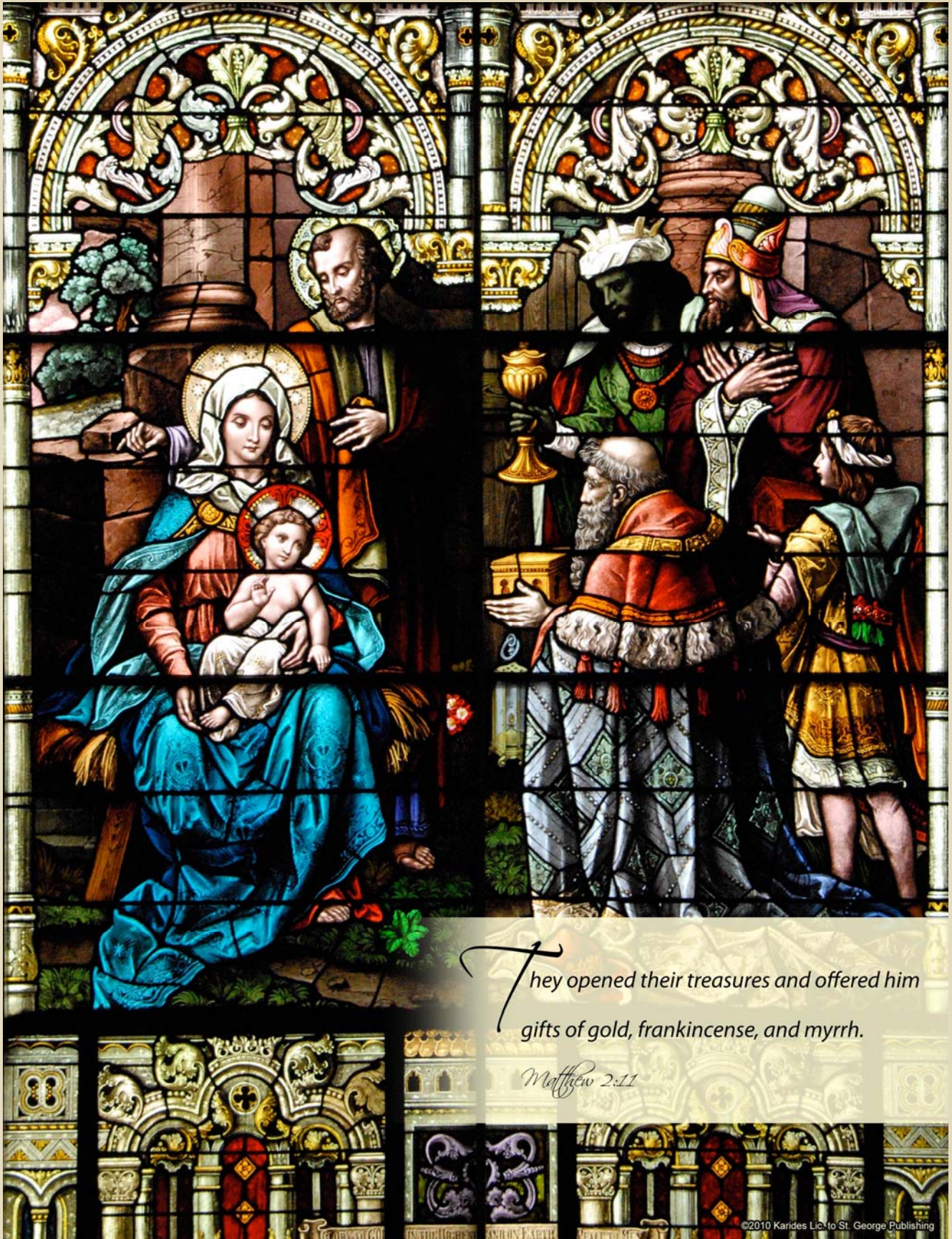


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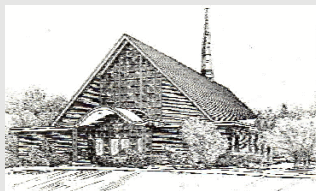
*They opened their treasures and offered him
gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11

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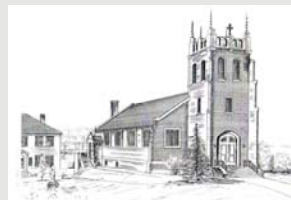
***THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 5, 2014***

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MASS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM
First Friday Mass 9AM (only)
Saturday (Vigil) 4PM
Sunday 9AM, 11AM
Holy Day As Announced

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday from 3:15 - 3:45 PM in the Reconciliation Room located just inside the front of the church at the handicap entrance, baptismal font side of church. Other scheduled opportunities throughout the year, as well as by appointment.

