

Weekly Update December 30, 2018

Reflection for Sunday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord: by Alice Camille

The Magi are so innocent, these wizened elders from the east. They spend their lives amid dusty papyrus, pouring over star charts and adding to the tiny record of human understanding with their observations. Then, one day a star appears that has special significance for them. They vow to track it down and learn its secrets. So they pack up and go, eventually winding up on a desert road heading toward the largest city in the star's direction: Jerusalem! "Where's the new king?" they ask—of the present king. This was not a politically astute inquiry, but the magi are not men who concern themselves with the halls of power. Their well-traveled beat is learning: the question makes perfect sense to one who respects truth for its own sake. This does not describe Herod who cares only about maintaining control. This does not describe Herod, who cares only about maintaining control. This saga could have ended in disaster, for the newborn king, and for the wise men who knew about him. Happily, wisdom arrives in dreams to dreamers who depart another way. The new king remains hidden and safe.

#### Religious Education Information

**NEW PHONE NUMBER: Monday-Thursday call 856-845-6826**

**Sunday the number remains the same; 856-845-1660.**

**SCHOOL CLOSING #2821 on KYW News radio.**

#### **Sacrament Preparation:**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmandi:** Interview schedule and interview question have been sent home and emailed. The students worked on them at their sacrament prep in October. A Reminder: **parents are expected** to attend the Confirmation interview. Discuss the questions with your child in preparation for the interview. **REVISED INTERVIEW LIST HAVE BEEN EMAIL TODAY.**

**7<sup>th</sup> grade Retreat:** Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 3:00-7:00 pm. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE 6:00 MASS AS THE CANDIDATES RECEIVE THE NICENE CREED. Mass attendance is expected for the retreat.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Mass:** Will be held on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at the 6:00 Mass at the Worship Center. ALL FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS AND FAMILY are invited to attend. Following Mass all students are invited for refreshments at HACS cafeteria.

## Service

**Ronald McDonald House:** Rebecca Athey from our sixth grade is collecting tabs for Ronald McDonald House which will help with CHOP. Over the holidays collect the tabs from soda cans, beer cans and soup cans and bring them to Religious Ed. Each tab is worth a \$1.00. SO SAVE THEM AND BRING THEM TO RELIGIOUS ED. THANK YOU!

**PEANUT BUTTER/JELLY** will be on **Wednesday, January 9, 2019 6:30-7:30 pm**. If you are planning to attend kindly bring a loaf of bread. Thank You!

**St. Joseph's House of Camden:** is a non-profit shelter dedicated to caring for the homeless. The shelter is in need of casseroles. Contact Jerry Campbell at 856-435-0509 or email at [ccusato1@comcast.net](mailto:ccusato1@comcast.net) or Irene Clark at [iclark@holyangelsnj.org](mailto:iclark@holyangelsnj.org) or bring them to Family Faith Formation also Holy Angels Catholic School. (Students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation who are using casseroles for service need to make 2 casseroles.) List the ingredients and tape it to the top of the casserole. Thank You! Next casserole pick up will be Monday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Thank You! St. Joseph House is also collecting coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Day of Service will be held on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00-12:00 noon. Attached is the sign up form.

Agenda: Meet at St. Patrick Church for the 9:00 Mass. Following Mass will go to the lower level of St. Patrick Church and the Family Faith Formation to work on several projects until noon.

**Family Faith Formation:** collecting slightly used jackets/coats for Camden and white socks. Bring items to the office during office hours and Sunday morning to class. Thank You!