

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

5:00 ROSE MARIE AJELLO

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00 THOMAS & SUSAN BYRNE

9:00 L. BENJAMIN ZARRELLI

11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 FELIX GILROY

5:00 RICHARD CASTELLANO

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00 GERARD GIOVANAZZO

9:00 JOSEPH & GRACE ABATE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00 CHARLES M. DONOHUE

9:00 ELEANOR TORKELSON

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

7:00 JOSEPH R. BRADLEY

9:00 SHANNON ELIZABETH TOBIN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

7:00 SR. THERESE MARY O' CARM

9:00 TERRY WALSH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00 GERALDINE MORRIS

9:00 JAMES & MARGARET MURTHA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 CATHERINE PANGBORN

5:00 DOMENICO MUCCI

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 PAUL & EDNA GILKESON

9:00 WILLIAM SCHMIDT

11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 CHARLES DONOHUE

5:00 JOHN TIGHE

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC  
MINISTERS

Saturday, January 9

5:00 Bill Jones Theresa Hudik

Sunday, January 10

7:00 Vincent Tarasovis

9:00 Anne Siemer Evelyn Bilotto

11:00 Roy Hansen Regina Torello

1:00 Charles Sullivan Shirley Fennell

5:00 Fred Maley Efrain Ortiz



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Patricia Repoli, Tim Campagna, Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Jerry Russo, Anna Parente, James Parente, Ruth Manieri, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Richard Nagrowski, Theresa Mirante, Barbara Walsh, Christian Pepo, Joe Arrigo, Thomas Coppola II, Terrence Gibbons, Sondra Cronin, Jean Forte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, Bill Kiesewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Frances Bocignone, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar

Collection December 20

Regular . . . . . \$8090.00

Christmas Flowers . . . . . \$2260.00

Building Fund . . . . . \$630.00

Due to an early publication date the Christmas and December 27<sup>th</sup> collection will be published in a future bulletin.

**FLOWER DONATIONS:** Total cost of two flower arrangements for the Altar is \$80.00, and flowers may be donated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate anniversaries or other special occasions, or for special intentions. Please call Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 for further details.

**Bible Study**



**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7PM in the rectory. If you are interested in joining contact the rectory at 718-442-0058.

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

A very happy Epiphany to all of you! You may have noticed from my bulletin articles that I have been reading St. Alphonsus Liguori lately. St. Alphonsus died in 1787 at the age of 91. Having written 111 books, he is arguably the most prolific author of all time. He offers a nice meditation on John 3:16, the famous Gospel quote that Christians often place on placards and flash in front of the cameras at sporting events. *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.* God gave His only Son to the world, not only to a particular class of people. The three kings of the Epiphany coming from various lands bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, acknowledge that great gift, as we do today. St. Alphonsus writes:

*“I have given You to be the light of the gentiles, that You may be my salvation even to the farthest part of the earth.”* (Isa 49:6). Consider that the Eternal Father addressed these words to the Infant Jesus at the instant of His conception: I have given You to be the light of the Gentiles, that You may be My salvation. My Son, I have given You to the world for the light and life of all people, in order that You might procure for them their salvation, which I have as much at heart as if it were My own. You must therefore employ Yourself entirely for the well-being of men: “Wholly given to man, You must be wholly spent in his service.” You must therefore, at Your birth, suffer extreme poverty, in order that men may become rich. You must be sold as a slave to acquire liberty for man; and You must be

scourged and crucified as a slave to satisfy My justice for the punishment due to man. You must give Your blood and Your life to deliver man from eternal death; in short, You are no longer Your own, but You belong to man: *A child is born to us, a son is given to us.* (Isa 9:6). God so loved the world-(O infinite love! Only worthy of an infinite God!)-God so loved the world as to give His only-begotten Son. The Infant Jesus, far from being sorrowful at this proposal, is pleased at it, accepts it with love, and exults in it: He has rejoiced as a giant to run the way; and from the first moment of His incarnation He gives himself entirely to man, and embraces with pleasure all the sorrows and ignominy that He must suffer on earth for the love of man. These were (says St. Bernard) the mountains and hills that Jesus Christ had to pass with so many labors in order to save man: *Behold, He comes leaping upon the mountains, skipping over the hills.* (Song of Solomon 2:8).

