

THEY WERE OVERJOYED AT SEEING THE STAR, AND ON  
ENTERING THE HOUSE THEY SAW THE CHILD WITH MARY  
HIS MOTHER.- MT 2:10

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE**

If you are alienated or upset,  
we welcome you lovingly.  
If you are in need of forgiveness,  
Jesus forgives you completely—  
with unconditional love.  
If you have been hurt by the Church,  
we are truly sorry.  
If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace.  
If life has become burdensome,  
we are here to support you.

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**



**Saturday, January 1**

4:30 PM **Constance O'Connor** (*Betty Polling*)

**Sunday, January 2**

8:00 AM **Nancy Lucci** (*Her Loving Husband, Tony*)

10:00 AM **Francis P. Quinn, Sr. (10th Anniv)**  
(*Carol Quinn & Family*)

**Monday, January 3**

12:00 PM **Bob Larocque** (*Kathy Larocque*)

**Tuesday, January 4**

8:00 AM **Parishioners of St. Mary's**

**Wednesday, January 5**

8:00 AM **Parishioners of St. Mary's**

**Thursday, January 6**

**Friday, January 7**

**Saturday, January 8**

4:30 PM **David Lamacchia (1st Anniv)**  
(*His Loving Wife, Barbara*)

**Sunday, January 9**

8:00 AM **Joseph Prachniak** (*Ed & Mary Ann Starkus*)

10:00 AM **Anthony & Barbara Dinoia** (*The Dinoia Family*)

5:00 PM **Michael J. Brady** (*Marion Kruszynski*)

**Schedule Around Campus...**

**Saturday, January 1**

4:30 PM Mass/Church

**Sunday, January 2**

8:00 AM Mass/Church

10:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR  
Mass/Church

4:00 PM **NO** Grade 6-8 Rel Ed Class & Beginnings

5:00 PM **NO** Grade 9 & 10 Rel Ed Class

**Monday, January 3**

12:00 PM Communion Service/GR

12:30 PM Rosary/Church

4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Religious Ed

**Tuesday, January 4**

8:00 AM Mass/GR

4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Religious Ed

6:00 PM Cub Scouts/Hall

**Wednesday, January 5**

8:00 AM Mass/GR

6:00 PM Girl Scouts/Hall

7:30 PM AI-Anon Meeting/GR

**Thursday, January 6**

10:00 AM Faith Sharing/GR

7:00 PM Teen Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, January 7**

**Saturday, January 8**

9:00 AM Grade 4 & 5 Retreat

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Baptism of **Daviel Martinez**

**Sunday, January 9**

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Baptism of **Mallory Ann Isenhardt**

Coffee Shoppe/GR

4:00 PM Grade 6-8 Rel Ed Class & Beginnings

5:00 PM Mass/Church

Grade 9 & 10 Rel Ed Class



The **Tabernacle** candle burns for  
"Nancy Lucci"  
Requested by Tony Lucci & Family



*In Life & Death, We are the Lord's...*  
We lift up in prayer those who have lost  
loved ones especially for the family  
and friends of **Charlotte Moses, Jeanne  
O'Hara & Albert Pruneau.**

*It is with sincere appreciation that we thank the families  
and friends of **Kathleen Frechette and Charlotte Moses**  
for choosing St. Mary's for their Memorial Donation.*

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### CPR TRAINING



Will be offered in the Gathering Room on the following dates;

Saturday, January 15 after the 4:30pm Mass

Tuesday, January 18 at 6:30pm in the Gathering Room



To our dear parishioners of St. Mary's!

Words cannot express the deepest gratitude and appreciation for all that you have done with our recent holiday ministries.

Those who donated food and gift cards for 197 Thanksgiving baskets.

The Thanksgiving basket "food sorters".

The grocery shoppers who shopped for extra Thanksgiving food items.

The Knights of Columbus for delivering the food baskets.

Volunteers who made Giving Tree tags.

Those who donated 400 gifts or gifts cards for the Giving Tree.

