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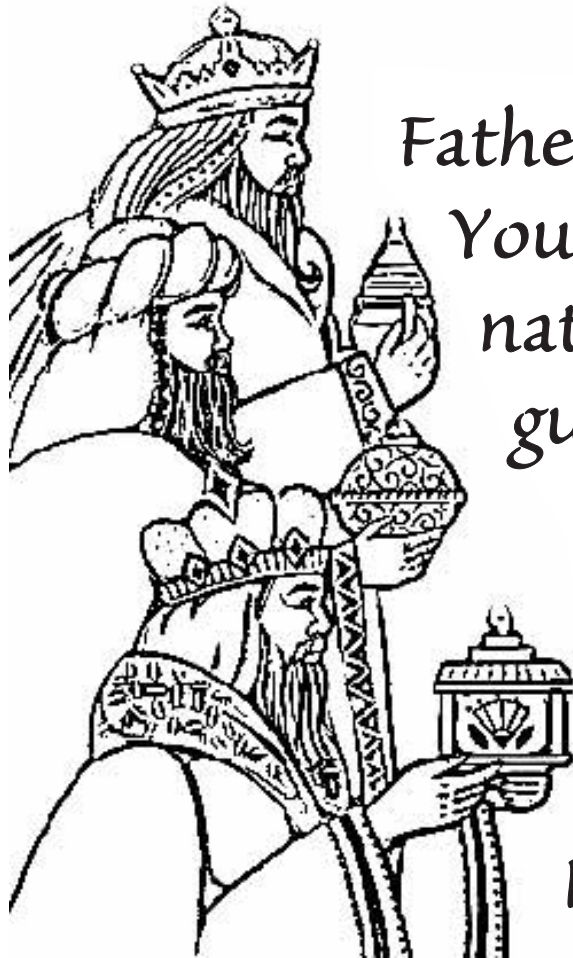
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*Father, You revealed
Your Son to the
nations by the
guidance of a star.*

*Lead us to Your
Glory in Heaven
by the
Light of Faith.*

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died Aileen Cybulski and Father James Duffy of Madonna House.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Sr. Margaret Joan Pecore, Barbara Helferty, Betty Briscoe, Betty Sammon, Catherine Kuehl, Luke Holmes, Ron Bennett, Ronald Larmond, Betty Tracey, Georgina Mahusky, Sylvie Lafontaine, Gwen Deslaurier, Leona & Ken Barr, Ed Sulpher, Rose Nighbor, Audrey Tibbles, Ted Kapuschinski, Audrey Hawley, John Nadobny and Joan Prince.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Epiphany of the Lord is one of the great solemnities of the liturgical year. Traditionally celebrated on January 6, the twelfth day after Christmas, it is so important that in many countries, including Canada and the United States, it is transferred to the nearest Sunday. Why is it so important? Because it is our celebration. At Christmas, we celebrate the Word made flesh. At the Epiphany, we celebrate the news getting out – the revelation of this amazing reality to the world.



ON OUR WAY WITH JESUS:

Part I: WE PREPARE FOR RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time here on December 6th:

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| Porsha Comparelli | Andrew Coyne |
| Colton Ferguson-Martin | Sophia Holmes |
| Abigail Kelusky | Falyn Landriault |
| Harley Mitchell | John Munford |
| Tate Skelhorn | Maebel Visinski |

Part II: "WE SHARE IN THE EUCHARIST"

Please keep these children in your prayers as they now embark on the journey of experiencing God's love to us through preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all who made our Christmas Celebration so special this year. John Laviolette, Sharon Harper and Marilyn Johnston who decorated the church and house; singers, musicians Hospitality Ministers, Altar Servers & Eucharistic Ministers. A special thanks to all who remembered Deacon Don, Anthony and myself with gifts. Your generosity is much appreciated.

CARE FUND DONATIONS: A "Thank You" also to the many parishioners who donated to the Parish Care Fund either monetarily or with gift cards. Many in our community struggle to make ends meet and thus the demand for financial assistance has been substantial. May God bless you all abundantly for your generosity.

FATHER KEVIN RAND: I also wish to commend the parish for the response to Fr. Rand's appeal for Joshua. \$2,870.00 has been received and forwarded to Fr. Rand. These monies plus the \$1,724. that Fr. Rand had already raised will ensure that this young man will receive the surgery required. We look forward to an update from Fr. Rand after Joshua's operation scheduled for early in this new year. Again, God's blessings on you.

