

St. Teresa of Calcutta PARISH

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM (Chester)

5:30 PM (Essex)

Sunday

8:30 AM & 12:00 PM (Essex)

10:00 AM (Chester)

Daily Mass

Monday,

Wednesday & Friday

8:30 AM (Essex)

Tuesday,

Thursday & Saturday

8:30 AM (Chester)

Holy days

Vigil: 7:00 PM (Essex)

Feast Day: 7:00 PM (Chester)

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JANUARY 8, 2023 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Josephs—Chester

Saturday January 7 First Saturday

8:30 † Reverend John F. Ashe

4:00 † Walter Kuzaro and James and Catherine Grote by Katherine Kuzaro and Carol Barkley

Sunday January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 † Attilio Mozzochi by Bill and Carol Burdick

Tuesday January 10

8:30 † Michael Wiernasz by Judy Wiernasz

Thursday January 12

8:30 † Brian Bouchard by Bouchard family

Saturday January 14

8:30 † Florence Lebowich by Gail L. Gallagher

4:00 † Thomas and Catherine Fuller by family

Sunday January 15

10:00 † Mark French by Don and Bernadette White

If the members of the family for whom a Mass is being celebrated would like to bring up the gifts, please notify one of the ushers.

Our Lady of Sorrows—Essex

Saturday January 7

5:30 † Ann Kaiser Boutin by Martha and Anthony Carrano

Sunday January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 † Ann Kaiser Boutin by Kathy Bauer and Rick Stebbins

12:00 † Victoria & Felix Cichon by Rose Papuzynski

Monday January 9

8:30 † John Cayce by Larry Bolanowski

Wednesday January 11

8:30 † Frances Gilberto by Joan Bidwell

Friday January 13

8:30 † Sally Schmiedel by Ron and Mary Ellen Cozzolino

Saturday January 14

5:30 † Peretti Family by Regina & Walter Wiegert

Sunday January 15

8:30 † Ann Marie Sieling by Jack and Barbara Stillwaggon

12:00 † Montserrat Carmen Miller by Elizabeth and John Read

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*Please pray for the souls of
Sydney Woomer and Margaret O'Neal may their souls
and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*



Attention Medical Professionals

Occasionally we may have a medical emergency at Mass. if you feel comfortable about lending assistance in such situations please identify yourself to the head usher before Mass if an emergency were to occur. The head ushers will be wearing a gold USHER tag and are positioned in the back of the church during Mass. The head usher will call 911 and bring an emergency bag with basic first aid materials as well as an AED. If you have any questions, please call Rod Steller at 203-464-4581.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 8** | Coffee Social after 10:00 Mass Chester
- January 10** | Strength and Tone 1:00 pm 2:30 pm Essex
- January 18** | Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm Essex

Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. Teresa of Calcutta has a wonderful group of women that gather on the first and third Wednesday of each month to knit and crochet shawls to comfort the sick, bring hope to those in despair, and to lift up the grieving.

If you know of someone that could benefit from the comfort of one of these beautiful shawls please send an email to prayershawl@stocpct.org. New members are welcome.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

FR. PETER'S REFLECTION

Epiphany means manifestation or revelation: the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles; and the revelation of the baby Jesus to the world. The wise men from the east represent the world. The wise men from the east represent the world.

The Magi symbolize our noblest human efforts. They are wise ones, star-gazers, people of philosophy, science, and treasure. Finding the child, they give homage, not to Herod, but to the child of the Most High.

The Feast of the Epiphany is not about the Magi – it's all about Jesus. The wise men follow the star. In Herod's palace, they cannot find the child. Again, guided by the star they come to the destination.

They give three gifts. Gold reveals that Jesus is a king; frankincense shows us that is he God incarnate; and myrrh an aromatic resin displays that he has come to die. Epiphany tells us the story of incarnation in a nutshell.

Today's feast inculcates in our minds that the star is the light of faith. It leads us to Jesus the divine child. By following it we move toward God the Almighty. Ultimately we reach the abode of the beatific vision.

