

Medfield Norfolk Catholic Collaborative St. Edward & St. Jude

Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses indoors with the Social Distancing Section available.

Monday - Friday St. Edward: 9am

Saturday St. Edward: 4pm St. Jude: 5pm

Sunday St. Jude: 8am ** 10:30am Family Mass

St. Edward: 9am ** Family Mass 12pm 5:30pm

**televised and live-streamed

Per the Archdiocese: Masks required at all indoor Masses, effective 12/18/2021.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

St. Jude (side parking lot): Monday - Friday 10:15-10:45am

Sunday 8:45 - 9:15am

CONFESSIONS *St. Edward (in the chapel):* Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00pm

St. Jude (in room left of altar): Saturdays, 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Want to receive our Thursday email? Contact: <u>stedadmin@ejcatholic.org</u> or <u>stjudeadmin@ejcatholic.org</u>

to be put on the list.

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Extended Family Members,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Now that we have begun the new year, we are able to take a look back as well as ahead towards the future.

As I look back, I wish to thank all who expressed your Christmas and New Year wishes to me in the manners in which you have. Please know how much I appreciate the time and generosity you spent to express yourselves to me in such a way.

Because of the advanced deadlines, this is the first "real time" bulletin letter I have written in a while. I find it funny how people ask me if I "survived Christmas." It was quite the experience for me in both parishes. The "Park and Pray" Outdoor Masses were especially well received. Fr. Gregory and I tried to encourage those we only see this time of the year in church to come and visit more often. We would appreciate if you would follow up with that same message when you encounter the same people out and about, sharing all we do to keep those who attend safe.

Now that the new year is in full swing, Faith Formation is starting back up, but from a distance. Remote classes during the week will be in effect for the month of January. The collaborative's Faith Formation team will be evaluating as we make our way through this month. I am grateful to the entire team for recommending to me a program that keeps the children and youth of our parish engaged with both learning about their faith and with their respective parish as they learn regardless of the severity of the threat of COVID or any other circumstance.

Fr. Gregory and I will soon begin interviewing Confirmation candidates as part of the requirement for receiving that sacrament. (We begin with St. Jude's since their Confirmation is before St. Ed's) It is always encouraging for me to hear how our students have experienced the faith up until now in their lives. Also, to have the chance to encourage them to hang on to it and build their lives on it, especially since they will be leaving home in the not-too-distant future. Fr. Gregory and I have always been impressed during our encounters with the collaborative's Confirmation candidates.

In closing, I wish to convey how grateful I am for your support of our collaborative as well as myself, Father Gregory and the entire staff. As I continue to do my best of meeting the demands of being your pastor, your patience, kindness, and feedback is always appreciated.

Gratefully yours in the Newly Baptized Christ, Fr. Steve

from This Week In Church Signs: "C'mon. What else are you doing before noon Sunday?"

St. Edward Offertory		St. Jude Offertory	
Mass attendance 1/1/2022 & 1/2/2022	\$ 1,926.05	Mass attendance 1/1/2022 & 1/2/2022	\$ 2,059.00
Mail in:	\$ 2,303.07	Mail in:	\$ 1,725.25
Clergy Benefit Trust Christmas collection:	\$ 10,860.00	Clergy Benefit Trust Christmas collection:	\$ 8,873.25
December online giving:	\$ 24,083.33	December online giving:	\$ 9,183.09

Over the coming months, Catholics from around the world will be participating in the Synod on Synodality.

What does that mean?

Here in Boston it means that we will be gathering, as parishes and as a diocese to pray together and to invite the Holy Spirit to help us to listen deeply to one another, and we will talk together about how best to do that.

So, for instance, a parish council may get together and ask "How can we as a parish council do a better job of letting the voices of all our parishioners be heard, even those who are not a part of an inner circle or who might be marginalized for whatever reason?" The archdiocese and the church around the world will be engaging in the same sort of conversation. We pray that the Lord will open our hearts to Him and to all of our people.





Sat. Jan. 8	4pm 5pm	Adam Opiela Deceased Members of the Burns & Mahoney Families
Sun. Jan. 9	9am 12pm	Doris Carrier, 3rd anniversary David Foulsham, 3rd anniversary
Mon. Jan. 10	9am	Bronislaw Abucewicz
Tue. Jan. 11	9am	Joseph Trinity
Wed. Jan. 12	9am	Judith Hart
Thu. Jan. 13	9am	People of the Collaborative
Fri. Jan. 14	9am	Those fallen away from the faith
Sat. Jan. 15	4pm	Mary Langley
Sun. Jan. 16	9am	George Scanlon

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SUNDAY'S READINGS First Reading:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together;

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

Gospel:

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?

