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Feast of the Epiphany

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S STUDY

Greetings to all in this new year 2012. I hope that we are all united in our prayers that this year will bring good health and economic security to all. From what we have seen in these first few days in Iowa and New Hampshire, it promises to be a very interesting and very political election year. May God guide us in this very special privilege that is ours of electing our leadership for the next four years.

Many of the months of the year take their name from the old roman gods and emperors: Mars, Juno, Julius, Augustus, etc. January takes its name from the god Janus, a figure with two faces, one looking back and one looking forward. So we begin this year of 2012 looking back to see what we have accomplished or failed to accomplish and then we look ahead with new year's resolutions towards new goals to be reached

Here in the Chapel we are also looking back on 2011 to see just where we are and where we should go. And what we see most clearly is an old air conditioning system that has given up the ghost. And if it is not replaced, we look forward to a summer of stifling heat down here in the basement of the Mall. Unfortunately, our system is very old and outdated. Part of it is in the mechanical room adjacent to the Chapel and part of it is on the roof of the Mall! The new system requires that the connecting pipes between the roof and the Chapel must be replaced. The whole project will cost approximately \$40,000!!!

As you can well imagine our savings for a rainy day were just about exhausted during the renovation a year and a half ago. What I am getting at is that we are really going to need your assistance to pay for the new air conditioner. Like Janus we look back and we see how your support for the renovation was so positive and gracious, that we do not hesitate to ask your help once again. During the renovation instead of having special fund raising events, we had a second collection at the Saturday evening Masses for about a year and a half. So we are going to repeat that process now for the new air conditioner. Beginning today we will have a second collection every Saturday for the next three or four months to help cover the cost of replacing the air conditioning system.

Looking ahead with the other face of Janus, we see the Chapel not only as an oasis of prayer in the midst of the mayhem of a busy Mall, but also as a refuge from the heat and humidity of a New England summer. Hopefully you will not simply split your regular offering between the two collections. The regular expenses in maintaining the Chapel will go on in spite of the new air conditioner. Looking over my shoulder to the past, I feel

sure that we can count on that same spirit of cooperation and support that we have always had as we move into this new year 2012

LITURGY

Again, I repeat our call for volunteers. I think you have all noticed that we are trying to add a greater element of solemnity and dignity to the celebration of the Liturgy. To be successful in this endeavor, we really need more assistance at the altar. Surely there are many here at Mass who have had experience as altar servers in their childhood. We could really use your assistance and experience today. If we had sufficient volunteers, it would mean assisting the priest at the altar once or twice a month. Also, we are in need of more Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. If you exercise either of these ministries in your parishes, please come forward and offer to serve here in the Chapel also. If this would be a new ministry for you, please come forward any way. We will be happy to give you any preparation that you may need. Speak with the altar servers that we have. They are really delighted with the experience of serving at the altar, and find that it brings them much closer to the Lord. At first they were very nervous, but now they feel very comfortable in the sanctuary.

SPARE CHANGE COLLECTION

The spare change collection looks as though it has been very successful. I intend to empty the big bottle of coins and bills that have been given during the Advent and Christmas seasons. As you can guess, it is never too late to bring in your old coins. They will never be rejected. And many many thanks to all those who have helped to feed and clothe these young boys.

JANUARY MEMORIALS

The **Altar Breads** which will be consecrated at all of the Masses during the month of January have been donated in memory of **Timothy Stone** requested by a friend. The **Wine** to be consecrated in all of the Masses during the month of January has been donated for the honor and glory of God in memory of **Beverly Dupuis** by the family. The **Oil** in the altar candles will burn during the month of January for the honor and glory of God in loving memory of **Carmen Pagan** are the request of her friends. The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn before the Blessed Sacrament this month for the honor and glory of God in memory of the **Joseph Gilhooley** at the request of a friend.

CHAPEL FINANCES. Our principal source of income for the Chapel are the Offertory collections at the 4:00 and 5:30 Masses on Saturday. I thought that you would

like to see just exactly how much is involved in these collections. Please be as generous as possible. You will notice that there was only one Mass on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

	4:00	5:30		4:00	5:30
Dec. 10, 2011	\$ 919	\$ 515	Dec. 17, 2011	\$ 827	\$411
Dec. 24, 2011	\$1,299		Dec. 31 2011	\$ 919	\$

RECENT TRANSLATION OF THE MISSAL

We are pleased with the way the adjustment to the changes in the translation of the prayers has progressed. However, I suggest that you keep using the pew cards or the Missalette for the next few weeks until all become more accustomed and comfortable with the changes. They may seem a little awkward at times, but I am sure that you have noticed how the priests are struggling with much greater changes in the new altar missals. It takes a little bit of patience to adjust.

CATHEDRAL of the HOLY CROSS IRELAND PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Kevin O'Leary, Director of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston and others from the Archdiocese of Boston will lead a pilgrimage to **IRELAND AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS** where Pope Benedict XVI will celebrate the closing Mass. The pilgrimage will then continue with a tour of the sacred sites of Ireland, including, Knock, Galway, Limerick City, Ring of Kerry, Killarney, cork and more. Complete package cost \$3295 (double occupancy). Further details and information by contacting **Sofia Syversen at 800-653-0017** or email her at: canterbury.tours@live.com. If you should decide to make the pilgrimage, please inform Fr. Herbert.

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me’. Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death, and so anyone who eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will be behaving unworthily towards the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone is to recollect himself before eating this bread and drinking this cup; because a person who eats and drinks without recognizing the Body is eating and drinking his own condemnation.” 1 Cor 11:25-30