

January 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saint Mary Catholic Parish



*They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life,
to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Acts 2:42*

OUR *Vision*

St. Mary's is a parish that welcomes, lives and inspires faith, and serves others.

ALL ARE *Welcome*

If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly. If you are in need of forgiveness, **Jesus forgives and loves you unconditionally, and so do we.** If you have been hurt by the Church, **we are truly sorry.** If you are angry, **Jesus offers you peace.** If life has become burdensome, **we are here to support you.** We are happy you are here and want you to stay. **Come visit us each week and worship God with us!**

St. Mary Catholic Parish

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Liturgies and Sacraments

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday through Thursday: 8AM

Rosary: 7:30AM

Vigil: Saturday at 4PM

Sunday Masses: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday: 3PM-4PM

Wednesday: 6PM-7PM

Adoration

Sunday: 3PM-4PM

Wednesday: 6PM-7PM

First Fridays Devotion

Mass: 8AM

Eucharistic Adoration: 8:30AM to 5PM

Benediction: 5PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday afternoons.

Please visit our website to complete the initial form or contact Deacon Frank.

Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations! Couples contemplating marriage must contact Fr. David one year in advance for proper preparation.

Communion to the Homebound

Please notify the rectory of any parishioner who is unable to attend Mass due to illness, disability or age.

Stay Connected!

We are not just Sunday Mass! We are pleased to be able to provide ways for you to keep informed and connected, and grow in your faith throughout the week.



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Our St. Mary's app is available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy to access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more. Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Mary's and better engage the New Evangelization. Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish.



We have transitioned from Flocknote to Evangelus. If you had a Flocknote account, you're all set! We transferred your information over. Otherwise please visit eva.us/Dartmouth to sign up and stay connected!

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(Lunch 12PM-1PM)



Mass Intentions



Weekly Readings

Saturday, January 1, 2022 Happy New Year!	10AM 4PM	For the People Ernest Sylvia
Sunday, January 2	8AM	25th Anniversary Muriel Rolnick
	10AM <i>Parish Memorial</i>	Maria C. Borges Mary Reiniche Barbara DiTata Ralph E. Vierra Tavares Joyce L. Mello
	12PM	Jean Quinn
	5PM	For the People
Monday, January 3	8AM	John Brian Degnan
Tuesday, January 4	8AM	Marlene Harper
Wednesday, January 5	8AM	Avrelia Dessert
Thursday, January 6	8AM	Zaida dos Silva
Friday, January 7	8AM	For Those Discerning a Vocation to Priesthood or Religious Life
Saturday, January 8	4PM	Jorge and Pedro Nunes
Sunday, January 9	8AM	Nathan Frates and Brooke Hennessy
	10AM	Manuel and Elvira Almeida and Maria Jose Soares
	12PM	For the People
	5PM	Rebeo Manuel Mello

Readings for the week of January 2, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

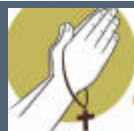
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/
Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/
Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/
Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:
1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/
Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts
10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is
40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25,
27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Joyce L. Mello
Ralph E. Vierra Tavares
Barbara DiTata
Mary Reiniche
Maria C. Borges
John R. Ventura

Dolores Macedo
Everett Sylvia
Raymond Oswald
Charles Jacintho
Jack Wayne Pereira
Antonio Vassal
Dr. Antonio Fernandes, Jr.
Michael Luce
James Severino
David Raposo

Antone Gomes, Jr.
Leonard Amaral
Ernest Severino, Jr.
Edna Perry
Beverly Medeiros
Serafim Correia
Joyce I. Walecka
And all our Service Men &
Women, as well as those
affected by COVID-19.



If you would like to have
someone prayed for please call
the Parish Office, submit on our
website, or email
prayer@stmarysdartmouth.org

Starting in January!



Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about what is happening in local parishes. He and the bishops would like to know what individuals think we should all be doing to help make our parishes better. The way he has proposed doing this is a synodal process. Synod means 'journeying together' and it involves listening to the Holy Spirit and to each other in order to discern the path we are called to walk together.

The synod is 'intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission.'* (*Process for Facilitating Synodal Consultations-Leadership Roundtable*)

**Synod Handbook*

According to the International Theological Commission in 'Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church' no. 6, synodality is 'the specific *modus vivendi et operandi* (way of living and operating) of the Church, the People of God, which reveals and gives substance to her being as communion when all her members journey together, gather in assembly and take an active part in her evangelizing mission.' The idea of synods is not something new; synods emerged from the early Church and the 2021-2023 synod process is not simply 'another program' or a 'new initiative'. Therefore, 'having a synod' is just part of synodality. Synodality is a way of being Church, not just an event or program. (*Process for Facilitating Synodal Consultations-Leadership Roundtable*)

Prayer Resources

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops www.usccb.org You can find the readings for Mass, and a digital copy of the Scriptures.

