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*The Epiphany of the Lord*  
*January 8, 2012*



*About the painting:*

*"The Epiphany, which today is primarily associated with the birth of Jesus and the visit of the Magi, originally celebrated three manifestations—the visit of the magi, the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, and the first miracle at the wedding at Cana. These three stories, combine to commemorate and celebrate, that most compelling of themes---the manifestation of the Holy".*

*Kathrin Burseson*

## PONDERING

Epiphany is called “Little Christmas” in many cultures. In some cultures it is bigger than Christmas. None of that is true in our culture. Unfortunately for Americans, Epiphany is an afterthought. It is not the end of the Christmas season; we have lost the connection between the twelve days of Christmas and the Epiphany and I, sad to say, don’t think the future is promising for rediscovery of this feast day.

Epiphany is a feast for dreamers, for stargazers and futurists – all of which are in short supply in our Church. For too many the status quo is the finish line rather than the starting line. Preserving things the way they are is far too comforting for many of us. How did we get this way?

Scripture is filled with “Epiphany people.” Abraham and Shara were dreamers, as were David, Moses and all the prophets. Mary was clearly a dreamer as was Joseph. John the Baptist was allergic to the status quo. Peter and Paul and all the apostles were stargazers. They had to be or our church would have never gotten off the ground.

Francis of Assisi was a forward looker as was Ignatius. I can think of no saints who were dedicated to the status quo other than a few pope saints. My favorite contemporary dreamer and stargazer is John XXIII. He was elected to lead a moribund and fossilized church. He was elected because he was old and was thought to be a safe transition to the next long term pope. We know how that worked out.

Epiphany is as much a feast of the Holy Spirit as is Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is the one who breathes life into our dreams. The Holy Spirit is the source of our inspirations; the wind that blows down our objections to change.

As the Christmas season comes to a close, I hope and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire our parish family. I pray that we will never grow complacent. That we will continue to look up and look forward and never look down.

Epiphany is the invitation to live what my college sociology professor taught me – “We study the past to enlighten the present and improve the future.” May we look forward to and enjoy where our faith will lead us.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, January 7**

5 p.m.

Philip Durigan  
Audrey Reynolds

**Sunday, January 8**

8 a.m.

Edward Wrinn, Jr.  
Robert and Dorothy Poirier  
Philip Bishop

11:35 a.m.

**Thursday, January 12**

12 p.m.

John and Julia Fressie

**Saturday, January 14**

5 p.m.

Agnes Alvernaz  
Arthur Doyon

**Sunday, January 15**

9:15 a.m.

Raymond J. Donnelly  
Walter Dzitko  
Martin Ballou

11:35 a.m.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

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?

## ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTATION

The 2012 Adult Education Series continues on **Wednesday, January 11 at 7 p.m.** in the parish hall. Our presenter is **Dr. Terence McGoldrick** and the topic is “The Church in America.” What does Christianity have to offer today’s world? The fathers of Vatican II answered, “Joy and Hope.” This talk will explore the meaning of Christian joy and hope and the role of the faith and the people of God in today’s world with a look to the future using John Allen’s book of ten trends of the Catholic Church. All are welcome.

## CHRIST THE KING PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

Please plan on donating a pint of blood on **Sunday, January 15 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. The blood supply is particularly low during the winter months and every pint we collect will help multiple people who need blood throughout the winter. Refer to the Blood Center website **ribc.org** for the guidelines to donate.

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Classes as scheduled **Sunday, January 8** for grades K – 10. No classes on **Sunday, January 15**. Classes resume **Sunday, January 22**.

### Confirmation Notes

The next class for Phase I/II is **Sunday, January 8** from **5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**  
The Phase I classes are in the Catholic Center.

### Faith through the Years - Generations

It is that time of year again when the Religious Formation committee and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade RF classes begin to prepare for the upcoming 'Generations Sharing Faith' Unit. This unit deals with family life: caring, learning, and sharing among members of our immediate and extended families. Many children today do not have the opportunity to interact with the older population. Perhaps you can help us on **Sunday, February 12**. We are looking for seniors – singles or couples – who are willing to visit one class and share some memories about their childhood faith and its similarities and differences with today's world. Please call the RF Office at **789-0417** to help.

### STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE

The rush of the holiday season is over (at least in the commercial world around us) and life seems to be settling down for the winter. But the holidays can bring up new and old issues that have been pushed down from our thoughts. If you are struggling with new or old long ago painful situations, the new year is a perfect time to start to heal with the help of a Stephen Minister. Call **Carol Hartley** at **783-4036** (email [carolhartley@cox.net](mailto:carolhartley@cox.net)), **Larry Bartley** at **965-7276** (email [LJBJR@cox.net](mailto:LJBJR@cox.net)) or contact the office at **783-7459**.

