

January 5, 2014

† Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord †

Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 5 (*Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord*)
Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-6; Mt 2:1-12

- ❖ Sat. 4pm – Louis F. Laudano
- ❖ Sun. 8am –
- ❖ Sun. 11am – Deceased members of the Aceto, Lucian, Vena, Martucci families; Nellie Ferguson & Carl DiGesuppi; Grace & Armando Valente; Rose Onofrio, Nancy Griffith Holtcamp, Jane Leas, Peter Palmieri, Jerald Blyschak, Sr., Benjamin John Nazzaro, William Levay; Martino & Concetta Riccitelli, Roberto Cavallaro; Ercole, Anna, Richard, & Rinaldo D'Amato; Elizabeth & Joseph Onofrio.

Monday, January 6

1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-25

- ❖ Stella Rubino (remembrance)

Tuesday, January 7

1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

Friday, January 10

1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

- ❖ Dolores Gaudan

Sunday, January 12 (*Baptism of the Lord*)

Isaiah 42:1-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

- ❖ Sat. 4pm – Giuseppina D'Ambrosca (Bday); Ernest Capiello (Anniv.)
- ❖ Sun. 8am –
- ❖ Sun. 11am – Victor & Maria Pietrandrea

FOLLOW THE STAR

The Gospel Reading tells the story of the magi, who followed the star seeking the newborn King of the Jews. The star leads them just to Herod in Jerusalem. To get the rest of the way, they have to ask Herod, who has to ask learned Jews, who have to check the writings of the prophets. By this means, and with more help from the star, the magi finally get to the baby in Bethlehem.

This is a perplexing way for God to transmit information, isn't it? Would you try to tell your children how to find something by sending a message by prophet, scribal transmission, learned interpretation, and astral signs? Why not just tell them directly yourself? And why would God want the magi to seek the baby anyway? What is God's point in having them find him?

Clearly, God has put it into the hearts of the magi to want to worship this baby and to leave him very expensive presents.

What is the point? Why would God work in this perplexingly circular way?

The point is the story itself, isn't it? God works in this way to build us a story that leads us to salvation: A helpless baby born in a dark stable but recognized as a king, worshiped by wise men, illumined by a great star, and hunted as dangerous by the powers of this world. This is Emmanuel—God with us—who makes himself small and vulnerable so that his love might shine in our darkness and call us to light.

The sanctuary lamp is lit this week in memory of:
Grace and Armando Valente; Cynthia Civitello

Thank you for supporting St. Anthony Parish!

Sunday collection, December 29, 2013: 1,334.00

Calendar Advent/Christmas

January 5 – Epiphany (celebration of the Three Kings, Sacred Heart)

January 12 – Baptism of the Lord

Friends of St. Anthony

We will have a meeting this Sunday, January 5, 2014 at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

“ABC’S of Annulments”, an informational program designed to answer questions about the process of Annulments, will be held on Friday January 10th 2014 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, at Holy Infant Church 450 Racebrook Road, Orange Ct. This program will be held in the Church Hall. Pre-registration is not required. Brother Larry Lussier, CSC, will be the presenter. Questions will be accepted following the presentation. This presentation is open to all seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church. Attending this session is required to attend the follow up annulment writing sessions. For further information, please call 203-937-7040, or 203-467-3538. Sponsored by the: “Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford”.

Almost halfway there...!

During the months of October, November and December we collected \$16,646 for the re-pavement of our parking lot. The final cost of the project is \$90,000. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 through the special collection. Both St. Anthony & Sacred Heart will put forward \$30,000 to complete the final amount; we still need to raise \$13,354 before the Holy Week of 2014. Please contribute generously!

Storm Closings

Any eventual cancelation or changes in schedule at Saint Anthony’s or Sacred Heart because of bad weather will be posted both on TV and online at WTNH (channel 8) and WFSB (channel 3). Please check closing lists before calling Parish office.

The **Madonna di Loreto Society** will have our monthly Rosary making in the Parish center on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 6:30pm. Coffee and dessert are provided. We have fun and it is a great time to socialize with your fellow parishioners.
Call Sandy D’Agostino for info
(203) 387-1835.

7th Annual Archdiocese of Hartford Marriage Enrichment Celebration

Saturday, February 1, 2014
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Mary Our Queen Church
248 Savage St., Plantsville, CT
Cost: \$25 per couple
(Includes Pasta Supper)

*For more information please contact:
Tom and Donna Finn at (860) 621-7858
Please R.S.V.P. by January 28, 2014*

Religious Education

CCD classes will resume on Sunday, January 19, 2014 at 9am.

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110th Anniversary of St. Anthony Parish

