

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH

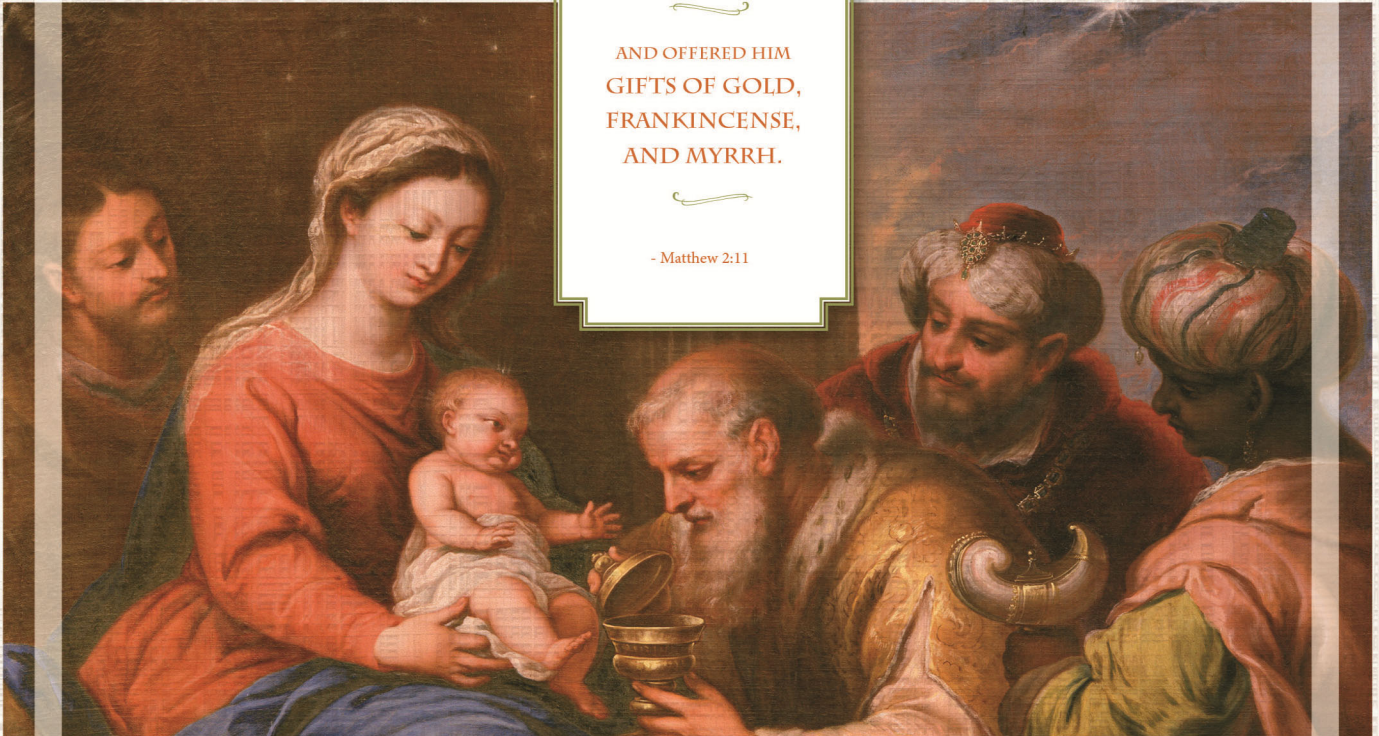
January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

They opened their
treasures

AND OFFERED HIM
GIFTS OF GOLD,
FRANKINCENSE,
AND MYRRH.

- Matthew 2:11



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HOLY REDEEMER MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday at 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHAPEL

Closed for the Season



The Church is accessible to the Handicapped.
The **ELEVATOR** is to the left of the Main Entrance.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Please see Father Sullivan after Mass
to register with the Parish.

Mass Intentions



This Weekend

Saturday 4:00PM Andrew Marx
Sunday 8:00AM Sheila & Preston Smith
 10:00AM John J. O’Keefe, Jr.

This Week

Monday Lucy Galullo
Tuesday Thomas Murphy
Wednesday Patrick Connelly
Thursday Michael Trainor
Friday Myroslaw Dutkewych

Next Weekend

Saturday 4:00PM John Flood
Sunday 8:00AM For the People of the Parish
 10:00AM Anthony Bove

An Epiphany Gift for All

As a child my family had a tradition of receiving small gifts from the Three Wise Men on Epiphany. It was our personal way of celebrating the twelfth day of Christmas. The parish has a small Epiphany gift for everyone today. It is a copy of a book by Matthew Kelly called, **The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity**. How’s that for an attention grabber! Matthew Kelly is the founder of Dynamic Catholic. Help yourself to a copy, read it and maybe pass it on to someone else.



Children’s Christmas Pageant At 10AM Mass

Our Children’s Christmas Pageant is scheduled for this Sunday, January 6, 2018, before the 10 AM Mass. The pageant will take about fifteen minutes so I’m sure you understand if the 10AM Mass might run a little after the 11 o’clock hour. Please plan to come and support our parish youth.

Tabernacle Lamp: In memory of Claire Kirby.

Prayers: Please pray for those who are sick: Christina Boyle, James Nelson, Leila Porter, Marley Marie Smith, Fred Magnusson, Vera Russo, Sawyer Craig, Jack Gerard, Joyce Gallup, Dr. Peter McKay, Bill Manley, Joseph Filardi, Madeline Keogh, Oscar Sprague, William Harahan, Ed Dash, Krissy Labbate, Clarence Silvia, Thomas Chestaw, Leonard Gratton, Pam Weiler, Heather Duarte, Hazel Byrne, Donna Grant, Dr. Peter Saunders, Helen Duarte, Christopher Westdyk, Ken Elliott, Sidney Harvey. Please pray for our beloved deceased: Lenore Clark.

