

# Our Lady of Peace Church

*"Let the Church always be a place of MERCY and HOPE,  
where EVERYONE is WELCOMED, LOVED and FORGIVEN." ~Pope Francis*



## Parish Staff

Rev. Stanley Aksamit **Pastor**  
Rev. Galadima Goni **In residence**  
Joseph Bucci **Deacon**  
Marguerite Noga **Pastoral Minister**  
Carol Holubecki **Religious Education**  
Marcia Caloon **Office Manager**  
Dottie Pelis **Financial Manager**  
Elizabeth Hallett **Cemeteries**  
Marie Putala **Hall Manager**  
Bernie Chartier **Custodian**  
Sharon Broughan **Senior Choir**  
Joseph Zadroga **Modern Ensemble**

## Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 4:00P

Rosary at 3:15P

Sunday 8:00A & 10:00A

Daily Mass 8:00A

Monday-Thursday

Rosary at 7:30A

Holy Communion Service

Friday 8:00A

Holy Days Vigil 6:00P

Holy Day 8:00A

Confession

Every Saturday 3:15P

or by appointment

## Rectory Office Information

Office hours: Monday-Thursday

8:30A-12:00P

Closed on Friday

Phone: 413 863.2585

Website: [www.ourladyofpeacetf.org](http://www.ourladyofpeacetf.org)

Email: [church@ourladyofpeacetf.com](mailto:church@ourladyofpeacetf.com)

**90 Seventh Street**

**Turners Falls, MA 01376**

## Organizations

Community Meals Program

Our Lady of Peace Women's Group

Altar Society

Montague Catholic Social Ministries

## Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish of Our Lady of Peace, are descendants of various ethnic orientations and proud traditions. We are a Catholic community united in keeping our faith alive and growing. We nurture this faith by being committed to the Eucharist, prayer, family, social justice, education and service. We hope enthusiastically to reflect the life of Jesus by following His teachings of love and peace, by living the gospel values. May we seek always to be inclusive of all, and strive to become a community of diminishing strangers.



My dear friends,

## Epiphany: hope for the entire world

This weekend we are celebrating one of the highlights of the Christmas Season, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word *epiphany* has to do with a manifestation, a showing forth, an insight that enables us to see reality in a new way. This is the feast of the magi, mysterious figures from the East, who travel in search of the newborn king, guided by a star. Because the magi bring gifts, in many cultures this is the traditional day for exchanging gifts. *These particular gifts* have a highly symbolic meaning: **gold** is a gift for a king; **frankincense** is associated with a priest; and **myrrh**, an embalming oil is associated with sacrifice, in this case the future sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

A very straightforward understanding of the new epiphany or insight is given by Paul in our second reading, Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6. Paul writes: “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.”

Up until this point, salvation history was basically the story of one chosen people, the Hebrew people—the people of the first Covenant (what we call the Old Testament). The visit of the magi symbolically points to the mystery made explicit by Paul. Salvation is now universal, offered to all the people of the world. This beautiful insight is celebrated in the refrain of our Responsorial Psalm: “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.” Consider the universality of the verses, taken from Psalm seventy-two: “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. 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. 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 on the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.”

Psalm seventy-two thus offers a world-wide expansion of the way in which God operates. The first people to be especially chosen were the ancestors of the Israelites, the Hebrew people who were slaves in Egypt, forced to work on the various building projects of the Pharaoh. When they cried out because of their servitude and lack of justice, God heard their pleas, freed them, and gave them a land, and an identity of their own. Before, they had been people without official status, without dignity or a real identity. Now they were God’s people, chosen to live according to God’s wisdom and commandments. Now, with the coming of Jesus Christ, salvation is being offered to those who, up until that point, had been considered outsiders, foreigners, and certainly in no way the equals of the chosen people of Israel. Now, the Gentiles are “coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 3).

The Gospel passage that presents the narrative of the visit of the magi shows how the plan of God is carried out, despite the forces arrayed against it. From the start of the passage we have a **political context**: all these events happened “in the days of King Herod.” Herod, in spite of the trappings of power, is presented as weak and insecure. When the magi ask of the whereabouts of the newborn king of the Jews, King Herod “was greatly troubled and all Jerusalem with him.” Herod presents himself as innocent, and even religious, telling the magi, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.” We know in the end that Herod, much like the ancient Pharaohs of Egypt, will not stand by when his power is threatened, for he will order the massacre of the innocent children of Bethlehem, two years of age and under. The magi, for their part, are warned in a dream not to return to Herod, and so they “departed for their country by another way.”

