# St. Patrick Parish 71 Central Street, Stoneham, MA 02180 Sunday, January 2nd ~ The Epiphany of the Lord



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

In communion with the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world, St. Patrick Parish seeks to further the mission of Jesus Christ: that all may know God's love for them, and grow in union with God and one another. With the Sacred Liturgy at the center of our parish life, we are formed by the Word of God and strengthened by the Eucharist. We move from the table of the Lord to proclaim God's presence in our world today through a variety of ministries. Manifesting the life of the Holy Spirit in our midst, we strive to be a welcoming community where faith finds expression in service.

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Saturday: 4:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am 10:00 am (Family Mass) 12 Noon & 6:00 pm

### **DAILY MASSES**

Monday - Saturday: 12 Noon

### **CHURCH HOURS**

Monday - Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Sunday - 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

### **HOLY DAYS**

Vigil 7:00 pm Holy Day 12:00 Noon

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm in the lower Church

#### **ROSARY**

Weekdays before 12:00 Noon Mass, Monday & Friday 2:45 pm Wednesday via Zoom 3:00 pm

#### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Mon. - Sat. 11:00 am (Prayed during adoration, followed by the Rosary & Mass)

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

(except on Holidays)

Mon - Sat 11:00 ~ 11:55 am Monday 12:45 ~ 4:00 pm Friday 12:45 ~ 4:00 pm

### SODALITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Meets every 3rd Monday at 2:45 pm in the upper church.

### **PRAYER LINE**

Please call the Parish Office; Requests will be recorded in the intentions book in the lower church and will be included in prayer during Adoration on Monday afternoon.

### SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Donation boxes for St. Vincent de Paul Society are located on either side of the center aisle doors exiting the church. They are also located in the lower church at the doors.

### **MARRIAGE**

Arrangements must be made with a Priest or Deacon at the Parish at least six months in advance. A Marriage Preparation Course is required.

#### **BAPTISMS**

Sundays at 1:30 pm ~ Please call the Parish Office to register.

#### MASS CARDS

Mass Cards are available through the parish office during this time. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

### ST. PATRICK PARISH AND SCHOOL INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

St. Patrick Parish takes seriously its obligation to provide for the safety of those attending Mass and School. This policy reflects our commitment to making safety a priority.

Closure of St. Patrick Parish applies to all offices, events, and ministries. Weather-related announcements will be posted on our parish website.

### Weekdays:

St. Patrick Parish and School will follow the Stoneham Public School System with regard to weather-related decisions.

· If the Stoneham Public Schools are closed, **the weekday Mass is cancelled**. The presider will offer Mass privately for the specified intention(s).

- · If the Stoneham Public Schools are closed, all daytime and evening activities in the Parish are cancelled and all offices are closed.
- · If the Stoneham Public School System announces an early closing or the cancellation of afternoon or evening programs due to inclement weather, all events at Saint Patrick Parish will be cancelled and all offices will be closed.

If the Stoneham Public School System has not issued a weather-related announcement, St. Patrick Parish will evaluate conditions and may close its campus.

### Weekends:

· Weekend Masses will be celebrated as scheduled. Decisions regarding closure of Parish events will be made by the Facilities Manager in consultation with the clergy and parish staff.

### Dear Church,

The Archdiocese of Boston has come out with a new mandate in light of the spiking numbers of COVID cases and the likely



increase in those numbers in the upcoming holiday season. Effective December 18/19 until January 17, 2022 Cardinal Seán is mandating that throughout the Archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks.

~ Fr. Mario



Ellen Cullen, Francis "Willie" Cataldo, Steven Borenstein, Frank Bramante, Janet Mello Alice Viola who died this past week.



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY - January 1, 2022 ~ New Year's Day 4:00 For all those in Religious Life SUNDAY - January 2, 2022 10:00 Francesco Carriglio.....Birthday Memorial MONDAY - January 3, 2022 **12:00** Maureen Gibbs...... Memorial Mass TUESDAY - January 4, 2022 12:00 Martha "Rita" Giannoccari .. Month's Mind Mass **WEDNESDAY - January 5, 2022 12:00** Alice Hardy...... Memorial Mass THURSDAY - January 6, 2022 12:00 Tony & Marie Terzi...... Memorial Mass FRIDAY - January 7, 2022 12:00 Mary Baldwin ......Birthday Memorial

#### 12:00 COMMUNAL MASS

### SATURDAY ~ January 8, 2022

Susan Tagney	3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Mass
Charles Dady	9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass
Kevin Murphy	

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Just a reminder: The parish doors are locked between 2:15 & 3:15 pm daily when school is in session. We apologize for any inconvenience.



The Sanctuary light and
The Bread and Wine for the week's liturgies were
donated in memory of:

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### JANUARY 2 ~ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The readings today stress the importance of light — Christ's light. Isaiah states, ". . . upon you the Lord shines." The Magi followed the light of a star that led them to Christ, the Lord, an encounter that changed their lives. Do you believe that the Lord looks upon you and shines forth from you? Has each encounter you have had with Christ brought about a change in you, in your way of living? When you humbly and honestly follow Christ and live in his light, "nations shall walk by your light." People will notice something different about you. So on this Epiphany - let your Christ Light shrine!