Magis Center www.magiscenter.com Organization headed up by Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ. Fr. Spitzer is the former President of Gonzaga University. A great resource for the use of science and philosophy in coming to know about God and growing in faith.

St. Paul Center <https://stpaulcenter.com> A website set up by Scripture Scholar, Dr. Scott Hahn. Great resource with some audio bible studies.

<https://stmarysdartmouth.blogspot.com>: A blog set up by Fr. David.

Formed (Can be accessed at stmarysdartmouth.formed.org) Catholic movies, study programs, audio and e-books.

MyParish App. Various resources to help you grow spiritually, as well as news and updates from the Parish. Download the MyParish App from the Apple Store or Google Play.



The Social Concerns Ministry continues to be blessed with humble and generous donations of our parish family. At Christmas we were fortunate to distribute \$60 Target gift cards to 132 families needing a little extra assistance. We also provided extra cards for larger families, grocery gift cards and gift bags for 100 children.

Our contacts at the elementary schools have expressed their appreciation:

Wow thank you! We are so grateful for all the support you offer to our families! Thanks for all you do!

Thank you so much for helping us shine a little light on the holiday season for our families. We are so very grateful.

Thank you so much! One of your elves delivered the gift cards and the cute little bags. The families here are very appreciative of all you do for them. Thank you again!

Thank you so much for everything!!! We appreciate all the donations so much. Our families are going to be so happy and grateful.



AROUND THE PARISH

Open Arms Reception

The Open Arms Reception scheduled for January 9, 2022 has been postponed. The rescheduled date will be announced later in January.

New Hours for Parish Office

Beginning this week, January 2, the Parish Office Hours will be Monday through Thursday, 9AM to 5PM (closed from 12PM-1PM) and after weekend Masses in the Welcome Center.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Gloria who has been promoted to Director of Member Care. In this role, Gloria will oversee our efforts in our outreach and care of our parishioners. Among her duties includes coordinating our pastoral care to our homebound, welcoming new parishioners, assisting those looking to baptize their children or get married, and overseeing our Welcome Center and Parish Center reception. She will serve on the Parish Leadership Team and help develop strategies and efforts to help us better live out our Parish Mission.

First Friday

Friday, January 7, Morning Mass: 8AM, Adoration: 8:30AM to 5PM, Benediction: 5PM

SYNOD NOTEBOOK: "The Synod seeks to listen to the Word of God above all and also to one another in order to guide the effectiveness of our pastoral initiatives and efforts. It is a beautiful concept, but it takes time to grasp. I think we are at the beginning of a very beautiful journey together."
Bishop Steven Raica, Alabama

Glory to God in the Highest

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father
almighty, maker of heaven
and earth, of all things visible
and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all
ages. God from God, Light
from Light, true God from
true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were
made. For us men and for our
salvation he came down from
heaven, and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death
and was buried, and rose again
on the third day in accordance
with the Scriptures. He ascended
into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will
come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead and his
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the
Son is adored and glorified, who
has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of
sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the
life of the world to come. Amen

The Epiphany of the Lord Lectionary: 20

Reading I: Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

R. (cf. 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Reading II: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me

for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.

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.

Alleluia: Mt 2:2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *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.*"

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Music for the Weekend of January 2, 2022

Gathering

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star
We three kings, we three kings

Oh, star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light
We three kings, we three kings
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign

Preparation

The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

Eucharist

Helpless and hungry, lowly afraid
Wrapped in the chill of mid-winter
Comes now among us
Born into poverty's embrace, new life for the
world
Who is this who lives with the lowly
Sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger?
This is Christ, revealed to the world
In the eyes of a child, a child of the poor

Sending Forth

Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room

And Heaven and nature sing
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And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing

5pm Praise and Worship

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(Continued)

5PM Praise and Worship (Continued)

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Saint of the Week

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.



After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint." ©LPi

Catechism References Solemnity of the Epiphany

CCC 528, 724: the Epiphany
CCC 280, 529, 748, 1165, 2466, 2715: Christ the light of the nations?
CCC 60, 442, 674, 755, 767, 774-776, 781, 831: the Church, sacrament of human unity

Stewardship of Treasure

We are blessed to have thoughtful, generous parishioners who support the good works of our faith community with time, talent, and treasure.

Regular Collection for Dec. 19:	\$5,712.45
Egiving; Dec. 13 to Dec. 19:	\$ 1,476.50
Religious Retired Fund:	\$411.00
Christmas Memorial (to date):	\$3,984.00
Annual (to date):	\$42,160.00

Thank you for your spiritual and financial commitment to our parish!

EGiving

Visit our website to enroll, or consider Text Giving. Simply type GIVE to 1 508-257-7449 or scan the QR Code with a QR App or your camera app, to start the registration process. Then simply type GIVE and the amount!



