



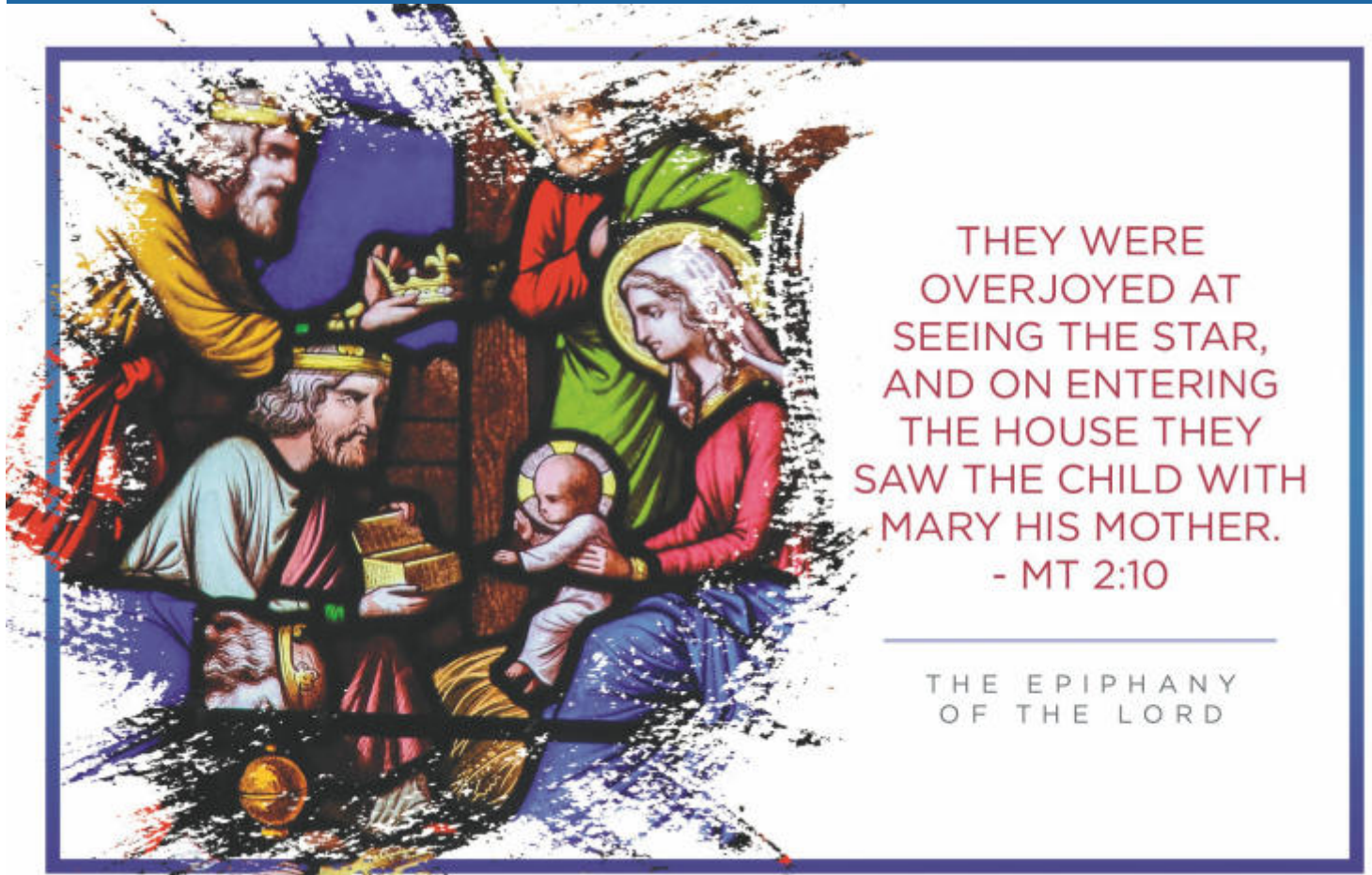
# ST. MARY CHURCH UXBRIDGE

## WELCOME

If you are a visitor to our parish, we welcome you to our celebration of the Liturgy. Your presence blesses our gathering in prayer! We are also happy to welcome new people to our parish family. If you live in the area and would like to become a part of our parish community, please contact Sue Leighton in the Parish Office at 508-278-2226.

