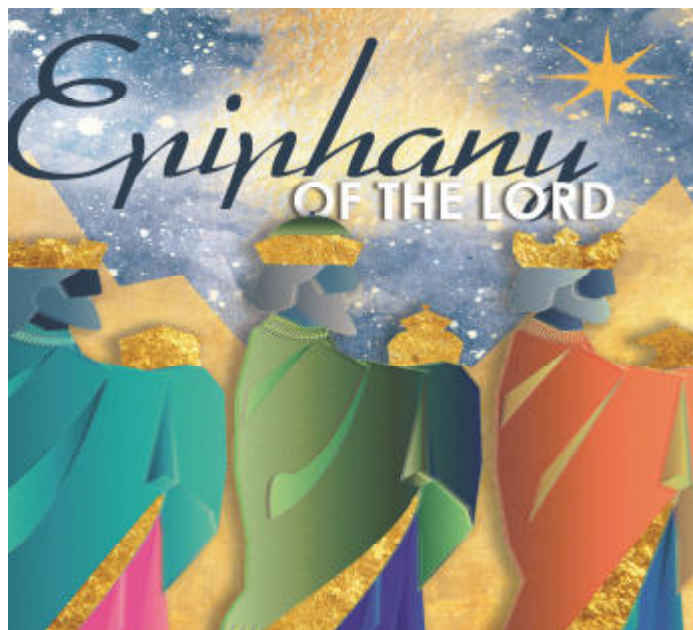


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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

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Saturday Vigil	4 p.m. 6 p.m. Portuguese Mass
Sunday	7:30, 9 & 10:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. Spanish Mass
Monday - Friday	7 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m.
Holy Day Vigil	6 p.m.
Holy Day Mass	7 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 7 p.m.

**View daily & weekend Masses with Fr. Jim & Fr. Sebastian from our website:**

**Website:** [www.stjohnsclinton.org](http://www.stjohnsclinton.org)

**Facebook:** St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish

**Confessions:** Saturdays in the Chapel from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Arrangements should be made at least 1 year in advance by calling the Rectory Office.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** To have your child baptized and/or to register for the baptismal preparation class, contact the parish secretary at 978-368-0366 x201.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Eucharistic Adoration Monday through Friday in the Chapel from 1 to 6 p.m.

**Miraculous Medal Novena Devotion:** Novena Devotion cancelled until further notice.

**Prayer Line:** Call: 978-733-0090 or Email: [DMCPRAY@gmail.com](mailto:DMCPRAY@gmail.com).

# St. John, Guardian of Our Lady

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is the Epiphany of the Lord. There is a tradition that on the feast of Epiphany we pray for God's blessing on our homes, marking the entrance with chalk.

We mark the main door of our home with the initials of the Magi - Caspar, Melchior & Balthasar - and the numerals of the new year connected with crosses: 20+C+M+B+22.

Blessed chalk & instructions may be found at the shrines for Our Lady of Jasna Gora & Our Lady of the Rosary in the front of the church.

Fr. Sebastian and I pray that this New Year will be a year of good health, peace, and blessings for you and your families!

In Christ, Fr. Jim

**The Married Couples Club** will meet in January on Saturday, January 8th at 7 p.m. instead of our usual first Friday.

All married & engaged couples are welcome to attend the Sacred Music Series special festival of lessons and carols. Refreshments will be served afterwards downstairs in the Parish Hall.

## "Behold, I stand at the door and knock..."

It's time. Time to learn more about your Faith. It's time to experience what our religion can do for you. Jesus is waiting for you, personally. Cursillo weekends are a wonderful, fun way to give you a start on this journey. Two weekends are coming up for early 2022. A **Women's Weekend February 3-6**; and a **Men's Weekend March 17-20**. Visit [www.fourthday.org](http://www.fourthday.org) and download an application today or call Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909 for more information. You will be so very glad you did!

**Join us** for the daily praying of the rosary following the 7 AM Mass each Monday through Friday and following the 8 AM Mass each Saturday.



