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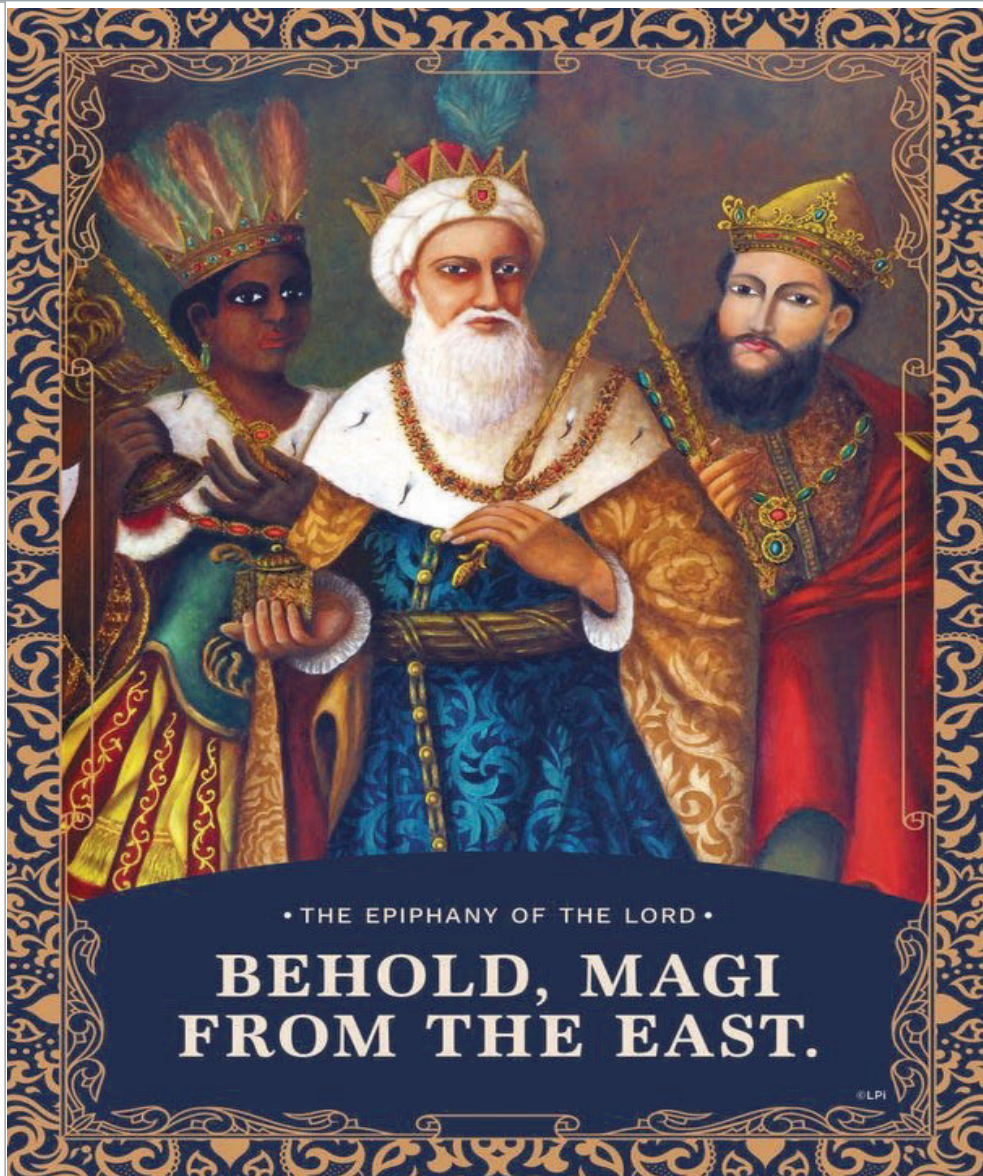
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WELCOME ~ January 5, 2025

Saturday 4PM ~ Holy Name

Sunday 7:30AM & 10AM ~ Holy Name

Sunday 9:00AM ~ St. Francis

Sunday 11:30AM ~ St. Lawrence

Monday - Thursday 8AM ~ Holy Name

Reconciliation ~ 3:15PM Saturday ~ Holy Name

**MASS
SCHEDULE**

HOLY NAME OF THE SACRED HEART

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FINANCIAL REPORT HOLY NAME

1st collection 12/21 & 12/22 \$3260
 maintenance \$1251

online giving 1st collection \$ 450
 online giving maintenance \$ 150

Thank You!

