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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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

**Saturday, January 7, 2012**

Addison Barrett – 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, January 8, 2012**

8:00 – Mass for the People of St. John’s

10:00 – Gene Biagi – 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

6:00 – Henry Curtin – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Saturday, January 14, 2012**

4:00 – Frances Swinamer – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, January 15, 2012**

10:00 – Chet Shalginewicz – 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

6:00 – Mass for the People of St. John’s

**Important Dates**

1/13-15 – SKI TRIP

1/18 – PPC MEETING 7 PM IN CHAPEL

**Grand Annual Collection**

**We are very grateful for the generosity shown by 216 (11%) of our 2,000 families to our Grand Annual Collection. To date, these families have contributed \$34,754. If you haven’t had an opportunity to return your donation, please do so as soon as possible. The Parish Finance Council has recommended a donation in the amount of \$250. Perhaps you do not worship with us on a regular basis, but count on St. John’s to be there when you need us. Now we need you and all our parishioners to be there for St. John so that we may reach our goal of \$46,000. May God Bless your generosity.**

*Second Collection January 15 --Special Collection for Catholic Charities*

*The Special collection on January 15 will go to support the work of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston. This ministry is focused on support of children and families as well as newly arrived immigrants in the Archdiocese. Programs include food pantries, residential care for women and children in poverty, substance abuse counseling and assistance with rent and heating oil. Catholic Charities regularly serves over 175,000 people each year. It is focused on direct personal and social support of those in need.*

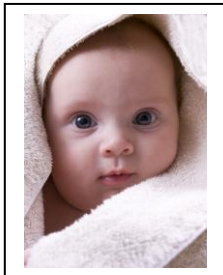
***Our Shared Treasure***  
**January 1, 2012 \$7,205**  
**GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION: \$34,754**  
***Thank you for your continued generosity.***

***Please keep the following in your***

***prayers:*** Pam Adornato, Dorothea Delano, Holly Benson, Cecilia Chapman, Baby Isabella, Joseph A. Hurley, Ben Cittadino, Nora Savoy, Walter F. Keymont Sr.

***\*Due to the ever growing number of names in our prayer list, we will be removing names after one month’s time to make room for more people in need of our prayers. The complete list of names can be found on our website:***

**[www.stjohne.org](http://www.stjohne.org)**



**ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER**

The Pro-Life Committee will host the Annual Parish Baby Shower from Saturday, December 31st through Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. All donations will assist mothers in need within the Archdiocese who have chosen life for their babies. The following items are needed:

- Disposable diapers (Newborn to size 1)
- Diaper bags
- Crib sheets
- Sleep n Play sleepers (up to 12 mo. Very much in need of size small)
- Nightgowns
- Baby Bottles
- Receiving Blankets
- Rattles, Pacifiers, Teethers
- Toiletries ie...
- Wipes, rash ointment, baby shampoo, baby soap, Baby lotion, powder, baby nail clippers, baby thermometers
- Baby towels
- Crib sheets
- Blanket Sleepers
- Socks

**PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE ITEMS—PLACE IN CRIB BY JAN. 22, 2012**

Questions, Call Missy Schrader at 508-350-0017 or email [missyschrader@verizon.net](mailto:missyschrader@verizon.net)

CONGRATULATIONS TO: **Alicia Cutter** and **Tanner Piclus** for making the Brockton Enterprise All-Scholastic Cross Country List

**SNOWBIRDS PLEASE INFORM THE RECTORY OF YOUR DEPARTURE**



ST. VINCENT de PAUL  
HOTLINE: 508-378-3760

SVdeP has their own number now. Please use this number when seeking help from St Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your continued generosity to this very worth-while parish organization.



Dear Friends

There's an old poem about a parish priest who climbed a high church steeple to be nearer God so that he could better hear God's word and pass it on to the people. But the higher the priest climbed the further from God he seemed to get. Finally, in desperation, the priest cried out from the very top of the steeple, "God, speak to me! God, where are you?" And, at that moment, the priest heard a voice crying out from far below, "My Son, here I am! Down here on earth among my people!"

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. This day celebrates the coming of some wise men from the East to honor Jesus. These wise men, called Magi, were the instructors of Persian kings. They were the most learned of men in their time. They came from a part of the world known today as Iraq and Iran.

Their learning told them that a great king was about to be born in the world. So one night, when they saw a strange star, they set out to follow it. Their search led them not to a mountain top, nor to the midst of a desert. Rather, it led them to a tiny village of poor, ignorant people. It led them to a cave in a hillside.

There are two lessons to this feast. First, that God has truly come down from Heaven to live among his people. With the birth of this child, God comes into our history. God breaks into the particularity of the Jewish people and is manifest in person for all of us. In this act, there stands open to us the

reality of God, whose power is grasped not so much in terms of force as in terms of love. The mystery, long hidden, is now revealed. The birth of this child, and indeed his entire life, should make it possible for us to see that God's own deepest concern is our salvation. In this birth, God identifies with our cause and our concern. In the humanity of Jesus, God is present in the struggle to overcome the movement of evil, both individual and social, that is the stuff of human life and human history.

And the second lesson is that the people among whom God chose to live were not saints in monasteries, intellectuals in universities, or kings in palaces. He chose to dwell among the poor, the homeless, and the hungry.

If we are to find God in our own world today, we must look for Him in the same place that the Magi found him. Not among the great and powerful, but among the lowly and the powerless.

If we are to find Jesus in our world, we must look among the poor, the hungry, the grieving, the homeless. Recall the famous passage in Matthew's Gospel when the king says to the people on his left, "I was hungry... thirsty... homeless... ill .. and in prison, and you did not care for me... what you **did not** do for one of these least ones, you **did not** do for me!"

God, Bless,  
Fr. Wally

*PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES,  
FRANCE  
June 2012*

Fr. Jay Makos, Pastor of Holy Ghost invites you to join him on this wonderful trip!

Cost is \$3,499 pp. Includes airfare, hotel, meals, baggage handling, fuel charge, admission fees, and more!

For more information call Jane Gilson,  
508-944-5910