

The Epiphany of the Lord

MASSES January 2, 2010 - January 10, 2010

Sat	4:00pm	Joanne Mitchell	Sun	8:00am	Thomas & Ruth Boucher
Sun	8:00am	Glenn Mackery		10:00am	Wilfred "Frank" Sampson
	10:00am	Gloria Putnam			Bif & Paula McCormack
		Carmine DiMambro			Antonio, Carmela, Donata & Anna Pellegrini
		Delfino Pellegrini			Gerardo Cedrone, Giuseppe Socci
	6:00pm	Michael Annis			Dominic Gerard Cedrone
Mon	7:00am	Carmen Lima Farias, Nair Fel Freire			Michele Vitti
Tues	7:00am	For all Men & Women Serving in the Military			Emilia Mariano
Wed	7:00am	The Sick of the Parish			Celeste, Enrico & Rosita Marini
Thurs	7:00am	Joseph & Alice Gerraughty		6:00pm	Keith T. McLean
Fri	7:00am	Deceased Members of the Parish			Arthur McGurty
Sat	4:00pm	Michael D'Angelo			Frank Mancini & Ryan J. Mancini
		Santiago Rincon-Gentile			



In your prayers please remember Linda Bicchieri, Robert Fitzgerald, Margaret MacDonald, and all who have died.
May they experience the new life promised by Christ's Paschal victory.

Our Lady's Is Pleased To Announce These Upcoming Marriages:



Nicole McCarthy

&

Nicolas Gargaro

Scripture Readings can be found at www.usccb.org

Sun., January 3	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Mon., January 4	1 Jn 3:22-4;6; Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Tues., January 5	1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wed., January 6	1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thurs., January 7	1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
Fri., January 8	1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Sat., January 9	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sun., January 10	Is 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16,21-22
Sun., January 17	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3,7-10; Jn 2:1-11

Offertory Collection Update

The Offertory Collection total for the weekend of December 19th-20th:
\$6,648.50

The Offertory Collection for December 25th
Not Available at Time of Publication
(Collection for The Retired Clergy)

The Offertory Collection for December 26th-27th
Not Available at Time of Publication

Baptism Team Volunteers Needed: We have recently lost two baptism team members who have moved away and we are in need of additional volunteers. Please contact Rosemary at extension 213 if you are willing to serve in this joy-filled ministry. The schedule is very flexible.

Due to Cancellation of the Sing-A-Long on December 20th it has been postponed to our snow date of Sunday, January 3rd. This sing-a-long will replace regular classes for that date. Normal religious education classes will resume on January 10th.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to be part of a team of people who serve at our Sunday Morning Coffee Hour after the 10:00am Mass. It is a great activity to do as a family, an opportunity for parents and children to offer service together and is just plain old fun. Families serve as part of a rotating team and serve approximately every four weeks or less during the year. If you would like to volunteer or find out more about this ministry, please contact Bob Gill at bob.gill@kw.com or call him at 617-584-8452.

Helping Hands Volunteers Needed! If you are able to cook and deliver meals once a month to people in our parish community who are in need, please contact Jo-Anne Vergilio at vgilio2@yahoo.com or Robin McManus at robinhelpinghands@gmail.com. You can also call the parish office for more information. Thanks to all who help in this important ministry.

Justice and Peace Committee--the Justice and Peace Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, January 4th, at 7:00pm in the Fickett Room. All are welcome! For more information, contact John Marshall at penmarj@comcast.net or Larry Kessler at ljk02136@aol.com.

The Honduras Committee will be meeting on January 10th at 5:00pm in the Fickett Room (in the parish offices). If you are interested in helping with the work of the Honduras committee, please contact Jen Suehs-Vassel at jsuehsvassel@ourlady.com with any questions.

Young Adults: join us for a reception after the 6:00pm mass on January 3rd downstairs in the McPherson Room. Married or single, with kids or without, everyone is welcome!

Our Lady's Scripture Study and Faith Sharing Group generally meets every other Tuesday from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Colella Room of the Parish Center. The upcoming meeting dates are January 5th and 19th, February 2nd & 23rd, and March 9th and 23rd. ALL ARE INVITED TO COME WHENEVER POSSIBLE. The full text of all these readings can be found in your bible or at: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.

Yoga Prayer: Start the New Year off with a gift to your mind, body and spirit! A new 6-week series of Yoga Prayer begins Tuesday, Jan. 12, in the Youth Center behind the church. This spiritual form of gentle yoga calms the mind, opens the heart, brings a sense of wellbeing and peace, and renews your deep connection with God. Yoga Prayer is appropriate for beginners or more experienced practitioners. You will also experience the health benefits of lower stress and increased flexibility. Cost is \$60 (or what your means allow). Morning class is from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. and evening class is from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. For more information and to register, contact

Gretchen at 781-642-7678 or gvdaggett@comcast.net

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Applications Currently Being Accepted for Trinity Catholic High School 2010-2011 School Year: All interested 8th grade students and families are encouraged to submit applications for the 2010-2011 school year at Trinity Catholic. Applications can be downloaded from the website at www.trinitycatholic.com under the Admissions tab. Applications and financial aid applications are due by January 8, 2010. If you have questions, please contact Carrie Kotecki, Director of Admissions, at 617-244-1841, x312 or ckotecki@trinitycatholic.com.

