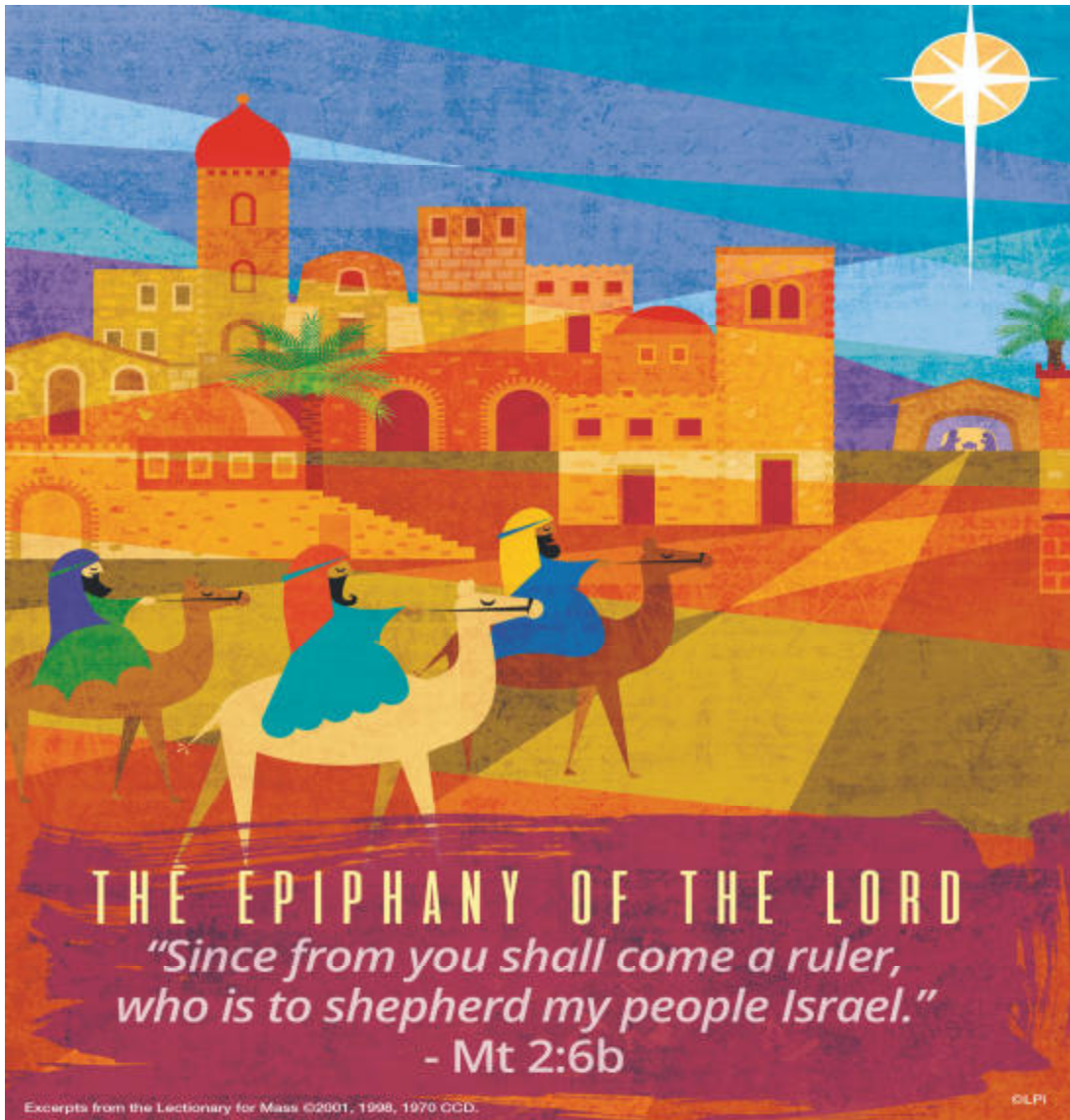


St Louis de Montfort Parish

January 2, 2022



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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Solemnity of Mary Masses:

New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:15 am..... St. Thomas of Villanova
10:00 am St. Anthony of Padua

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022

No Vigil Masses

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

8:00 + *Dick Dauphinais* ~ by Family

STV 9:15 Kristina Mills ~ by Family

OLG 9:30 Parishioners of the Parish

10:45 + *Alford J. Fretts—17th Anniversary*~ by Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

8:00 + *Mario Matthew Cuomo* ~ by Bill O'Shaughnessy

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022

8:00 + *Stephen Csengo, Brother of Carolyn Tucker*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022

8:00 *In Thanksgiving for God's Gifts to all of us*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022

8:00 *For the Intentions of Judith McCarthy*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022

8:00 + *Howard Hax* ~ by /Ron Hax Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

OLG 3:30pm Parishioners of the Parish

5:00 + *John and Loretta Koser* ~ by Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

8:00 + *Lorraine Castelli* ~ by Andrew and Jim Holm and Family

STV 9:15 + *Walter Horvay* ~ by Pete & Fran Lachance

10:45 + *Sandra Beguery* ~ by Family

"Lord, Every Nation on Earth will Adore
You"

Today, the Feast of Epiphany, we gather thousands of miles from Bethlehem and over 2000 years from the Christmas event to offer ourselves as gifts for a New Year. Because of this encounter of Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar all creation is equal and God's love embraces all people equally. We are asked as we begin the New Year to pray for everyone that all will both adore the Lord and be more loving, forgiving and understanding as we are all brothers and sisters of the light of Christ.

