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Epiphany of the Lord • January 6, 2013

# Good News!

January 6, 2013

## EPIPHANY

Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12


Several years ago, our family's longtime neighbor died. She had no children. My mom had helped her in her later years, so we weren't surprised when she received some money from the estate. What was truly surprising, though, was that a check arrived at my house as well. I hadn't done anything to deserve this money; I had always been polite and kind to our neighbor and had visited her sometimes, but I was shocked at her unwarranted generosity. Without knowing it, I had become an heir to this lovely woman.

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany, we celebrate our own unexpected inheritance—the quite undeserved gift of Jesus. Saint Paul writes that the Gentiles are “co-heirs” to this great gift, but what have we done to deserve such grace? Our culture constantly tells us how much we “deserve”—you've worked hard, so treat yourself to a new outfit, a giant bowl of ice cream, an expensive car.

But in the simplest of places—the tiniest of towns, this little hamlet of Bethlehem—comes a gift we could never do enough to deserve. The magi recognized this—they prostrated themselves in homage and were changed by their encounter with Jesus. They “went home a different way”—not just physically, but spiritually.

Now that the Christmas season is winding down and the long-awaited gifts have been unwrapped and put away, maybe we can look at the gift of Jesus with Epiphany eyes. May we welcome Jesus today like an unexpected inheritance check in our mailbox—with delighted hearts, humble spirits, and grateful souls.

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### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

### VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

**THIS WEEK**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**JAN. 5 – 6, 2013**  
**Triple Play Café Breakfast**  
**Blood Pressure Screening**  
**USHERS GROUP II**

**SATURDAY, JAN. 5 –**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

**SUNDAY, JAN. 6 –**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

**8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation**

**9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation**

**10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice

**5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

**MONDAY, JAN. 7 –**

**9:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for +Arthur Chamberlian  
request of Lou & Dorli Cloutier

**TUESDAY, JAN. 8 – No Mass**

**7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal**

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Ronald Morra request  
of Eva Morra

**3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**THURSDAY, JAN. 10 – No Mass**

**7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus Business Meeting**

**FRIDAY, JAN. 11 – No Mass**

**SATURDAY, JAN. 12 –**

**ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

*“...the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.” (Ephesians 3:6)*

Today we celebrate the fact that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He made us all one body with Him. Because God has given us different gifts, we all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. If one of us does not play his or her role the whole body suffers. How will you play your role this year?

**NEXT WEEK**  
**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**JAN. 12 – 13, 2013**  
**USHERS GROUP III**

**SATURDAY, JAN. 12 –**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Jerry Chemerka  
request of his Family

*Altar Servers: Josh Meyers*

*Lector: Georgette Pelletier*

*Eucharistic Minister: Jean Gately*

**SUNDAY, JAN. 13 –**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

*Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino*

*Lector: Lynn Mancino*

*Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio*

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

**8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation**

**9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation**

**10:00 A.M. –** Mass offered for +Margaret Combe  
request Mr. & Mrs. John Sheetz

*Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer*

*Lector: Rita Sheetz*

*Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz*

**5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

**MONDAY, JAN. 14 – No Mass**

**TUESDAY, JAN. 15 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Ronald Morra request  
of Eva Morra

**7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal**

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16 –**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

**3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**THURSDAY, JAN. 17 – No Mass**

**FRIDAY, JAN. 18 – No Mass**

**SATURDAY, JAN. 19 –**

**ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

**Readings for the Week of January 6, 2012**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Math 2:1-12  
Monday: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt St. John 3:22-4:6/Math 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt St. John 4:7-10/Mark 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt St. John 4:11-18/ Mark 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt St. John 4:19-5:4/Luke 4:14-22  
Friday: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt St. John 5:5-13/Luke 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt St. John 5:14-21/John 3:22-30  
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 OR Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**HELPING THE POOR IN CUSCO, PERU**

If you are interested in helping the poor in Cusco, Peru, such as children in orphanages, children in clinics or hospitals, children abandoned on streets, or children in schools, or to construct new orphanages, etc., from June 30, July 9, 2013, please contact Fr. Michael Sequeira, a retired priest in the Diocese of Norwich, CT: [punchamar@snet.net](mailto:punchamar@snet.net) or call 860-304-4588. Cost and Conditions apply. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> group going to Cusco. Act now.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES**

“God’s Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage” offered by the Office of Family Life. To register for the 4 session class please call 860-889-8346 ext.283.

**Date:** Saturdays, Jan. 26, & Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2013

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Location:** St. Joseph Church Hall, 11 Baltic Rd., Occum

**Cost:** \$50.00 per couple

**BIRTHRIGHT**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Friendship counselors (training provided), clerical and clothing workers and Church fund raising helpers are needed. Birthright’s guiding principle: “It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be BORN. Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support to women in crisis pregnancies. Our office is located in East Hartford and served 424 women in 2010. Please join us and be blessed with the opportunity to help a mother and her child. Call 860-290-8800.

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4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty #45**

The fight to preserve our Religious Freedom is underway. Recently, U.S. District Court Judge Brian Cogan ruled that the Archdiocese of New York may pursue its lawsuit against the federal health care mandate stating that: "The First Amendment does not require citizens to accept assurances from the government that, if the government later determines it has made a misstep, it will take ameliorative action...There is no, 'Trust us, changes are coming' clause in the Constitution. To the contrary, the Bill of Rights itself, and the First Amendment in particular, reflect a degree of skepticism towards governmental self-restraint and self-correction."

**Please Note:**

Dishes or containers left from funeral receptions are in the Church basement kitchen. If you brought food, please pick up your dish/container as soon as possible. Thank you.

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