the street. Please observe the following :

- No parking in the fire lane: *the entire side of the driveway near the rectory is a fire lane so do not park there.* Handicap plates do not allow you to park in a fire lane.
- No parking in front of either of the garages.
- If you are parking in the front row of cars - please *do not block any part* of the driveway on the church side - the entire front of your car should be against the snow bank and/or grass.
- If you are parking on Rochelle Street please stay well away from the corner and park on the side of the road - leave enough room for an ambulance or fire engine to make the corner.
- In the parking lot, please leave enough room between and on the ends of the rows for a car or fire truck to safely pass through.
- Watch your step...we do our best to keep the lot plowed and sanded, but use caution when walking from your car to any of the buildings.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Save the Date

Catholics Going Green
 February 23 – April 13



Catholics Going Green establishes a lifestyle of awareness surrounding care for creation and social justice issues. As a parish this will be one focus for us during the season of Lent.

The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it. – Genesis 2:15

The six sessions will invite you to read, reflect, discuss, pray and take action to become better stewards of God's creation.

Join us for one, some or all of the sessions. Each will run from 7:00-8:30 pm. Refreshments provided.

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| February 23: | We Walk on Holy Ground |
| March 3: | We Honor the Dignity of the Human Person |
| March 16: | We Stand in Solidarity |
| March 23: | We Share the Goods of the Earth |
| April 6: | We Champion the Cause for Global Human Development |
| April 13: | We Answer the Call to Conversion of Life |

For more information, contact Eileen Charbonneau at 508.853.1739

The Holy Innocents

On December 28 we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Innocents'. This feast commemorates the children slaughtered by Herod the Great when he tried to kill the infant Christ.

When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the magi. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet: "A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more."

- Matthew 2:16-18

Saint of the Week

Elizabeth Ann Seton

Memorial: 4 January*Also known as:* Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton. Mother Seton*Born:* 28 August 1774 in New York City, New York,*Died :* 4 January 1821 in Emmetsburg, Maryland of natural causes

Born into a wealthy and influential Episcopalian family, the daughter of a Dr Richard Bayley; Elizabeth was raised in the New York high society of the late 18th century. Her mother died when Elizabeth was three years old, her baby sister a year later. In 1794 at age 19 she married the wealthy businessman William Magee Seton, and was the mother of five. About ten years into the marriage, William's business failed, and soon after he died of tuberculosis, leaving Elizabeth an impoverished widow with five small children. For years Elizabeth had felt drawn to Catholicism, believing in the Real Presence in the Eucharist and in the lineage of the Church going back to Christ and the Apostles. She converted to Catholicism, entering the Church on 14 March 1805, alienating many of her strict Episcopalian family in the process. To support her family, and insure the proper education of her children, she opened a school in Boston. Though a private and secular institution, from the beginning she ran it along the lines of a religious community. At the invitation of the archbishop, she established a Catholic girl's school in Baltimore, Maryland which initiated the parochial school system in America. To run the system she founded the *Sisters of Charity* in 1809, the first native American religious community for women.

Venerated: 18 December 1959 by Pope John XXIII*Beatified:* 17 March 1963 by Pope John XXIII*Canonized:* 14 September 1975 by Pope Paul VI*Name Meaning:* worshipper of God - (*Elizabeth*)*Patronage:* against in-law problems, Apostleship of the Sea (two of her sons worked on the sea), death of children, loss of parents, opposition of Church authorities, people ridiculed for their piety, Shreveport, Louisiana, diocese of; widows

We must pray without ceasing, in every occurrence and employment of our lives - that prayer which is rather a habit of lifting up the heart to God as in a constant communication with Him.

The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner he wills it; and thirdly to do it because it is his will.

- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton



By Dr. Scott Hahn

A King to Behold

Epiphany of the Lord

An "epiphany" is an appearance. In today's readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears.

Herod, in today's Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise - one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting "a ruler of Israel" who will "shepherd his flock" and whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth" (see Micah 5:1-3).

Those promises of Israel's king ruling the nations resound also in today's Psalm. The psalm celebrates David's son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch "to the ends of the earth," and the world's kings will pay Him homage. That's the scene too in today's First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing "gold and frankincense" for Israel's king.

The Magi's pilgrimage in today's Gospel marks the fulfillment of God's promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler's staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17).

Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the "kings of the earth" (see 1 Kings 10:2,25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6, 4:6,14).

One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are "co-heirs" of the royal family of Israel, as today's Epistle teaches.

His manifestation forces us to choose: Will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and the scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?

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