Take a piece of blessed chalk and write down the following over your door post 20+C+M+B+22. The numbers consecrate the New Year and the initials remind us of the gifts of the Magi—Casper, Melchior and Balthazar and the first three letters also stand for **Christ, Bless This House**. May we allow His blessings in, and may we take His Blessings out by our good words and deed in the coming year.

Thank You to Ray Daimani for bringing the ducks for Christmas, and to Michael Lyn Cappello for her wooden duck ornaments.

Thank You to all who decorated the church, for all who gave so generously to our collections and came out in the poor weather. The church is always open as we enter a New Year and please come and pray. It doesn't look like CVOD is going to disappear any time soon and only prayer may be the answer to the virus. Please continue to wear a mask at mass AND COME TO CHURCH.

Happy New Year

⇒ COVID — with this disease still present I think it is only right for the health and safety of all that we continue to WEAR A MASK until probably **March 1st**. I fully understand those who have been vaccinated may not want to continue, that is your choice; but those who have not been vaccinated, should, for others, wear a mask. We want to hold to the Gospel value, LOVE ONE ANOTHER. So for the care of others, I think we should be wearing a mask. There will be no Holy Water, Missalettes or music until **March 1st**. You should socialize outside of church for the comfort of all. Communion will continue to be a double line starting from the rear pews so all may social distance. I am pleased that many have returned to mass but some are still frightened and we want to get them back to the Eucharist by trying to keep our mass schedule at 30 minutes or less, Try to come on time. Thank you all who have returned and are wearing masks. We will be having string instrumentals during Christmas time.



St. Anthony's Religious Education is still accepting Registrations for:

- ◇ First Penance/Holy Communion classes
- ◇ Catholic Storytime: Grades Pre-K-3rd
- ◇ Faith-Family Fun Facts weekly Lesson: Grades 4-7

REGISTER (or contact us) ONLINE at smallthingswithgreatlove.info

Questions? call Joyce Crandley (860) 485-1247

-This year's theme- Noticing how God uses Nature to explain the Liturgical Year...and how the Church uses the Liturgical Year...and how to use those observations to grow in our own faith.

**Next Teen Program—Sunday, January 9th
6 pm, Parent and Child, in church**

Afghan Refugees — the parish will plan to assist a family with \$2,000 a month, a \$1,000 for rent and a \$1,000 for food. Start saving your money and using the extra envelopes in the back of your box or a plain white envelope and drop it in the basket, stating "For Afghan Refugees"

UPDATE: We are working with the Church of Christ Congregational in Goshen to raise the base funds to support an Afghan family in this area. They are determining a location for the family and our Parish will be supporting them with food and rent expenses.

*THIS Weekend's Collection will be the Parish Weekly & Monthly
NEXT Weekend's Collection will be the Parish Weekly*



PARISH MASS ATTENDANCE FOR:

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day:

Our Lady of Grace: Eve: 3:30pm 75 people

St Thomas: Eve: 4:00pm 132 people;

Day: 9:15am 45 people

St. Anthony's: Eve: 3:00pm 269 people;
10:00pm 134 people; Day: 10:00am 145 people

December 26th:

St Thomas: 9:15am 75 people;

Our Lady of Grace: 9:30am 45 people

St. Anthony's: 8:00am 126 people;

10:00am 149 people

Thank you to all who have attended, others please come back!

St. Anthony of Padua Church

CHRISTMAS: \$ 11,748.00

WEEKLY: \$ 2,023.00

AFGHAN:..... \$ 1,110.00

CANDLE: \$ 228.00

St. Thomas of Villanova Church

CHRISTMAS: \$ 2,815.00

DONATIONS: \$ 425.00

WEEKLY: \$ 786.00


Our Lady of Grace Church

CHRISTMAS: \$ 736.00

DONATIONS: \$ 250.00

WEEKLY: \$ 318.00

**Thank you for Your Continued Generosity
to St. Louis de Montfort Parish.**

Online Giving IS HERE...  St Louis de Montfort Parish Online Giving, an electronic tool for contributions, has been updated! Go to our Parish Online Giving website at <https://www.osvhub.com/stlouisdemontfortparish/funds> and Create your account. This also allows you to use your Credit Card to make your charitable Contribution to the church and Earn those "EXTRA REWARDS" at the same time!
Thank You to all of our Online Givers!