### Vigil Lights

January 2 to January 8, 2021

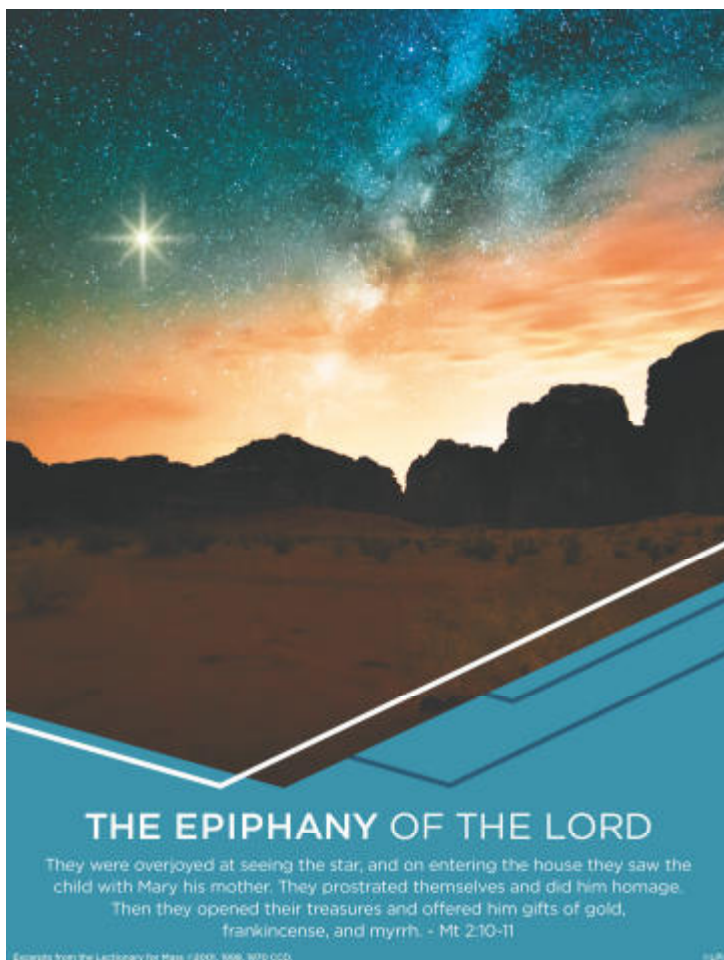
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Req. by their Family*

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*In memory of Robert Cellucci Req. by his Family*

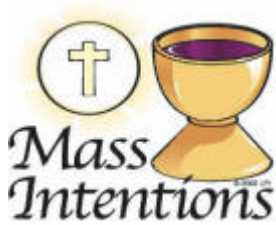
*For Mary Mahan Duckett on her 90th Birthday  
Req. by Frannie*

*In memory of Delia Maddocks  
Req. by the Kerrigan Family*



# Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022



## SATURDAY – January 1, 2022 - New Year's Day

- 8:00 AM For Our Families
- 4:00 PM For the People
- 6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

## SUNDAY – January 2, 2022

- 7:30 AM † Batistta & Catherine Cherubini Req. by their Family
- 9:00 AM † Robert Cellucci - 11th Anniversary Req. by his Family
- 10:30 AM † Tara Puccio Hale Req. by her Friends
- 12:10 PM (Spanish) In thanksgiving for Maricela Portorreal, Kathy Portorreal & Pamela Marie Diaz Portorreal on their birthday Req. by Kathy Portorreal

## MONDAY – January 3, 2022

- 7:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
- 6:00 PM † Damien Beirne

## TUESDAY – January 4, 2022

- 7:00 AM † Mary Elizabeth McIntyre
- 6:00 PM † William D. Daly - 25th Anniversary Req. by Monica Daly

## WEDNESDAY – January 5, 2022

- 7:00 AM † Bert Nicholas, Jr. Req. by sisters, Betty & Mary Lou
- 6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