### Please Pray for . . .

All of our homebound parishioners who, due to illness or advanced age, are no longer able to be with us for Mass. May God bless them with his strength and his peace.

All the intentions in our Parish Book of Intentions. May God hear our prayers and may we always trust in God's love and mercy.



### Our Men and Women in the Service

Richard Schroter, Bryan McLaughlin, Michael Angelosanto, Joel Eicher, Shawn Tagan, Patrick Tagan, Matthew Tagan, Michael Lynch, Patrick Drane, Adam Brewer, Ryan Snyder, Brian Kennedy, Rob Brennan, Timothy Marshall, John Ronayne, Adam Campbell, Sean Marshall, Pedro Santana, Stefanie Dilendick, Philip West, John Richard Breen, Patrick Pothier, Nicholas Staffier, Kyle Murphy, William White, Jonathan Langone, Michael Lirakis, Robert Clemente, Kevin Carta, Alexander Clark, James Garcia, Alfred M. Wing, III, Tyler Retalic, Scott A. Marino, Jr., John Gallagher, Matthew Cimina

### Help Us Enter the New Year

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power. May we walk gently. May we speak only after we have listened well. Creator of all life. help us enter the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose. May we regard the world with tenderness. May we honor rather than destroy. Lover of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come. May we welcome your lavish love. In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead.

- Vinita Hampton Wright; Offered by Douglas Ruschman

### So much to be grateful for....

### Giving Warmth for Winter



Thank you to everyone who helped to keep so many heads, hands, and feet warm this winter. Your generous donations were dropped off to the Mission of Deeds and Pine Street Inn.



atrick, Jeffrey & Jack



Our sincere thanks to all of you who delivered a plant to our homebound parishioners. You brought so much joy to each of them!



We would like to extend a big Thank You to the Barile Family Funeral Home for providing our parish with the lovely 2022 religious calendars.

Bulletin Announcement submissions are due on Monday, by noon, for the upcoming weekend.



We pray for the following people for whom flower memorials were also donated by their loved ones during this Christmas season. We are very grateful to all of our parishioners and friends for remembering their loved ones.



Denis & Mary Buckley, Ronald Flanagan, Paul Chomko, Mary Buckley Peyton, Anna & David Ridway; Calcavecchia family, Inovino family; Alfred Minghella; Mrs. Staffieri; Raso family, Porriello family; Frank & Eleonora Faraco; Nancy Gregorczyk; Douglas F. Surette, Alphie Doucette family, Henery Surette family

### **Online Offertory Appeal**

Dear Church.

It has been almost 13 years since the Lord called me to serve Him at Saint Patrick Parish, and I am grateful for His call. I am privileged to witness your faith, goodness and generosity as together we strive to grow in holiness and affirm God's love to those around us.

Together as a parish family we have retired our crushing mortgage debt of \$1.2 million, reduced our operating budget by over \$150k and are now operating in the black. During this time, we continued to make significant capital improvements to our parish center, church and school including relocating the parish offices to make them more accessible, painting the outside of the parish center, replacing the church, parish center, and school roofs, converting all buildings to LED lighting to reduce our electrical costs, repairing the rectory façade, beginning the necessary repairs to the framework surrounding our stained glass windows, and completing the entire remodeling of the lower church. We are now looking at the cost to repair the masonry around the parish center and church (projected cost \$10k), a new sound system for the upper church (projected cost \$75k), a security system for the church, parish center and school (projected cost \$110k), and repair of the Steeple (projected cost \$120k).

Since the COVID pandemic our offertory has significantly decreased by approximately \$10k per month as fewer people are physically attending Mass....and that is totally understandable. At this time, I would like to make a concerted effort to try and increase our offertory collection and decrease our costs by urging everyone to please consider online giving. Increasing our offertory through online giving allows us to support the many ministries and programs that make Saint Patrick Parish such a vibrant and faith-filled community as well as complete the necessary renovations to our Parish Facilities. Please consider how you can continue to help Saint Patrick Parish by participating in our online giving through either using the donation tab on our Website (www.stpatrickstoneham.org), or establishing Saint Patrick Parish as a vendor on your online bill pay system.

I am extremely grateful for everyone's generosity to the parish and I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Fr. Mario

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

### January 2, 2022 ~ 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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# THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

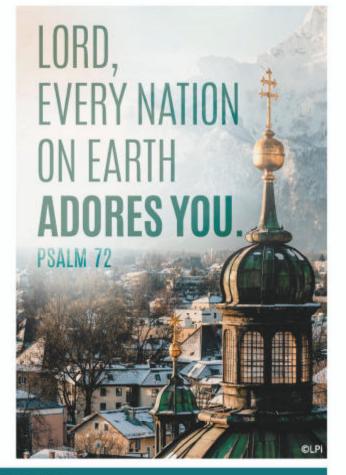
Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# WHAT HAPPENS TO A CONSECRATED HOST IF IT ACCIDENTALLY FALLS TO THE GROUND?

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 minsters 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 and consume it. 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.).



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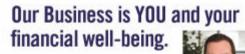


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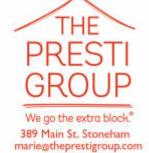
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