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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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### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday Mass | 7:30, 9:00, 11:00am  
Saturday Vigil Mass | 5:00pm  
Weekday Mass | 7:00am (Mon.-Thurs.)  
7:00am (On Civic Holidays)  
Holyday Masses as announced



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**JANUARY 02, 2022**  
**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

*This Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12*



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays at 4:00pm-4:45pm in the church and at other times by appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

The baptism of infants and children is celebrated monthly. A gathering of parents preparing for the baptism of their child is held periodically in the parish center. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Couples planning to be married should contact the Pastor one year prior to the wedding. A Program of preparation is required of all couples planning to marry in the church.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK**

If you wish to receive the Sacraments (Reconciliation, Anointing, Communion) at home or in the hospital, please contact a member of the pastoral staff.

**R.C.I.A.**

**(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Adults who are interested in becoming members of the Catholic Community are invited to contact the Parish Office.

**THIS WEEK'S MUSICAL PRELUDES**

**O Little Town Of Bethlehem** (arr. N. Rawsthorne)

**Of The Father's Love Begotten** (arr. No. Rawsthorne)

**The Snow Lay On The Ground** (arr. R.J. Hughes)

**We Three Kings** (arr. Lani Smith)



**December 19, 2021**

Ordinary	\$ 4,082.00
Fuel and Energy	\$ 211.00
Renovations	\$ 35.00
Youth Activities	\$ 37.00
Imm. Conception	\$ 40.00
Sol. of Mary	\$ 20.00
Christmas Day	\$ 625.00
Christmas Flower	\$ 85.00
Retirement Rel.	\$ 80.00

**Total | \$ 5,215.00**

Collection Reporting for the W/E 12/26 will be listed in next week's bulletin.

*Thank you and may God bless you for your generous return to the Lord.*

**IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER**

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the sick of our parish and others especially **(in alphabetical order)**: Lily Agostino, Theresa Aldrich, Greg Anacki, Agnes Anselmo, Leland C. Atonson, Frances Bachant, Gloria Baldor, Dcn. Joe Baniukiewicz, Sr. Yvette Beford, Michelle Beland, Maureen Bernard, Lucille Blair, Elizabeth Brennan, Dr. Ken Burgwinn, Fr. Ron Calhoun, Deborah Carmichael, David Caron, Karen Ciepielowski, Anthony Clark, James Clark, Henry L. Cordero, Tim Costa, Bill Cote, Mary Cove, Lorraine Crawford, Morgan Creighton, Sr., Tim Crowley, Betty Cusson, Vickie Cusson, Elizabeth Cybulski, Cathy Davis, Janet Davis, Joe Deslouriers, Bill Doty, Connie Dwyer, Robbie East, Stephen Fearebay, Gus Fiore, Lisa Firth, Steven Forman, Daniel Gagnon, Carolyn Gariepy, Lisa Gariepy, John Garrity, Walter Gion, Paulette Girard, Debra Gniadek, Frances Gniadek, Sandra Goff, Donald Gordon, Bob Gray, Ron Griffin, Donna Hall, Philip Harcourt, Joan Hauge, Rick Hirko, Joseph Hoffman, Rose Hudon, Matthew Jackson, Don Jasmin, Sheila Jeziorski, Don & Madeleine Jolin, Malia Jusczyk, Jacquelyn Kleya, Alex Larsen, Kevin Larson, Artie Leary, Erlene LeBorgne, Michael & Laurie MacCarthy, Michelle Mashak, Marley Jean Martin, Lisa Martini, Josephine Mason, Lorna McWilliam, Jim Moro, Joan Mulligan, Pat O'Melia, Meagan Philip, Sharon Popham, Linda Poulin, "Mac" Quinn, Kenny Richards, Peter Rice, Sandra Robbins, Christin Sanchez, Angel Santos, Kairo Santiago, Mary Sather, George Shaheen, Jonathan A. Shaw, Carol Smith, Joan Smith, Justin Smith, Todd Smith, Carl Speight, Debbie Stafford, Jack Stafford, Elise Strickland, Alice Susskey, Shirley Tellier, Alan Titus, Maureen Tracy, Seth Updergraff, Ronald Valliere, Laura Wayland, Jeanette White, and all our service members serving away from home.

