

Saturday 10:00 AM	January 1— Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
4:00 PM	Ritchie Valery - For Good Health
Sunday 9:00 AM	January 2—Epiphany Special Intention
11:30 AM	Pedra Santana
5:00 PM	Parishioners
Monday 12:10 PM	January 3 Arthur Faucher
Tuesday 12:10 PM	January 4
Wednesday 12:10 PM	January 5 In memory of the Marron Family
Thursday 12:10 PM	January 6 Special Intention
Friday 12:10 PM	January 7 In memory of the Marron Family
Saturday 4:00 PM	January 8 Joseph & Delia Pasqua
Sunday 9:00 AM	January 9 Special Intention
11:30 AM	Parishioners
5:00 PM	Joseph Cullinan

Parish Support

Offertory—December 19

\$3,205

Thank you for your continuing support. This week's bulletin went to the printer early because of the Holiday, the figures for Dec. 25-26 weekend donations will be in next week's bulletin.

Sanctuary Lamp—Week of January 2

Special Intention for Lee Counihan Grant

Prayer for the New Year

As a parish family we begin 2011 and turn to our God who is always filled with new beginnings and surprises and thank him for the gift of this New Year. We ask that He make it a year of favor and grace for our families, our parish and our world. We ask that it be a year of blessing for us and a time to thank Him more each day for the many gifts he has given to us. We ask that it be a time of continued growth in our relationship with Him. May the grace of His Son Jesus shine through us and be seen in all we do.

The Epiphany of the Lord

The wonder and fascination implicit in the appearance of a star and of Magi with their exotic retinue and precious gifts usually overshadows the prophetic words that are found in today's Gospel. Matthew's mash up of Micah 5:1 and 2 Samuel 5:2 represents a method on his part to portray Jesus as the true Messiah and king who is born in accordance with the Scriptures. In alluding to the prophet Micah's oracle about Bethlehem, Matthew has the chief priests and scribes of the people respond to Herod's question with: "from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." It is the last part of this quote that comes from 2 Samuel at the time David was anointed king of Israel.

We tend to think of kings as omnipotent rulers who are in charge of everything. But the biblical dimensions of kingship involve a different set of realities. The king is shepherd and protector of the people. His power—that is, the loyalty of his forces to him—is to be used to ward off enemies and to care for the tribes that the Lord has entrusted to him. When the king fails in this duty, especially when it comes to protecting the poor, it is then that the Lord pronounces judgment against the king. This newborn King of the Jews in Matthew's Gospel comes to shepherd and care for his people. He will save us from the enemy: sin and death.

Now comes the big leap! This day, the Epiphany, is one of the great baptismal feasts of the church (after Easter and Pentecost). The early church saw in this celebration its own call to put on Christ, who is priest, prophet, and king. When we were anointed at our baptism we were given that very charge: to be a king like Christ. So how will you care for the poor today? How will you shepherd God's people?

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**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

The wonderful day of Christmas has come and gone. It is back to work for most people. Still in a variety of ways the ending might have a glorious new beginning. We go back to our own birth.

Expectant mothers may be concentrated on the great time approaching when they give birth to a new infant and a new state of life begins.

We might reflect on the greatest event in human history, the coming of Mary the Blessed Mother of Nazareth and her child who is the eternal God come to our earth. It is she whom God will choose to give birth to God coming in Jesus the presence of everlasting peace.

It is Mary alone to whom we can pray in the words "Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death."

Christmas of 2010 is over. The love of Jesus of Nazareth and His Mother is not and never will be.



OUR GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

We are pleased to report a total of \$40,464 in pledges and donations, to our Grand Annual Appeal to date, 54% of our goal of \$75,000. Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the back of the church. Thank you for your faith, love and generous support! Through your kindness Jesus' work continues.

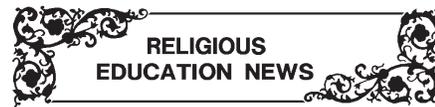
FEEDING THE HOMELESS

On Monday, December 27 a group of parishioners hosted a dinner of lasagna, meatballs, Italian string beans, rolls, butter, and ice cream sandwiches to over 150 homeless and hungry people. Thank you for your continuing support of this needy project as part of Neighborhood Action outreach.

We Remember...We Celebrate...We Believe

**Those Who Have Gone Before Us Marked
With The Sign Of Faith**

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| <i>The Beaulieu Family</i> | <i>Joanie Maguire</i> |
| <i>The Bonnell Family</i> | <i>The McGovern Family</i> |
| <i>The Curran Family</i> | <i>Vincent Raso</i> |
| <i>Stephen Flewelling</i> | <i>Al Rossi</i> |
| <i>Richard and Lucille Haley</i> | <i>The Toussaint Family</i> |
| <i>The Holohan Family</i> | <i>Ursula Vincent</i> |



Happy New Year to you all!

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Pat Harris at repatharis@verizon.net. EVERYONE WELCOME. Very flexible schedules. We need volunteers for every Mass.

Our next Religious Education meeting will be on January 9 at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.

Your Christmas Cards are needed by our Religious Education Program. Please leave in the box by the Kids Corner at the back of the Church. Thank you!

THANK YOU

Thank You to Joseph Giangregorio and the Hanover Wine & Spirits Shop of 363 Hanover St., in the North End for the beautiful Wreath that adorns the outside of our church.



A special thanks goes out to Michael Hagan and his "Scavenger" crew as well as Cambridge Landscaping for their determination to see that the wreath was hung.



Thank You to the Boston Harborside Home of -J.S. Waterman and Sons. · Waring · Langone, 580 Commercial St, Boston, for donating the 2011 calendars to St. Joseph Parish. Hopefully you have all gotten your 2011 calendar available at the back of the church.



GIVING TREE

Thanks to your kindness we were able to raise \$2,000 for the poor in Haiti. Our contacts, working through Catholic Relief Services, asked if we could send the money to the Timkatec Children's Center which is an orphanage offering help, assistance and joy to children devastated by the problems that exist in their country. Your love will bring many a smile to these children during this entire Season. Thank you and God Bless.



POINSETTIA FESTIVAL

Thanks to everyone's hard work our Poinsettia Festival raised \$5,927.11. Our plans for use of some of the money is to update to a newer model copy machine and the ability to repair our old one giving us two! It is only through your hard work that we are able to do this.