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EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Mass Schedule is: **Only 8am Mass Livestreamed***

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 pm

Sunday *8:00 am and 10:30 am

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8:00 am

BAPTISM: Parents please call the Parish Office to arrange for instructions and Baptismal date.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage should contact the Pastor at least one year in advance. Participation in a Marriage Preparation Program is expected.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm in the Church

HOME & HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please notify us if you know of someone who is ill or homebound.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We hope that you will become an active part of our parish family. Please introduce yourselves at your first opportunity, or call the Parish Center to register.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE: Call with your requests.

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JANUARY 2, 2022



SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC

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TABERNACLE LAMP

Rosalie Lawless Borbone,
Thomas (Tom) Lawless, and
Michael Lawless

January 2 - January 8, 2022

PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363 (confidential line).



Handicap accessibility by the elevator entrance on the left driveway side of the Church building.





Mass Intentions

FAMILIES REQUESTING A MASS ARE WELCOMED TO BRING UP THE GIFTS AT THE OFFERTORY. PLEASE LET THE SACRISTAN KNOW YOU ARE AT MASS.

TO SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION OR REQUEST A TABERNACLE LAMP, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE: 508-886-4984

* PERSON IS LIVING

Saturday, January 1: Happy New Year!

10:30 am Feast of Mary, Mother of God

5:00 pm Shirley Stidsen, 10th Anniversary
Requested by the Stidsen Family

Sunday, January 2: Epiphany of the LORD
8 am Livestreamed Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Steve Gemme

8:00 am All Souls in Purgatory

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10:30 am Walter Lucier, 2nd Anniversary
Requested by the Family

Monday, January 3: Celebrant: Msgr. John Doran

8:00 am All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 4: Celebrant: Msgr. John Doran

8:00 am * The People of St. Patrick's
Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass

Wednesday, January 5: Celebrant: Msgr. John Doran

8:00 am All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 8:

5:00 pm (Sarah) Joyce Dolan
Requested by the Dolan Family

Sunday, January 9: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

8:00 am John V. Katinas
Requested by Cindy Katinas

10:30 am



The Epiphany of the Lord

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense & myrrh."
MATTHEW 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.



Happy New Year!

Upcoming Events

January 1: Blessing of Epiphany Water, 3:00 pm, in the Church

January 2: Rosary following the 10:30 am Mass

January 3: ~~St. Patrick's Holy Hour~~ 6:30 pm, Church—**moved** to Jan 17

January 4: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, around 9am, in the Church Hall (Every Tuesday) following the Divine Mercy Chaplet,

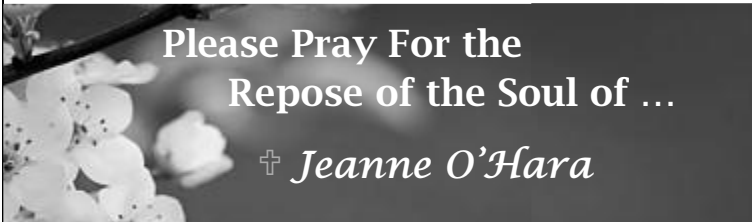
January 14: Holy Hour to Pray for Priests 7 - 8 pm, Immaculate Conception, 353 Grove St., Worc.

January 15: Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Supper, Pick up 5-6:30 pm at the Parish Center Hall—Order by January 12th

January 17: St. Patrick's Holy Hour 6:30 pm, in the Church

January 23: Life in Prayer Group, 1:30 pm, Parish Center

January 25: Rosary with the Knights Of Columbus, 7:00 pm, in the Church & Livestreamed



Please Pray For the
Repose of the Soul of ...

† *Jeanne O'Hara*

Christmas and December 26, 2021

Weekly Offering	\$ 2,642.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 2,731.00
Higher Utilities	\$ 215.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 80.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 95.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 3,327.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$ 60.00
	\$ 9,150.00

Special Collections:

Retired Religious Fund **\$80.00**

We are grateful to all who have been able to make their weekly offering or make use of on-line giving during this time.

It is a great help to us. Thank you!



A Message from the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

On this Feast of the Epiphany, I am once more on the road (at least for the 8am and 10:30am Mass crowd) as I journey once more for another Master's course in the Theology of the Body. Please pray for me this week that God may continue to help me to open more and more to gifts he's providing so that I, in turn, may share them with all of you. I am very grateful for your continued understanding. As this satisfies the winter quarter, I will not have another course until the end of May.