No Matter who you are
 No Matter what you do
 No Matter where you come from
 No matter where you are going
 No matter how good or how bad things may seem
 Please know that you are always welcome
 at Holy Redeemer

Anyone a Graphic Artist?

Our parish has many talented people so I’m convinced there must be someone with talents as a Graphic Artist or with some advertising experience. The parish could use your gifts to put together a parish brochure and advertising campaign for the summer months.

End of the Year Parish Donations

Many people need to take an end of the year distribution from a 401K, IRA or other such funds. It is often advantageous for tax purposes to make a charitable donation of some of these funds. If you find yourself in such a situation please consider a gift to Holy Redeemer Parish.

Diocese of Fall River Vocation Office Discernment Retreat Weekend

The Diocese of Fall River Vocation Office is hosting a discernment weekend for men ages 18-45 at the Betania II Spiritual Life and Marian Center, 154 Summer St. Medway, MA from Friday, February 22 to Sunday, February 24. If interested, please contact Fr. Jack Schrader at frschrader@fallrivervocations.org or 508-695-

A Pilgrimage to Poland/Budapest

We invite you to join Fr. Marcel Bouchard and Fr. George Bellenoit in a pilgrimage to Poland and Budapest July 30-August 10, 2019. Come with them and follow the lives of the great saints John Paul II, Sr. Faustina and Maximilian Kolbe. This exciting adventure will lift your spirits and delight your senses! For more information, to request a brochure, please contact Randy Pinto @321-987-8173 or email randypinto1@gmail.com.

Holy Redeemer Parish Financial Report

Thank you for your generosity to last week’s collection

Last week’s collection total is not available as there was an early bulletin transmittal date.

Living Stewardship Now

A prayer for Epiphany:
 Father, you revealed your Son to the nations
 by the guidance of a star.
 Lead us to your glory in heaven
 by the light of faith.
 (*The Roman Missal*, Opening Prayer for the Epiphany of the Lord)

From the Pastor

The Impact of Our Lives

On cold winter nights when the wind is blowing about 30 mph and the rain or even snow is beating against the windows, I get a little reflective. One of the things I think about is whether my life is really making an impact on the world. I hope I don't sound too morose but maybe I am. Sometimes we all wonder, if once we are gone from the scene, we will have had any kind of an impact on the world. St. Oscar Romero is quoted as saying, "We are prophets of a future not our own." As St. Paul said, he planted the seeds and another evangelizer would water. The fruits of our endeavors are always someone else's to harvest. So, only time will judge the lasting contribution we make to the world.

Recently, my interest was piqued by an article America Magazine ran about how the 17th century Jesuit missions among the indigenous people of South America are still bearing fruit today. The article said that according to a study done by University of British Columbia economics professor Felipe Valencia Caicedo the missions, called reductions, still have an impact on the levels of education and human capital in the surrounding areas more than 250 years after they were suppressed and the Jesuits expelled from the Spanish empire in 1767. The study found that even today, in the areas surrounding these reductions, the descendants of the native people who inhabited the missions for over 150 years still have higher levels of education and are more inclined to accept innovation than their neighbors who were not encompassed by the missions. Handicrafts, music and other skills introduced by the missionaries still have a lasting effect centuries later on the descendants of those who inhabited the reductions.

I was particularly interested in the details of the article on the Jesuit missions because on my November vacation to Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil one of our objectives was to visit the ruins of the reductions. We visited several sites where only small vestiges of the great buildings that were part of the reductions lie in ruin. Outside some of the ruin sites the humbler outbuildings of the reduction are still standing and providing housing and commercial space useful to the community even today. It is symbolic of the reality of the impact of our lives on the world. Yes, the main structure might be gone but the really useful contributions we make to our world live on.

The reductions were founded by Jesuit missionaries to try to help protect the native people from being captured and sold into slavery. Many of the Jesuits gave their lives in the efforts to gather the often-primitive tribes into the reductions. St. Roque Gonzalez de Santa Cruz was one of the early Jesuit reduction builders who suffered martyrdom at the hands of the natives. He is the only Paraguayan saint. I bought a small statue of St. Roque as a souvenir of my trip.

The missionaries gathered the natives into the reductions that were mini towns. Some had thousands of inhabitants. The natives were taught to read and write and given other skills. Many of the indigenous developed great talents as musicians, sculptors and in other artistic pursuits.

Yes, as some revisionist historians claim, the European Jesuits imposed some facets of western culture on the indigenous. They were instructed in Christianity. Their labors were "exploited" in various means of production in the reductions but the products they produced were used in communal life and some products were used to pay tribute to the colonial Spanish and Portuguese governments to try to prevent the reductions from being raided by slave traders. The natives enjoyed a six-hour work day that left them time for other artistic pursuits that they enjoyed. The reductions were a beneficial endeavor for the natives that happily seem to have had a lasting and positive effect even to this day. This winter when I wonder about the benefits of my work, hopefully, I can believe that decades from now the work I and so many parishioners are doing to try to build up the faith today will bear lasting effects on Chatham.



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FACE WINTER BRUNCH FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Foundation to Advance Catholic Education (FACE) invites you and your family to the 14th Annual Winter Brunch on Sunday, February 3, 2019, at the Coonamessett Inn, 311 Gifford Street, Falmouth, MA - 11:15AM – 2:00PM. Tickets are \$30 adult, \$15 youth (under 13). The event will include a visit from Wally, the official mascot of the Boston Red Sox, raffles with fantastic prizes, including five Walt Disney World® Tickets. Please contact Jane Robin at (508) 759-3566, or via email at JaneR@dioc-fr.org for tickets and sponsorship opportunities.