The Sanctuary Candle
burns the week of
January 2—January 8
in memory of
Maria Amaro & Jose Medeiros.

Please remember
Maria and Jose
in your prayers.



Sunday, Jan 02, 2022 SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD The sanctity of home "Home is where the heart is" is an ancient proverb. Many

folks find their deepest level of satisfaction and fulfillment in family life. But home is also where the hearth is: the place to which we come in from the cold to restore ourselves, where we put up our feet, sigh, and relax. Our homes are sacred to us; why not commend them to God? On Epiphany, we're invited to gather with our loved ones to bless the door, walls, and table of our dwelling. Compose your own blessing together or visit the USCCB's Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany for the rite of home blessing. TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20)*. "The star they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."

Monday, Jan 03, 2022 MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS Initial reflections

Do you have anything monogrammed with your initials, perhaps towels or clothing? While monogramming is decorative, it also marks your belongings as yours. Jesus has a monogram too: "IHS," which stands for the first three letters of the Greek spelling of the name of Jesus. Later the monogram was associated with the Latin phrase *Iesus Hominum Salvator* (Jesus Humankind's Savior). There is power in the very name of Jesus and so Catholics venerate it. Perhaps you've seen this monogram on altars or vestments. Jesuits use the IHS monogram as the emblem of their society. You can bear his monogram too—by calling on his name and showing to the world that you belong to him. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 (212)*. "And great crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan followed him."

Tuesday, Jan 04, 2022 MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS Fed by the bread of life

Raised Episcopalian, Elizabeth Ann Seton knew about Jesus multiplying loaves. On Sundays, she was a devout communicant at historic Trinity Church on Wall Street. But it wasn't until Elizabeth went to Italy with her children and husband in 1803, attending Mass with Catholic friends, that she was drawn to the Real Presence in the Eucharist. "How happy would we be, if we believed what these dear souls believe," she wrote, "that they possess God in the sacrament, and that He remains in their churches and is carried to them when they are sick!" In honor of Mother Seton, the first U.S.-born saint, resolve to receive Communion more often this year. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 (213)*. "He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people."

Wednesday, Jan 05, 2022 MEMORIAL OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP Get to know your neighbors

Today we celebrate the feast of Saint John Neuman, the first Redemptorist priest ordained in the United States and the first male U.S. citizen named a saint. Neumann, who emigrated to the United States from Bohemia as a young man desirous of being a missionary, is

revered for his tireless work among immigrants in the Northeast. He had a talent for understanding people and knowing what would bring them peace and comfort. Seek to emulate this holy man, who one of his fellow bishops observed, "had a solution for every question posed," and an "unruffled composure, which betokened deep humility and perfect self-control. I always regarded him as a saint." TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 (214)*. "If we love one another, God remains in us, and [God's] love is brought to perfection in us."

Thursday, Jan 06, 2022 MEMORIAL OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS The comeback kid of Québec

Saint André Bessette's remarkable life began when he was born into poverty in 1845. Orphaned by age 12, considered a failure in school, he practiced unskilled trades until his pastor encouraged him to join the Congregation of the Holy Cross. The congregation reluctantly admitted him, concerned about his frail health. Brother André defied expectations, living to age 91 and becoming famous throughout Québec for the many healings people experienced after visiting him in his role as a humble doorkeeper. Why not ask Brother André for his intercession, be it for mental, spiritual, relational, or physical healing? TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22 (215)*. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

Friday, Jan 07, 2022 MEMORIAL OF RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST Make straight your path

Through its long history, the church has been careful to make a distinction between the canons, or rules, of the church and the laws of the state. The canons, from the Greek *kanon* for "straight," were meant to guide Catholics toward the mission of the church—to keep them on the straight and narrow of faith, so to speak. There are 1,752 canons, many that pertain to all of us. For example, Canon 210: "All the Christian faithful must direct their efforts to lead a holy life and to promote the growth of the church and its continual sanctification, according to their own condition." In honor of the patron saint of canon lawyers, Saint Raymond of Peñafort, do your best to follow the rules of the church and give witness to God's saving love. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 (216)*. "God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

Saturday, Jan 08, 2022 SATURDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Increasing Christ

Tomorrow, the Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. The days, dates, and seasons of the church's liturgical calendar focus the whole People of God on the same celebrations. During Advent we prepare. In Christmas we welcome. Lent is a time of reflection and repentance. Easter is new life. In Ordinary Time we celebrate the ongoing effects of God's grace. So when "Silent Night" or "We Three Kings" is sung throughout the world, the air fills with the grace generated by God in our hearts. Sing a Christmas hymn today and know that the stars are singing with you. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 (217)*. "He must increase; I must decrease." ©2021

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