

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

# SHEPHERD

*"Since from you shall  
come a ruler, who is to  
shepherd my people  
Israel." - Mt 2:6b*



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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.

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

**Prayer Shawls Ministry** call the rectory

**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, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 AM

(No Mass on Thursday)

**Blessed Sacrament Adoration/First Friday:**

9:30 AM - 5:30PM

**Confessions:**

Every Saturday 3-3:30 PM

WEEK OF January 5 & 6, 2019

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES**

*Sat.*, January 5—*Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord*  
4:00 PM - Michael O'Grady—Family

*Sun.*, January 6 ~ *The Epiphany of the Lord*  
10:00 AM—Irene Emond & Tammy  
Murphy—*Jeannine & Ed Corrigan*  
11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*  
*Friday, January 11*  
9:00 AM—Edward Prostack—*wife, Theresa*

*Sat.*, January 12 - *Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord*  
4:00 PM - Albin & Stanley Kucharski—Family  
*Sun.*, January 13~ *The Baptism of the Lord*  
10:00 AM  
11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

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**The Epiphany of the Lord**

"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.'" How strange to journey so far for perhaps so little. Of course the magi go to the capitol city. Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the child? "In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare.

Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:  
**Jackie McNamara & Helen Paquette.**

We will not be calling UMass Memorial as they don't have a system to give us the information we need. If you or a loved one is in one of those hospitals please let us know so we can be sure to visit them and pray for them.

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 12**

Lector: Kathy Hannon

Commentator: Mary Ellen Bohdiewicz

Minister of Holy Communion: John Harrington & Sandra Kucharski

**Sunday, January 13**

Lector: Daniel Fullen

Commentator: Michael Boover

Altar Servers: Richard Abalo & Jacob Lorusso

Ministers of Holy Communion: Michael Buffone, Jo Luikey, Kate Hamilton, Patricia Reardon, Rose Kempton & Alma Sheehan

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**Do you serve on the altar?**

(Altar Servers, Minister's of Holy Communion, Lector's or Commentator's)

Fr. Asante would like to have a meeting with you all. Please sign up on the table near the elevator. There are 2 date's to choose from—January 13th or January 20th at 11:30am.

Thank you

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact Cathaleen Peloquin Victim Services Coordinator for our diocese at 508-929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

# BINGO

January 11, 2019

**Team # 2— Alma Sheehan, Frank Adams, Chuck Hamilton, Pat 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, Paul Levesque, Donna Niles & Michael Burgraff

**Ladies Guild Kitchen Crew:  
Beverly Farrar & Theresa Gallagher**

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

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

We will have our Annual Lunch at Wright's Chicken Farm on Sunday, January 20th. We will leave immediately following the 10am Mass. Please sign up on the table near the elevator by January 13th so we can get a count.

***If you have already signed up please check the list again. Our list went missing!***

**Coat Collection:** It's that time of year that we start cleaning out our closets. We are collecting new or gently used coats for adults and children. We give them to our neighbors who may not have a coat to keep warm. Please place them in the box in the upstairs hallway near the elevator.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF COATS!**

## **Catholic University Collection**

This weekend, parishes in your arch/diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Now, more than ever, the University is strategically positioned to pave the way forward and help the laity play a significant role in healing.

Through hosting a conference series focused on laity response, and in creating an Institute for Diocesan Excellence in Administration (IDEA) where lay scholars and professionals can support clergy by providing expertise and accountability, Catholic University will serve as a springboard in renewing and strengthening Catholicism in our country.

Your support of the National Collection will help us solve issues within the Church and educate graduates who will leave campus ready to impact the Church, the nation, and the world. We appreciate your generosity.

You can learn more at: [collection.catholic.edu](http://collection.catholic.edu).

## **Do you enjoy saying the rosary? Which you like to say it more?**

All are invited to join us every Sunday immediately following Mass to say the Rosary with fellow parishioners.

Never before has rosaries been so needed for reparation for sin, world peace, political civility, the end of abortion, souls in purgatory, the intentions of the Holy Father, discernment between good and evil, vocations, fallen away Catholics, marriages, and those in most need of God's mercy.

There is no better way to say "Yes" to Blessed Mother.

## **Update Your Information**

Does the Parish Office have any new address or phone information?

Please visit our parish website:

<https://shscparish.com/>

To submit any changes or you can call the rectory office 508-752-1608.

Thank you!

## **Tax Donation Receipts:**

If you are in need of a receipt for your yearly donations please call the parish office Monday-Friday, 8am-2pm 508-752-1608.

## **Divine Mercy Retreat in Webster**

"Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told" is a dramatic 10-session journey featuring best-selling author and popular speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Join us at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Rectory, 18 E. Main St., Webster, beginning Wednesday, Jan.23: TWO SESSIONS offered, 10:00-11:30 am or 7:45-9:00 pm and continuing every Wednesday (no class, Ash Wednesday, March 6) For more information or to register for the study, contact the Parish Office @ 508 943 3140 or via email: [alkotkin@aol.com](mailto:alkotkin@aol.com). Registration deadline Jan 6, 2019.

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



December 22 & 25, 2018

December 22

Retirement for the Religious \$52.00, Sunday Offering  
\$1552.30

Christmas Collection

\$1428.30