Virtual Bingo for All Ages

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! **Bingo will take place on Sunday, January 15th from 3:30 – 5pm.** You will receive your cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It will be great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To purchase your Bingo cards, go to: <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.

Pope Francis' January Intention

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Mass for Pope Benedict XVI

Bishop Michael Cote will celebrate a Mass for Pope Benedict XVI at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich on **Saturday, January 14th at 10:00 am.** All parishioners are invited to attend.

Epiphany Blessing of Homes

"Epiphany" means manifestation, or the appearance of Jesus. The magi and the Gentiles come to adore the newborn King of the Jews. The event recognizes Jesus' lordship over all the world. The three magi, Melchior, Balthasar and Caspar, brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to pay homage and praise to the newborn King. A popular religious tradition since the Middle Ages associated with the feast of Epiphany, which is so close to the beginning of the new year, is the blessing of homes. Using chalk, the number of the new year is split at the beginning and end of the line and these numbers represent an annual renewal of God's blessing. The initials C, M, and B represent the magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. They may also stand for "Christus mansionem benedicat," "May Christ bless the house." The three crosses represent Christ, whom we invoke, and the saintliness of the magi. This year's inscription would be: 20 + C + M + B + 23. To bless your home, gather around the inside of the front door and use chalk to inscribe the numbers and letters on the lintel while saying, "May Christ bless the house." Throughout the year those who come and go through that door will enjoy the blessing of Christ.

First Friday and Saturday Devotions

Every First Friday, Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is offered at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Essex at 8.30 am. All are welcome to participate and be filled with the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

Every First Saturday, Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is offered at **St. Joseph's Church, Chester** at 8.30 am. All are welcome to participate and be filled with the love and mercy of God through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PARISH NEWS, EVENTS AND MINISTRIES

FROM THE DIOCESE

Our Lady, Queen of Hope Award

Every year at the Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference, Bishop Michael Cote announces the Our Lady, Queen of Hope Award to honor a woman in the diocese for her vision and leadership in the Catholic Church. The award is named after Mary our mother, who is our role model and in whom we place our trust. The winner will be presented with a plaque and a check for \$200 made out to the charity or ministry of her choice. The recipient will also have her name on a plaque hanging in the Diocesan offices. Nominees should: display strong faith, be committed to living out Catholic/Christian values, display spiritual leadership at the local or diocesan level(s), display a spirit of love and service to the Catholic Church, been part of successful initiatives that benefit the Church, and has moved the parish community forward through her vision. The award winner will be determined by the Women's Conference Committee. The nomination form must be completed in full and submitted by January 30, 2023. Contact the Office of Faith Events with any questions or concerns 860-848-2237, ext 304 or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

Four County Catholic Newsletter

The Four County Catholic is going to a bi-monthly magazine. So you might miss some timely, weekly news and events.

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Thursday | 7:30 PM (Essex)

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CARING HEARTS

1st Wednesday | 6:00 PM (Chester)

Meredith Newman | caringhearts@stocpct.org

BULLETIN | FACEBOOK

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

1st Tuesday | 7:30 PM (Chester)

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3rd Wednesday | 7:00 PM (Essex)

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MARIAN PRAYER CENACLE

Fridays | 10:00 AM

MARTHA & MARY CLUB

2nd Wednesday | 12:00

Sue Pire | marthamaryclub@stocpct.org

PARISH COUNCIL

2nd Thursday | 7:00 PM

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PRAYER SHAWL

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Lorraine Maloney | 860-434-2629

VETERAN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Shea | 860-481-9031 | jmshea2009@gmail.com

WOMEN'S GUILD

3rd Tuesday | 7:00 PM (Essex)

Karen Drenzo | 757-718-1340 | womensguild@stocpct.org

Irene Listorti | 860-388-9884 | womensguild@stocpct.org

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Please contact the office to schedule a Baptism

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least 6 months in advance so we can help you start planning your big day.

CONFESSION

Chester -Tues, Thurs, 8-8:25 am
Sat 8-8:25 am 3:15-3:45 pm
Essex-Mon, Wed, Fri 8-8:25 am
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