



Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1b-2

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, January 3, 2010, The Epiphany of the Lord

- 5:00 Vigil: Roger Salmon, 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary & Giacomo Iozzo, r/b their families
- 7:30 Teresa Emanuele & Joseph Aiello, r/b family
- 9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
- 11:30 Teo Dino, r/b his family

*The Rosary is prayed before Mass daily at 8:35 a.m. Perpetual Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of Divine Mercy (entrance from lower parking lot).*

### Monday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

9:00 John Ward, r/b his wife & family

### Tuesday, January 5, St. John Neumann, bishop

9:00 Deceased members of the Pirruccio family

### Wednesday, January 6, Blessed Andre' Bessette, religious

9:00 Francesco Sanzo, r/b Fiorena Sanzo

### Thursday, January 7, St. Raymond of Penafort, priest

9:00 James McCain, r/b his wife

### Friday, January 8

9:00 Elizabeth Czajka, r/b her niece

### Saturday, January 9

- 9:00 Theresa Sprague, r/b her son Don Pasculano
- 5:00 William Couture, r/b his friends

### Sunday, January 10, The Baptism of the Lord

- 7:30 Joyce & Ann Turro, r/b Ron and Pat Heaphy
- 9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
- 11:30 Ann Flynn, r/b Jean & David Crandall

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:



Shannon Cody, Benjamin Cantwell, Ellie Frisk, Alice Young, Rose Spagnulo, Michael Peck, Richard H. Peck, Dominic Serlise, Charles V. Conte, Mary Kelly Brown, Josephine Reck, Carol Nettis, Bridget Flanagan, Sarah Lorenzo, Rose Roberto, Donna Callahan, Kathy Rand, Armand Cook, Claudia Kondracky, Bill Connell, Robert Stetson, Florence McIntyre, Henrietta Bernal, Carolyn Record, Rosalie Pitruzzello, Peter Young, Janis Gianni, Karen Ireland, Phyllis Kelly, Josie Anderson, John Dooney, Howard Nielsen, Jr., Richard "Rick" Brown, Mary DeJohn, Kathleen Linehan, Richard Bobrowski, Nicki Schrenker, Margaret Ward, Jerilyn LaFargue, Carol Goulart, L. Johnson, Pasquale & Natalia Fasciani, Christine Guerriero, Maureen Schappert, Michelle Delisle, Kelly Franklin, William Revis, Marc Revis, Francis Ethier, Mike Cosker, Dr. John Conroy, William White, Cameron Rahman, Katherine Sabb, Thomas Danaher, Carolyn Mueller, Bob Matus and Marie Griffin.

Please call 635-5590 to add or remove names from the prayer list



## In Loving Memory

Divine Mercy Chapel Fund  
\$45.00 in memory of Sal Branciforte

## Your Sacrificial Offering

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.

### MORNING COFFEE WITH GOD

Start your day with the pause that refreshes your soul!

Theme: *Let God Love You*

Monday, January 4

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

St. John Church Hall Cromwell

### SJC Pro Life Ministry

This group has a simple goal: to respect, protect, love and serve life - every human life, from the womb to natural death.

All are welcome to join this Committee: age, faith or background make no difference...just a strong commitment to promote life is needed. Perfect attendance is NOT required! *The Pro-Life Group will meet on Tuesday January 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish library.*

GET INVOLVED: Everyone has a talent or ability to contribute, if only for one hour per week or per month.

## With Heartfelt Thanks

For Your Generosity Of Gifts Of The Season

Wholehearted Thanks to:

- Jean Ryan and her committee of volunteers for a wonderful evening of pasta, Christmas carols and entertainment.
- Dick Czapiga and the Desoto Council #6 Knights of Columbus for erecting the outdoor crèche.
- Ann Marie DeBisschop, Rosemary Matus, Dick & Jan Czapiga, Patrick Griffith, Joanne & Frank Golden, Joanne Francis, Ron Cecchini and Jean Tatro for the beautiful decorating of the Church and Chapel.
- Our Choirs under the direction of Joyce Ethier and Tim Jacobs. Special thanks to Millie Mueller and Tim Jacobs for providing the music at the 3:30 Children's Christmas Pageant.
- Millie Mueller, Colleen Cuda and their volunteers and all parishioners, children and adults, who came forward to participate in the Christmas Pageant. We could not have done it without you!
- Our Eucharistic Adorers who sacrificed an hour of their time during the Christmas Holiday, God Bless you.

*And last but not least, to our parishioners who made generous donations to all of our collections during the Christmas season. You helped to make someone's holiday a very special one!*



## Faith Formation

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Faith Formation Classes will resume their normal schedules the week of January 4th, 2010.