BAPTISM

During Mass or on selected Sunday each month at 12:15 PM . Please contact parish office.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of The Sick will be administered on the last weekend of each month after the 4PM and 11AM Masses. Who can receive this sacrament? Those who are aged, chronically ill, are having treatments or will be having surgery. We invite you to come receive the Sacrament of the Sick, a source of strength, healing and grace.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements six months-one year in advance by appointment. Please contact the parish office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

Anyone interested in journeying in faith to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, please contact the parish office.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring Holy Communion to those unable to attend Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

For more information on the Catholic Faith visit www.usccb.org

Mass Intentions for the Week 

- Saturday January 4**
 4:00 pm Mack and Hilda Melanson Memorial
- Sunday January 5**
 9:00 am Alice and Pete Connolly Memorial
 11:00 am Louis, Sr., Susan & Louis Jr. Caporiccio and Lucy & Carmen Quintiliani
- Monday January 6**
 8:00 am Kathleen Reed Birthday Memorial
- Wednesday January 8**
 8:00 am Dolores MacDonnell Birthday Memorial
- Friday January 10**
 8:00 am John Cataldo, Sr. Memorial
- Saturday January 11**
 4:00 pm Julia Hoban 16th Anniversary
- Sunday January 12**
 9:00 am Vincent and Louise Whelan Memorial
 11:00 am Joseph Giorgianni 1st Anniversary

1000 CLUB DATE CHANGE
 Our next drawing is Sunday, January 12 at 12:30pm in the school cafeteria 1000 Club memberships are \$55 for the year and make great gifts, please consider purchasing one. The odds of winning are better than the lottery! You have 12 chances to win monthly. Prizes are (8) \$50, (1) \$100, (1) \$200, (1) \$300 and (1) \$1,000. If you would like to join, contact Sharon in the parish office. Thank you in advance for your support of Our Lady's Parish Fundraisers.

MEMORIAL CANDLES
 We have a few candles remaining if you would like to remember a loved one. The renewal cost of the candles are \$250 for the year and they will burn from November 2013 to November 2014. If interested in reserving a candle, fill out the brochures on the tables around the church or contact Sharon in the parish office at 781-894-3481 x2.

The *Stained Glass Window* is illuminated this week in loving memory of Mariann Cahill at the request of her daughter.

The *Blessed Mother Statue* will be illuminated this week in loving memory of Carmella Galeno at the request of her daughter, Marie.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS (EFT) UPDATE
 We are to begin a new online giving program this month. Hopefully by the time you read this bulletin, the details that were unresolved will be resolved and the transfer will have taken place. All existing EFT parishioners currently using the EFT program will be transferred to the new Online Giving Program automatically, maintaining your current contribution amounts and withdrawal dates. Please be assured that this change will not compromise your private banking information as safety requirements are expanded. Thank you for your patience during this transition.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS
 January 4/5: Regular and Special Monthly
 January 11/12: Regular
 January 18/19: Regular
 January 25/26: Regular and Latin America

COLLECTION INFORMATION
 December 21/22: \$6,908
 Christmas Clergy Trust: \$10,961



OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS SHOW
 Due to Mother Nature's early white Christmas gift, we had to cancel Our Lady's Christmas Show. Please join us on Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00pm as the Christmas show will go on to celebrate the Christmas Season.

STOP & SHOP A+ REWARDS PROGRAM
 Through March 2014, you can earn A+ Rewards points every time you use your registered Stop & Shop card. Our Lady's Academy can turn these points into cash when you sign up for the FREE 2013-2014 A+ Rewards Program. This is an annual program so if you've participated before, you have to sign up again. To register, have your 13-digit Stop & Shop card number ready and visit www.stopandshop.com/aplus or call 877-275-2758. Our Lady's Academy code is 06581.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

Just a reminder that we recite the Rosary every first Saturday at 3:15pm before the 4:00pm Mass. We also use the meditations found in the Fr. Peyton Rosary book. All are welcome.

