

January 2, 2022, The Epiphany of the Lord



Blessed Trinity Parish



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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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"... They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and 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.

A spiritual practice Fr. Peter recommends is to reflect on the scripture readings before coming to church

Next Week’s readings: January 9, 2022

Reading I Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Reading II Acts 10:34-38
Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Adults: Do you think that God was "well pleased" by your actions in recent weeks? Why?

Kids: What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday: 8:00 a.m. Mass - St. Anne Church
 Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. Mass - St. Anne Church
 Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Mass - St. Catherine Church
 Friday: 8:00 a.m. Mass - St. Catherine Church

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Mass - St Catherine (live-streamed)
 Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Mass - St Anne Church
 Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass - St Catherine Church
 Sunday: 5:30 p.m.- St Catherine Church

Holy Day Masses: As announced.

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3pm St Catherine Church or by appointment

Prayers of the Faithful

To follow please find the names of loved ones that have returned home to God, or are ill and need our prayers.

The Sick

Matt Kitner
 Joe Underhill
 Jeff Donahue
 Bill Clark
 Deacon Richard Joy

Deceased

Dorothy Sjoman
 Dennis Nowacoski

Mass Intentions

Jan. 1 **Blessed Trinity Parishioners**
 4:00 p.m. St. Catherine
Jan. 2 **Blessed Trinity Parishioners**
 8:30 a.m. St. Anne
 Joseph Elliott
 10:30 a.m. St. Catherine
Jan. 6 **Ramasamy & Elizabeth Jesuraj**
 (40th Wedding Anniversary)
 8:00 a.m. St. Catherine
Jan. 7 **Al Marcinkowski**
 8:00 a.m. St. Catherine



Low-Gluten Altar Bread is available

If you are gluten-free and wish to receive Communion, please see the celebrant prior to Mass so he can consecrate the low-gluten hosts during the Mass.



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www.BlessedTrinityCatholic.org. and click on the Online Giving tab to set up an account, call the office for more information, or scan the QR code here.

Thank you for your consideration.



Formation of a Healing Ministry

When you read the gospel stories of Jesus healing the lame, the blind, the deaf, the mute, the lepers and those possessed by demons doesn't it fill you with awe and joy?

Did you know that Jesus didn't just heal people 2,000 years ago? He continues to do so today, and one of the ways he chooses to do this is through healing ministries.

If you have ever been involved with a healing ministry or attended a healing service then you have witnessed firsthand how the Lord works through the prayers of people, both the clergy and the laity, to bring healing of mind, body and spirit to others.

Do you feel God calling you to be an instrument of healing? If so, then let's talk and through the grace of God maybe we can start a healing ministry at Blessed Trinity. You can reach me, Val Prest, at vprest@gmail.com, (978) 448-3863. I look forward to hearing from you!



Hugh Success!

11th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk



We would like to thank the 2021 Sponsors, Donors, Walkers, and Volunteers. Together, we raised a little over \$18K. It was an amazing team effort. We could not have done it without you! These funds will be used by WdP to assist our neighbors in need. We hope to see you in 2022 for the 12th annual walk!

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Snow & Weather Cancellations



As the weather changes, if Littleton or Westford Schools are closed due to inclement weather, ALL activities at the both churches will be cancelled for the day and evening.

If there is a school delay in Littleton or Westford, there will be no morning Mass. This is to allow work crews to remove snow, de-ice our walkways, and make our facilities safe for all. Faith Formation class cancellations for weekends will be posted on WCVB Channel 5, on our website, and social media. If dangerous weather occurs, please use extreme caution. The Lord does not want you to be injured trying to come to Mass. Thank you for understanding.

God Love, Fr. Peter & Fr. Joe

Adoration Survey

We are so pleased that sixty-six parishioners were able to participate in the 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration in December

Enjoying some quiet time praying in the presence of Our Lord is a beautiful way to prepare for Christmas. Currently at Blessed Trinity, Eucharistic Adoration is offered on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month immediately following the 8am Mass (at St. Anne Church), concluding at 10am. Twenty-Four Hours of Adoration is offered approximately two to three times per year.