Fr. Brennan



FOOD BANK DONATIONS: Reminder that next weekend is the Parish **Food Bank Sunday** for January. Baskets at the doors of the church will be available for your donations. Thank you for your generosity. The following are items that always needed: peanut butter, pasta & pasta sauce, pure fruit juices, canned tomatoes, rice, unsweetened cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, tinned tuna, salmon, ham, chicken and turkey.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: Thank you for your ongoing generosity to sustaining the ministries and facilities here at S.F.X. Any donations received or deposited after December 31st, 2014 will be credited to your 2015 income tax receipt. Income tax receipts for the year 2014 will be ready some time during the next few weeks. To obtain a receipt, simply put a stamped, self-addressed envelope in the collection basket and it will be mailed to you.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON Jan. 5 Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.
 TUES. Jan. 6
 9:00 a.m. Terry Neville - Mr. & Mrs. John McEachen
 WED Jan. 7
 8:00 a.m. Hazel McGuire - Margaret Maheral & Eva Kelleher
 THUR Jan. 8
 8:00 a.m. Maxie Hisko - James & Kerry Rousselle
 10:30 a.m. MANOR : Bronus Mask - Florence & Laurie Brown
 FRI Jan. 9
 8:00 a.m. Teresa Laporte - The Lynch & Cathcart Families
 SAT Jan. 10
 4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan
 SUN Jan. 11
 10:30 a.m. Alice Lee - The Family
 Terry McIntyre - Pat Neville & Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Baptism of the Lord - January 11th, 2015
SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - M. Maloney; S. McCanna
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - R. & L. Wojcik;
 D. & C. Sulpher
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - A. Burchat; T. Lemenchick;
 C. Sulpher; R. & N. Connors
 SERVERS - L. Zohr; S. Brown
SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - A. Hermans; J. Perry
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - V. & A. Dumoulin;
 L. & S. Hall
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - A. Burchat; M. L. Rowat;
 N. Adam; P. Perry; T. Fiebig
 SERVERS - L. & H. Curry
 CANTOR - K./C. Slight
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY - K. Wilson; A. Brisco
CHURCH DOORS: during the winter months, after the morning Masses, the front doors will be locked. The Handicapped door will be open during the day.

8th ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT- 2015

Theme: "Men Called to Living the Father's Love"
 Dates: Friday, January 16, 2015 @ 8 p.m. to Sunday, January 18 @ 2 p.m.
 Priest: Father Blaire Bernard and Layman: Mr. Paul Mitchell from Madonna House.
 Location: Graphite Bible Camp (between Maynooth and Bancroft): Google it for detailed directions.
 Cost: \$135.00 (\$50 deposit requested before Dec. 29)
 Participants bring towels, bedding/sleeping bags, pillow)
 Please send \$50 cheque payable to the order "Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish" to David Douthwright, 92A Annie Mayhew Rd., Combermere, ON K0J 1L0. Mark "Men's Retreat" on cheque.
 Questions - David at Daviddouthwright@hotmail.com or call 613-756-9815.

UNSTOPPABLE! 6th Annual DIOCESAN

High School Youth Retreat: will be held from February 13 to 15, 2015 for students from Grade 8 to 12 at CSC Jeanne-Lajoie, Pembroke. Registration begins immediately. Forms are available by contacting the FLYMO at yvette-bourque@pembrokediocese.com, your parish or your High School Chaplaincy Office. Cost is \$45 or early bird fee of \$40 if paid by January 30. The deadline for registration is February 6.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - 2015

When: February 27 - March 1
 Where - Graphite Bible Camp, Maynooth, ON
 Cost: \$135 - 2 nights & 5 meals; \$105 for commuters
 Theme: Experiencing the Silence of God
 Leader: Shatzi Duffy and Father David Linder of Madonna House
 Information / Registration: Contact Kristan Hamon 613-756-5775 or Posie Douthwright 613-756-9815

MY 10 RESOLUTIONS FOR 2015

This coming year, I have decided that with God's help, I shall: -

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| Give up complaining...focus on gratitude. | Give up harsh judgements...think kind thoughts. |
| Give up worry...trust divine providence. | Give up discouragement...be full of hope. |
| Give up bitterness...turn to forgiveness. | Give up hatred...return good for evil. |
| Give up anger...practice patience. | Give up pettiness...put on maturity. |
| Give up gloom...enjoy the beauty that is around me. | Give up gossiping...control my tongue. |

— Author Unknown

UPCOMING EVENTS AT S.F.X.

* Mon., Jan. 5 Bereavement Group Rectory Mtg. Rm. #1 7:30 p.m.

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