### Happy New Year to All.

#### MARK THESE DATES:

- 1/17/10 – 1/20/10: Gospel Call
- 1/17/10 Grade 9 Retreat at St. Coleman
- 1/23/10: Grade 10 Sponsor/Candidate Reflection Day
- 2/3/10: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> penance with family
- 3/6/10: 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Parent Meeting
- 3/6/10 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Candlelight Rosary
- 3/14/10 Triduum Intergenerational Event
- 3/20/10 – 3/24/10: Parish Mission
- 4/24/10 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Mini-Reflection SJC Hall
- 4/27/10 FHC Rehearsal
- 5/1/10 First Holy Communion Ceremony
- 5/5/10 Confirmation Rehearsal
- 5/8/10 Confirmation Ceremony

**Sunday January 17, Grade 9 Retreat with Sean Forest at St. Coleman Church in Middlefield. Bus leaves rear parking lot of St. John Church at 12:30 sharp and returns at 5:30 p.m. Please bring \$25.00 to cover cost the retreat and food. Any Grade 10 Candidate who did not attend last year is required to attend this retreat.**



### Christmas Altar Flower Donations

*In memory of or in the name of:*

Edgar and Lillian Beliveau, Edward Bajorek, Deceased members of the Marinzell & Fasciano Families, Madeline B. Anderson, William E. McDermott, Jean Marie Fiorella, Nancy & Michael Bellobuono, Jacob Matthew Richard, Carmelo & Marie LaBella, William & Louise Hamlin, Sebastian & Josephine Bartolotta, Elmer & Anne Thompson



*Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy go out to the family of:*

✠ **Bertha Monnes**

*Please keep her and all our departed in your prayers*



**Epiphany** is a Christian feast day which celebrates the revelation of God in human form in the person of Jesus Christ. It falls on January 6 or on a Sunday close to that date. On this day, Western Christians commemorate principally the visitation of the Biblical Magi to the child Jesus, i.e., his manifestation to the Gentiles; Eastern Christians commemorate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, seen as his manifestation to the world as the Son of God. It is also called **Theophany**, especially by Eastern Christians.

### A Blessing on Epiphany

Epiphany is a traditional day to bless your home, inviting Jesus to be revealed in our daily lives. The prayers ask God's blessing on your home and all who live and visit there. As part of the prayers, we mark the doorways with the initials of the legendary names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. They are marked in chalk and framed by the numbers of the new year, 2010, as shown below. Because the names of the Wise Men are legendary, it has also been said that "CMB" stands for Christus, Mansionem Benedicat meaning "may Christ bless this dwelling."

The prayers ask God's blessing on your home and all who live and visit there.

Leader: Peace be with this house and with all who live here.

All: Blessed be God forever.

The following is said as each character is marked on the door.: 20 + CMB + 10

"The three Wise Men..." C "Caspar..." M "Melchior..." B "and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became man..." 20 "two thousand..." 10 "and ten years ago."

"May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year."

Sprinkle holy water on the threshold and the inside entrance of the home.

Leader: Gracious God, you sent your son, Jesus, to become like us, so that we might become like him. Let us now pray that Jesus will enter our home and bless it with his presence. May he always be here among us; may he nurture our love for each other, share in our joys, and comfort us in our sorrows. Inspired by his teachings and example, let us make our home a dwelling place of love, which spreads far and wide the goodness of Christ. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.

This family liturgy was adapted by St. Margaret's in Bellevue, WA from the book *To Dance with God: Family Ritual and Community Celebration* by Gertrud Mueller Nelson (Paulist Press, 1986).

#### Readings for the Week of January 3, 2010

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 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



## Perpetual Adoration

**"THE MASTER IS HERE AND IS ASKING FOR YOU."**

John 11:28

### OPEN ADORATION HOURS

Please fill shaded areas first:

**Monday:** 1 a.m. – 2 a.m.

**Tuesday:** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 3 a.m. – 4 a.m.

2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

**Thursday:** 1 a.m. – 2 a.m.

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4 a.m. – 5 a.m.

5 a.m. – 6 a.m.

5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

10 p.m. – 11 p.m.

**Friday:** 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

6 a.m. – 7 a.m.

**Saturday:** 2 a.m. – 3 a.m.

3 a.m. – 4 a.m.

4 a.m. – 5 a.m.

**Saturday:** 9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

**Sunday:** 5 a.m. – 6 a.m.

Call Roger at 635-1918

*A COMMITTED ADORER IS ONE WHO PROMISES TO BE HERE ON A CERTAIN DAY AT A CERTAIN TIME FOR ONE HOUR.*



January 3, 2010

#### Epiphany of Our Lord

"...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?



Stewardship of Time is a uniquely valuable gift from God. One cannot buy it, sell it or stop it. What do we do with this personal gift from God which is so specifically ours?

Stewardship of Talent is the sharing of the essence of who we truly are, our talents were instilled in us by God, for His purpose, before we were born. Stewardship of Treasure is a matter of the heart, for where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.