November Totals:

OLG = \$ 0 / SAP = \$ 4,765 / STV = \$ 1,705 / Total: \$ 6,470

Please add the following people to your prayers ...

- Marge Neri ♥ Henrietta Horvay ♥ Marie Bate ♥ Andy Dole
- ♥ Ginette Clement ♥ Brenda Demore ♥ Stella Grace Seeger
- ♥ Larry Dole ♥ Debbie Cappa ♥ Bob Skinner ♥ John Pelchat
- ♥ Kristina Mills ♥ Brian Hovey ♥ Barbara Salvietti ♥ Tom & Madeline Masroberti ♥ Those affected by Covid-19
- ♥ Candace Romano Derrick Perrett

St Thomas' & Our Lady of Grace's Clothing bins are OPEN!!

STV (behind Rectory) benefits the Goshen Good Neighbor Fund and OLG in back parking lot benefits OLG Church. The bins take lightly used clothes, hand bags, backpacks, shoes, curtains, blankets, sheets and stuffed animals. Please make sure that donations are in tied bags and placed in the shed. We are paid on the amount of bags (average of 11lbs per bag) not on the size of bags. So please, do not hurt yourself with over stuffing bags.

NO RUGS, ELECTRONICS, BOOKS, or FURNATURE



The Spring 2022 cruise with Father Tucker has been cancelled due to uncertain COVID concerns

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—**10 days-October 19-29, 2022** with Monsignor Tucker. Stops in Caesarea, Haifa, Nazareth, Tiberias, Seas of Galilee, Cana, Bethlehem, Masada, Jerusalem—more details coming soon.

JOIN THE 24 CLUB!

Parish Annual 24 Club Fundraiser — where you get a chance every month to win \$25 through May 2021—April 2022! (*chance of winning is based on when you enter Club24*) Send in your Check for \$24 to St Thomas @ PO Box 177, Goshen, CT 06756 or put it in the weekend collection in an envelope marked 24Club. **We currently have less than 35 members ... Please, Help us to meet our goal of 100 members and JOIN the Club! For info email louisdemontfort@optonline.net**

**Congratulations to Mary Ann O'Sullivan
Our December 2021 Club 24 Winner!**



**St Louis de Montfort Parish
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

In Memory or In Honor of:

St Anthony of Padua Church:

Tom and Ann Rooney; John and Elizabeth Hayes

St Thomas of Villanova Church:

Joseph Gangi, Joseph Sommaruya, Salvatore Gangi, Robert & Mary, Paul Phalen; Edward Goodhouse Family.

Our Lady of Grace Church:

Catherine Hulcoop; Barbara & Kenneth Brinton, Sandra & Charles Lutz, Mary Hoey



St Thomas Religious Formation ...

GIFT Growing In Faith Together (GIFT).

Our NEXT ZOOM Family GIFT Session will be

Sunday, January 9th at 10:30am

(this includes all confirmation students)

1st Communion class will meet in person on Jan 9th & 23rd during Mass from 9-10am.

2nd Year Confirmation will have the Family GIFT ZOOM Session on Jan 9th and in person class on Jan 23rd following the 9:15am Mass

For more information about our GIFT Faith Formation Program, email stthomaschurch@optonline.net



The 2022 Envelopes are in the front of the church at St Anthony's and in the back of the Hall at St Thomas, please take yours; if your box is not there, please call the Rectory so that we can prepare a box for you the phone numbers are listed on the top of the page. OLG envelopes will be in the back of the church for Christmas



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January 13th • February 10th

All meetings at 7:30 pm in Fr. Egan Hall at St Anthony's Church



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BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE:

January 4th • February 1st

All meetings at 7:00 pm in Donahue Hall at St Thomas Church

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported the council with donations this year. David

The Knights of Columbus invites all Catholic men, 18 and older to learn more about how they can assist our parish and communities in making a better world for those in need and by celebrating fellowship and family Catholic life. Call your local council listed above for more



Growing with the GOSPEL

My Church, My Family and Me

Matthew 2:1-12 ■ Epiphany of the Lord



Sharing the Gospel: Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars so the wise men could find Jesus. Amen.

Mission for the week: Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.



Puzzle Unscramble these words from today's Gospel

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| WISE MEN | wsie mne | <u>w</u> <u>i</u> <u>s</u> <u>e</u> <u>m</u> <u>e</u> <u>n</u> |
| CHILD | brno | _____ |
| BORN | knig | _____ |
| KING | derma | _____ |
| STAR | cildh | _____ |
| WORSHIP | wrsohpi | _____ |
| MARY | Mrya | _____ |
| GIFTS | gfsti | _____ |
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