

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

# MAGI

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem. - Mt 2:1



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Parish Vision Statement:

We, as Christ's disciples, are the hands, minds & voices which lovingly glorify God by serving Each other as a Christian family.

## *Sacred Heart - St. Catherine of Sweden Parish*

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**Food Pantry: 508-753-2555**

Food Pantry Hours: Thursday 9:45am—2:30pm,  
Saturday 10am—1pm

**Bingo: Every Friday 6:30-10pm lower church hall**

### **SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Lord's Day:**

Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM

**Weekday:**

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday- Friday 9:00 AM  
(No Mass on Wednesday)

**Blessed Sacrament Adoration/First Friday:**

9:30 AM - 5:30PM

**Confessions:**

Every Saturday 3-3:30 PM

WEEK OF January 6 & 7, 2018

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES**

*Sat. January 6—Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord*  
 4:00 PM - Joanne Wall—Husband, Ed

*Sun. January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord*  
 10:00 AM — Irene Emond & Tammy Murphy—Jeannine & Ed Corrigan

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*  
 Monday, January 8

9:00 AM — Joseph Blondin—Al Lapan

*Sat. January 13 - Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM - Jack & Joel McNamara—Family

*Sun. January 14 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 AM Mary Hamilton (3rd Ann.) - Family

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." What a wonderful example the Magi give us in their visit to the infant Jesus. First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God's word, spoken through the prophet Micah: "And you, Bethlehem ... from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel" (cf. 5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trust that they will find this newborn king of the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophecy announced.

On their arrival at the home of the Holy Family, the Magi also give us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to "prostrate themselves" and give homage to a tiny babe. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as he sits on the lap of his mother.

The generosity of these three "kings" is also evident as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent his divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing he will receive upon his death.

Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country "by another way." Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves.

Faith, humility, generosity, and wisdom. These gifts are the real legacy of the Three Kings. Today, let us ask God for the blessing of having these gifts in our lives.



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:  
**Loretta Rochette, Robert O' Connor.** Memorial Hospital: **None Listed.** UMass. Campus: **None Listed.**



Please continue to pray for all of our service men & women who serve to protect us.

(Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass)

**Saturday, January 13**

Lector: Deb Durnin

Commentator: Kathy Hannon

Ministers of Holy Communion: Catherine Darensbourg

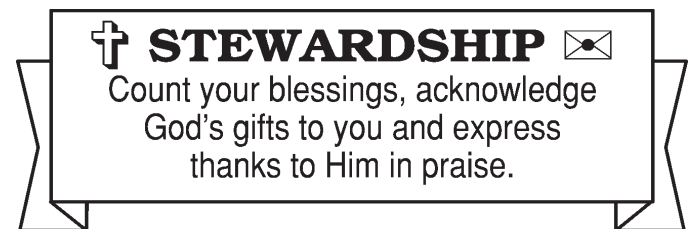
**Sunday, January 14**

Lector: Lisa Villa

Commentator: Daniel Fullen

Altar Servers: Joyce Abalo & Tony Villa

Ministers of Holy Communion: Michael Buffone, Patricia Reardon



**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

December 24, 2017

Sunday Offering \$2619.00

Christmas Offering \$1063.00

# BINGO

January 12, 2018

**Team # 2—Alma Sheehan, Frank Adams, Chuck Hamilton, Patricia Reardon, Donald Ducharme.**

## **The Every –Week Crew and Early Shift Workers**

Theresa Courtney, John Harrington, Lisa Hickory, Emma Lusignan, Patricia Wassel, Joan Lorusso, Pat Markiewicz, Ed Corrigan, Carole Nourse, Jeannine Corrigan, Debra Diaz, Donald Ducharme, Fran Peperato, Debbie Plant, Ed Wall, Julie Carrigan & Michael Burgraff

## **Ladies Guild Kitchen Crew:**

**Beverly Farrar & Elaine Marcoux**

\*\*Vision statement is located on the cover of bulletin\*\*

## **Ladies Guild Wright's Chicken Farm Trip**

Our Annual Wright's Chicken Farm Trip will be on Sunday, January 14th. We will meet in the parking lot and car pool right after Mass. Please sign up on the sheet on the table near the elevator so we have a count by January 7th.

## **The Catholic University of America**

Today's second collection is for The Catholic University of America, unique among universities in the United States, as **the national university of the Catholic Church**, founded by the bishops of this country and chartered by Pope Leo XII. Nearly **one third of all of the U.S. bishops**, archbishops, and cardinals in our country are alumni, along with over **12,000** priests and religious from around the world, including some from this diocese. Located in Washington, D.C., the university provides an education based in Catholic intellectual tradition to almost 7,000 students through its 12 schools.

Your contributions will strengthen the work of our top scholars, many of whom help to explain Catholic social teaching to the rest of the world. It will also support scholarships for students in our diocese and others in achieving our mission of preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation—including those studying to become our future priests and religious. We appreciate your generosity.



# HANKS!

A big  
thank  
you to

thank  
Eileen

Kopacz for making our sanctuary so beautiful for the Advent/Christmas Season. Also, thank you to Jeannine & Ed Corrigan, Ed Wall, Mike Buffone, Shane LeBelle & Jack Jacques for helping set up our Christmas Tree and Managers.



Our Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry will have its first meeting on Sunday, January 7th after Mass in the parish hall. Come for information or learn more about this beautiful ministry. If you need more information please call June 508-579-1067.

## **Epiphany Meal**

The Annual Epiphany Meal will be held on January 28th @ St. Matthew's Church @ 2:30pm weather permitting. We need your help to cook turkeys (The will need to be cooked, sliced and heated), bake more. Please see the sign up sheet on the table near the elevator or speak to Jean Dawson or Theresa Gallagher for more information. **Please sign up by January 21st.**

## **Tax Statement**

If you are in need of a tax statement for your donations please call Lynn in the rectory 508-752-1608.

## **Adult Confirmation**

Are you a baptized, catechized Roman Catholic adult (18 or older) who has never been confirmed? The Diocese of Worcester will celebrate a diocesan-wide adult Confirmation on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at the Cathedral of St. Paul. A retreat to prepare for Confirmation will be offered on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. If interested, please contact the pastor for more information.

## **Word of Life**

“Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering....Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all.”