



In Loving Memory

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of: Louis Panaccione; Dorothy A. Hiltz; Dennis Morris; Gloria Pomce; Margaret Lewis; Dorothy Hardock; Joan Powers; John Journalist; Paul J. O'Brien; and all the faithful departed.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 2

8:30 AM All Benefactors of Christ the King Parish / Fr. E. Healey

4:00 PM The People of the Parish / Fr. E. Healey

Sunday, January 3

8:30 AM Louis Panaccione / Fr. J. Prusaitis

10:30 AM Dorothy A. Hiltz / Fr. E. Healey

5:30 PM Dennis Morris / Fr. J. Prusaitis

Monday, January 4

8:30 AM Gloria Pomce / Fr. E. Healey

Tuesday, January 5

8:30 AM Margaret Lewis / Fr. E. Healey

Wednesday, January 6

8:30 AM Dorothy Hardock / Fr. E. Healey

Thursday, January 7

8:30 AM Ann & Joe Maloney Special Intention / Fr. J. Prusaitis

Friday, January 8

8:30 AM Joan Powers / Fr. J. Prusaitis

Saturday, January 9

4:00 PM Mary Serba / Fr. E. Healey

Sunday, January 10

8:30 AM The People of the Parish / Fr. E. Healey

10:30 AM Mary Norwood / Fr. J. Prusaitis

5:30 PM Eitenne Elichalt / Fr. E. Healey



The Feast of the Epiphany: 20 + C. M. B. + 21

In many places it is customary for the above inscription to be written in chalk above the main entrance of houses on this day with the year separated by the initials for Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar – names assigned by tradition to the three kings or wise men whose visitation to the Christ Child after his birth is recalled on this day.

The C.M. B is also understood to represent a prayer-wish in Latin –“Christus Mansionem Benedicat” or Christ Bless this House! On this day in various countries the custom of gift giving in honor of the gifts of the Magi is observed rather than on December 25th.

In Eastern Christian traditions this is a day on which the true identity of Jesus is revealed to the nations through the adoration of the Magi, by his baptism, and in the first miracle at Cana, themes that also underlie the Epiph-

PARISH OFFICE: – Due to the concerns with the pandemic and concern with rising cases, our parish office will continue to be closed until further notice. There will be someone in the office to answer calls and address any business that needs to be attended to. Thank you for your understanding.

New time for Distribution of Holy Communion Sunday, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM in the church.

any in the West and so still appear in some of the traditional hymns for this feast day even though it is predominantly thought of as a commemoration the visit of the Magi. In order that it not be overshadowed by tradi-

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tions surrounding the wisemen on Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord has been designated as a separate celebration among Western Christians since 1955 and usually occurs on the Sunday after the Epiphany to conclude the Christmas Season. However, recent trends in Great Britain are reviving the more ancient custom of a 40-day Christmas season ending on February 2nd, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which is why, although in a less prominent place, the figures of Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus are kept in our sanctuary until February 2nd as a nod to this long-standing tradition of Christmastide.

Light is the primary symbol of the Epiphany as Christ is revealed on this day as the light to the nations, so rather than take lights down it is much more appropriate to put additional ones up; if not, then we must ask if the lights we put up in our homes as Christians, and some probably since Thanksgiving, have any deeper symbolic meaning or are they merely decorations?

Gifts for the Epiphany: In keeping with a more ancient tradition of gift giving on the Epiphany – copies of the books **DO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD: THE ESSENTIAL TEACHINGS OF MOTHER TERESA** and **I HEARD GOD LAUGH** by Matthew Kelly are available while they last at the entrances of the church. The books were purchased by Peter & Janet Celi as a gift to parishioners who would enjoy a copy; we are grateful to the Cellis' for their generosity in the true spirit of the Christmas Season.

Dating the Birth of Christ: Having previously written about the assignment of the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord to December 25th because we do not have Christ's birth certificate to pinpoint the exact day, there

is another and perhaps more reliable view on how this day may have eventually been selected that does not have anything to do with the pagan festivals traditionally held at the time of the winter solstice.

There is in the Jewish tradition the idea that the death of the great prophets occurs on the day they were conceived, and there is evidence that well before the 4th Century Christians were genuinely concerned to determine the date of Christ's crucifixion in order to commemorate his death and resurrection annually. Given that the death of Christ coincides with the Jewish feast of Passover in the Spring, some determined that the date of crucifixion was in late March while other Christians held that it was in early April. Ultimately the Christians of the West favored March 25th while those of the East, April 6/7th. Thus, in the West the feast of the Annunciation was set as March 25th and so when it came time to designate a date to observe Christ's birth it naturally fell nine months later on December 25th, and for others in the Eastern Tradition on January 6th. These dates were already set apart as holy among Christians even before the Edict of Milan in the early 4th century, and these have remained so until our own day with the Nativity celebrated in the West on December 25th and the Epiphany on or about January 6th. The trend to accommodate the celebration of Christian feasts to pagan festivals

that would begin in the late fourth century was a phenomenon that had been greatly resisted by Christians in the second and third centuries when the dates of December 25th and January 6/7th had been discussed and established as the proper time to celebrate the Nativity and Epiphany of Christ. This dating of Christ's birth is also congruent with the dating of the birth of John the Baptist as the service in the Temple rendered by his father, Zachariah, would have been in the beginning of October in accord with the annual assignment for service of the priestly line of Abijah to which he belonged. John would then have been conceived by Elizabeth in mid to late October and so the celebration of John's birth in late June is not off base. Thus, when the Angel told Mary that Elizabeth was entering her 6th month of pregnancy that would have coincided with the date of the Annunciation in late March.