second collection next week:
 maintenance



MASS COUNTS

Sat 12/21 HNSHJ 4:00PM 210
 Sun 12/22 HNSHJ 7:30AM 120
 Sun 12/22 SF 9:00AM 55
 Sun. 12/22 HNSHJ 10:00AM 195
 Sun 12/55 SL 11:30AM 135

TOTAL 715

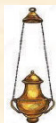
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Saturday, January 4	4:00PM	<i>Therese Santos</i>
Sunday, January 5	7:30AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, January 5	10:00AM	<i>Robert Whyte - 4 year anniversary</i> <i>Lucille Violette - 5 year anniversary</i>
Monday, January 6	8:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Tuesday, January 7	8:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Wednesday, January 8	9:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Thursday, January 9	8:00AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Saturday, January 11	4:00PM	<i>Therese Santos</i> <i>David Novo - 4 year anniversary</i> <i>Eugenia Novoa - birthday remembrance</i> <i>August Richter - anniversary remembrance</i>
Sunday, January 12	7:30AM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, January 12	10:00AM	<i>Jessica Lynn Hicks - 4 year anniversary</i>

HOLY NAME SHJ	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
Sat. 1/4 4:00PM	Sue LeBouef	Lou Robillard Mariette Rose Kathi McKenna	Aaron Elderkin Angelina Lugo
Sun. 1/5 7:30AM	Ralph Tripp	Donna Michaud Anne Kelley Jennett	
Sun. 1/5 10:00AM	Colleen Gordon	Michael McCormack Cheryl McCormack	Jonathan Gonsalves Myra McNeilly
Sat. 1/11 4:00PM	Greg Centeio	Donald Buckley Cathy Novo Kathi McKenna	Aaron Elderkin Angelina Lugo
Sun. 1/12 7:30AM	Jack Markey	Carol Oliver Ted Machado	
Sun. 1/12 10:00AM	Jeanine Sasseville	Ann Pryzstarz Simon Rive	Jonathan Gonsalves Myra McNeilly

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 in loving memory of
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 Demoranville family*



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. — Mt 2:10-11

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

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Kara McEachern

Music Director

Diana Henry

Organist



FINANCIAL REPORT ST FRANCIS

1st collection 12/21 & 12/22 \$385
maintenance \$161

online giving 1st collection \$ 50
online giving maintenance \$ 30

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Mary Bellotti

1 year anniversary

Robert Houtman

2 year anniversary



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Saturday, January 11	4:30PM	for our parish family
Sunday, January 12	9:00AM	for our parish family

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
Sun. 1/ 5 9:00AM	Edith Ventura	Mary Neves	Molly McEachern
Sun. 1/12 9:00AM	Claire Silva	Jim Ventura	Molly McEachern

TROOPS 24 WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THEIR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT WITH THEIR WREATH FUNDRAISER. WE SOLD OUT EARLY -IF OUR WREATHS WERE GONE WHEN YOU WENT TO BUY, PLEASE CONSIDER GUARANTEEING YOUR WREATH NEXT YEAR WITH A SIGN UP AT THE OCTOBER HARVEST BAZAAR. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Ward 3 Announcement- HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

The Ward 3 Neighborhood Association Meeting will be held from **6:30 pm - 7:30pm** on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Guest speaker is pending. Hope to see you. -George Ferreira, Coordinator

Wedding Anniversary Mass

You are cordially invited to renew your wedding vows with Most Rev. Edgar M. daCunha

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, February 9, 2025 at 3PM

The Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption 327 2nd Street, Fall River



Everyday Stewardship

"The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke was first published in 1895. It tells the fictional story of Artaban, a fourth wise man who began a journey to visit Jesus, the newborn King. Unlike his fellow Magi, he failed to make it there for the birth of Jesus because he kept pausing to help various people in need. In fact, it took him about 33 years of searching before his quest comes to an abrupt end when he is hit in the head with a falling roof shingle. His final breath takes place in Jerusalem near the place where Jesus is being crucified. As he lies dying, he hears the voice of Jesus telling him that the gifts he has given all along the way to "the least of these" he has actually given to Jesus himself.

If you have never read this story or seen the made-for-television movie based on the tale, you really should seek it out. It is a story that reminds us of a profound truth: Jesus himself rests in the lives of all those around us in need. In the story, it was the wise man's constant response to a stewardship call that prevented him from getting where he wanted to go. In the end, where he needed to go was more significant than where he thought he should go.