In the feast of the Epiphany we are reminded that the salvific will of God is universal, or, as the Apostle puts it: *God wills all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.* (1 Tim 2:4). Moreover, the feast reminds us that it's great to be Catholic. The name of our religion is taken from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means ‘universal.’ Our Church is not Russian Orthodox or Southern Baptist but Catholic: all are welcome, from various lands. May our parish community reflect this notion and continue to be welcoming to people of all backgrounds. God bless you.

Father Eric

**CCD JANUARY HAPPENINGS**

**Regular Classes Resume in 2016:**

**January 6, 13, 20 & 27th**

**Sacred Heart School - Radio Bingo**

**Friday, January 15, 2016 7pm**

\$30 pp- Join us for a night of fun, games, music, raffles and dancing! Call Francine Rizzuto at Sacred Heart School (718) 442-0347 for questions or reservations.

**PASTORAL COUNSELING:** is a combination of psychological and spiritual counseling, a clinical approach to unite the whole person - both mind and soul. Vera Sabella, a Pastoral Counselor, has made herself available for Sacred Heart parishioners. A sliding scale fee will be assessed and counseling sessions will be held in parish facilities. For referral, please call 347-210-1127.

**Staten Island Grandmothers Club**

Chapter 899 needs you. We are a friendly and fun local not for profit social/fraternal organization. Our main purpose is to assist sick children and their families right here on Staten Island. Please contact Alana Chanod at 347-423-1190 for more information.

**The next session of "Ignatian Spirituality"** will be held on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Church 366 Watchogue Rd., SI, NY 10314. The meeting will begin at 9:30AM in the meeting room in the basement of the church after the 8:30AM Mass.

**Goretti Group Event-**

Join us for our Freedom to Love Theology of the Body video and discussion series. Music in the church will begin at 7:00pm followed by Mass at 7:30PM and video/discussion at 8:15pm. After-event fellowship. Holy Family Church (366 Watchogue Rd. SI, NY 10314).

If you *loved* the Christmas music, why don't you *join a choir* and help create the music yourself?? There are *so many wonderful* blessings involved in serving a choir! The New Year is a *perfect time* to join a choir at Sacred Heart:

Parish Choir (ages 8-120) rehearsals 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. Sing for Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11AM

France Voyager Choir sings 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 11AM in preparation for choir tour to France Feb. 16-23, 2016

Kids Praise Choir (ages 5-11) rehearses every Wed. 5-6 chapel sings 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11AM

Family Choir all family members (age 0-120) sing together 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11AM Prizes! Treats! Coffee! Make 2016 the year you join a choir at Sacred Heart!! Bring a friend!! Wishing you peace and joy in 2016!!

Pamela and the Choirs (VM 24)

FRANCE TRAVELING CHOIR/FAMILY CHOIR sings today, January 3, 2016 at 11AM Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!! CD's available from our Portugal Tour 2013 (including the selections recorded 1st Sunday Advent in Fatima Basilica!) "Healing...restorative"..just a few comments about this extraordinary CD - pick up a few today for the bedridden, ill, infirm elderly - thank you for your support!!

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE JAN 9 & JAN 10**

**Saturday, Jan 9**

5:00 John Paul Hoey & Michele Chen

**Sunday, Jan 10**

7:00 Sarah Laureno & Laura Laureano

9:00 Sean Hartnett & Matthew Kalikas

11:00 David & Billy Albro

1:00 Kelly Shashaty & Margaret Donovan

5:00 John & Michael Manning