Second Reading:

Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

Gospel:

We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?

New time for outdoor Communion distribution at St. Jude on Sundays:

8:45am - 9:15am

Important Notice

- Parish phishing is on the increase. Be cautious of these types of communications:
- Are you available to do something for me, I am at a meeting?
- Your password needs to be changed.
- Attachments, including invoices, delivery notices, Amazon, Apple, etc. Especially if unexpected or apparently sent in error. Do not open attachments but delete the email.
- Links: like attachments, hackers use links as the means to install malware or to steal data (username and passwords). Do not click on a link unless it is from a known origin, and you are expecting it.
- Please be cautious of any requests for gift cards.
- Be cautious of any emails that request very quick action.

 Always call and confirm any emails that pertain to a financial transaction, e.g., new banking information, account changes, new direct deposit instructions, etc.

The Medfield Lions would like to thank everyone at St. Edward the Confessor Church for their hospitality. The Lions were warmly welcomed by the St Edward staff and we are grateful to both Pastor, Rev. Steve Zukas and Rev. Gregory Vozzo for all their generosity and partnership for the past two years in giving us the use of the St. Edward the Confessor back lot to sell our Lions Christmas Trees.



The chief service I owe you, O God, is that every thought and word of mine should speak of you."

St. Hilary

Men's Cursillo weekend retreat, February 3rd-6th St. Basil's, Methuen MA

This weekend provides an opportunity to grow in your personal relationship with our Lord, and to meet other men from all walks of life who share common goals. Our need for community and fellowship are necessary as much today as ever. I hope you consider this experience, if you want to know more, or if interested please contact Marty O'Shea at 774 571 5612, or martyoshea56@gmail.com



COME AND BE REFRESHED with Following Christ - ChristLife! Join us for this exciting new 7-session series on THURSDAY evenings. Dynamic Teachings · Real Discussions exploring crucial questions about God and the Church · Discerning our ultimate purpose in life **THURSDAY Evenings** January 13, January 20, January 27, February 3, February 10, March 3, March 10 In person at St. Jude Church, 86 Main St. Norfolk, or via ZOOM (if in person optional pizza at 6:30 followed by program from 7:00 - 8:45, if via Zoom program 7:00 - 8:45). Optional Retreat: Saturday, 9-11:00 AM (TBD) For more information on this course or to register call or text John O'Connell at 774 222-2560:

If you would like to check out the program, go to: www.ChristLife.org

Inactive Catholics who wish to take another look at the

Catholic Church, are invited to join the Virtual Landings

Program. Landings, a Reconciliation ministry of the Paulist

Fathers, accompanies the returnees through their faith

journey with compassionate listening.

We welcome those who are wounded, searching, and

wondering. If you or someone you know are interested in the

6-week program, contact Pat Watson at

Landingsdc@gmail.com by January 25.

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"Courage is cultivated in prayer and discernment. In prayer we honestly name our fears and share them with God. Being honest with oneself may be the most courageous thing we can ever do. Having fear is human, but seeking and receiving the grace to face our fears is divine. Discerning honest motivations and the will of God in prayer is vital to knowing if what lays before us is an invitation to growth or a temptation to distract from being who we are called to be."-Excerpted from

" Six Characteristics of Ignatian Courage" by Lisa Kelly

You are invited to contact Beth Budny at 774-277-5191 or bbudny@eicatholic.org with questions or to connect with an I THIRST Spiritual Companion.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

HEY OPERA FANS!

Please reserve Saturday, January 29, 2022 to see "RIGOLETTO with Father Steve broadcast live from the Metropolitan Opera House in New York at Patriot Place. Tickets are \$27. Please make check out to St. Edward Church with **Opera** on the memo line and drop off at your parish office by Monday, January 24th.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic? Would you like to know more about God and the Church? Or, are you already baptized but still lack the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation? If so, RCIA is for you! RCIA is a process of learning about

and experiencing the Catholic faith with others in a friendly, small-group setting. It can lead to full membership in the Church through the Sacraments, but is also an open-ended process of asking questions and exploring. Come, discover what you've been missing! If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Fr. Gregory directly or call our parish offices.

