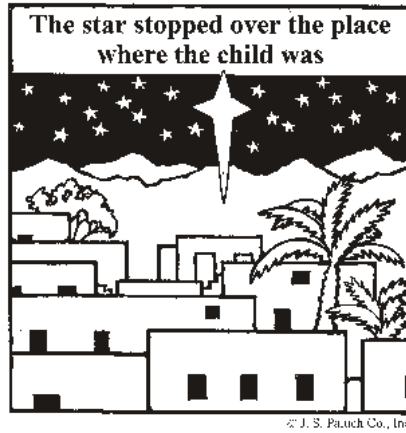


THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



WHAT WILL THE NEIGHBORS THINK?

It must have been quite a sight on the streets of Bethlehem as the magi, those star-searchers, made their way to the house of Joseph (in Matthew's Gospel the Holy Family are residents of Bethlehem until the flight to Egypt). Imagine the wonder that filled the eyes of the neighborhood children as this caravan made its way. Matthew doesn't tell us many specifics about them (he never numbers them as three or calls them "kings"), but travel was hard in that time, and "safety in numbers" was the rule for making a long trek. Most likely it was a lengthy cortege that wound its way under the guidance of that star. If the celestial phenomenon that guided them there hadn't already excited the village, the arrival of these women and men (in the ancient world astrologers and sign-readers were frequently female) with their dromedaries, unusual clothing, foreign ways-and gifts!-certainly would have roused the neighbors. News travels fast in small towns, and imagine the surprise when it was learned where these travelers stopped.

DON'T BE FOOLED

We can include the magi on our list of role models in faith for the season. They were not Jews, but were willing to follow a route that led to an insignificant and troublesome Roman province. When they were led to the Holy Family's humble abode in Bethlehem they did not say, "No way! This can't be the place. It's too lowly, they're not affluent enough." They simply bowed down and worshiped Jesus the Christ, in a scene that prefigures the disciples bowing to worship him later in Matthew's Gospel after his resurrection. These sign-seekers were willing to be led by their wonder, ready to persist in their journey, not knowing where the quest for their revelation would lead them, but open to its possible presence anywhere. We, like they, must be ready to seek the epiphania, the manifestation of God, earnestly and honestly, and be prepared to bow in worship when we find it.

Today's Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.

STEWARDSHIP

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FAITH***Time, Talent, Treasure.******Putting God First?***

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$11,852.00.**

Thank you.

BUILDING FUND

*To complete Phase I projects,
we still need to raise –*

\$628,136.00

*If you would like to make a donation,
please make check payable to
St. Agnes Church and mail to the Rectory
attention Building Fund,
or drop in the collection basket.
Thank you for your continued support.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts
10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm
1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and
Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,
17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Bright Star

*O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.*

– William Cullen Bryant



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**ST. AGNES SCHOOL SPORTS
FUNDRAISER**

SPAGHETTI DINNER
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2006
6:30 to 9:00 PM
ADULTS: \$10.00
Children: \$7.00

Includes spaghetti, salad, bread,
soda, coffee and dessert

*St. Agnes Sports program is fully independent
of the school and relies on funds raised
by its members.*

For ticket or additional information, please
contact David Broadwell at (908) 403-2860

Proceeds to benefit St. Agnes Sports Program

**DEADLINE FOR PURCHASING TICKETS
JANUARY 17, 2006**

ROSARIANS BAGEL SALE!**TODAY,****MASSES****AFTER ALL**

We offer the following varieties:

Plain	Russian
Cinnamon/Raisin	Salt
Poppy Seed	Pumpnickel
Sesame Seed	Onion
Everything	Egg
Garlic	Wheat

Cost: .50 each**\$6.00 per dozen (bakers' dozen - 13 bagels)***Thank you for your support!!*

St. Agnes Holy Name Society is pleased to announce its guest speaker for the *January 10th meeting*, Richard Geiger, Esq., who now has a full-time practice in Scotch Plains. Richard, who just passed the U.S. patent bar exam, will speak on the history and process of obtaining patents in the United States. All men of the parish are invited to attend. Our starting time will be 7:30 p.m. in the church auditorium. Refreshments will be served.

**SPIRITUAL
BOOK CLUB**

The Spiritual Book Club will resume on Monday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in becoming a member, please call Marian Heelan at 732-499-0195. The book of discussion will be The Holy Longing by Ronald Rolheiser.

**COUNTDOWN TO OUR
5TH ANNUAL
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!!!**

AT ST. AGNES SCHOOL ON
FEBRUARY 5, 2006
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM

VIEW THE GAME ON A 15 FT.
DIAGONAL MOVIE SCREEN

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:**17 AND OVER: \$12.00****UNDER 17: \$8.00**

PRICE INCLUDES: SNACKS, COLD BUFFET,
SODA, BEER

FOR TICKET INFO CALL
BOB BOTTITA @ 732-388-5595

**ANNUAL CAMP FATIMA
VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2006
AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS HALL
1034 JEANETTE AVE., UNION, NJ

TIME: 7PM TO 12 PM**COST: \$60.00 PER COUPLE**

INCLUDES FULL COURSE DINNER, SODA &
BEER

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL
SISTER ANN DOMINIC, OP AT 908-686-5271

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING TICKETS
FEBRUARY 8, 2006
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CAMP FATIMA

Sponsored by Sr. Ann & Committee

(New Jersey's only all volunteer one to one

**ST. AGNES BOARDWALK!!
RETURNS TO FEBRUARY!!**



**Winter blues??
Come have some fun!**

Cotton candy, games & prizes to be won!
“Dot the Clown”, good food and cookies too!
Fun for everyone, hope to see you!