**THE DECEASED**

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for those who have died, and for all the victims of war and terrorism.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

In the charity of your prayers please pray for all those serving in the armed services, especially, Sgt. Michael St. Jean, Ashley Wallis, Ryan Carnell, Maj. Eric Calvey, Lt. Evan Depetrillo, Ens. Samuel P. Rose, Maj. Sean Cahill, Adam Lareau, LCpl. Trevor Benoit, Cpt. Justin Trimble, Pfc. Jonah Boudreau, Sr. Airman Jacob Platt.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN**

If you wish to have a personal intention, please contact Donna Featherstone.

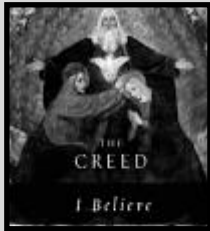


<b>Sat., 01/01</b>	<i>The Epiphany of The Lord (Vigil Mass)</i>	
	<b>Candle Intention: Paulyne Lynch</b>	
5:00PM	<b>For Ann &amp; Carl Smith</b>	by a Parishioner
<b>Sun., 01/02</b>	<i>The Epiphany of The Lord</i>	
7:30AM	<b>For the People of St. Mary Parish</b>	
9:00AM	<b>For David Murphy</b>	by the Featherstone Family
11:00AM	<b>For Fr. Dennis O'Brien</b>	by a Parishioner
<b>Mon., 01/03</b>	<i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	
7:00AM	<b>For a Special Intention</b>	by a Parishioner
<b>Tues., 01/04</b>	<i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>	
7:00AM	<b>For All the Holy Souls in Purgatory</b>	by a Parishioner
<b>Wed., 01/05</b>	<i>St. John Neumann</i>	
7:00AM	<b>For Paulyne Lynch</b>	by Diane King & Cindy Lynch
<b>Thurs., 01/06</b>	<i>St. Andre Bessette</i>	
7:00AM	<b>For M/M Harold Cook</b>	by the Pederson Family
<b>Sat., 01/08</b>	<i>St. Angela of Foligno</i>	
	<b>Candle Intention: Grace Rett</b>	
5:00PM	<b>For David Murray</b>	by the Robbins Family
<b>Sun., 01/09</b>	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	
7:30AM	<b>For Ronald Baran</b>	by the Family
9:00AM	<b>For Larry Bombara</b>	by the Family
11:00AM	<b>For the People of St. Mary Parish</b>	

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (Ephesians 3:6) Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one."

# UPCOMING *Events*



### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Monday nights, 6:30 to 8:15 in the parish hall starting January 10. The Creed is a new film series blending both documentary footage and dynamic talks. Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed, a fourth-century statement of faith that has profoundly influenced both Eastern and Western spirituality, theology, and liturgy.

Go to <https://stmaryuxbridge.org/creed> to sign up and get a (FREE) study guide.



### Religious Education Office

## New Year of Favor

(Based on Isaiah 61:1-2)

#### “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me”

Consider the ways God’s Spirit has been upon you in the past year. In what ways has that Spirit carried you and opened you up in new and surprising ways?

#### “because he has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted”

We are surrounded on a daily basis with sour news. As you look around and witness the afflictions of despair, cynicism, and fear, how might you be a messenger of hope, affirmation, and joy?

#### “to bind up the brokenhearted”

Many people have endured various forms of loss this past year. Some involve actual deaths of loved ones, while others suffer the grief of broken dreams, shattered relationships, and an uncertain future. How might you “bind the wounds” of others through words and gestures of comfort and consolation?