Before I left, however, I did provide a little gift on Saturday: On the eve of this Feast of the Epiphany, I am allowed to do something I can only do once a year: Bless Holy Water with a specific Epiphany Blessing. To give context, I include the following article from Aleteia.org titled "Epiphany water is a powerful weapon against Satan"



"While the feast of Epiphany in the Roman Rite is primarily focused on the visit of the Magi, historically it was more focused on the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan River. For this reason, there developed a special blessing of Epiphany water in memory of Jesus sanctifying the waters of Baptism.

"This blessing of water on Epiphany was maintained by Eastern Catholics, but Roman Catholics also have an optional ceremony that was approved in 1890 that did homage to this tradition.

"The emphasis of the blessing, however, was less on the commemoration of Jesus' baptism and more on the symbolic nature of water as a cleansing agent. In this way, the blessing of Epiphany water in the Roman Rite was used to cast out Satan and all his demonic angels.

"It is a powerful blessing, one that uses strong language to invoke the power of God over evil. It reminds us of the spiritual power of holy water and encourages us to use it in faith, trusting in the protecting help of God over our spiritual enemies. Here is an excerpt of the prayer, which is quite lengthy.

*"In the name of our Lord Jesus + Christ and by His power, we cast you out, every unclean spirit, every devilish power, every assault of the infernal adversary, every legion, every diabolical group and sect; begone and stay far from the Church of God, from all who are made in the image of God and redeemed by the precious blood of the divine + Lamb. Never again dare, you cunning serpent, to deceive the human race, to persecute the Church of God, nor to strike the chosen of God and to sift them as + wheat. For it is the Most High God who commands you, + He to whom you heretofore in your great pride considered yourself equal; He who desires that all men might be saved and come to the knowledge of truth. God the Father + commands you. God the Son + commands you. God the Holy + Spirit commands you. The majesty of Christ, the eternal Word of God made flesh + commands you... Therefore, accursed dragon and every diabolical legion, we adjure you by the living + God, by the true + God, by the holy + God, by the God who so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but shall have life everlasting; cease your deception of the human race and your giving them to drink of the poison of everlasting damnation; desist from harming the Church and fettering her freedom. Begone Satan, you father and teacher of lies and enemy of mankind. Give place to Christ in whom you found none of your works; give place to the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church, which Christ Himself purchased with His blood. May you be brought low under God's mighty hand. May you tremble and flee as we call upon the holy and awesome name of Jesus, before whom hell quakes ..."**

God Bless, Fr. Jim

* - <https://aleteia.org/2020/01/05/epiphany-water-is-a-powerful-weapon-against-satan/>

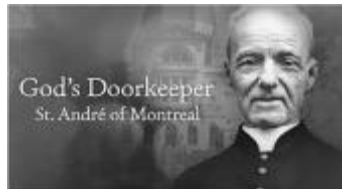


January 2, 2022

GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRE OF MONTREAL

WATCH

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. Andre of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



<https://watch.formed.org/god-s-doorkeeper-st-andre-of-montreal>

FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY



Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer!

LEARN

Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

<https://watch.formed.org/formed-now-1/season:1/videos/formed-live-how-to-pray>

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

LISTEN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!



<https://watch.formed.org/videos/prepare-the-way-of-the-king-by-dr-scott-hahn>

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**First Celebration:
Sacrament
of
Reconciliation**



First Reconciliation Class 2021



Congratulations to
Kylie Tessier
who received
first Sacrament of Reconciliation
during this past week!

Also, thank you to all our parishioners who
have prayed for our children
over the past few months.



Knights of Columbus

Mark your calendars for the next take-out

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

January 15, 2022



**Spaghetti & Meatball
Dinners - \$10**

(Salad & bread included)

Reserve your dinners by **January 12th** at:
turgeodj@gmail.com

or call the Parish Office at 508-886-4984.

Pick-up dinners Jan 15th between 5 PM and 6:30 PM
at Parish Center

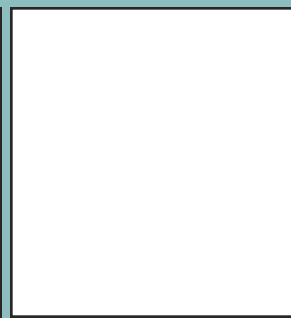
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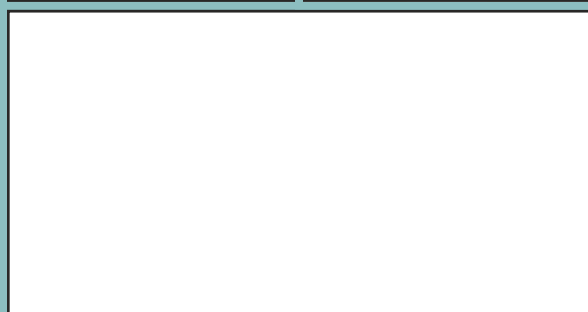
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