



SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2009

The Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:00 AM ✘ George & Anne Gonwa
- 10:30 AM ✘ Owen Murphy, Sr. (26th Anniv.)
- ✘ Mrs. Angelina Imondi
- 5:00 PM ✘ Ray Battista

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009

John Neumann, bishop,

- 7:00 AM Parishioners of SS. Rose & Clement

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009

Weekday after Epiphany

- 7:00 AM ✘ Antonio Petrarca (4th Anniv.)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2009

Weekday after Epiphany

- 7:00 AM ✘ John Kelly (8th Anniv.)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009

Weekday after Epiphany

- 7:00 AM ✘ Deceased members of the
McGovern & DiSaia families

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2009

Weekday after Epiphany

- 7:00 AM ✘ Martha McDonald (32nd Anniv.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2009

Weekday after Epiphany

- 4:00 PM ✘ Daniel J. Reynolds (4th Anniv.)
- ✘ Helen M. Nelson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2009

Baptism of the Lord

- 8:00 AM ✘ Mary E. Carroll (Month's Mind)
- 10:30 AM ✘ Frank Foye (9th Anniv.)
- ✘ Alvin Mischler (Month's Mind)
- 12 Noon Baptisms**
- 5:00 PM ✘ Special Intention

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, we looked at five of the top ten reasons people return to their Catholic Faith. Here are the last five:

Number 5: Because the Catholic Church has the fullness of truth and grace. The Catholic Church was not founded by a reformer, but by Jesus himself. There are thousands of Christian denominations, but only one Catholic Church whose teachings and morals are unchanging. Many find other Faiths good, but lacking. The Catholic Church offers the best answers to all life's questions.

Number 4: Because they want their children to have a faith foundation. Some people return because they recognize that raising children in a culture that promotes "doing your own thing" can lead to disaster. They want a solid foundation upon which their children can build their lives. The Church has that foundation!

Number 3: Because they want to be part of a faith community. Catholics come together at Mass, in the Sacraments, and in parish activities to pray, to celebrate joys, to mourn losses, to serve others, to provide support and to receive strength for daily life. A Catholic parish gives a sense of belonging and support—something all people long for.

Number 2: Because they want to help other people. While there are many opportunities to volunteer in the secular world, the Church reminds volunteers that they are instruments of God's love—and that God himself will bless them for their kindness. That "spiritual dimension" is missing in many secular charities and often leaves people unfulfilled.

Number 1: Because they hunger for the Eucharist. Most people come back to the Catholic Church because they feel an intense longing for the Eucharist. There is a mysterious fulfillment that occurs every time we receive Holy Communion. People remember that fulfillment and deeply desire it again.

Most people discover that coming back to the Church is a process that involves a little pain, a little laughter, some thinking, some prayer and a lot of letting go. Yet when they do, all who return feel a deep sense of peace that was missing in their lives. I pray that many people will find that peace through our evangelization efforts! God bless you in the week ahead.

Fr. Wilson

PS I hope you took one of our beautiful parish calendars this year. There are a few more available at the doors, if you would like another. My thanks to Mr. Peter Cotter of the Barrett & Cotter Funeral Home who donates our calendars every year. May God bless him for his generosity.

December 28, 2008	
Sunday Collection.....	\$9,162.50
Christmas Collection.....	11,340.00
<i>A sincere thank you for your support.</i>	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ALL CCD CLASSES will meet at their scheduled times.

Please Note: CCD classes will NOT meet on January 18th and 19th due to the Martin Luther King Holiday.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER PARTNERS

We are looking for adults who would like to be a prayer partner for a child making his or her First Holy Communion. If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cheryl Berube at 739-0212. For those who have signed-up already, you will be receiving a mailing shortly with the necessary information. Thank you.

Tips For A Happier Life in 2009

- Don't waste your energy on grudges, gossip and negative thoughts. Life is too short for these.
- Envy is also a waste of time. God will provide what you need so don't worry.
- Keep active and keep learning (hobbies, crafts, gardening, photography, etc.)
- Take a 30 minute walk every day, and while you walk, smile! It's the ultimate anti-depressant.
- Sit in prayerful silence at least 15 minutes per day.
- Read the comics—laughter is the best medicine.
- Say “I love you” as often as possible to family and friends.
- Get rid of the clutter in your life—and anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
- Focus less on yourself and more on others.
- Count your blessings as you manage your troubles.
- Go to daily Mass. Ask anyone who does and they will tell you that daily Mass has changed their life for the better.

A NIGHT FOR YOUTH

On Friday, January 23rd at 7:00 PM, St. Patrick's Church (244 Smith St., Providence) will host LIFT “On The Road” (www.lifetedhigher.com). LIFT has been drawing crowds of young people in the Boston area every month for almost two years. The evening will consist of contemporary Christian worship music, a talk given by Fr. Michael Najim and Eucharistic Adoration. All high school and college students are invited and refreshments will be served.

From the Desk of Mrs. Fuller

The Staff of Saint Rose School and I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Thank you for the many cards and gifts we received this Christmas Season. Each year the parents and the students show so much love and devotion to the school, staff and me. It is a pleasure and an honor for all of us to work here with your children. May the Lord bless you and keep you in the New Year.

School resumes on Monday, January 5th.

THANK YOU NOTE!

Dear Fr. Wilson,

I would like to personally thank you and your parishioners for your generous gift of \$1,500.00 in support of the ‘Keep the Heat On’ campaign. Recent economic challenges and fluctuating energy prices have forced many Rhode Islanders to turn to the Catholic Church for heating and other forms of assistance. Thanks to your kind support, a household that has exhausted all private and public forms of assistance will have a resource to ‘Keep the Heat On’ this winter.

If you are aware of someone in need of assistance, please visit the ‘Keep the Heat On’ website at www.heatri.com or call 421-7833 for additional information.

With gratitude for your kindness I will remember you in prayer. God bless,

Thomas J. Tobin
Bishop of Providence

Baptism Preparation Class

The next Baptism Preparation Class will be held THIS Tuesday, January 6th at 7:30 PM in St. Clement Church. Parents and Godparents are asked to attend. Thank you.

MEN of ST. JOSEPH

The Men of St. Joseph will hold their bi-weekly meeting on Saturday, January 10th at 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM in the church hall. The meeting will begin with a Eucharistic Service in the main church. Coffee and pastry will be available afterward. **ALL MEN IN THE PARISH ARE WELCOME!** Questions? Please call Malcolm Vakalis at 884-5565.

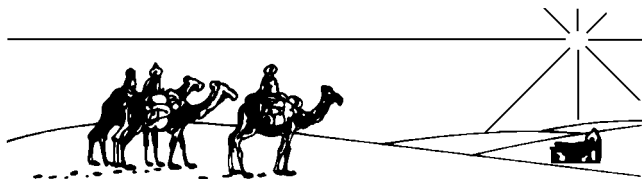
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“SHARE THE SPIRIT” GIFT SHOP

Our half price sale continues:

ALL Christmas Merchandise and CDS

Stop by and take a look!!



EPIPHANY PRAYER

Dear Jesus, as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You. Mary, Our Mother, help us to know Your Son. Amen.

EIGHT MONTH CLUB

Week #18 \$50 Winner

Mr. & Mrs. John Coutcher – Ticket #373

Thank you to all who support Saint Rose School.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"...we shouldn't put the Christmas Spirit away with them."

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YOUR WILL

***Please remember SS. Rose & Clement Parish
in your Will and Estate.***