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## MASSES

### Lord's Day Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m. in the church

Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. in the church

### Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday 5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.

or by appointment

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As individuals and families, our mission as the Parish Community of Saint Joseph is to live fully the call of Jesus Christ, to be the People of God by giving witness to the Gospel, passing on our Catholic tradition, strengthening the spiritual life of parishioners and serving those in need. We are committed to being an active, welcoming, and supportive community, proclaiming Christ's teaching through word and deed.

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



## Saturday, January 4, 2025

4:00PM **Ann R. Cote**  
by daughter Judith

## Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:30AM **Adrian Gonyea**  
23rd Anniversary Remembrance  
by family

10:30AM **Mrs. Helen V. Leonard**  
In Remembrance

## Monday, January 6, 2025

8:00AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**

## Tuesday, January 7, 2025

8:00AM **Robert Cicio, Sr.**  
Birthday Remembrance  
by family

## Wednesday, January 8, 2025

8:00AM **Fr. Robert (Bob) Thames**  
by friend Anna

## Thursday, January 9, 2025

5:00PM **All Souls Day Remembrances**

## Friday, January 10, 2025

8:00AM **Margie Falvey**  
Anniversary Remembrance

## Saturday, January 11, 2025

4:00PM **Helen Wojnarowicz**  
2nd Anniversary Remembrance  
by her sister Theresa Sarsfield

## Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:30AM **Robert Cicio, Jr.**  
Birthday Remembrance  
by family

10:30AM **Mr. Joseph Pepper**  
In Remembrance



Saturday, January 11, 2025

Holy Communion Fred and Carol Fraini  
Lector Lucie LaJeunesse  
Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, January 12, 2025

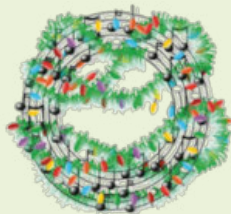
8:30am  
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton  
Marek Sitkowski  
Lector Mary Skorvanek  
Altar Server Patty Bickford  
10:30am  
Holy Communion Lisa Wass +2  
Lector Scott Maselek  
Altar Server Paul Molis

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

Deborah Halley - Carlo Whaley- Donna Perron  
John (Woody) Wood - Lois Maniero  
Susan Schmidt - Judy Maillet - Elaine Lamb  
Thomas McMahon - Elsie Faneuil - Julia  
William Daniels - Anne Berberian  
Marianne and Robert Haroian - Lana Khoury  
Joseph Cloutier, Jr. - Joseph Cloutier, Sr.  
Joyce and Bruce Seaman - Judith Daniels  
Patrick and Kate Dee - Francis Kavanagh  
Patty Snow - Arthur Cote - Victoria Crowe  
Steven Dufault - Richard Chiras - Michelle Kist  
Deborah and Victoria Mink - Francis Khoury  
Iris Wood - Derek Degon  
Kayla, Patrick and Olive O'Donnell  
Linda J. Harris - Tom Higgins  
Lynne Gobbi - John Cunningham  
Derek Lapointe - Christopher Chiras

### Concert in East Brookfield

The Christian Community Choir will present "Christmas is Forever," a Christmas Cantata, on **Sunday Jan. 5 at 3:00pm** at St. John the Baptist Church, 131 Blaine Ave., East Brookfield. All are welcome.



## Auburn, Massachusetts

**Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,**

Winter weather returned this week. People asked me if I planned to cancel mass this winter if we have a snowstorm. How many inches will snow accumulate before I cancel mass? My policy does not change this year from last. It has worked well and even in the deepest snow people have come to celebrate mass on weekends and during the week. Special thanks to the people who have come with snow shovels and helped clear walkways and stairs.

I usually do not cancel mass because of bad weather. I make it to the church with my boots on and a shovel in the deepest snow. I will only cancel mass if no one comes and I am scheduled to celebrate mass again later in the day.

The only other time that I will cancel mass is if the bishop directs all pastors to cancel mass throughout the diocese. I can put on my gloves, jacket, boots and hat and make it across Oxford Street North to the church. I have and will start the snow blower to clear a path for me and any people who wish to join me.

The Church advises people to avoid serious hazards when coming to mass on the weekend. Wisdom dictates that when we receive a weather forecast that it will snow on Sunday morning that people would fill the church on Saturday evening when the roads are clear and dry. The converse is also true, when it snows on Saturday evening wise people will postpone their Eucharistic custom and come on Sunday after the streets are cleared.

The company that operates snowplows for the parish is usually prompt with snow removal at the church and rectory lots.

Do not risk your life coming to mass. Be safe and avoid serious hazards when coming to mass. Use intelligent discernment when faced with a weather hazard and when wisdom dictates that you should remain home, stay there and join the Church in prayer while there.



**Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba**

### **Pro-Life Morning of Reflection**

All are invited to attend A Morning for Life to be held on **Saturday, Jan. 18 from 9:30 am-1:00 pm** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. Monsignor James Moroney will offer a reflection on "Evangelizing the Gospel of Life." The day will include Mass and light lunch. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required.

