

Feast of the Epiphany  
January 3, 2021



The Nativity  
St. Patrick Church

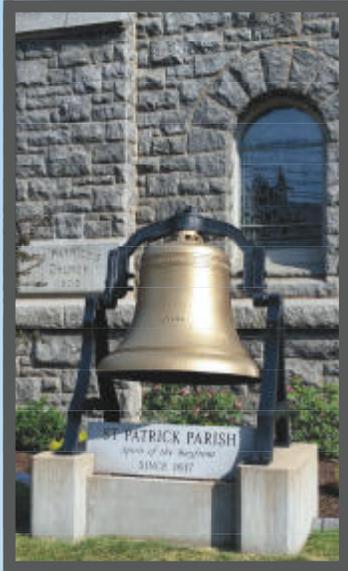
## Saint Patrick Parish

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Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

### ***From the Pastor's Desk...***



Today is the Feast of the Epiphany. The Book of Isaiah comprises three distinct sections, written at different times. Today's reading is taking from the third section and proclaims the beauty of Jerusalem after years of darkness spent in exile. The prophet announces a message of vindication, but his words come with a warning. While the people are meant to rebuild and reclaim their national status, they are now to recognize that nations will be guided by the way in which they serve the Lord. In other words, the radiance of Jerusalem is not for its own sake but that God's light will radiate throughout the world.

The entire season of Christmas, which centers on the mystery of the incarnation, is devoted to contemplating the awesomeness of God's revelation. God has revealed himself in the past, i.e., Moses and the burning bush, etc. But his revelation becomes even closer in Jesus, perpetuated through the coming of the Holy Spirit. Today's reading from Ephesians, which scholars generally agree was penned by someone other than Paul, declares that Paul is a steward of God's grace. The author declares unequivocally that "the Gentiles are coheirs" of the covenant revealed long ago and renewed in Christ. Clearly, the grace revealed here requires commitment and self-sacrifice.

It is important to understand chapter 1 of Matthew in order to understand the first twelve verses of chapter two. Chapter one opens with a detailed genealogy of Jesus and proceeds to foretell the lord's birth through the angel speaking to Joseph in a dream. In other words, in this rendition of Jesus' birth, there is not a manger and no shepherds, no dramatic infancy narrative. Instead, Matthew is primarily interested in showing that Jesus is born in the line of David; he is not an outsider but is thoroughly Jewish. In presenting the Magi, Matthew is showing his audience that from the outset, Jesus will be rejected by his own. Matthew will show through his entire gospel that his own reject Jesus but that it is Gentiles from the east who come to pay homage to this newborn King of the Jews.

*From the Pastor's Desk continued...*

As we begin 2021, let's all pray together that this will be a year when we can see an end to this virus, a year when Americans can overcome their ideological differences and know that we are all in this together and a year when we respond to Pope Francis' call that we care much more deeply for our environment and do everything to protect it so that we can hand our children a world that is clean and safe.

We are completely booked for weddings for 2021. Much of that is because, not only do we have more weddings than any other parish, but many of the weddings planned for 2020 moved their date to this year because of Covid. We start the Saturday after Easter and go straight through until the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Let's hope that the Covid is over and done with by the time we start the season this year. I've mentioned a couple of times that we have changed our policy that people must be a registered, active member of the parish for one full year before they can reserve a wedding date. In the past, we simply said that you had to be a member of the parish; but what happens is that people will register and then a week later make wedding reservations and we fill up. That then makes it difficult for me to give a wedding date to long-standing parishioners, and that isn't fair.

I found out recently that we have to point the entire exterior of the rectory in the near future. About two years ago, we had extensive work done on the exterior to replace a lot of mortar that had deteriorated. There were whole sections where there simply was no mortar left, and that is all corrected, but now we have to do this. I'm going to get bids and perhaps do one side of the building at a time, depending on the cost. We would start with the north wall as that takes the biggest beating with the weather.

I hope you know my gratitude with your response to the Christmas collection as well as your ongoing support of the parish during Covid. You are incredibly generous and I'm blessed.

Some random thoughts: "It's weird being the same age as old people." ..... "When I was a kid I wanted to be older. This is not what I expected." ... "During the Middle Ages, they celebrated the end of the plague with wine and orgies. Does anyone know if there is anything planned when with this one ends?"



## Saint Patrick News



**The Sanctuary Lamp**  
burns in loving memory of  
**Jerry Emling**  
from Judy Emling

### LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Jan. 2 Saturday, Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord**  
5:00 PM JOAN HEUBEL, ANNIV. OF BIRTH  
(DAVID F. HEUBEL & FAMILY)
- Jan. 3 Epiphany of the Lord**  
8:00 AM JOSEPH & ROSEMARIE GALLAGHER  
(BILL & KATHY MASEK)
- 10:30 AM DR. RICHARD STEVENS (PAULINE STEVENS)
- Jan. 4 Monday, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**  
8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY (ESTATE)
- Jan. 5 Tuesday, Saint John Neuman, Bishop**  
8:00 AM MARION POULTON  
(BILL & BETTY ANN FILIPKOWSKI)
- Jan. 6 Wednesday, Christmas Weekday**  
8:00 AM MASS
- Jan. 7 Thursday, Christmas Weekday**  
8:00 AM FRANK LAROCCA (ANGIE KONTUR)
- Jan. 8 Friday, Christmas Weekday**  
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- Jan. 9 Saturday, Vigil:**  
5:00 PM ERIC LAMPE (CHRIS & VCKIE LAMPE)
- Jan. 10 Baptism of the Lord**  
8:00 AM RONALD ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. (FAMILY)  
10:30 AM PATRICK MIKULA (MIKULA FAMILY)

### Ministry Schedule

- Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 5:00 pm**  
Lector: Mary Kearney  
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Kearney, Ray Fiorelli
- Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 8:00 am**  
Lector: Lisa Straub  
Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Straub, Noelle Colpoys
- Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 10:30 am**  
Lector: Christine Mitchell  
Eucharistic Minister: Dario Cipriani, Tom Golab

### Stewardship

Offertory Collection 12/20/20	\$ 4,828.00
Online Giving	<u>2,805.00</u>
Total	\$ 7,633.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Due to early publication deadlines, Christmas and 12/27/20 offertory will be published in the 1/10/21 bulletin!

### NEED PRAYERS?

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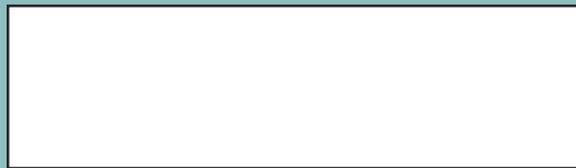
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