February 24th - 6:30 - 10:00 PM
February 25th - 6:30 - 10:00 PM
February 26th - 1:00 - 6:00 PM



*Clown Hours: Friday - 7 to 8 PM
Saturday - 7:15 to 8:15 PM
Sunday - 2:30 to 3:30 PM

Food Specials All Weekend!
Volunteers always needed!

**Please call Carol & Bob Bottitta at
(732) 388-5595**

A FUN-FILLED WEEKEND!

FREE ADMISSION

GENTLENESS

Feelings are everywhere – be gentle.

– J. Masai

Join Us for an



Open House

Reception

(for Parents Only)

**Thursday, January 19, 2006
7:00 PM**

**St. Agnes Gymnasium
Clark, New Jersey**

**You are invited to discover the
difference at St. Agnes School**

Pre-K through Eighth Grade

**St. Agnes is a small caring school that
embraces each student and
prepares them for life,
academically and spiritually.**

At St. Agnes we offer:

Pre-K - Three and Four Year Olds

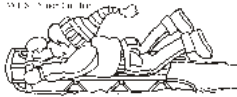
4's - 5 day morning session

3 day afternoon session

3's - 2 day afternoon session

- All Certified Teachers
- Computer Tech. Program
- Foreign Language Program
- After-School/Care Program
- Hot Lunch Program
- Sports Program

PLEASE R.S.V.P. ST. AGNES SCHOOL



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Jean Sublisky during the week of January 8th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Vincent Donargo during the week of January 8th at the request of the Family.



<u>SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2006</u>	
5:30	Pauline Sawicki - Roger Motter
<u>SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2006</u>	
7:30	Ella McGregor - Nancy Simon
9:00	Jamie Theel - Mary Ellen & Bill Theel
10:30	Edith & Dewey Russo - Terry & Joe Segreto
12:00	People of the Parish
<u>MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2006 - Baptism of the Lord</u>	
7:00	Carol Mandrona - Ted & Jay Matlosz
9:00	Virginia Crawford - Hugh & Kathy Welsh & Family
<u>TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2006</u>	
7:00	Ronaldo Fradette - Art & Helen Shaffer
9:00	Edith Foster - Arline & Tom Foster
<u>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2006</u>	
7:00	Susan Hummel - Terry & Joe Segreto
9:00	Richard Sinoradzki - Jeffrey & Concetta
<u>THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2006</u>	
7:00	Robert Teaflet - Fr. John
9:00	George Veiksans
<u>FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2006</u>	
7:00	Elizabeth Cordes - Family
9:00	Josephine Lotano - Lotano Family
<u>SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2006</u>	
8:30	Memorial Mass - Nicholas Chiaia, Mario Pali
5:30	People of the Parish

SUNDAY	JANUARY 8
ROSARY BAGEL SALE	
9:00 AM	Religious Ed
12:00 PM	Baptism
7:00 PM	No CYO
MONDAY	JANUARY 9
3:30 PM	Religious Education
6:00 PM	Sandwiches - Team 1E
7:00 PM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	Spiritual Book Club
7:00 PM	Liturgy Make-Up Training - Church
7:00 PM	Pastoral Council
7:30 PM	Scripture Sharing - Teachers' Lounge
TUESDAY	JANUARY 10
7:00 PM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	Holy Name Society - Gymnasium
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 11
7:00 PM	First Eucharist Meeting - Gymnasium
THURSDAY	JANUARY 12
3:30 PM	Children's Choir
7:30 PM	Adult Choir
7:30 PM	HSA Executive Board Meeting
SATURDAY	JANUARY 14
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	
CONFIRMATION RETREAT	

8:30 AM Mass - Memorial

SUNDAY

JANUARY 15

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

9:00 AM Religious Ed

7:00 PM CYO



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JANUARY 8, 2006

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Who Have Died

Camille M. Risko

Those Who Are Sick

Aileen Sasala, Florence Iasello, Mary Zelanko, Joe & Irene Margeton, Ann & Michael Dudek, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Anna Manigold, Ann Lesko, Irene Sisko, Noel Stevenson, Leilla DiLeone, Michael Denora, Mary Morelli, Anthony Szablowski, Robert Szabo Jr., Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Wayne Tribble, Linda Ruth, Vincent Flanagan, Barbara Rygiel, Anna Reichenstein, Henry Latch, Thaddeus Zbikowski Sr.,

Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Maria Conforti, Alice Triano, Barbara Guinta., Ronald Francisco, George Stanka, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Edward Alfano, Robert McKeon, Andre Kovacs, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Cecelia Smentkowski, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Florence Kempinski, Bart Zucosky, Stefan Nowak, Barbara Slack, Theresa Hanselman, Elizabeth Bell, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Mary Lou Loffa, Craig Allen, James MacConchie, Louise Venezia, William Foderaro, Michael Fedosh, Frank Bonavitacola, Sr., Thomas Wilkinson, Lucia DeCristofaro, Frances Latch

Atlantic City Bus Trip

WHEN: January 19, 2006

TO: Caesar's

TIME: 11:30 AM Coffee & Buns

LEAVE: 12:30 PM From Gran Centurions
Parking Lot. Please park in back of lot.

COST: \$23.00

For reservations call:

Tony (732) 388-2315

Joe (732) 381-3395

**WE WILL BE RUNNING 1 BUS.
PLEASE CALL EARLY TO RESERVE
A SEAT. BRING A FRIEND.**

**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2006**

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

– Psalm 72:11

