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2 January 2022

SUNDAY MASS IS OFFERED AT MARY OUR QUEEN

9:00am and 11:00am

The 9:00am Sunday Mass is Live-Streamed on our Facebook Page.

The official time for the opening of the church doors on Sunday is 8:15 in the morning. Please keep this in mind for those who might show up extra early; especially during the winter months

DAILY MASS IS OFFERED AT

Immaculate Conception Church № **130 Summer Street** 7:30am & Noon *Monday* ~ *Friday* & *Saturday* 7:30am

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please call the Rectory to make arrangements and receive information concerning eligibility of godparents.

Marriage: Arrangements should be made by calling the Rectory at least six months in advance.

Reconciliation/Confession: after daily Mass, Sundays between each scheduled Mass.

Anointing of the Sick, Hospital or Home Visitation: Please call the Rectory.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00am ~ 4:00pm

Thursdays the office is closed

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

(860) 628-9679

Email: Southington.dre@gmail.com.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mary Our Queen Parish is a Roman Catholic community, founded under the patronage of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and our Queen. We strive to celebrate the liturgy with full conscious and active participation. We are especially devoted to handing the faith to our youth and to strengthening the faith-lives of our families.

We strive to offer a warm welcome to all and to reach out to the spiritual and material needs of the people of our community, our nation and the entire world.

The Parish Family of Mary Our Queen



REMINDER:

Bookings for Daily Mass Intentions are booked through St. Thomas Rectory office. please call (860) 628-4713

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 ~ Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 AM & KAREN MCCUSKER Requested by Carol & Bob Hennessey



Daily Mass is offered at the Immaculate Conception Church 130 Summer Street ~ Southington, 06489

MONDAY, JANUARY 3 ~ *Monday after Epiphany*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4 ~ - Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30 AM &MARY BUDNIK Requested by J & J Wischenbart

12:00 PM BEATA CHAUHAN (Birthday Blessings) Requested by Mom

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5 ~ Monday after Epiphany

THURSDAY, **JANUARY 6** ~ *Monday after Epiphany*

7:30 AM PRO-POPULO

12:00 PM &MICHAEL MONGILLO (4th anniv.) Requested by Tonia, Evo, & Charlene Mongillo

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7 ~ Monday after Epiphany

7:30 AM PRO-POPULO

12:00 PM &GRACE CHARLOTTE REITSMAN Requested by Tony & Lynn Zanghi

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8 ~ *Monday after Epiphany*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 ~ Baptism of the Lord







The Epiphany of the Lord



from the Pastor's Desk..



Bonne Annee! Felice Anno Nuovo!
Frohes Neues Jahr Prosit Neujahr!
Manigong Bagong Taon!
Szczesliwego Nowego Roku!
Feliz ano Nuevo!

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

Father Kargul

<u> Manna Sunday - every Sunday</u>

Donations of staple, non perishable foods: cold cereals, peanut butter, jams, soups, coffee, tea, juices, tuna fish, etc. for distribution to needy in our community by Southington Com-

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Church Rosary warriors

A Prayerful Powerful Devotion of the Rosary.

Let our Blessed Mother open the eyes of your heart to the mysteries of Jesus's life seeing and loving him with Our Lady. Join your brothers and sisters in Christ with your intentions and prayers after 7:30am Saturday morning Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church in South-



Mass Intentions for 2022

Intentions may be booked either in person, by phone, or email at Saint Thomas Parish office, 99 Bristol Street, from 11:00 am ~7:00 pm.

At Mary Our Queen for Sundays 9 & 11am

Intentions may be booked either in person or by phone at the Parish office

BETWEEN 11 am ~ 3:00 pm



We are so grateful to all who continue to support Mary Our Queen with your prayers and financial contributions!!

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BEREAVEMENT GROUP, WINTER 2022

The Southington Catholic Parishes will be offering an in-person bereavement workshop. The New Day process consists of 10 facilitated meetings, and the winter 2022 group is being formed. The first meeting will begin Thursday, January 6, at 6:30 PM. To enroll, or for more information, contact the parish office by telephone 860-628-4713 or email stthomassouthington@gmail.com.





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 myrth.

BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAMMERS

Please note that scammers may create email accounts, pretending to be from the Parish or the Priests, asking for money or gift cards. You will never receive a legitimate email from the Parish asking for gift cards. When we do fund drives it will be via mail or in person. Thank you.



The Feast of the Epiphany

The Feast of Epiphany is not only marked by a single historical event but also by a series of events tied together by a theme. "Epiphany" means "new understanding," and the biblical stories associated with Epiphany and the season that follows share a common "aha" quality. The passages include the epiphany of the Magi who come to know the significance of the Messiah's birth, the epiphany of Jesus who embraces his baptism and



his life's unique identity and mission, the epiphany of John the Baptist who identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God, and the epiphany of the first disciples who leave behind the familiar to explore the radically new. These are all significant personal events of powerful discovery, self-realization, and transformation.

This year we again invite you to mark the doorways of your home in the following way.

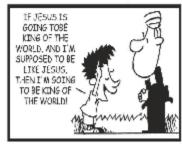
Please mark the doorway of your home with the initials C + M + B which come from the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat", which means "Christ bless this house", and the year + 2022.

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May this inscription above your doorway be a constant reminder that we are called to be merciful to all who live in or enter our homes.



EPTPHANY





Southington Catholic Community News









Mass Schedule Changes Effective July 1, 2022

With the merger of parishes, the Pastoral Planning Committee of the parishes in Southington have examined our Mass attendance from October counts and looked at seating capacity of each church building. Following guidelines from the diocese that Masses should be scheduled one and half hours from the start of one Mass to the beginning of the next (allowing time for transportation), we have come up with a schedule for the new merged parish effective the Weekends of July 2nd and 3rd, 2022. This will be the Mass schedule

SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES:

4:00 PM @ Mary Our Queen Church & **5:30 PM** @ Immaculate Conception Church (in English)

SUNDAY MORNING MASSES:

8:00 AM @ St. Aloysius **9:30 AM** @ Immaculate Conception (*in Polish*) **11:00 AM** @ St. Dominic **CONFESSIONS**: Saturdays from 2:30-3:30PM at Mary Our Queen Church

WEEKDAY MASSES ~ Monday through Saturday

8:00 AM @ Immaculate Conception Church

Mass Intentions can now be booked for July through December between 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM through the rectory office at St. Thomas – 99 Bristol Street - (860) 628-4713. To begin, we will book one weekend Mass and one weekday Mass (Saturday morning included) per family until we see how quickly the calendar fills.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Epiphany marks the arrival of visitors, identified in Scripture as Magi, the place where Jesus was born. Although we know virtually nothing about them, we do know they brought three gifts:

GOLD, a symbol of wealth and power, identified the recipient as a king. **FRANKINCENSE,** the crystalized resinous sap of a tree used as incense & as an offering, symbolic of prayer. **MYRRH**, another resinous tree sap, was used in healing liniments and as an embalming ointment. Myrrh is an odd gif for a child so, this gift foreshadows his death.

The Traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 & January 8.

Did you wish someone a Merry Christmas today?
The Christmas season continues until the
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.





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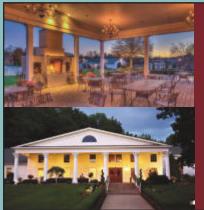
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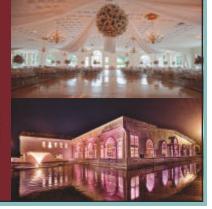








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