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THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt. 2:6b

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday:
7:00am

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm

Sunday Masses:

7:30am, 9:00am & 10:45am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Thursday: 9:30am—3:00pm

Friday: 9:30am—1:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Wednesday & Friday 6:00pm - 7:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

ALL ARE WELCOME

We are always pleased to welcome new members to our Parish Community. Please take a moment to stop by the parish office and introduce yourself to the pastor. We look forward to getting to know you as we grow together in the knowledge and love of God.

JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Saturday, January 1

7:00am For the People of the Parish
 9:00am Tom & Mary McGillicuddy
 4:00pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 2

7:30am Jean Sangster
 9:00am Theodore "Teddy" Vriga
 10:45am Brid Diver

Monday, January 3

9:00am Deacon Dennis O'Connell

Tuesday, January 4

9:00am Andrew Degan

Wednesday, January 5

9:00am Maria Zannis

Thursday, January 6

9:00am Benjamin Frederick
 DeChristoforo

Friday, January 7

9:00am Mary Duggan

Saturday, January 8

9:00am Rita DeVrieze
 4:00pm Rose LeLievre

Sunday, January 9

7:30am For the People of the Parish
 9:00am Norman Ayotte
 10:45am John Harding

Welcome into Your Kingdom all who have left this world in your friendship.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday—Saturday

8:30am—Rosary

Monday, January 3

9:30am—Miraculous Medal Novena
 5:30pm—9:00am Sunday Mass Choir Rehearsal
 6:30pm—10:45am Sunday Mass Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 4

9:30am – Peace Chaplet

Wednesday, January 5

9:30am – Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 6:00pm—Confessions
 7:00pm—Men of St. Joseph Meeting

Thursday, January 6

10:00am—Knitting Group

Friday, January 7

6:00pm—Confessions

COLLECTION

December 18 & 19, 2021: \$13,283.00

Sunday Masses—\$6,011.00

By Mail—\$1,852.00

Online Giving—\$5,420.00

December 26, 2021

This figure was not available at the time of publication. It will appear in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

**ANNUAL APPEAL
 THANK YOU**



A word of sincere appreciation to all who have contributed to this

year's Parish Annual Appeal.

The Annual Appeal continues until September of 2022. Hopefully, we will add to the 227 families who have pledged \$58,685.00 thus far. God bless your generosity!

~Father Harrison

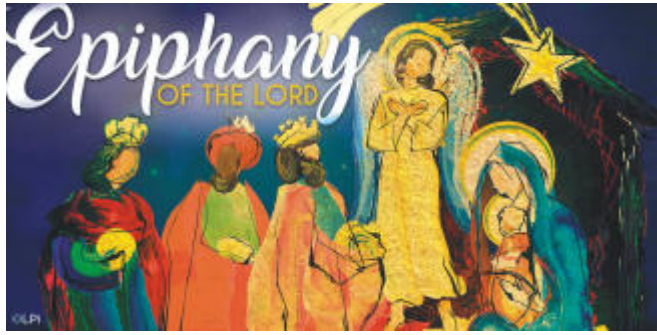


PLEASE NOTE: All scheduled Parish Masses can be viewed through Live Stream on our parish website www.corpuschristiparish.org



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open, Monday through Thursday from 9:30am—3:00pm and Friday from 9:30am—1:00pm.



This Week's Reflection

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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**SAINT FOR THE WEEK
THE MOST HOLY NAME
OF JESUS
January 3**

In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul wrote: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil.2:10).

The name "Jesus" means "God saves" in Hebrew. His name was given to God the Son by the angel Gabriel at the annunciation. The name "Jesus" tells us who our Lord is and what he came on earth to do. Jesus came to save us, his people, from our sins. St. Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, declared, "There is no other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved" (Acts 4:12).

In the fifteenth century, St. Bernardine of Siena promoted devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. He preached about the power of Jesus' name and was responsible for the addition of the name Jesus to the Hail Mary: "Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus."

