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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening 4:00PM, Sunday Morning 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:00AM (Monday—Thursday)

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the office when you become engaged.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on Saturday at 3:15PM

Any other time is by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the office for instructions and a Baptismal date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday 12:00 PM

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call or visit the rectory to register.

We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

WORSHIP SCHEDULESATURDAY – JANUARY 1ST

10:00a.m. -Mass

4:00p.m. -Mass

Solemnity of Mary

In Memory of
Ernest Frappier
16th Anniversary

Requested by Virginia & Jim Frappier

SUNDAY – JANUARY 2ND

8:00a.m. -Mass

10:00a.m. -Mass

MONDAY – JANUARY 3RD

8:00a.m. -Mass

TUESDAY – JANUARY 4TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 5TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

THURSDAY – JANUARY 6TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

FRIDAY – JANUARY 7ST

NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY – JANUARY 8TH

9:00a.m. –Rosary

4:00p.m. -Mass

In Memory of
Joan Tomasino
6th Anniversary

Requested by Her Husband, Larry

SUNDAY – JANUARY 9TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

10:00a.m. -Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK
AND IN A SPECIAL WAY FOR:

Muriel Walsh, Dan Daignault, Eric Henault,
Mellissa Angiolillo, Gayla & Roger Bergman,
Garry Power, Doris Metilly, Michelle Reidy
Blake George Murawski, Barbara Englander,
Patrick Remington, Jackie Cook, Jacob Rivera
Robert Mertig, Patricia Jones, Elena & Paul Coffey,
David Johnson, Theresa Mars, Emily Ellen Calamari,
Doris Urbanovitch, Ginny Bean, Aline Riedle,
Charles Daigneault, Ramona Brodeur, Pauline Miller,
Roland Card, Zoey Murray, John Laverdi
To add or remove a name, please call or email the rectory.

Baptism, Marriage, Pastoral Care of the Sick -
Please call Father Cotter at the rectory or email him at
dcotter01@gmail.com.



“And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

- Mt 2:6

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998,
1970 CCD.First Reading

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light
has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
(Ps 72)

Second Reading

It was not made known to people in
other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members
of the same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ
Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

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Thank You

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas once again to all of you as we continue to celebrate the Christmas Season.

I hope that all of you were able to gather together, safely and in a healthy fashion, with friends and family to celebrate on Christmas Day. It's been an awfully tough couple of years and we need to comforting presence of those whom we love as often as possible, so I hope your Christmas Day lived up to expectations.

And a very warm thank you to all those who sent along Christmas cards, with kind words and messages. And the many who were kind enough to send along gifts of all sorts. Too many to thank individually, so please accept this expression of my gratitude. Thanks so much.

With generous affection,
Fr. David

Religious Education January Schedule

January 9, 23, 30: Sunday Gr. 1 & 2:
8:50a.m.-9:50a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00a.m.

January 9, 23, 30: Sunday Gr. 9 & 10: 10:00a.m. Mass
followed by class at 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

January 10, 24, 31: Monday Gr. 3 & 4: 3:00-4:15p.m.

January 10, 24, 31: Monday Gr. 7 & 8: 7:00-8:00p.m.

January 11, 18: Tuesday Gr. 5 & 6: 3:00p.m.-4:15p.m.

Change in the grade 5 & 6 schedule. The first class in January will be January 11th

Suggestions for Church Events

The pandemic has taken its toll on everyone! To rise above and keep our parish vibrant and growing, we are looking for suggestions as to what kind of events our parishioners would like to participate in. Maybe It's a movie night, a book group, or a pizza night sitting outside by a bonfire? Let us get creative and work together to strengthen our parish community! Send your ideas to terrynummelin@gmail.com or text me at 774-239-0803. You can also place your great ideas in the suggestion basket at the front entrance.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS

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 ©LPi

The 10a.m. Sunday Mass can be watched on Paxton Cable Channel 192 on Sunday and Monday at 4p.m., 6p.m. and 8p.m.

1/02/2022

Weekly Offertory Collection

Our parish budget requires \$4,000 weekly to meet our expenses. For the week of December 13th through December 19th received \$4693 through the Church Collection plus \$246 through Online Giving for a total of \$4939. Thank you for your continued and generous support of our parish.

Online Giving - If you wish to make a weekly direct deposit to the parish, please refer to the instructions on the parish website listed under the "DONATE" tab at www.stcolumbapax.org.

Delay or School Cancellation

When there is delay or no school in the Wachusett District, there will be no morning mass.

The Rosary is said every Saturday at 9a.m. in the Church. All are welcome.

The Haitian Sewing Ministry



The last sewing session for the 2021 year was Nov. 17. We resume meeting this week on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who work diligently on behalf of the Haitian children. Marianne Girouard

Office for Healing and Prevention of Abuse

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing.

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact the Victim Services Coordinator for our diocese, Judith Audette at 508-929-4363; confidential line 508-726-2880 or by email: jaudette@worcesterdiocese.org.

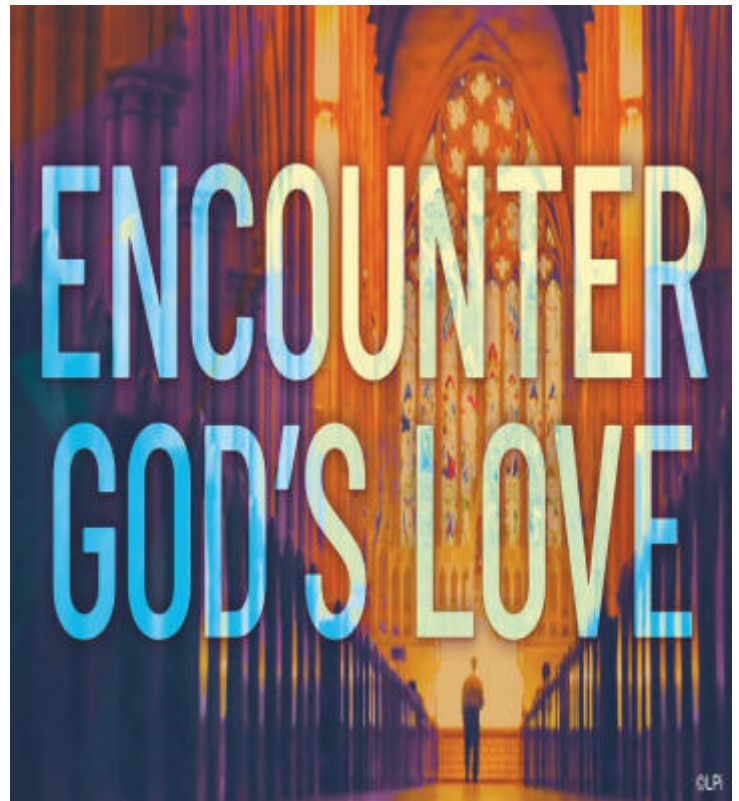
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Hope for Housing Food Card Sale

Food cards to benefit the Hope for Housing Program sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition To Prevent Family Homelessness will be available this weekend, January 1st and 2nd after all the Masses at the front entrance to the Church. Thank you to all who volunteer and support this program.

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

It's time. Time to learn more about your Faith. It's time to experience what our religion can do for you. Jesus is waiting for you, personally. Cursillo weekends are a wonderful, fun way to give you a start on this journey. Two weekends are coming up for early 2022. A **Women's Weekend February 3-6;** and a **Men's Weekend March 17-20.** Visit www.fourthday.org and download an application today or call Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909 for more information. You will be so very glad you did!



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