**Gospel Call**  
Experience Afresh Our  
Unity in the Lord!

**Together in Worship –  
Spiritual Growth – Mission**

**Save the Dates:**

**January 17, 18, 19, 20, 2010**

How long have you lived in Cromwell? How well do you know your neighbors in Christ? Have you visited their churches? Would you like to? Come along make new friends and bring a welcome smile to our neighbor.

THE GOSPEL CALL will begin here in our church on January 17<sup>th</sup> with a **POT LUCK SUPPER** at 5:00 PM and the Service at 7:30 PM and continuing on Monday, at First Congregational Church at 7:30 PM and Tuesday evening at Hilltop Covenant Church and concluding at Bethany Lutheran at 7:30 PM on Wednesday Evening with a special focus on the ministries in the co-sponsoring churches. Rev. Diane Kessler and Father Tom Ryan, CSP, leaders in the Christian unity movement, will preach at the evening services and will also offer three day-time opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal. You won't want to miss this chance for sharing in faith, life, and witness with other Christians in this area. Mark your calendars. For further information call our church secretary at 860 635 5590.

**Save the date:**

### Ecumenical Pot Luck Supper



As you know four Christian Churches in Cromwell have been working together to prepare for "Gospel Call", four consecutive evenings of ecumenical worship, spiritual growth and mission.

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, the very first night of "Gospel Call" we will all

feast together at 5:00 p.m. in Saint John Church Hall before we head upstairs for a joint church service at 7:30. We are hoping to fill the hall with good food and good fellowship.

**If you plan to attend the pot luck please sign up on the poster in the church vestibule or call Rosemary Matus (635-0011) or Joanne Golden (635-5789) with the number of attendees and what you will bring.**

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## ST. JOHN CHURCH PARISH POLICIES

**BAPTISMS:** Baptisms are generally not ministered during the Lenten Season. Parents planning to have their baby baptized must receive instruction prior to Baptism. The next instruction *Class will be held on, JANUARY 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.* Please meet in the Church. You must first register with Fr. Raymond (635-5590).

**SPONSOR CERTIFICATES:** A person wishing to be a sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation must be a registered member in good standing with our Church.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements for weddings need to be made in person by the parties of the proposed marriage at least one year in advance and prior to setting any date. **PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Norms for Marriage in the Diocese of Norwich require that those planning marriages should contact the priest one year prior to the marriage.**

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING** is given to those who are seriously ill or about to undergo surgery. Please call the parish office, 635-5590.

**COMMUNION TO THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND:** Special ministers of the Eucharist may bring Communion to the home of those who are homebound. The priests will visit once a month.

## Christmas Novena continued

Frank & Mary David, Fred & Mary Fillmore, Laura & Michael Cordone, Linda Cordone, Cornett Family, Paul & Barbara Cordone & family, Bob Pelvelis, Renate Alvi; Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Brophy; Jr., Carmelita Brown; Carmelite Sisters, Brothers & Priests; Gordon Caulfield; Irene DeMarse; The Angelo Dos Santos family; Barb Eskew; Edward & Robert Gasior; Mary Genter; Mrs. Anna Kennedy; Alexia & Joseph Kiel; Jerry & Marie Koz; David Kozi; Sherry Kozminski; Jerry & Kathy Kozminski; Don & Marilyn Kozminski; Normand Larrivee; George Luca; Judy McCain; Ernest Mueller; Alice Mueller; Pat Mosymowski; Mary & Tim O'Brien; Paul Okuja; Perry Olson; Bob & Me Olson; Lauren Olson; Rosanna, Amber & Angel Olson; Julie & Nicholas Olson; Ramona Olson; Kristina Olson; RIA Music Ministries; Al Richards; Isabella Walsh; Daniel Walsh, Fr. James Butts, SDV, Mary Kowaleski, Margaret Morrissey, Roberto, Roxanne & Bobby Salinas, Marissa & Michael Pflueger, Rolando, Maricela, Justin, Ryan & Michael Salinas, Peter & Patricia Morrissey, Rolando & Hilda Salinas, Aaron, Megan & Lucienne Malouin, Jon, Lisa, Peter, Kate, Megan, Melissa & Amy McLeod, Paul, Kelley, Riley, Nathaniel & Erinn Piechowicz, Mr. & Mrs. Dave Coughlin & family, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Coughlin & family, Mr. & Mrs. Geoff Disch & family, Mr. & Mrs. John Riordan & family, Mrs. John Begley; Mr. & Mrs. Emmett Coughlin; Mr. & Mrs. William J. Coughlin; Robert E. Coughlin, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Czajka; Mary Ann Scarpini; The Stephen Brophy Family; Anna, Junokas; Delores Sekanovich; Martina McGovern; Donna & Conor McGovern; Seamus McGovern; The Santiago Gio ; The John Luca; The George Luca Family; Lillian Awidi; Jen & Charlie Lazich & Family; Mr. & Mrs. Kensley & Family; Kristin Bothur & Family; Mrs. Mary Okuja & Family; Seby Aresco and Family; Jim & Adriana Sokaitis