Please keep in your prayers Daniel Kane (Army), Michael A. Kiessling (Army), Michael O'Farrell (Navy), Eric J. Doucette (Coast Guard), Matthew Murby (Coast Guard), Lucas D. LeBleu (Air Force), Scott H. Grealish (Marine Corps), John Sharkey (Army), Jake Munger (Marine Corps) Timothy Irwin (Marine Corps), Alex Burrell (Navy), John Donald Tamulionis (Army), Peter Barrette, (Navy), Mark FitzPatrick, (Army), Scott Woodward, (Army)



Knights of Columbus annual free throw contest will be

held on Sunday, January 16th 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm at St. Edward Church 133 Spring Street, Medfield



Girls Contest: Ages 9-14 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Boys Contest: Ages 9-14 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Participants can use their own basketball. Ages 9, 10, 11 (Boys & Girls Competitions) Use a women's regulation-size basketball Ages 12, 13, 14 (Girls Competitions) Use a women's regulation-size basketball Ages 12, 13, 14 (Boys Competitions) Use a men's regulation-size basketball Registration is held on-site on the day of the contest, and it is free to participate. Parents or guardians must accompany child and sign registration form. Birth Certificate or other proof of age is required to verify eligibility. Winners for each age/gender group will be announced at the end of the competition.

One Family Knitters Prayer Shawls

Prayer shawls are available from One Family Knitters for anyone who is experiencing illness or death in the family. The shawls are blessed and accompanied by a prayer card.



If you wish to receive a prayer shawl for you or a loved one, please contact Nancy @ 508-359-7251, Ann @ 315-481-5013 or email OFKnitters@gmail.com



An invitation to Altar Servers for our Collaborative

One of the ways our children can begin participating in the Liturgy is by becoming an Altar Server! Altar Servers assist the priest at Mass and provide a prayerful presence to our faith

communities. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to serve our parishes and enrich their faith experience. This ministry is open to children in grades 2 or above. Training will be provided.

For St. Edward Parish either leave a message at the Parish Office - 508-359-2633 or

contact Fred Horgan directly – <u>fhorgan@ejcatholic.org</u>. For St. Jude Parish either leave a message at the Parish Office – 508-528-0170 or contact Mary Sheedy directly– <u>msheedy@ejcatholic.org</u>.

Changes to Live Streaming at St Jude's Parish

Please note, as part of the changes that have taken place to automate/simplify the live-stream to NCTV, the "Live" transmission to YouTube will no longer be taking place. Rather, our viewers can view the stream "Live" at the Norfolk Cable web site, at:

https://norfolkcable.com/watch/publicchannel/

If you have any prayer requests that we may lift up at Mass and include in our daily prayers, please email <u>Deacon Fred</u> at <u>fhorgan@ejcatholic.org</u>



who are courageously serving our country. Also, please Remember in your prayers Everyone Deployed.

<u>Prayers for Our Service Men and Women</u> We would like to offer our prayers for the service men and women in our community. If there is someone in our church community or someone you would like to honor who is serving our country, please email Louise Caussade, <u>stjudeadmin@ejcatholic.org</u> or Eileen Trinity, <u>stedadmin@ejcatholic.org</u> The following are the Medfield Food Cupboard's current needs :

Flour Sugar Oil Boost Ensure 100% Juice

Thank you for all your efforts. We try to be specific so that people know what we really need, but as always, **any donations are greatly appreciated**. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Prayer for Racial Healing* God of Justice, God of Mercy, God of Wisdom

Triune God, in your Love you create all people in your image, without exception.

Through your goodness,

† Open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being.

† Open our minds to understand that all your children are

brothers and sisters in the same human family.

† Open our hearts to repent of racist attitudes, behaviors, and speech which demean others.

⁺ Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change.

Strengthen our resolve

to make amends for past injustices and

- to right the wrongs of history.
- Fill us with courage that
- + we might seek to heal wounds,
- + we might build bridges,
- + we might forgive, and,
- + we might accept forgiveness,

and that

† we might establish peace and equality for all in our

communities.

We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Adapted from Catholic Charities USA Prayer for Racial Healing

Gilly's House is a 501c3 nonprofit 12 step recovery men's sober home located in Wrentham, MA. We are so blessed to be able to continue to do God's work with the support of the community. Most needed items at this time:

Dixie cups 3 ounce size Carpet Fresh Powder Resolve carpet spray Tide Pods (regular and gentle) Cetaphil facial cleanser HP 63 black and color ink 4 slice toaster trifold paper towels Tylenol Advil manual can opener dental flossers Q-tips shaving cream Scotch Brite sponges Chinet large paper plates Gift cards to BJs, Shaws, Market Basket, Big Y, Stop & Shop, Roche Bros, Lowes, Home Depot, Amazon, Walmart,

CVS, Walgreens, Dollar Tree, Christmas Tree Shop There are drop off boxes in the front and back of St. Jude Church and at St Edward in the narthex.

