

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year! As we begin 2020 we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. On the Epiphany we remember the visit of the wise men, or Magi, to Bethlehem to visit the infant Christ. God guided them to Christ by light of the Star which showed them the way.

In Psalm 111:10 God says "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." this fear is not dread panic about the possibility of God striking us down with his power if we disobey him. It is, rather, wonder and awe in God's presence. Fear of the Lord is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit we receive at Confirmation.

The wise men who visited the infant Christ in Bethlehem were considered "wise" because of their special knowledge of the stars. Yet, in addition to this earthly wisdom, it seems that they possessed also the fear of the Lord. This they showed when they prostrated themselves in front of the infant Christ, giving to Him their treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They showed that in the presence of the Lord they had awe and wonder.

The wise men were truly wise because they allowed the yearning in their hearts for truth and meaning to guide them to Jesus. They let this yearning to move them forward, on a long and perilous journey, until they found the fulfillment of their heart's desire. The journey of the magi is like the journey of life. We must let our yearning for Christ move us forward, never allowing discouragement or fear to keep us from our quest. It is in Jesus alone that our restless hearts will find fulfillment and peace.

May we allow 2020 to be a year in which we desire and seek true wisdom. The Epiphany reminds us that Christ is the Light of the World and that it is His light that illumines our path.

Jesus, be our light in the darkness of our world. May you guide us home to you.

In Christ, Fr. Michael

- Saturday, January 4** **4:00pm Michael DeNittis**
requested by Palmina
- Sunday, January 5** **9:00am Anna Leseman**
req. by Mike & Ann Marie Morrissey
- 11:00am Gerard Kelley, Sr.**
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- Monday, January 6** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of**
Michael LeBlanc
- Tuesday, January 7** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of**
Nancy Elliott
- Wednesday, January 8** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of**
Frank & Deb Blanchard
- Thursday, January 9** **8:30am Muriel Dumais King**
requested by David Dumais
- Saturday, January 11** **4:00pm Robert Beauregard**
requested by SVDP
- Sunday, January 12** **9:00am Anna Grande**
requested by Palmina
- 11:00am Gerald Kelley, Jr.**
req. by Mike & Ann Marie Morrissey



Rectory Open House

after the 9 & 11 am Masses

January 5th

Weekly Collection December 21 & 22

Adults	\$ 3,097.00
Children	\$ 28.00
Maintenance	\$ 98.00
Fuel	\$ 30.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 129.00
Total	\$ 3,382.00

Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses

	\$ 4,420.00
SVDP	\$ 70.00
Poor Box	\$ 76.00

Due to bulletin deadlines the collection for December 28 & 29 will appear in the next bulletin

No Coffee Shop on January 5

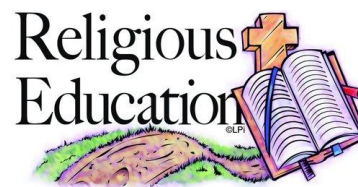


Coffee Shop 1st & 3rd
Sundays of the month

Please join us for donuts & coffee after the 9:00am Mass. Children will receive a donut and juice box for free!! Adults \$1 for a coffee and donut

Meetings

NA Sundays 7:00 pm in the hall
K of C 1st Tuesday of the month 6:45pm in the hall
SVDP Sunday, January 19, 9:45 am in the hall
Rosary Group 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church
Upper Room Ministry Next meeting: January 14th 6PM
Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the hall
Please have read Matthew 3:13-17



Grades 1-3 Monday: 3:30 -4:45 pm
Grades 4-10 Monday: 6:00 - 7:15 pm



St. Vincent De Paul
Serving those in Need

If you are a parishioner and are in need of assistance, please call #508- 987-8892 and leave a message on the SVDP private line and someone from the SVDP will return your call. Maybe you have lost your job and are behind on your utilities or can't afford to have oil delivered. We can help. We also can point you in the direction of other resources that are available.

Ministers of Communion are needed

One of the joys we have as Catholics is the reception of Communion each time at Mass. We have a growing number of parishioners who are home bound or in nursing facilities. To make sure that these parishioners receive Communion on a regular basis, and to maintain contact with our parish, we need to have more people to act as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who volunteer will be trained. Please consider helping out. It is a great joy and privilege to share the Body of Christ with our fellow parishioners.

Christmas Pageant

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Are you having a family gathering or holiday party?

Please remember to drop off your returnable bottles and cans at the bin near the handicap ramp. Your donations are greatly appreciated. We also need volunteers to take the donations to the redemption center. Please sign up on the main bulletin board.

Please help us to keep in touch with you

We are in the process of updating the telephone and email addresses in our census files. If you have recently had a change in your contact information please let us know. In the future we hope to send out parish wide emails about upcoming events and important information.