**To register, send your name, parish, and email address to [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org), or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311.**



### **Stewardship!!!**

#### ***The Epiphany of the Lord***

***"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)***

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

# Sunday, January 5, 2025



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Religious Education Grade 9	10:30AM-2:00PM	Church
Plumbing School	8:00AM-5:00PM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall

## Monday, January 6, 2025

Religious Education Classes Grades 3 - 5	4:00PM-5:15PM	Parish Center
Religious Education Classes Grades 6 - 8	6:45PM-8:00PM	Parish Center

## Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Bible Group	10:00AM-Noon	Parish Center
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## Wednesday, January 8, 2025

AA Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall
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## Thursday, January 9, 2025

Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM	Church
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## Friday, January 10, 2025

CPR Class	9:00AM-1:00PM	Parish Center
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## Saturday, January 11, 2025

Religious Education Classes Grades 1 & 2	10:00AM-11:15AM	Parish Center
CMSC Driver's Education	8:30AM-3:00PM	Parish Center

## Sunday, January 12, 2025

Grade 2 Family Mass	10:30AM	Parish Center
AA Meeting	7:00PM	Lower Church Hall

### NEW YEAR'S PRAYER



**Dear Lord,  
at the beginning of  
this New Year,  
I remember that you  
are a God of  
beginnings and  
endings.  
You created the world,  
with all its eternal  
patterns.**

**Winter begins in frost,  
and ends in Spring's thaw.  
Spring begins in new, green life,  
ending in Summer's heat.  
Summer begins in sunshine,  
and ends in Autumn's breezes.  
And Autumn's color leads  
to the white of Winter again.  
As another year ends and begins  
in our lives, help us to remember that  
you have made a world of cycles.  
When fortune turns to trials, or hardship  
turns to joy, help me take delight  
in the life I've received from you.  
Remind me that I will one day pass  
from this world and enter a new life  
like those who've gone before me.  
Amen.**

## Food Pantry Reminder

Next weekend is our monthly food collection. Items most needed are macaroni & cheese, canned soups, tuna, cereal, peanut butter, jelly and pasta.



Food collections will be donated to Auburn Youth and Family Services.



**Our Calendar Raffle has officially begun!**  
The names of the winners will be listed in the bulletin beginning next weekend.  
Many thanks to all who supported this effort and . . . Best of Luck to All!!

## Epiphany Lessons & Carols in Milford

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, 19 Winter St., Milford will host Lessons & Carols for Epiphany on **Sunday, January 5 at 3 pm.** This is a Covenant event with Trinity Episcopal Church, Milford, believed to be the oldest continuous Twinning Covenant (52 years) between Roman Catholic and Episcopal Parishes in the world!  
All are welcome.



Visit [stmarymilford.org](http://stmarymilford.org).

# The Epiphany of the Lord



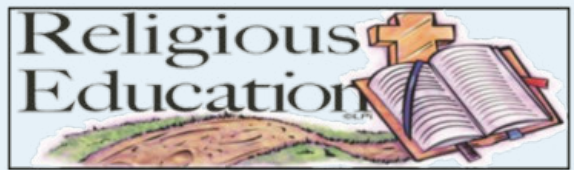
The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "savior." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

The name of Jesus is the sweetest of all names, and He who bears it is most worthy of all love. He who calls Jesus his friend can be assured that this friend is the most devoted and unselfish of all friends.

Jesus is our all. In His name we may pray to the Father with assurance of being heard. In His name the Church administers all her sacraments. In His name she offers all her prayers and blesses homes, the fields, and the sick. In the name of Jesus she casts out evil spirits, and at the hour of our death bids us, "Go forth, Christian soul." She assures us that whoever shall call upon this name will be saved. When our soul has departed this life to seek its eternal home, the Church asks in the name of Jesus, "Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord."

— *Benedict Baur, O.S.B.*

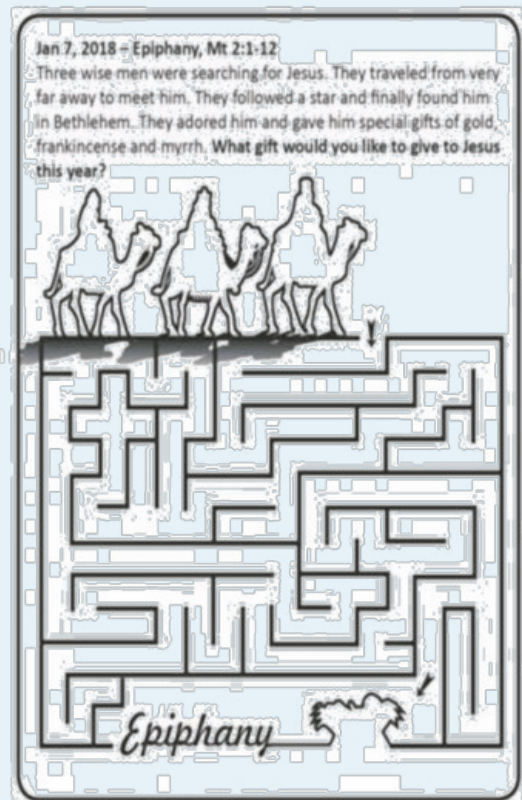
## NEWS FROM



Classes resume on Monday, January 6, 2025 for grades 3 – 8 and Saturday, January 11, 2025, for grades 1 & 2.



The grade 2 family mass is Sunday, January 12, 10:30am at the church. All families should arrive at the church by 10:20am.



## Parish Support



**DUE TO THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY AND EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES, TOTALS FOR LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION WILL BE REPORTED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.**

The second collection this weekend is for **The Catholic University of America.**

The second collection next weekend will be for **Maintenance.**

*Thank you for your continued support of our parish.*

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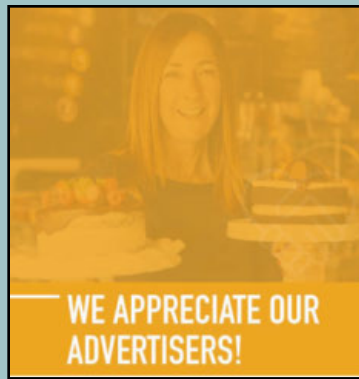
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