Or to make a monetary donation please visit <u>www.gillyshouse.com</u>, click on DONATE tab or mail to: Gilly's House, P. O. Box 110, 1022 West Street, Wrentham, MA 02093 ATTN: Maureen Cappuccino All donations are tax deductible #82-1696539 Please call Maureen at 508 384 2251 or email maureen@gillyshouse.com with any questions.

The Norfolk Food Pantry

Let's not forget those who are less fortunate during these cold winter months. The Food Pantry is accepting individually wrapped, after school snacks, as well as, any toiletries (soap, toothpaste and brushes, tissues, etc.)

The Norfolk Food Pantry is thankful for our generous contributions and support which benefits all the members of our community.

Per Town of Norfolk: No open packages, no expired dates, no packages without expiration dates appearing can be accepted.



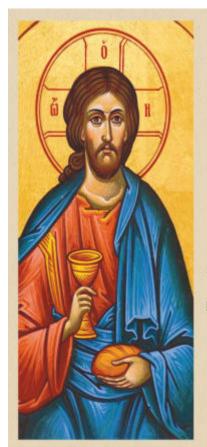
Cafe Justo Coffee FOR SALE: It's MORE than fair trade!

Cafe Justo is a coffee collaborative of farmers. They are paid approximately \$2.25 per pound of coffee, higher than even fair trade standards, and roughly three times the 35-50 cents that growers are typically paid by commercial operations. Cafe Justo is about strong futures. All growers and employees of Cafe Justo and its member cooperatives receive medical benefits and a pension plan, which is far better than most Fair Trade models. Support Cafe Justo and support their farmers and their just model. Please visit <u>ejcatholic.org</u> and click the Cafe Justo: Click to order coffee tab on the home page. Coffee can either be delivered in

Medfield or waiting for you at Mass. Please email cafejusto@ejcatholic.org with questions.

Dignity Matters

This non-profit organization collects personal products and underwear for women and girls who are homeless or living in very low income situations, in order to help them stay healthy, regain self-confidence, and live with basic dignity. Donations of pads (all types, including Depends), tampons, new underwear and new/ gently used bras may be left in the blue bin in the lobby.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

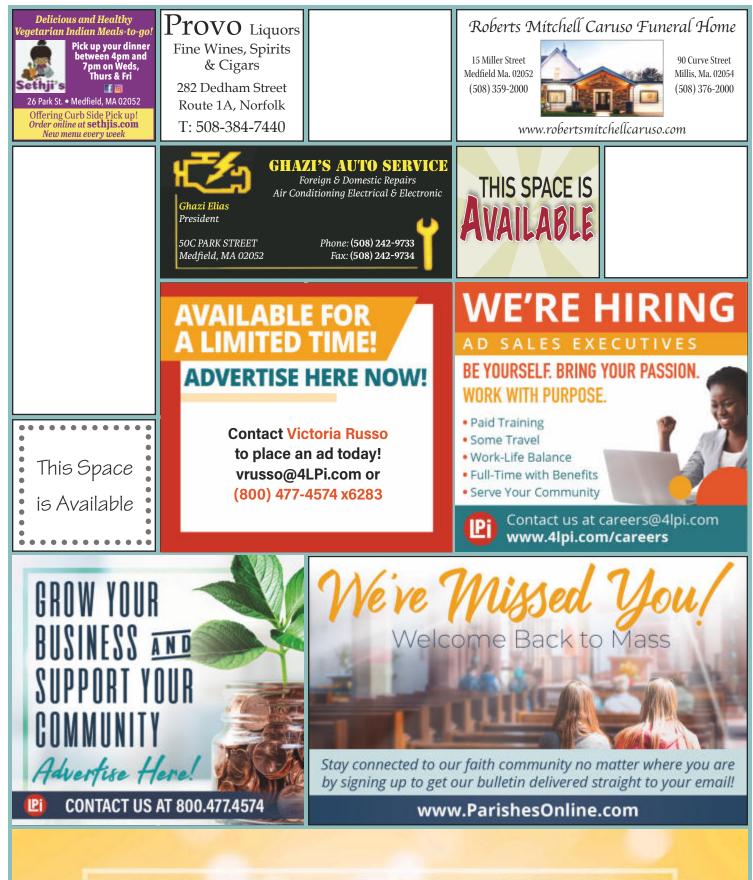
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



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