### VISION FOR CHANGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH (VCCC)

We are looking for someone to help us design a simple website. Community service hours are available. Contact **Pat Breslin** at **783-7058** or [pbskri@aol.com](mailto:pbskri@aol.com).

### SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who contributed to our recent Advent Food Collection. A special 'thank you' to those who lent a hand with the sorting and delivery of the food baskets. We were able to distribute food baskets to 40 families in the community.

## STOREHOUSE DESSERTS

Christ the King has generously supported the Storehouse by providing desserts for their Friday night meals. Christ the King is responsible for the **Friday, January 20** meal and if you can drop off a dessert on that Friday between **9 – 10 a.m.** or **4 – 5 p.m.** on Allen Ave., Wakefield, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact **Karen Hawkins** at **792-2249** for more information or directions.

## CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 8 – 22

### Sunday, January 8

5:30 p.m. PH I Confirmation/Catholic Center  
5:30 p.m. PH II Confirmation/Hall

### Monday, January 9

6 p.m. RCIC/Sunroom  
6:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning/Hall  
6:30 p.m. Family Life/Library  
7 p.m. Parish Council/Library

### Tuesday, January 10

7 p.m. Social Action Committee/Hall  
7:30 p.m. Choir

### Wednesday, January 11

7 p.m. Adult Education/Hall

### Saturday, January 14

4 p.m. Confession

### Sunday, January 15

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Blood Drive/Hall

### Monday, January 16

*Offices Closed in Observance of MLK Holiday*  
9 a.m. Mass/Catholic Center

### Tuesday, January 17

7 p.m. Liturgy Committee/Hall  
7:30 p.m. Choir

### Wednesday, January 18

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting/Library  
10:30 a.m. SK Nursing Home  
7:30 p.m. Peace & Justice Committee/Hall

### Saturday, January 21

4 p.m. Confession  
7 p.m. Parish Activities Hoedown

### Sunday, January 22

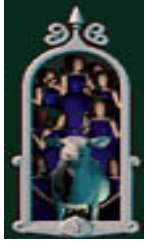
10:30 a.m. Remember the Story/Church  
5:30 p.m. PH I/Hall



**On the 7th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...**

**Seven Swans A-swimming**

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: 1) prophecy, 2) ministry, 3) teaching, 4) exhortation, 5) giving, 6) leading, and 7) compassion (Romans 12:6-8; cf. 1 Corinthians 12:8-11)



**On the 8th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...**

**Eight Maids A-milking**

The eight Beatitudes: 1) Blessed are the poor in spirit, 2) those who mourn, 3) the meek, 4) those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, 5) the merciful, 6) the pure in heart, 7) the peacemakers, 8) those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. (Matthew 5:3-10)



**On the 9th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...**

**Nine Ladies Dancing**

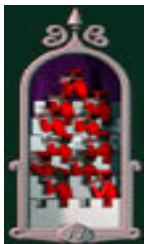
The nine Fruit of the Holy Spirit: 1) love, 2) joy, 3) peace, 4) patience, 5) kindness, 6) generosity, 7) faithfulness, 8) gentleness, and 9) self-control. (Galatians 5:22)



**On the 10th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...**

**Ten Lords A-leaping**

The ten commandments: 1) You shall have no other gods before me; 2) Do not make an idol; 3) Do not take God's name in vain; 4) Remember the Sabbath Day; 5) Honor your father and mother; 6) Do not murder; 7) Do not commit adultery; 8) Do not steal; 9) Do not bear false witness; 10) Do not covet. (Exodus 20:1-17)



**On the 11th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...**

**Eleven Pipers Piping**

The eleven Faithful Apostles: 1) Simon Peter, 2) Andrew, 3) James, 4) John, 5) Philip, 6) Bartholomew, 7) Matthew, 8) Thomas, 9) James bar Alphaeus, 10) Simon the Zealot, 11) Judas bar James. (Luke 6:14-16). The list does not include the twelfth disciple, Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus to the religious leaders and the Romans.



**On the 12th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...**

**Twelve Drummers Drumming**

The twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed: 1) I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 2) I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. 3) He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. 4) He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell [the grave]. 5) On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 6) He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 7) I believe in the Holy Spirit, 8) the holy catholic Church, 9) the communion of saints, 10) the forgiveness of sins, 11) the resurrection of the body, 12) and life everlasting.