## THURSDAY – January 6, 2022

- 7:00 AM Joy in the new year for the Connelly Family
- 6:00 PM † Sr. Mary Seraphine Liskiewicz - Memorial Mass Req. by the Zupicich Family

## FRIDAY – January 7, 2022

- 7:00 AM † Nancy (Nicholas) McElheney Req. by sisters, Betty & Mary Lou
- 6:00 PM † Holy Souls in Purgatory Req. by the Helpers of the Holy Souls

## SATURDAY – January 8, 2022

- 8:00 AM For Our Families
- 4:00 PM † Pierino Marionni Req. by wife, Lina & daughters, Maria & Loretta
- 6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

## SUNDAY – January 9, 2022

- 7:30 AM For the People
- 9:00 AM † Carol (Garrity) Belcastro Req. by her Family
- 10:30 AM † Patricia Gadomski - 10th Anniversary Req. by her Family
- 12:10 PM (Spanish) † Haydesita Herrera Primer - Anniversary Mass Req. by Josue & Vilma

## St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

Saint Michael, the archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

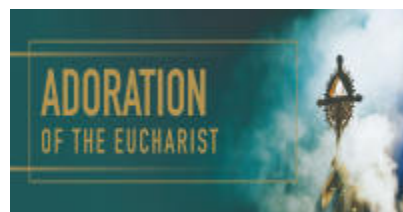
St. Michael the archangel, Pray for us.

### No 6pm Sung Mass on Sunday, January 9

Due to various scheduling conflicts, we will not be having our normal 6pm sung Mass at St. John's during the month of January. But we will resume our regular schedule – having these Masses on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month – on *February 13<sup>th</sup>*. We look forward to seeing many of you then!

## Vianney Dinner to learn more about the Priesthood

The next Vianney dinner is **Wednesday January 12, 2022** at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies. Please note the change of date. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. They are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as their schedule allows. 6:05 PM Mass, 6:30 dinner, and 7 PM social. An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for good.  
[director@worcestervocations.com](mailto:director@worcestervocations.com).



Adorers are needed on **Mondays at 3 pm and Tuesdays at 3 pm**. To sign up or for more information, contact **Sue Belfield at 508-869-0508**.

### Online Giving

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## Baptism Congratulations

to the family of

Maverick Holmes

May God continue to bless him & his family.





**FESTIVAL OF  
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JANUARY 8TH**

Our Sacred Music Series returns with a special Festival of Lessons and Carols on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Based on the Office of Matins for the Feast of the Epiphany, this festive ceremony will feature Scripture readings, the singing of beloved Christmas and Epiphany carols, and sacred choral music led by the Upper School Chorus of the Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Still River, under the direction of Michael Olbash. Freewill donations will be accepted at the door for the benefit of First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center of Clinton. Please do not miss this opportunity to celebrate the season with beautiful music in our glorious church -- all for a great cause!

**Coffee Hour**

Please join us downstairs for coffee and donuts immediately following the 10:30 Mass. All are welcome!



*Pray for Priests*

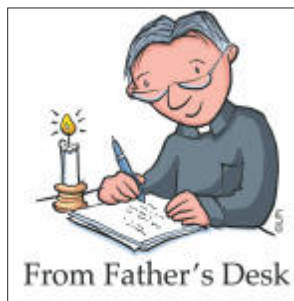
At each church entrance there are monthly lists of priests of our diocese. Please pray not only for them but also for our seminarians.



**The Kolbe Family Group** will be open to friends and family of a loved who is struggling with substance abuse and mental illness. Drug addiction and mental illness are chronic illnesses and are not considered a moral failing. Our group will provide spiritual and emotional support as well as educational resources. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month after the 6:00 pm Mass from 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm in the lower level of St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Church (Clinton, MA). For more information, please email [KolbeFamilyGroup@gmail.com](mailto:KolbeFamilyGroup@gmail.com).