#### “to announce a year of favor from the Lord.”

As a new year begins, what will you embrace as you cross its threshold? Ponder the kindness, courtesy, and gift you resolve to accept and pass along to others in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

### PRAYER FOR PARISH RENEWAL

For the Month of January, please pray for St. Thomas Aquinas’ intercession that the Holy Spirit will guide the Parish Renewal process. Amen.

## Religious Education Classes Resume on Sunday, January 9th.

We’re looking forward to seeing everyone. Please remember to call or email the office if your child will be absent. *Thank you!*

### MANDATORY FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT Saturday, 1/8/22 10:00 am--12:00 pm

Second-grade students and their parents are required to attend the upcoming retreat as a part of the sacramental preparation for **First Reconciliation on Saturday, 1/22/22**. Please be sure to RSVP using the Sign-Up Genius link ASAP, and remit your retreat fee to the Religious Education Office. Questions? Call the office (508) 278-3777.

### HEATING OUR CHURCH DURING THE COLDER WEATHER

As the weather turns colder and winter approaches, it is good to remember that our church, while both beautiful and majestic, is a very expensive place to heat. As good stewards of our parish’s resources we try to balance the comfort of our parishioners with financial common sense. Therefore, during the winter months the temperature in the church is kept at 66 degrees during the celebration of the liturgy. At all other times the thermostat is set to 58 degrees. The “warmest” part of the church is usually the area up-front closest to the sanctuary. Thank you for your understanding.

### WEEKDAY MASS IN THE EVENT OF WINTER STORMS

When a winter storm occurs and school is cancelled, it is important that non-essential travel be avoided for the sake of safety and to assure the timely removal of snow from streets and parking areas. As a parish, it is important that we cooperate in these efforts. Therefore, our winter storm policy for weekday Mass is as follows:

**WHENEVER SCHOOL IS CANCELLED DUE TO A WINTER STORM, THE WEEKDAY (7AM) MASS WILL BE CANCELLED AS WELL.**



### PREPARE TO CELEBRATE THE EPIPHANY!

The Christmas season is a season of celebration. The Church celebrates many important feasts during this time. *Epiphany* is one of the many important feasts during the Christmas season. The word *epiphany* comes from the Greek *Epiphania*, meaning “revelation.”

Also called Three Kings Day, at Epiphany, we recall the visit of the Magi to the newborn Jesus. The Magi opened their treasures and offered Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The epiphany, or showing, of Jesus, teaches us that Jesus’ coming into the world was important to the whole world and that the Good News of Jesus Christ is meant for everyone!

### ON-GOING GRIEF SUPPORT

On-going grief support will be held once a month on Fridays in the parish hall from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Linda Small and Mary Ellen Bartlett from the Grieving with Great Hope Ministry will be facilitating. These gatherings will be prayerful, rooted in Christ, and will utilize the GWGH seven intentions of mourning. This is an opportunity for fellowship and support. Our next gathering is on January 14th. All are welcome.

### SAVE THE DATE:

St. Mary's 4th Annual TRIVIA NIGHT!

Parish Hall, Saturday, January 22nd, 6:30pm

Tickets will go on sale in January. Watch the bulletin for further information.



## The G.R.A.C.E. Center

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THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTIONS. FINAL TOTALS IN NEXT BULLETIN.



The St. Mary Parish family joyfully welcomes Bridget Mary Biggins (daughter of Michael & Alieya), Vivienne Grace Franceschelli, (daughter of Anthony & Briana), and Archer David Steele, (son of David & Emily) who joined our community of faith through Baptism on Saturday, December 18, & Sunday, December 19, 2021.

May God continue to bless Bridget, Vivienne & Archer, their parents and Godparents as they continue their journey of faith as a family



### ALTAR SERVER COMMISSIONING

this Sunday, 1/02, at the 9:00am Mass. Thank you to all our Altar Servers for your dedication in service to our Parish. We are blessed to have you.



As we begin a new year, the liturgy directs our attention to Mary whom we greet as "full of grace." New Year's Day is called the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God in the Church's calendar. This is no coincidence.

With Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as our model, we are called to look to the coming year as a time that is "full of grace." We can certainly choose to look at the next 365 days simply as a series of deadlines, projects, and goals to accomplish. We can look at our calendar as "stuff to get through." We can also view it as something more. We can choose to embrace 2022 as an opportunity to grow in grace. We can begin the New Year trusting as Mary did that life and the journey ahead will be filled with "grace-filled" moments and opportunities.

The New Year will certainly present opportunities to grow in our understanding of ourselves and of others. Surely, 2022 will challenge each of us to mature in our faith and to serve our neighbors in need. The next twelve months will be graced moments beckoning each of us to be more aware of God's presence in our lives.

The woman we greet as "full of grace" points to a path ahead brimming with new life and opportunities. She who is "grace filled" invites us to walk with her, following Christ, as fellow pilgrims through time.

## COMMUNITY & PRAYER

WEDNESDAY  
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Saint Mary's University of Uxbridge Presents

### AN INTRODUCTION TO EASTERN CHRISTIANITY

with Father Lucas LaRoche

Wednesdays at 10:00am  
December 15-January 12  
St. Mary Parish Center

No pre-registration required for courses. All are welcome.



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Continues on Wednesdays  
The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will open Adoration at 3:00pm.  
Benediction will take place at 6:00pm. All are Welcome.

THURSDAY



### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study meets on Thursday evenings from 7:00pm-8:15pm in the St. Mary Parish Conference Room. The Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday are explored through discussion and historical reference. The study ends with Bishop Robert Barron's homily for the Gospel.



### TODAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today we continue our celebration of Christmas as the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word "Epiphany" means "appearance," and "revelation" and "manifestation."

On this day we contemplate the mystery of God who reveals himself as a tiny child and yet who is the "Light of the World". The Epiphany manifests the truth that God reveals great things in humble circumstances. Grace makes it's "appearance" in simple, even seemingly mundane circumstances.

The "Magi" described in today's gospel reading were astrologers. They studied the heavens and astral signs. Consistent with their vocation, the gospel narrates that these astrologers observed an unusual astronomical phenomenon and sought out the meaning of this event.

The Magi journeyed to Jerusalem in good faith: they searched for a newborn "king" they did not yet know. The story and this feast are very much about our life's journey, our faith, God's manifestation of himself to us, and our response through the offering of our "gifts".

As we begin 2022, we might reflect upon our life together as a parish family: *How has God been leading us over the past year? Where do we see the light of Christ shining in our parish community? Are there circumstances so simple and ordinary where we are overlooking God's activity and presence? Where might God be leading us as a parish? How might we be called to open our treasures in 2022? What gifts are we being called to share?*

Let us pray together that the light of Christ will shine on us throughout the New Year and beckon us to new insights into God's love along life's pilgrimage.

### Announcing the FATHER DENNIS J. O'BRIEN ACADEMIC WING at THE G.R.A.C.E. CENTER

Since the passing of Fr. Dennis O'Brien, friends, students, and former parishioners have sought to memorialize him in a very special way. We have begun raising funds to name the academic wing of The Grace Rett Athletic Complex and Education Center at Our Lady of the Valley School in Uxbridge in honor of Father Dennis J. O'Brien. The G.R.A.C.E. Center includes a high-school sized gymnasium, two classrooms that will house a middle school academy, a concessions area, lobby, and restrooms. Grace Rett tragically passed in January 2020 one day after her twentieth birthday in a motor vehicle accident in Florida while training with the members of her rowing team from the College of the Holy Cross. Fr. O'Brien was greatly affected by Grace's passing and the depth of her faith. He would often visit her grave site to pray for strength and intercession whenever faced with a difficult challenge. Like so many, he found courage and conviction through the story of Grace.

Anyone who wishes to participate in this effort by making a gift to the Father Dennis J. O'Brien Academic Wing at The G.R.A.C.E. Center can do so either online at [www.gracetothefinish.com/father-ob](http://www.gracetothefinish.com/father-ob) or by check made payable to Our Lady of the Valley School, 75 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, Massachusetts 01569. Donations of \$5,000 or more will be recognized with a name plaque in the Fr. O'Brien Wing.





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