

Saint Aidan ☩ Saint Patrick Parish

January 10, 2021



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 9

4:00 PM - Edmund Zabinski by family

Sunday, January 10

9:00 AM - Rev. Harold J. Flynn

11:00 AM - Jacques Pare by mother and father

Monday, January 11

8:00 AM - Thomas D. Mefford Sr. (3rd anniversary) by family

Tuesday, January 12

8:00 AM—All members of St. Aidan—St. Patrick

Wednesday, January 13

8:00 AM— Thomas Parrillo (anniversary) by family

Thursday, January 14

8:00 AM - St. Aidan—St. Patrick community

Friday, January 15

8:00 AM - Rev. Deacon Thomas J. Lennon

Saturday, January 16

4:00 PM - All souls in our parish cemeteries

Sunday, January 17

9:00 AM - Marc E. Plante

11:00 AM - Sarah Stefanik by husband and family

Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35—42
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

INCOME REPORT DECEMBER 2020

Weekly Offering:	\$ 6,582
Parish Outreach:	\$ 463
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 478
Christmas:	\$ 803

Christmas Donations

In spite of the challenging times this year, the generous parishioners of St. Aidan-St. Patrick Parish provided gifts and gift cards to 20 area families along with the many families serviced by Project Hope/ Proyecto Esperanza and St. Gabriel's Call. Once again we have come together through the Giving Tree project to help brightened the lives of our less fortunate neighbors. Thank you to everyone who participated.



New Chalice?

Several people have commented on the chalice that was used for the Masses on Christmas Day and wondered if it was newly donated or purchased. Actually, the chalice was recently refinished but it actually dates back to 1908. The chalice was presented to Rev. Thomas Fitzpatrick by the Bristol Council Knights of Columbus (No. 379) on the occasion of Fr. Fitzpatrick's reassignment from the pastorate of St. Mary of the Bay in Warren to the parish of St. Patrick in Cumberland. Father Fitzpatrick was the sixth pastor of St. Patrick and served from 1908 to 1945—the longest serving of St. Patrick's twelve pastors. His chalice is one of the oldest chalices of St. Patrick parish and is a tangible part of our history. We can never forget, that while St. Aidan parish was established in 1962, for 101 years before the area encompassing St. Aidan Parish was all part of St. Patrick parish. We all share in this history of the priests and people of both parishes that have brought us to this point. Therefore, as a precious part of our history, we will continue to use this chalice for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and for other solemn feasts of the Liturgical Year.



Pastor's Column

A note from our Pastoral Coordinator, Moira McCarty...

This past Sunday, I hit a big milestone...I celebrated my 25th birthday. So not surprisingly while I was in mass, I found myself reflecting on the milestones of the infant Jesus. Last Sunday was the Epiphany of the Lord, the feast day where we celebrate the magi coming to Christ and presenting him with gifts of frankincense, gold, and myrrh. This day was an important milestone for Christ, it recognizes Him as the Messiah, the king, the one we have been waiting for.

What is a milestone? It's a monumental moment in our lives that shape or change us. They tend to be big moments in our lives like birthdays, graduations, or a job change. In the childhood of Christ, we see Him experience these earthly milestones. December 25 is His birthday. The Epiphany of the Lord is also an important milestone, where Christ is introduced to the world as the Messiah. Jesus is presented to the high priest in the temple, shortly after His birthday. Later on in His life, we will see Christ found in the temple at the age of 12 with the high priests, growing in wisdom.

As an adult, Christ experiences milestones as well. At the start of His ministry, Jesus goes to John the Baptist, who was baptizing people in the Jordan River and asks John to be baptized. This baptism of the Lord is one milestone that was entirely unnecessary for Christ. When we receive our baptism, it is because of the original sin of Adam and Eve. During the sacrament, we receive God's grace to wash away original sin and enter the Church. For Christ, being both human and divine, original sin was nonexistent, meaning that His baptism was simply an act of love, in solidarity with His creation.

Christ's encounter with the human experience, through these milestones, is a reminder of the beautiful solidarity God has with His creation. God chooses to save the world through Christ coming to the world in human form. This human form also takes shape in infancy, one of the most vulnerable parts of the human experience. Christ encounters the human experience that we would, and completes the human experience from life to death. As an infant, He learns to walk and talk, as a child He grows and learns, He is taught by Mary and Joseph how to be a faithful Jew. This act of solidarity with engaging with the full human experience is a beautiful act of love, for our God has encountered everything part of the human experience that we have.

As we continue throughout the liturgical year, think about the human experience of Christ and the unconditional love and solidarity that God has for us through this choice of incarnation. How beautiful it is to be loved by God who chooses to be present with His creation throughout time, always.

MASSES OF CRISTIAN BURIAL

*ERNEST A. GIROUARD
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God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open the gates of everlasting life to those who believe.

When God Whispers

“You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine.”

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person. The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening. Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Our office is here to support you. Please don't hesitate to call our office at 401.333.5897 or email our office at office@aidan-patrick.org during this difficult time.

Make sure to check out our Facebook page St. Aidan—St. Patrick Church, as well as our YouTube channel, St. Aidan—St. Patrick Parish, Cumberland for our live streamed masses.

Faith Formation Corner

Faith Formation classes will remain virtual until further notice. Please check your emails for important updates from your child's catechist.

There is still time to register! Please call our office at 401-333-5897 or email faithformation@aidan-patrick.org for more information.





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Liturgical Schedule

Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00AM (livestream only), 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 8:00 AM (Monday - Friday)

Holy Days: 8:00 AM, 6:00 PM



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