Through the centuries, the Church has taught us to use the name of Jesus with reverence and love. In the liturgy, we end every prayer with the words, "through our Lord Jesus Christ." There is even a short prayer called *The Jesus Prayer*, which is very easy to memorize and repeat. It goes like this: "Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Many great followers of Jesus such as St. Joan of Arc, have died pronouncing His name as a prayer.

We should always use the holy name of Jesus with respect. When we hear other people using the name of Jesus disrespectfully, we can pray silently, "Blessed be the name of Jesus."



PARISH GIVING TREE

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased gift cards for our Parish Giving Tree! Our parish raised \$4,725.00 in gift cards for the homeless shelters throughout our diocese. Your donations will help to brighten the holidays for many families.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please consider signing up to spend 1 hour a week with our Eucharistic Lord in the Adoration Chapel.

To sign up online, please visit: <https://adorationpro.org/corpuschristima> and click on "Weekly Commitment" to register. If you do not have computer access or need assistance signing up, please call the Parish Office at 508-888-0209. In addition, instruction cards are available in the Baptistry. **Existing Adorers, please note:** If you want to change your current hour, please call the Parish Office.

Available Open Hours:

To view what hours are open and in need of adorers, please visit

<https://adorationpro.org/corpuschristima>, call the parish office or see the sign up sheets in the Bay Room of the Church.

Adorers, please note: If you need to find a sub and do not have access to a computer, tablet or phone, please call the parish office at 508-888-0209. Thank you.



Parents, please note: Classes resume on Sunday, January 2, 2022.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation One (grade 8) will meet on Sunday, January 2 from 12:00pm—1:00pm in the Parish Center.

Confirmation Two (grade 9) will meet on Sunday, January 9 from 12:00pm—1:00pm in the Parish Center.



MUSIC MINISTRY

“I would join the choir at church but I can’t make the evening rehearsals!”

NEW REHEARSAL TIME

ADDED!!! We will be offering a choir rehearsal time for people who cannot make the evening rehearsal time on Mondays from 10:00am to 11:00 am. The music we practice will be the music for the 9:00am and 10:45am Sunday choirs. So now you have three rehearsal options: Monday at 5:30pm; Monday at 6:30pm; or Mondays at 10:00am.

Contact our Director of Sacred Music, Cindi Verrill at ccmusic@corpuschristiparish.org or call the parish office at 508-8880209 x108, so that we will have music materials prepared for your first rehearsal.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

During the week of January 2, the Sanctuary Candle will be burning in memory of Bob Stahley. Let us keep him in our prayers this week.



The lovely decorations that adorn Corpus Christi Church for the Christmas Season were donated
In loving memory (deceased) or in honor of (the living) the following:

- George & Louise Atkinson
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- Mary A. McDonnell Pamela Hicks
- June Schneiderhan
- Robert Schneiderhan
- Humphrey Sullivan
- June Sullivan

PLEASE NOTE: This list is as of our publication date.

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of January 2

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Dropped Host

Question: What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

Answer: This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real

Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: *How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled?* If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host, consume it and place a purificator on the spot where the host fell in order that it may be purified following Mass. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).



PRAYER REQUESTS

Need Prayer or know someone who does? Your prayer intentions can be

remembered by those participating on our Prayer Request Line. Please call Maryjean at 508-477-6832 or Linda at 774-476-1792. Prayer requests can also be emailed to maryjeancnta@gmail.com.



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Mary's Closet is now open with safety guidelines in place. The number of customers in the Thrift Shop at one time is limited, social distancing must be observed at all times and masks must be worn inside the shop. Hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00am—3:00pm. We accept most major credit cards. For more information, please call 508-888-6637.



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Visit:

www.corpuschristiparish.formed.org

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND DONUTS

Volunteers are needed to help with coffee & donuts after the Sunday 9:00am & 10:45am Masses. Please call the Parish Office at 508-888-0209 if you are able to help.





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