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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday: 4:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth's; Sunday: 8:30 a.m. St. Philip Neri; 10:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth's.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sat. 3:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth's. Also by request or appointment.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** By appointment.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance of proposed date.

**Sick Calls:** Anytime, day or night. 873-6760.

**Holy Communion** will be brought to your home on request.

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – B**

**Jan. 7/8, 2012**

Note: unless otherwise noted, all weekday Masses at 8:15 am are at St. Elizabeth's; those at 8:30 am are at St. Philip Neri.

**Sat., Jan. 7:** 4:30 pm. Dorothy Smith by Harry and Cecile Denton.

**Sun., Jan. 8:** 8:30 am, Deceased of the Walker and Bottiroli Families by John and Elaine Bottiroli. 10:30 am, Deceased of the Wrisley Family by Elizabeth Wrisley.

**Sat., Jan. 14:** 4:30 pm. Dorothy Smith by Terry and Linda Guilbo.

**Sun., Jan. 15:** 8:30 am, Martin Huchro by Madeline and Wally Huchro. 10:30 am, Augustine Scato 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by the Family.

**NOTE: The Pastor will be away until Saturday so there will be no daily Masses this week. There will be a Communion Service at 10:15 am at Horace Nye Home.**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Dec. 31 – Jan. 1, 2012**

**St. Elizabeth – Envelopes: \$1,096.50**

**Plate: 99.00**

**St. Philip Neri – Envelopes: \$616.00**

**Plate: 14.00**

*God will not be outdone in generosity!*

**PASTOR'S NOTE**

Once more I express my heartfelt thanks for all of your support during the Christmas season. Thanks to the participants in the Giving Tree – so important to many in our area; to those who prepared our churches for Advent and Christmas; to those who contributed to our flowers collection; for your generosity to the Priests' Retirement Fund in the Christmas Collection; to those who sent cards to me personally, often enclosing a gift; and for all the fine chefs who filled my refrigerator and freezer with goodies. Many thanks and a blessed 2012 to all of our parishioners. Father Riani.

**ADULT EDUCATION GROUP: NOTE**

A conflict with our Penance Service on Dec. 19 prompted us to move the meeting of the Adult Group to Mon., Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. Subjects to be discussed are: *Becoming Catholic* and *The Eucharist*. All interested adults are welcome to attend. Call Dan Alexander at 873-6691.

**PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE**

College students and young adults are planning a Pilgrimage to Washington DC for the 39<sup>th</sup> March For Life from Friday pm, Jan. 20 to Tues., Jan. 24. All-inclusive cost is only \$150 per person. For more info, email Fr. Timothy Canaan, Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry, at

[frtim@broadstreetcatholics.org](mailto:frtim@broadstreetcatholics.org) or call 563-0730. Join them for prayer, witness and fun.

**LAKE CHAMPLAIN BUS FOR LIFE**

Here is a chance for any concerned person to attend the 2012 March for Life in Washington, DC. A chartered bus will leave the parking lot of St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh on Sun. evening Jan. 22 at 7:30 pm for the March the next day. The bus will return in the early morning of Tues., Jan. 24. Cost is \$25 per seat. Contact Betty Buffett 536-6640 or Karen Smith 534-2028. If you cannot attend but wish to make a donation for someone who can, send your check to St. Peter's, 114 Cornelia St., Plattsburgh 12091. Notation: "Bus for Life Donation." Thank you.

**MARCH FOR LIFE**

The March starts this Sunday, Jan. 15 at 1:30 pm at the Newman Center, Broad St., Plattsburgh, and continues to St. John's Church. James Sedlak, Vice President of the American Life League, will speak. Take a stand for life!

**VOCATION CORNER**

"They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." Is God calling you to give Him the gold of your freedom, the incense of your prayer, and the myrrh of your love through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to Father Riani or contact Fr. Bryan Stitt on Facebook, at [www.myvocation.net](http://www.myvocation.net) or at (315) 393-2920 ex 450.

**BISHOP'S ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

The 2012 Diocesan Ecumenical Service will be celebrated on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 2 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Massena. Bishop LaValley will preside. Fr. James J. Kane, Director of the Office of Ecumenical Affairs of the Diocese of Albany will preach on the theme: "We Will All Be Changed By the Victory of Our Lord Jesus Christ." Following the service, a reception will be held at Trinity

Catholic School. All Christians and all people of good will are welcome to participate.

**PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND**

A pilgrimage trip to Ireland is being organized in our Diocese to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress with Pope Benedict in Dublin followed by a tour of the sacred sites of Ireland. These include Knock, Galway, Limerick City, Ring of Kerry, Cork and more. Date: June 11-21, 2012. Cost: \$2995 (twin occupancy), including round trip flight from Albany. Contact Ursula Akey (Ausable Forks) at 647-8415 or 524-2578.

**From the Pastor's Desk....**

I came across this and thought it would be good to share with you still close to the beginning of 2012.

**GOD SAID NO**

*I asked God to take away my bad habit. God said NO. "It is not for me to take away but for you to give it up."*

*I asked God to grant me patience. God said NO. "Patience is a by-product of troubles; it isn't granted, it is learned."*

*I asked God to give me happiness. God said NO. "I give you many blessings. Happiness is up to you."*

*I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said NO. "You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful."*

*I asked God to spare me pain. God said NO. "Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me."*

*I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said NO. "I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things."*

*I asked God to help me love others, as much as God loves me. God said...Ahhhhh, you finally got the idea!*

(Could you add anything to this list!?)