MASS CANCELLATION DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

We will continue our policy of NOT having weekday 8am Mass when Waltham Public Schools are delayed or closed due to extreme weather conditions and public safety issues such as improperly cleared roads and sidewalks. While great effort is made to clear parish property, the timing of the storm and its intensity makes it prudent to take these precautions for the safety of those considering attending weekday Mass. During school vacation week, if a Mass is canceled due to weather, it will be put on our parish answering machine. Again, if Waltham Public Schools are delayed or closed, there is NO WEEKDAY 8AM MASS.

ENVELOPES

If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to, please fill out a registration form and send it to the parish office or just call and let me know and I will get them sent out to you. When you request envelopes, you will receive a "starter packet" with the weekly envelopes only, not the second collection envelopes. We ask that until you receive your full packets, please use a white envelope for the second collections with your name and envelope number written on the front. Thank you.

WINTER WONDERLAND CALENDAR

This week's bulletin had to be sent in on December 27, the winners of our Winter Wonderland daily drawings will be listed in next weekends bulletin and those that follow till the end of the month. Thank you for your support of our first calendar fundraiser. Keep an eye out in the bulletin come spring as we hope to have another calendar fundraiser to kick off the summer!

DISCIPLES IN MISSION

Parish based evangelization works, and we can train for it, but we need strong Parishes in order to do so. Therefore, *Disciples in Mission* calls all of the Parishes of the archdiocese of Boston to become strong, stable, intentional and effective centers of the New Evangelization.

***Epiphany of the Lord***

The little kids in the Christmas pageant always wanted to be part of the Magi. It might have been the costumes or the lack of speaking parts, but the big attraction was the gifts they carried. Gold, frankincense and myrrh, in beautiful, treasure chest boxes, are held up high for everyone to see. It's quite spectacular!

The best gifts we can give are not so visible, and may even go unnoticed, but they make a difference. Kindness and consideration come in the form of a helping hand, a kind word, or a note of thanks. Consolation and reassurance come in hugs and held hands, encouraging words and a loving smile. Hope and healing come in the form of kisses and a pat on the back, while peace and quiet come in the form of a parent night out, a late night coffee or a special moment together. You don't need a lot to offer a lot. Find out for yourself. Give a gift and feel like a king!

OUR LADY'S ACADEMY CONFESSIONS WITH FR. DIPERRI

8:30AM IN CHURCH

March 10 - Grade 8

March 13 - Grade 7

March 18 - Grade 6

March 20 - Grade 5

March 31 - Grade 4

April 11 - Grade 3

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFESSIONS

March 9—Grades 3-4 at 10:15am in church

March 15 - First Penance for Grade 2 at 10am

March 16 - Confirmation Retreat at Espousal Center for Grades 9-10

March 30 - 10th Grade Confirmation Confessions in church

OUR LADY'S ACADEMY CONFERENCES WITH FR. DIPERRI

January 6 - Grades K-4

January 10 - Grades 5-8

January 13 - Grade Pre-K

February 10 - Grades K-4

February 14 - Grades 5-8

February 24 - Grade Pre-K

April 1 - Grade Pre-K

April 28 - Grades K-4

May 9 - Grades 5-8

May 12 - Grade Pre-K

June 2 - Grades K-4

June 10 - Grades 5-7

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFERENCES WITH FR. DIPERRI

10:15AM IN CHURCH

January 5—Grades 5-8

January 12—Grades 9-10

February 2—Grades 1-4

ADORATION

January 27 - Grades K-8 at 8:30am in church (Catholic Schools Week)

April 14 - Grades K-8 at 8:30am in church (Holy Week)

Your light is strong, your love is near; Draw us beyond the limits which this world imposes, To the life where your Spirit makes all life complete.

Roman Rite



ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

Feast of the Epiphany

An "epiphany" is an appearance. In today's readings, with their rising stars, splendid 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?

Scripture for the week of January 5, 2014

5	SUN	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
6	Mon	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
7	Tue	1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
8	Wed	1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
9	Thu	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
10	Fri	Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
11	Sat	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
12	SUN	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