Would you like more opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration?

Please participate in an online survey here: blessedtrinitycatholic.org/devotions

Your feedback is appreciated!

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.



Impact

Do whatever he tells you.

*Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim.
Jn 2:5*

There are very few men who realize what God would make of them if they abandoned themselves entirely to his hands, and let themselves be formed by his Grace. What has he done for me? He has loved me and given me his whole self. What shall I do for him? I shall love him and give myself to him without reserve.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

The beginning of a new year is a time to look back on the year that has just ended and ponder possibilities for the year to come. Many are anxious to put the stress of 2021 behind us. While every new year and the days, weeks, and months that comprise it is an entry into the unknown, we may feel a heightened sense of uncertainty or anticipation as we begin 2022.

Mary, Jesus, and his disciples went to a wedding in Cana. We know the story well. The wine was running out and it was not time for the guests to leave. Mary approached the servants near the large water jars used for Jewish purification rites and said, "Do whatever he tells you." What must the servants have wondered at her direction? After all, what could Jesus possibly do about the situation? Yet, they did as Mary instructed and were the first to experience a miracle at Jesus' hands. The large water jars were filled with wine. Not only wine, but the best wine.



Through the miracle at Cana, we see how deeply God wants to be near to us in our human state. Jesus is with us in our uncertainty, anxiety, or anticipation. Christ is ready to fill the water jugs of our lives with the wine of light, peace, mercy, and hope. Like the servants who listened to Mary and obeyed the Lord, we, too, must be ready to do whatever he tells us. We must put ourselves in his hands and know that the Lord will give us precisely what we need.

What is in your water jar? Is it mostly full, in need of refreshment, or is it nearly empty, requiring an outpouring of divine attention? What do you perceive the Lord telling you at this time? How are you called to know and to share God's abundant, lavish love in this new year? Do whatever the Lord tells you. You just might experience a miracle!

Impact

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

Like the Magi, open your gifts before the Lord.

The Magi traveled great distances to bring their gifts to Jesus. Their gifts were chosen carefully, and were presented with awe and homage to the Christ-child.

We may not have to travel far to offer our gifts, yet like the Magi, each of us, too, should choose carefully and wisely how we will offer our gifts to Christ through our presence, service, caring, and sharing, giving glory to God who has entrusted the gifts to us.

We do not know how the Magi determined what gifts they would bring, nor who would bring which gift. We do know that they did not all bring the same gift, and somehow each must have felt compelled to give precisely the gift he did.

Each of us has something special to offer as we respond in gratitude for our many blessings. Each has something special to give - a particular combination of talents, strengths, gifts, and blessings along with things we are passionate about.

In his letter to the Church in Corinth, St. Paul tells us that we are called by Christ to fulfill varying roles and responsibilities. Like the body that cannot function well if one of the parts is hurt or absent, something is missing if any of us fail to put our gifts at the service of others, in our parish, local town or city, and in the world.

The Christmas story would not be the same without the shepherds and angels, Magi and saints. Like them, we too have something special to give. In being good stewards of our lives and our gifts, we may touch others in lasting ways, and in doing so our lives will change as well. In giving and receiving, we find hope in Christ's presence.

As we begin a new year, learn from the Magi. Like the wise ones who sought out the Christ-child in order to offer him homage and bring precious and unexpected gifts, each of us has something special to give, not only at Christmas. Every day holds an opportunity to share as only you can.



Impact this month

This month, talk with your family or close friends about your hopes for the year to come.

Prayerfully reflect on the things you do well, the talents, skills, and strengths you have that you may offer in all aspects of your life, including in service and ministry.

Include a commitment to be a good steward of your gifts in some particular way that will make a difference in the lives of others.

Take time for each person to write his or her commitment down and make a copy of the commitment.

Place one copy at your family table or at a prayer place in your home. Give the other copy to another, and share together the ways in which each of you are living out your commitment every few months.

With your action toward living as a disciple, and with the help and strength of the Holy Spirit, this time next year you will be able to point to specific ways in which your living stewardship has borne great fruit.

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