As further proof of God’s ultimate control, our first reading, Isaiah 60:1-6, serves as a beautiful background for the Epiphany, as Isaiah looks forward to the day when God’s salvation will indeed be universal. “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.”

Once again, we offer the beautiful Polish custom of the blessing of our homes in honor of the magi. Above a central door of your home, use the blessed chalk to inscribe the current year and the initials of the traditional names of the three kings:

**20 + K + M + B + 22**

Along with the New Year, we honor Kaspar, Melchior and Balthazar.



**Saturday, January 1-Rosary at 3:15P**

10:00A *Our Parishioners & our Parish birthday*  
4:00P *Carolyn Prunier*  
by Paul

**Sunday, January 2**

8:00A *Anna Kawecki*  
by John & Sue Davis/McCarthy Funeral Home  
10:00A *Pam Deery*  
by Marie Putala

**Saturday, January 8-Rosary at 3:15P**

4:00P *Genevieve "Jean" Galvis 43rd anniversary*  
by Jackie & Mark

**Sunday, January 9**

8:00A *William Dixon*  
by Jack & Sue Davis  
10:00A *Bob Casey*  
by Joanne Casey

**DAILY MASS**

**Monday, January 3**

8:00A *No Mass*

**Tuesday, January 4**

8:00A *No Mass*

**Wednesday, January 5**

8:00A *Our Parishioners living & deceased*

**Thursday, January 6**

8:00A *No Intention*

**Friday, January 7**

8:00A *Holy Communion Service*

**A HAPPY & HEALTHY 2022 TO ALL!**

***Our Lady's Window***

*Genevieve "Jean" Galvis*  
43rd anniversary  
by Jackie & Mark



**Please remember in your prayers all who have died.**

Annetta Aldrich  
Henry Deso

Helen Dion  
Alberta Riel

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**  
Amounts not available at press time



**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM** at MCSM is in need of snacks over the winter months. The kids appreciate a snack after a long school day and they rely on your generosity!



Wreaths and bright bows adorn the church for Christmas.

RCIA will resume on Sunday, **January 9** at 9:00A in the rectory.



Rehearsing for the Nativity pageant.



Children and adults are amazed by the magician's tricks!



CARS • SUV'S  
& TRUCKS

You get a good deal every  
day at Dillon Chevrolet.

**DILLON**

54 Main Street, Greenfield  
773-3678  
www.dillonchevrolet.com

**Our Lady of Peace**



"With Love and Prayers  
for our Parish"

**Gilmore & Farrell**

Insurance Agency, Inc.  
525 Bernardston Road  
Greenfield, MA 01301  
413.773.3686  
www.gilmoreandfarrell.com



**Timothy Farrell**  
President

Cell: 413.433.7170

tfarrell@gilmoreandfarrell.com



**McCarty**  
FUNERAL HOME

John C. Davis, Owner/Director  
Greenfield • Turners Falls

(413) 774-4808

www.mccartyfuneralhomes.com

**Farren  
Care Center**

340 Montague City Road  
Turners Falls, MA 01376

413-774-3111



Trinity Health  
Senior Communities

trinityhealthseniorcommunities.org/farren-care-center



*Snow and Sons*  
Landscaping

A complete line of quality  
services for your home  
or business

(413) 774-2604

info@snowandsons.com

www.snowandsons.com



FUEL OIL  
KEROSENE  
PROPANE  
WOOD PELLETS  
GAS & DIESEL  
PLUMBING  
HEATING & COOLING  
SALES & SERVICE

**ONE CALL DOES IT ALL**

1.800.628.1900 | sandri.com

400 CHAPMAN ST, GREENFIELD, MA

**Kostanski  
FUNERAL HOME**

TURNERS FALLS • 863-2447  
GREENFIELD • 773-9515

A FAMILY BUSINESS SERVING THE  
AREA FOR OVER 70 YEARS

www.kostanskifuneralhome.com



Home Care  
Cleaning Services  
Yard Care

*A Variety of Services for  
Those Who Need Them Most*

4 Bowles St. Greenfield, MA 01301

Tel: 844-211-4790 ~ FAX: 802-662-2174

Email: info@gacslc.com

**BETE**

PERFORMANCE THROUGH ENGINEERING

**Fire Protection &  
Suppression Nozzles**

SINCE 1950

413-772-0846

www.bete.com | Greenfield

**AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!**

**ADVERTISE HERE NOW!**

Contact **Bill Ames** to place an ad today!  
bames@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6424

**ADT-Monitored  
Home Security**

Get 24-Hour Protection  
From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



Authorized  
Provider

SafeStreets

1-855-225-4251

**SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!**



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4lpi.com

Our Lady of Peace, Turners Falls, MA 04-0036

