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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### **Weekends**

Saturday: 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

#### **Daily**

Mass (M, T, Th, F): 8:45 AM

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 2:45-3:30 PM  
(At St. Augustine 3:15-4 PM)

#### **Holy Day Masses:**

As announced

### SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms:** Please contact the parish office to schedule date of preparation and date of baptism.

**Marriage:** Please contact the pastor at least one year before planned date of marriage.

**Visitation or Anointing of the Sick:** Anytime. Please contact the pastor.

If you are a visitor or if you are new to our parish, we welcome you. If you would like to become a member of our parish, you may call the parish office, contact us by e-mail or return this form by mail or by placing it in the offertory collection.

This form may also be used for change of address or to request a call from a member of our staff.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Linwood/Uxbridge, Massachusetts**

**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**Saturday, January 6**

**4:00 PM** Arthur & Yvette Dupre by Elaine Gosselin

**Sunday, January 7**

**8:00 AM** Eleanor Gonsorcik by her husband

**10:00 AM** Barbara Lucas by her family

**Monday, January 8**

**8:45 AM** NO MASS

**11:00 AM** Crown & Eagle Mass

**Tuesday, January 9**

**8:45 AM** Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Helpers of the Holy Souls

**Thursday, January 11**

**8:45 AM** NO MASS

**Friday, January 12**

**8:45 AM** Marie & Adelard Ouillette by their family

**Saturday, January 13**

**4:00 PM** Richard Mach by Judy Mach

**Sunday, January 14**

**8:00 AM** Rene Thibault (6th Anniv.) by Joe Lemelin

**10:00 AM** Daniel Manna by his family

**Liturgical Roles January 13 & 14**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**4:00 PM** J. Petty, M. Fitzpatrick, H. Campbell

**8:00 AM** R. Poulin, P. Berthelette, M. Landry

**10:00 AM** C. Guertin, A. Zyra, P. Jordan

**Lectors**

**4:00 PM** S. Desjourdy

**8:00 AM** M. O'Sullivan

**10:00 AM** D. Callen, A. Darling

**Altar Servers**

**4:00 PM** A. & N. Thompson

**8:00 AM** J. & J. Tasick

**10:00 AM** Z. Jordan, C. Kenny

**Ushers**

**4:00 PM** K. & J. Nutter

**8:00 AM** E. Metivier, J. D'Alfonso

**10:00 AM** D. & MB Guertin

**Readings for the Week of January 7, 2018**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/ Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/ Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/ Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/ Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



Sunday, January 7	9:00 AM	SP RE
	10:00 AM	Little Lambs
	11:00 AM	Grades 3,4,5
	2:00 PM	Gr. 1 Retreat
	5:00 PM	Conf. I & II Mass & Class
Monday, January 8	11:00 AM	Crown & Eagle Mass
	4:30 PM	Gr. 2 Reconciliation Preparation
	5:00 PM	YC Open
	6:15 PM	Gr. 6-8
	7:30 PM	Parish Council (St. John Paul II Room)
Tuesday, January 9	4:30 PM	Gr. 2 Reconciliation Preparation
	6:00 PM	TOPS (St. John Paul II Room)
Wednesday, January 10	12:00 PM	Senior Ministry movie/bag lunch (Senior Room)
	4:30 PM	Gr. 2 Reconciliation Preparation
	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts (Parish Center)
Thursday, January 11	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Senior Room)
Saturday, January 13	7:30 AM	Men's Breakfast (Church hall)
	2:00 PM	Bible Study (Senior Room)
	2:45 PM	Confessions
Sunday, January 14	9:00 AM	NO
	10:00 AM	RELIGIOUS
	11:00 AM	EDUCATION

**January 7, 2018 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.



**Sunday, January 7**

9:00 AM SP RE  
 10:00 AM Little Lambs  
 11:00 AM Grades 3,4,5  
 2:00 PM Grade 1 Retreat  
 5:00 PM Conf. I & II Mass & Class

**Monday, January 8**

4:30 PM Grade 2 Reconciliation Prep.  
 6:15 PM Grades 6-8

**Tuesday, January 9**

4:30 PM Grade 2 Reconciliation Prep.

**Wednesday, January 10**

4:30 PM Grade 2 Reconciliation Prep.



**Prayer for Epiphany**

Dear Jesus,  
 though a newborn, the wise men knew your greatness.  
 On a hint from the heavens,  
 they traveled far from their places of comfort  
 so that they could honor you.  
 From their belief in your divinity,  
 they gave amazing gifts, offerings that symbolized  
 your life, power, and even your death.  
 And because of a dream in the night,  
 they altered their well-laid plans to return home  
 in order to protect you.  
 May we be so willing to honor, sacrifice, and obey,  
 all for love of you,  
 as we meditate on the meaning of this day.  
 Amen

**SHARING OUR BLESSINGS**  
**Weekend of December 23 & 24**  
**Weekly Goal \$5959**  
 Sunday Regular \$3326; Electronic \$405; Candles \$100; Christmas  
 Flowers \$20; Living Faith \$14; Funeral \$100; Christmas \$1988;  
 Staff Thank You \$923  
**Other Income \$200**  
 Parish Savings \$200  
**Weekend of December 30 & 31**  
 Sunday Regular \$2846; Electronic \$405; Candles \$10; Living Faith  
 Booklets \$17; Staff Thank You \$95; Christmas \$95;  
 New Year's Day \$305; Initial Offering \$168  
**Other Income \$84**  
 Parish Savings \$84  
*(The participation of all is very important  
 and is appreciated by the whole community)*

**Winter Daily Mass**

Just a reminder that in the event of inclement weather during the winter months, if there is no school or a two hour delay in Uxbridge, there will be no Mass. If there is a one hour delay, Mass will be celebrated.

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**Parish Center Winter Heating**

**To all staff, ministries and groups using the Parish Center:**

Now that the cold weather has arrived, please remember to close all classroom doors and the door to the "Welcome Room" when you leave. Also, in each room, one radiator should be left at "1" and all others at "0" on the dials. This will help us to save on heating costs while keeping the rooms relatively warm. Thank you.

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**Please help to keep our church neat!**



Please do not leave bulletins in the pews, either take them home or return to the bulletin racks at church entrances. Kneelers should be placed in the upright position, and hymnals and missalettes should be placed neatly in the pew racks. Thank you!

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**Living Faith Booklets** for January, February and March are on the back table. We ask for a \$2 donation to help defray the subscription cost. Thank you.

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**March for Life**

Please join us for the Diocese of Worcester's bus trip to the 45th annual March for Life in Washington, DC. Buses leave on Thursday, January 18 after the 7:30 pm Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral, travel to Washington for the March for Life on January 19, followed by the return trip to Worcester. Cost is \$90 per seat. For more information and to download registration forms, visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life).





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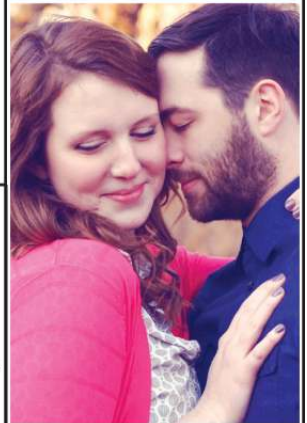
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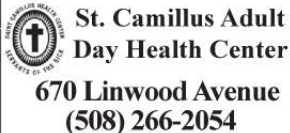
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