What Do Shaw's and Trinity Catholic Have in Common?

They want to support education! Help support Trinity Catholic High School by simply using your Shaw's Rewards Card! By shopping on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday and using your card, Shaw's will donate a percentage of your spending to Trinity Catholic. To register your card, go to www.shaws.com, click 'learn', then 'community rewards', and 'shopper's login.' Enter your Shaw's card number and phone number and click on 'submit.' Trinity Catholic's number is: 49001022471. Or you may complete this information on the Shaw's registration cards located at the entrances of the church. Thank you for supporting Trinity Catholic!

"Be the Change You Want to See in the World..." Trinity Catholic High School students embody this quote from Gandhi in many ways and in many places. Service-learning is an essential curriculum component in the lives of Trinity Catholic High School students. Each year Trinity Catholic students and staff offer their time and talents to such experiences as: Cradles to Crayons, Breast Cancer Walk, Project Smile, Walk for Hunger and immersion trips to Camden, NJ and the Dominican Republic. Not only do they serve but they are inevitably affected by their experiences. Their eyes, hearts and minds are opened to the world around us and the impact they can have in it. This is truly vocation in action! We continue to invite your prayers and support for our service endeavors. In January there will be a number of opportunities. To hear more about them, contact Melanie Piendak at mpiendak@trinitycatholic.com.

Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline: 1-800-645-8333 TTY: 1-800-377-1292. With the high cost of living in the Commonwealth and more than 522,000 people across the state struggling to put food on the table, chances are that a friend or neighbor of yours is having difficulty making ends meet this winter. Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline can help. The FoodSource Hotline is the only comprehensive information and referral service for the hungry in Massachusetts. Counselors can provide information and

screen callers for food stamp eligibility, connect them to school meal programs, and direct them to emergency food resources right in their neighborhood. Counselors can assist callers in 160 languages and the calls are both personalized and confidential. Extend your goodwill and reach out to those in need. A call to Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline may be all it takes to provide comfort to someone who is struggling. In response to the increased demand for help, Project Bread's Food Source Hotline has extended its hours to: Monday – Friday: 8:00am – 7:00pm ; Saturday: 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Former Students and Graduates of the Jackson School and Walnut Park Montessori, Newton, both sponsored ministries of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, we want to re-connect with you! Please send contact information to alumni@jacksonwalnutparkschools.org or write to Jackson Walnut Park Collaborative, 71 Walnut Park, Newton, MA 02458.

Going to the Hospital? If you are being admitted to the hospital, please call the parish and let us know. We welcome the opportunity to have a parish staff member or volunteer visit you in the hospital. Before your admission to the hospital, we encourage you to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick. It is the church's sacrament for those dealing with serious health issues or the frailty that comes with age. Call us to arrange for this Sacrament.

I Would Like to be Confirmed - For a variety of reasons, people miss the normal age for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Now you'd like to receive the sacrament that makes you a fully initiated Catholic, but you don't know how to go about it. Maybe you are contemplating marriage. Confirmation is strongly recommended but not required for a marriage in the Catholic Church, so you would like to be

Grand Annual Collection

To date we have raised over \$157,000 from 425 parishioners in our grand annual collection. Our goal is \$190,000 and we need everyone to take part in order to attain that goal. We recognize that these are difficult financial times and we certainly understand if your situation doesn't allow you to give. However, we are asking that you give according to your means. Whether you give \$100 or \$300; \$1,000 or \$5,000, your gift will be appreciated as it promotes the well being of Our Lady's. Thank you for your support.

confirmed before your wedding. Call any member of the pastoral team at Our Lady's and we will try to arrange for your reception of Confirmation.

Free Dunkin Donuts When You Give Blood! This January, get free Dunkin Donuts Coffee! Give a pint, get a pound when you help save lives by donating blood. Newton Community blood drives on Wednesday, January 13th from 10:00am-3:00pm and January 27th from 1:00pm-6:00pm, Newton Freed Library, 330 Homer Street, Newton, For an appointment, please call 1-800-448-3543 or www.givelife.org.

Found: Large sum of cash in bank envelope placed in Christmas offertory. If you have any information regarding this money please contact parish office.

Charitable Contributions

Due to recent changes in the federal tax laws for charitable contributions, parishioners who itemize deductions on Schedule A of their tax returns will no longer be able to deduct contributions to the parish unless they maintain a bank record or receive a written contribution statement from the parish. Cash contributions that are not in a parish envelope cannot be tracked by the parish and will not be included in the year-end contribution statement.

To ensure tax deductibility for contributions to our parish, the following payment methods are recommended:

1. Use of parish envelopes provided to you by the parish;
2. Written check made payable to the parish;
3. Direct deposit from your bank account;
4. Electronic giving via the ParishPay Program.

Our parish has tracked contributions made using the parish envelope system, and will, upon request, produce a written statement of contributions made during 2007. This information will include the name of the parish, name of parishioner, date of each individual contribution, and the dollar amount. Our parish cannot track cash contributions, regardless of the amount, that are NOT part of our parish envelope system.

Please note that this does not change the requirement that a taxpayer receive an acknowledgement from our parish for each deductible contribution of \$250 or more.

If you have any additional questions, please consult with your tax advisor.