So, while ultimately it only matters that John the Baptist and Jesus were born and grew to fulfill their divinely designated missions for our salvation, still, it is helpful to understand the deliberations that occurred in determining the days traditionally designated for these celebrations and to question the ever more commonly held notion that Christians merely took over pagan festivals for the celebration of their principal feasts.





Additional Christmas Memorial Flowers

Deceased Members of the
Clark Family

Mr. & Mrs. Vito Capite

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Paradis

Mr. & Mrs. George Petty

John Fox

Anthony LaForce and My Family

Julie Therese Eckstein

John G. Kern

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Edward W. Barron

Rev. Edward J. Barron, S.J.

Michael & Dorothy Gormley

Robert & Evelyn Babcock

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Mills Family

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Thelma Henry

Antonio G. Brum

Myrtle Still

Deceased Members of the

McGrath Family

Julie Ann McCabe

Doris & John Preston

Sandy Linnell

Jean White

Deceased Members of the Falese/

Leganowicz Families

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Bereavement Group to Begin

via ZOOM

If you need consolation and fellowship after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group of prayer and Scripture is for you. There are 4 different Seasons of Hope sessions that run over the course of the year.

Due to our inability to meet in person at this time, the next session will meet **via zoom** on **Tuesdays** beginning on **January 5th, 2021** from **1-3 p.m.**, we meet for **6 weeks per session**.

Access to the internet via laptop or tablet with a microphone/camera feature is needed in order to participate. Set up assistance is available upon request prior to the first meeting.

Registration by December 28th is required in order to allow time for program materials to be received. Contact **Donna Erdman** to register or with questions at: donna@christthekingparish.com

Those who participated in a recent pilot found the zoom group very helpful and plan to return.

PRO LIFE PRAYER

God the Father, source of everything divine, you are surpassing everything good and just. In you is tranquility, peace, and harmony. Heal our divisions and restore us to the unity of love, which is similar to your divine nature. Let the bond of love and the ties of divine affection make us one in the Spirit by your peace which renders everything peaceful. We ask this through the grace, mercy, and compassion of your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. *St. Dionysius of Alexandria*



Upcoming

Weekly Readings for the Week of January 3, 2021
For me they listened and waited.

Sun., January 3: Is 60: 1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12.
Mon., January 4: 1Jn 3-22-4: 6; Ps 2; Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25.
Tues., January 5: 1Jn 4: 7-10; Ps 72; Mk 6: 34-44.
Wed., January 6: 1Jn 4: 11-18; Ps 72; Mk 6: 45-52.
Thurs., January 7: 1Jn 4: 19-5: 4; Ps 72; Lk 4: 14-22.
Fri., January 8: 1Jn 5: 5-13; Ps 147; Lk 5: 12-16.
Sat., January 9: 1Jn 5: 14-21; Ps 149; Jn: 3: 22-30.
Next Sun., January 10: Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 or 55: 1-11; Ps 29; Acts 10: 34-38 or 1Jn 5: 1-9; Mk 1: 7-11.

Online Giving
December 26/27

Table with 2 columns: Collection Name and Amount. Includes First Collection (\$3,756.00), Second Collection (\$1,588.00), Christmas Collection (\$390.00), Matthew 25 (\$640.00), and TOTAL (\$6,374.00).

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The hours are subject to change
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

LIVE STREAMING

Live Mass Times:

Saturdays: 4:00 PM
Sundays: 8:30, 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM
Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

(First Saturday of the month only)

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As the season of Christmas draws to an end we may be tired and ready for the ordinary days. Let's remember to always seek and adore Jesus because the gift of the Savior's eternal love is far from ordinary. Maybe this year we can find Him in new ways and love unconditionally, maybe that is the birthday gift the baby Jesus would truly like.



Wishing a healthy, mask-free, happy New Year to all!

Classes resume this week

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Mass Aired on Mashpee TV!

The Sunday Mass is replayed on Mashpee TV, Channel 99 in Mashpee, on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7 PM. Please help spread the word to those who are without internet access and thus cannot join us live on Sunday – this is a great way to “stay connected” with us!

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NATHAN ROBERT OLSEN

Sanctuary Lights

January 3 thru January 9

The Sanctuary Light in the Church will be lit this week
In Memory of John Journalist

The Sanctuary Light in St. Jude's Chapel will be lit this week
For A Special Intention

Collection Weekend of
December 26 & December 27
First Collection: \$4,557.00 (Offertory)
Second Collection: \$3,870.00 (Building Maintenance)
Thank You

Christ the King Parish Food Pantry

Our Pantry is now a drive through EVERY WEDNESDAY from 9:00 AM until Noon.
NO EVENING PANTRY TIMES