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Good News!

January 5, 2014

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

A quick glance at the Internet or magazine rack will reveal multitudes of personality quizzes. Some actually help us understand why we do things and interact with people the way we do; many just make us laugh. From the ridiculous (“if you were a dog, you would be a cocker spaniel”) to the sometimes uncomfortably true (“you are an introvert who really likes to plan things”), these human-made signs can point us in particular directions that may or may not be helpful.

But the God of mystery can and does use the signs we look at to reveal his presence and call us to discipleship. To the Magi who looked at the heavens, God’s sign was a star. To people who had lived for so long in dark times, God revealed himself as light and truth. To those who understood that their faith in God could strengthen them when times were rough and exhort them when all was well, God presented himself as one of them, fully human and fully divine, the very essence of love.

We look in many places and faces for evidence of God, but we get distracted and often miss what we’re looking for. God uses whatever is necessary—personality quizzes, magazines, plans, books, nature, and other people to get us moving in the right direction.

“We saw his star,” said the Magi.

What have you looked at this Christmas?
And have you seen God there?

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 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. 4– JAN. 5, 2013

Sunday— Coffee Social After Masses

USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, JAN. 4 –

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +John Garvan request of Irene Kehl

Coffee Social after 4 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, JAN. 5 –

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 +Cecile Lavoie request of her Daughter

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JAN. 6 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of the Dean & Bloznalis Families

5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M.—Progressive Jackpot \$100

TUESDAY, JAN. 7 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Mae Mancino request of Lynn Mancino

7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Michele Conte request of Antonio & Matilde Cusano

THURSDAY, JAN. 9 – No Mass

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING

FRIDAY, JAN. 10 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JAN. 11 –

3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4 P.M. MASS

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow. Each of us is called to open our gifts before Jesus, offering Him what He needs. If you have trouble with this idea, keep one of the Magi from your Nativity set on your desk all year as a reminder to bring your gifts to Jesus.

NEXT WEEK

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JAN. 11– JAN. 12, 2013

Triple Play Café Breakfast 8-10A.M.

Blood Pressure Screening Available

Maintenance Collection

USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, JAN. 11 –

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Jerry Chemerka & +Thomas O’Neill request of Sheila Chemerka

Altar Servers: Josh Meyers

Lector: Bert Flynn

Eucharistic Minister: Georgette Pelletier

Coffee Social after 4 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, JAN. 12 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of the Dean & Bloznalis Families

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister:

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 Church

Altar Servers: Lee & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Alex Boutin

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JAN. 13 – No Mass

5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, JAN. 14 – No Mass

7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Billy Maneggia & His Family request of the Edward Murphy Family

THURSDAY, JAN. 16 – No Mass

FRIDAY, JAN. 17 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JAN. 18 –

3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of January 5, 2014

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22--4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— Mt 2:10-11

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

In the church’s opposition to the mandate of the Health & Human Services Department, the issue is our forced compliance with provisions that are contrary to our religious beliefs. Historically, the Church has delivered quality health care to all people who need it through our Catholic hospitals and social service programs. What we oppose is authorizing or paying for procedures that violate Catholic teaching. If you haven’t done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius at 202-205-5445. Let them know that you are opposed to the violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

March for Life – January 22, 2014 in Washington, DC Bus Trip.

January 22, 2014 marks the 41st anniversary of the Supreme Court’s legalization of abortion. From that decision, over 50 million pre-born babies have died from abortion. On January 22nd people from across our nation will assemble in the largest Pro-life event in the world, with a peaceful demonstration in Washington, D.C. to March for Life and end abortion. Consider attending if you have never experienced being a part of the March for Life. On Tuesday, January 21st at 9 P.M., buses sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of Connecticut Right to Life will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 80, I-395) and travel to D.C. to attend the March. Bus fare is \$65 per person. For information, to reserve a seat or if you cannot go, to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362.

Marriage Preparation Upcoming Classes for Engaged Couples

“God’s Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage”. To register for a 3 session class call the Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext. 283. Upcoming classes: Sat., Feb. 8, 15, 22, 9:30am-12:00pm, at St. Joseph Church, Occum. Fri. Mar. 7, 14, 21, 6:00pm-8:30pm, at St. Francis Church, Middletown. Sat. Mar. 15, 22, 29, 9:30am-12:00pm, at St. Matthew Church, Tolland.

Reaching for a lifeline for your troubled marriage? Serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is that lifeline.

At a Retrouvaille weekend couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. A series of 6 post sessions follows the weekend phase. For information or to sign up for the next weekend on January 17-19 in Hartford area call 413-525-1634. Website www.retrouvaille.org.

Marriage Encounter Weekend~ “We thought we had a great marriage, but now our love is so much deeper than anything we could have imagined!” Rediscover each other with a heart-to-heart **Marriage Encounter**.

To register for the January 24-26 weekend in East Hartford or for information call 860-376-0440. www.wmme.org.

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