



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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New Years Resolution...

I will never, ever park on Boston Neck Road at St. Veronica Chapel again!

I am happy to announce that the parking lot was completely finished during the past few weeks. The last lines and signs went up and it looks spectacular! Thank you for your patience through this long process. The motivation to build it was for your safety and the safety of others. For every Mass there is ample room to pull into the parking lot. It is my hope and request, that those who have been in the habit of parking on the street, will no longer do so.

These are the other reasons:

- doing so puts you in unnecessary danger exiting and entering your car.
- it impedes the safety of drivers who are traveling on Route 1A which is already quite dangerous. (Sadly you may know of the two people recently injured close to our address.)
- parking in the lot may allow you to meet/greet others safely before and after Mass which is part of our faith community experience.
- parking on Boston Neck Road obstructs the view of those who have parked in the lot, from seeing oncoming cars in both directions while trying to exit.

I would suggest you make this one of your New Year's resolutions if you park on Boston Neck Road. I would also ask you to exit from either of the two back exits to avoid Boston Neck Road. You can now exit onto Joy Lane if you are heading north and you can also go out the lower entrance, turn right onto Carol Lane, right on Muratore Lane, and right again up to the light at the gas station. This will enable to you enter Boston Neck Road safely and not back up cars that also want to exit.

Soon we will be installing gates to the back entrances for off days and hours, hopefully stopping cars from cutting through and speeding. So PLEASE, no longer park on Boston Neck Road. Fr. Joe will be writing up parking tickets where you'll have to pay/pray a rosary for each time!

Remember, we have many one-time visitors especially during the summer, who may not know the lay of the land. Let us always be hospitable and welcoming as usual!

Mother Cabrini is the patron saint of parking...pray for us Mother!

Fr. Taillon



Our parking lot restoration project is coming to a close. Recently the lines were painted and all signage is up. Soon the gates will be installed on both back exits.



ST. VERONICA CHAPEL

Thank you to all who helped to make both of our churches look so beautiful for Christmas.



ST. THOMAS MORE

The Knights of Columbus set up mangers inside and out at both churches, and our decorating committees worked to create beautiful, peaceful and prayerful settings for you to enjoy. Thanks also to our altar servers who worked to enhance our liturgies.



MASS *intentions*

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th

4 PM – 1st Anniversary ~ Peter Slauta

5 PM – Anniversary ~ Mina Mueller

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th

8 AM – Special Intention ~ for the safety of all our
U.S. military service members

9 AM – for the souls of Clara Merino & Claire
Grande

10 AM – 2nd Anniversary ~ Alfred Butler

11 AM – for the soul of Ronald F. Duska, Sr.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8th

9 AM – Special Intention ~ Fr. Edward Riley
(Living)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th

9 AM – Special Intention ~ Fr. William O'Donnell
(Living)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10th

9 AM – Special Intention ~ Fr. Thomas Reilly
(Living)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ William Murphy

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12th

9 AM – for the soul of Bill Murphy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13th

9 AM – 17th Anniversary ~ John Merlino, Jr.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13th

4 PM – for the soul of Patricia Fogarty

5 PM – for the soul of Catherine Ranaldi

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th

8 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Anne Del Monico

9 AM – for the soul of J. Joseph Garrahy

10 AM – 5th Anniversary ~ George Kwetkowski

11 AM – 11th Anniversary ~ John Reardon



Christmas Flowers *in memory and honor of our loved ones*

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SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, January 11th
St. Thomas More Church - 6:30 - 7:30 PM
with Exposition and Benediction of
the Blessed Sacrament

Happenings around the parish

Gospel Reflections Group

All are welcome to join our informal discussion group which meets on Mondays from 10-11:30 AM in the parish hall. Over coffee & refreshments, we read and reflect on the Gospels of the coming week and share our personal insights of those readings.

Men's Bible Study

Our parish has a very active group of men who meet each Saturday morning in the parish hall at 7:30 AM to discuss the Sunday scripture readings. This is very informal and all are invited to join.

Remember the Poor

The small donation boxes on the church walls labeled "Remember the Poor" goes to the Mother Teresa Fund, which helps with rental assistance, utilities, food and prescriptions. Thanks for your generosity.

Prayer Chain Ministry

If you know someone who would like extra prayers, please call Jean at 783-3403 to express your request. Volunteers are needed and welcome to join this important ministry.

Pray the Rosary

The rosary is prayed Monday - Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas More. All are welcome.

Rosary Repairs

Drop broken beads in the box in the foyer using the envelope provided. Include your name and contact info. You will be contacted within a few weeks when your repair is complete.

St. Vincent dePaul clothing bins

Accepts clothing and shoes. Bins located at the back of the St. Thomas More parking lot, inside the white fence.

Relevant Radio "Morning Air" Show

Join Fr. Taillon at 550 AM every Wednesday at 8:00 AM or listen on relevantradio.com



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Religious Education

Sunday, January 7th

Grades 1 - 4 at 10:05-10:55 AM
St. Veronica Chapel

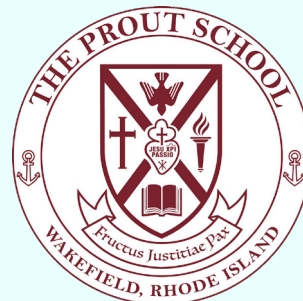
1st & 2nd Year Confirmation
Bowling at Old Mountain Lanes
at 6:00-7:00 PM

Monday, January 8th

Grades 1 - 4 at 4:10-5:00 PM
St. Thomas More

Wednesday, January 10th

Grades 5 - 8 at 5:45-6:45 PM
St. Veronica Chapel



The Joseph Jacome III Community Service Memorial Scholarship will award \$1000.00 to the student who best describes their experience of Community Service and how it impacted them and the community.

Students who are enrolled Seniors at The Prout School and are planning to advance their education in a certificate program, trade or college are eligible. Eligible candidates must be able to demonstrate their strong commitment to acts of service to the local, national, and/or international community.

Contact the Prout School Guidance Department for an Application - michellevavo@gmail.com.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the
same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus
through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year.

Observances for the week of January 7, 2024

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
Saturday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Tarcisius was a 12-year-old boy who lived in 3rd-century Rome. Although much of what is known of him is from a poem written by Pope Damasus (366-384), he is considered an important martyr who protected the Eucharist from desecration with his life.

Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,
With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse. What You supply is gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. Amen.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Step Into the Light

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

“Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance,” writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

“See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory.”
— Isaiah 60:2

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these “epiphany” moments in your life.

Thank you to the many new families who have signed up for Faith Direct to support our ministries. Your support allows us to continue to serve the spiritual and corporeal needs of our parish and wider community. And, thank you to our many virtual parishoners who continue to support us, we appreciate your support too!



St. Thomas More Parish counts on your prayers and support and we truly appreciate your continued generosity during this difficult time.

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