Are you seeking a roommate in your apartment or home? Might you enjoy the company of another soul under your roof who loves her Catholic faith? A parishioner of St. John's is seeking to downsize. She is seeking to share expenses with another woman or family in the parish who might have an extra room or in-law apartment. Please see Fr. Jim for a confidential conversation about this possibility.

On Monday, January 3rd and Tuesday, January 4th, the 6 p.m. Masses will be moved to the Chapel.



Special thanks to a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous for beginning a scholarship fund with a \$5000 donation for the next World Youth Day, which is scheduled over the Summer of 2023 in the city of Lisbon, in the country of Portugal. Our CYC Youth Group will be sending delegates in 2023!



**Yes!** We are still open for those in need. All donations may be left at each entrance to St. John's Church. The church doors remain open from 10am to 8pm each day for drop off.

Our most needed items are: Toilet Paper, Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit, Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce. Thank you for your help, your donations make it possible for us to serve the less fortunate in our community.

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*Weekly Collections*

*December 18 & 19, 2021*

Sunday Collection \$5,847.00

*December 24 & 25 2021*

Christmas \$9,768.00

*December 26, 2021*

Sunday Collection \$6,006.00

We report the following funds received through weekend Masses, mail & online giving for the month of October and the yearly comparison:

2020 \$42,499.00      2021 \$45,894.00

Thank you for your continued generosity towards our parish each week!

January 1 & 2	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	S. Belauskas	J. Moynihan	E. Shibley	P. Feudo
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				W. Ortiz

# Epifanía del Señor

Epifanía: la palabra indica la manifestación del Señor quien se revela a todas las gentes, representadas hoy por los magos. Toda nación, lengua y pueblo es acogido y amado por él. Su símbolo es la luz, que llega a todas partes y las ilumina.

Ahora bien, si nuestro Dios se manifiesta a todos, sin embargo, produce sorpresa cómo se manifiesta. El evangelio narra un ir y venir entorno al palacio del rey Herodes, precisamente cuando Jesús es presentado como rey: «¿Dónde está el Rey de los judíos que ha nacido?» (Mt 2,2), preguntan los magos. Lo encontrarán, pero no donde pensaban: no está en el palacio real de Jerusalén, sino en una humilde morada de Belén. Pero ninguno de los poderosos de entonces se dio cuenta de que el Rey de la historia nacía en ese momento. Dios no se manifiesta ocupando el centro de la escena.

Podríamos pensar: habría sido mejor si la estrella de Jesús se hubiese aparecido en Roma sobre el monte Palatino; todo el imperio se habría hecho enseguida cristiano. O también, si hubiese iluminado el palacio de Herodes, este podría haber hecho el bien, en vez del mal. Pero la luz de Dios no va a aquellos que brillan con luz propia. Dios se propone, no se impone; ilumina, pero no deslumbra. Es siempre grande la tentación de confundir la luz de Dios con las luces del mundo. Su luz tenue brilla en el amor humilde.

El Evangelio de este día concluye diciendo que los magos, una vez que encontraron a Jesús, «se retiraron a su tierra por otro camino» (Mt 2,12). Otro camino, distinto al de Herodes. Un camino alternativo al mundo, como el que han recorrido todos los que en Navidad están con Jesús: María y José, los pastores. Ellos, como los magos, han dejado sus casas y se han convertido en peregrinos por los caminos de Dios. Porque solo quien deja los propios afectos mundanos para ponerse en camino encuentra el misterio de Dios.

Vale también para nosotros. No basta saber dónde nació Jesús, como los escribas, si no alcanzamos ese dónde. No basta saber, como Herodes, que Jesús nació si no lo encontramos. Cuando su dónde se convierte en nuestro dónde, su cuándo en nuestro cuándo, su persona en nuestra vida, entonces las profecías se cumplen en nosotros. Entonces Jesús nace dentro y se convierte en Dios vivo para mí.

- Santo Padre Francisco, 2019



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