



And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazorean." -Mt 2:22b-23

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
DECEMBER 26, 2010**



Deceased members of the Amaral & Correia families, Joseph Schuhmacher, Asta Aleksonis, Connor & Margaret Carroll, Patrick J. Clancy, Pearl Hession, Gloria Lima, all the other Faithful Departed, especially those listed on the Christmas Flower Envelopes, & for the sick, especially Rev. Bob Donovan, Eileen O'Keeffe, Ben Piscopo, Florence Cleary, Deacon William Martin, Philip Astone, Joseph Vacca, Philip McDonald, Clarence Leonard, Dolores Howard, James Sheehan, Michelle Roberge Janson, Doris Maguire, Alice Kirk, Kieran Tellier, Mary Sullivan & Raimund Leal, & let us pray for our troops serving around the world, especially Deana Masotta, Benjamin LaCasse, & Devin Kennedy, & for all the victims of natural disasters, wars & terrorism.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun., Dec. 26, 8:30 a.m. Mem. for deceased members of The Amaral & Correia families.
Sun., Dec. 26, 10 a.m. Anniv. for Joseph Schuhmacher.
Sun., Dec. 26, 11:30 a.m. Mem. for Asta Aleksonis.
Mon., Dec. 27, 9 a.m. for our parishioners.
Tues., Dec. 28, 9 a.m. Anniv. for Connor & Margaret Carroll.
Wed., Dec. 29, 9 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving on the 65th wedding anniversary of Adeline & William Kerrigan.
Thurs., Dec. 30, 9 a.m. Mem. for Patrick J. Clancy.

Fri., Dec. 31, 9 a.m. Anniv. for John Femino.
Sat., Jan. 1, 9 a.m. Mem. for Pearl Hession.
Sat., Jan. 1, 4 p.m. Mem. for Gloria Lima.
Sun., Jan. 2, 8:30 a.m. Anniv. for Elizabeth Nee.
Sun., Jan. 2 10 a.m. Mem. for Nan Marquart.
Sun., Jan. 2, 11:30 a.m. Anniv. for Barbara Cranston Ebenfield.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY: Jan. 1, New Year's Day: is not a Holy Day of obligation this year because it falls on a Saturday. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. for those who wish to attend.

NOVENA OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL: is prayed every Tuesday after the 9 a.m. Mass.

CALENDARS FOR 2011: are available, courtesy of Chapman, Cole & Gleason, at the church exits. Please take one.



GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION:

If you have not already given, please consider donating before Dec. 31 so that you will receive tax credit for 2010.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes have recessed for the holidays. Grades 1 & 2 will meet again on Sun., Jan. 9. Grades 3 & 4 will resume on Mon., Jan. 3. Grades 5-8, Tues., Jan. 4. **Confirmation class: Sun., Jan. 2, at the 11:30 Mass & Downstairs until 2:30 p.m.**

ST. ELIZABETH SETON PRAYER GROUP: will meet next on Jan. 30, 7 p.m., in the church. Maybe one of your New Year's resolutions will be to be more prayerful; come join us! **Don't forget the Prayer Basket at the Tabernacle for your special intentions.

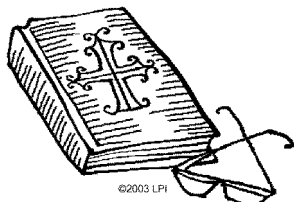
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Christmas time is that season when we all should take a moment to stop & thank all those who have helped us during the past year. We Vincentians wish to thank all of YOU. YOU have given of YOUR time, energy & funds. You were always there when we needed YOU. Thank you, thank you, and Happy New Year to all of YOU. We couldn't have done it without YOU.



FROM THE PASTOR

A word of sincere thanks for the many cards & gifts I received during the holiday season. I am most grateful for such thoughtfulness. I also wish to thank all who made our liturgies outstanding celebrations: Kathleen Kanaley, our music director, & Diane Quinn, Mary Beth Knox & LaVada Studley for the children's pageant & orchestra; the Children's Choir; our Parish Choir & the string ensemble at Midnight Mass; Altar servers, lectors & Eucharistic Ministers; those who gave donations for flowers; & all who helped decorate the church – a big "Thank you" for a loving work well done.

25/25 DRAWING PLAN: The final drawing for the grand prizes of \$500, \$200 & two \$100s was this weekend, but because the bulletin had to be finished by Dec. 16, we will list the winners next weekend. The new series will begin on Jan. 2. If you did not receive a mailing, forms for joining are at the church exits. Remember – if you win, your number will go right back in –so you can be a winner twice or more!



BIBLE STUDY: meets the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month after the 9 a.m. Mass in the church hall. We are studying "*The Acts of the Apostles*". Worried about "truth decay"? Brush with Scripture! Next meeting: January 13.



DO YOU HAVE A LOVED

ONE IN THE MILITARY? You are welcome to join the Support Group at the Gus Canty Center in Falmouth the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month (Dec. 27 & Jan. 10). **The white baskets at the church exits are for items to be sent to our troops in Iraq & Afghanistan

ARE YOU A SENIOR OR DO YOU KNOW A SENIOR STRUGGLING TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE?

Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program helps seniors put healthy food within reach!! For information about

SNAP & other free & low cost food resources, call: SNAP Outreach. 1-800-845-1999 Ext. 164. We can come to you – apply at home.

OSTEOPOROSIS EXERCISES: Join us on Monday Mornings at 9:30 in the church hall. Please bring weights, water & a towel.

MARRIED COUPLES – It's New Years Resolution time: Resolve to start a new love affair with your spouse that's beyond your wildest dreams. It can happen on a World-Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up soon so you can renew your love for one another. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Jan. 14-16, Feb. 11-13 & March 18-20. For more info, call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-7710-WWME

PETER KREEFT TO SPEAK AT CORPUS CHRISTI:

On Jan. 7, 7 p.m., Peter Kreeft, Ph.D. will be speaking about his latest book, *Jesus Shock* at Corpus Christi Parish in E. Sandwich. An internationally respected Catholic thinker, prolific author, & professor of Philosophy at Boston College, Dr. Kreeft is sure to inspire your love of the Lord & the Eucharist with his presentation on the most profound aspects of our faith. Refreshments will be served. For more info on Dr. Kreeft visit www.peterkreeft.com.

STRUGGLING WITH DEPRESSION? Join a local Support Group for women experiencing stress, anxiety, or depression. Express your feelings, share experiences, learn new coping strategies, & gather information about helpful resources in a safe & caring environment. Thursdays, starting 1/20/11, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Falmouth Human Services, 65A Town Hall Square. No fees or co-pays. Call Kathy Mohler-Faria at 508-548-0533, or email her at kmohlerfaria@falmouthhumanservices.org.

LOVE: For generations, various cultures regarded family life merely as a utilitarian necessity. Sirach introduces honor & respect. For Jews & Christians alike, the value of family goes even further. The family is seen as the indispensable school where love is learned. Paul addresses the Colossians & offers a list of virtues that make for a solid & happy church. These values also make for a happy family at ease with itself & its members: mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience forgiveness. As a capstone, Paul urges love, which brings all of these domestic virtues to perfection. Paul seems to be on a roll as he lauds the virtues of the Church at Colossae. With such heartfelt virtues, it is no wonder Paul bursts into song. Who wouldn't? It's clear that the center of the church is love. It is clear that no matter how far from home the members travel, the heart remains & all the Members are connected by the gravitational pull of mutual love, a love first learned in family life.

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