Those who did the Giving Tree gift sorting.

Those who went shopping for needed Giving Tree gifts.

The Knights of Columbus for delivering the Giving Tree gifts.

Those who delivered 40 plus poinsettias to the homebound.

Oh my goodness!!! You are all so generous, and amazing and with your time and talents!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!  
God bless and Happy New Year to All!

Beth C

### Religious Education

**Welcome Back Friends!!** Classes will resume for Grades 1-5 on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. And for our Middle and High School kids Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.



THANK YOU for participating in our Gingerbread Auction! With the help of your generous donations from our Gingerbread Auction, our Grade 7 & 8 class will present each Grade 6 student with \$10 to begin their KINGDOM ASSIGNMENT next class.



**Wise ones still seek Him...Beginning on Epiphany weekend.** As we adore Him, let us **COME BEARING GIFTS** of food for hungry children. Each year, our parish family provides 1 weekend of care packages for

local children served by "Kylee's Kare Kits for Kidz". "One Weekend for Kylee's Kidz" food drive will continue through January. The following items are needed by the hundreds to create 1 weekend Kare Pack for 380 children~ 100% juice boxes, individual cereal boxes, individual oatmeal packets, individually wrapped cookies or crackers, chicken noodle canned soup, individual pudding cups and fruit cups, spaghetti's with meatballs or Chef Boyardee raviolis or spaghetti and meatballs, macaroni and cheese (boxes not individual cups) are needed to help feed 380 children for just one weekend. KARE KITS to the children Kylee's Kare Kits for Kidz serve each week. Our grade 6 class will sort and pack our gift of food during their February Retreat. Cash donations accepted. If you are available to help shop or help prepare food for packing, please contact the Religious Ed Office.

To be inspired, or for more info, please visit Kylee's website at [www.kyleeskarekitsforkidz.org](http://www.kyleeskarekitsforkidz.org)



**GRADE 4 & 5 ~COME CELEBRATE GOD'S AWESOME LOVE RETREAT & RECON-CELEBRATION** for

parents and children will be held on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to noon. Please let us know if you are unable to join us.



Please keep our **grade two children** and families in your prayers as they continue to prepare to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Parents and children will gather at 4:15 in the church. May God's awesome love touch these beautiful families deeply as they experience the power of His endless mercy.

Someone you know may be in an abusive relationship.  
Abuse Hotline 508-755-9030

*JANUARY 2, 2022*

## Estate & Gift Planning

We are continually thankful for those who remember St. Mary's Church in their wills and their estate planning. Memorial contributions provide a source of many things that include building and property enhancements, upgrades and countless other items. When making those final plans, please consider remembering our church.



### **Teen Music Group**

- Are you in Junior High or High School?
- Do you have a voice & like to sing?
- Do you like to play a musical instrument?

Then, come join the Teen Music Group and make music together at the 5:00 PM Sunday Mass.

Contact Teresa Oriol @ [theresaoriol@gmail.com](mailto:theresaoriol@gmail.com)



**FOR ANY CANCELLED EVENTS AT ST. MARY'S, PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL OR THE PARISH WEBSITE AT [www.stmarysjeff.com](http://www.stmarysjeff.com) FOR UPDATED INFORMATION.**



### **St. Mary's Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM in the Pastoral Office Dining Room.

**Next meeting will be Thursday, January 13.**

A free will offering is collected at each meeting which allows the Ministry to donate to various charitable causes.

Please know that shawls are always available for anyone wanting to give one to a loved one. Anyone interested in the Ministry please call the Parish Office at 508-829-4508.

**To report abuse, please contact Judith Audette, Director of Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester at (508)929-4363**

**JANUARY 2, 2022**



Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on Jan. 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between Jan. 2

and Jan. 8. "Epiphany" means "manifestation." It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, "O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light."

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 Our Parish Tithe for the week of **December 26th** will go to the **"Abby's House"**



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**"The Lectors, Altar Servers,  
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 any way in our beautiful Christmas Celebrations."**

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