If we live lives of generosity and graciousness, we may find ourselves on constant detours from the road on which we are traveling. It is in the detours and the unexpected circumstances of our journey that often times we find our true purpose in life. We think God is somewhere we must travel to, when in reality, God is closer than we think in the least likely of places.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR

Jackie Shidell Bookkeeper
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Fran Gorman Music Director



FINANCIAL REPORT ST LAWRENCE

1st collection 12/21 & 12/22 \$ 3716
 maintenance \$ 488

online giving 1st collection \$ 50
 online giving maintenance \$ 105

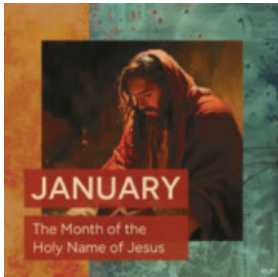
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January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord Matthew 2:1-12

Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



Saturday, January 4	4:00PM	<i>for our parish family</i>
Sunday, January 5	11:30AM	<i>Franklin, Katherine & Paul Whitehead Mark Touhey</i>
Saturday, January 11	4:00PM	<i>Christian Rivera - 11 month anniversary</i>
Sunday, January 12	11:30AM	<i>Christopher Sullivan</i>

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
Sun. 1/5	Leo Choquette	Wayne Gaboriault Linda Gaboriault	Jane Byrnes Raelynne Donnelly Elizabeth Frasier Daniella Mendoza
Sun. 1/12	Isabel Andrade	Matthew Nowick Zayre Andrade	Edmaura Cardoza Mauro Teixeira Maura Teixeira Imryx Andrade

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Food Pantry News

Thank you for your support of our Food Pantry! We were able to give over 150 needy families a lot of food before Christmas. We even had a friend, Anne, give us a large amount of new toys that we gave out to families with children! Each family received one toy for each child. They were all so thankful!

We will begin immediately collecting cans of soup for our SOUP-A-BOWL Sunday, Feb. 9th. Lets see how many cans we can collect this year to help keep our families warm over the winter months. Also, we ALWAYS need children's cereals!

To volunteer call Kathy Boucher at 508 991-1042. Thank you, again!!

Are you thinking of buying flowers this month? Then please go to Stop & Shop in Fairhaven, 221 Huttleston Ave., and purchase a specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet. During the month of January our Food Pantry will receive \$1.00 for EACH specially marked Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold! Head over now!! Thank you!

The Food Pantry will be open on

Friday, January 17 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

located in the basement of the rectory 110 Summer St.

Park in St Lawrence Church parking lot.

If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one. ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

Just a reminder, our Savers Fundraiser drop-off day will be on Saturday, April 26th 9 a.m. to 12 noon at St. Lawrence Church parking lot. Begin saving clothes, bedding, small appliances, housewares and books. Thank you for contributing to our Collaborative Fundraiser.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD^{©LPI}



ADORATION

Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Thursday January 9 ~ 12PM — 3:00PM

WORSHIP~DEVOTION~SACRED~REVERENCE~PRAISE~HONOR~SPIRITUAL
PRAY FOR SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS, FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS AND ORDINATIONS
AND FOR ALL THE UNNAMED INTENTIONS OF OUR COOPERATIVE.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on the **second Thursday of each month** from 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM concluding with Benediction. Please use the door by the rectory on the north side of the church to enter or leave, and the back door for handicapped. If there is a funeral, the Blessed Sacrament will be placed on the St. Joseph Altar.

THANK YOU to the many who selflessly gave of their time, talent and treasures for this year's giving tree. Various agencies throughout our community were assisted and for that they are entirely grateful. Over 1,150 items were collected. Well done! May God continue to bless you abundantly!

David Keighley, Katherine Sullivan, Corrine Lebeau, Joey Kowal, Mary-Lyn Riding, Peter McCoy, Vivian Moniz, Joann Pieknik, Gabriella Rivas, Maria Ferreira, Micele Michaud, Augusta Fernandes, Maureen Stewart, Peter Debarros, Kathy Amaral, Tom Soucy, Cliff Soucy, Joel Rivera, Joyce Baptista, The Sena Family, Maria Raposo, Terry Ouellette, The McCain Family, Carla DeMello & Paula Perreira, Henry T. Murphy Jr., Gene Rymszewicz, Rose Fournier



WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

January 5 All Bishops
January 6 Rev. Richard Roy
January 7 Rev. Stephen Salvador
January 8 Rev. Peter Scheffer
January 9 Rev. Jack Schrador
January 10 Rev. Joseph Viveiros
January 11 Rev. Christopher Stanibula



Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them, into likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kathleen Gioiosa who passed away December 22 and whose funeral was celebrated at Holy Name on January 3
We extend our sympathy and prayers to their families. May they share the promise of Eternal Life.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen





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