

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 7, 2017
4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 8, 2017
8:30 AM James & Gertrude Butler
11:00 AM

**Daily Mass this week will be held on
Monday thru Thursday at 8:00 AM**

Monday, January 9, 2017
James J. Foley, Jr. – 3rd Anniversary

Tuesday, January 10, 2017
8:00 AM

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Thursday, January 12, 2017
8:00 AM

Friday, January 13, 2017
NO MASS

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 14, 2017
4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 15, 2017
8:30 AM
11:00 AM Mary Theresa Sieczkowski -3rd
Anniversary

Mass Missalettes



Mass Missalettes for **2017** are available for reserving in memory of a loved one \$604/year or \$150/month.

Music Missalettes



Music Missalettes for **2017** are available for reserving in memory of a loved one \$632/year or \$50.00/month.

Today's Hymns



Entrance: #91 Angels From the Realms of Glory
Preparation: #92 We Three Kings
Communion #90 The First Noel
Meditation: #87 What Child Is This
Recessional: #86 As With Gladness Men of Old

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



As we begin a new year, let us take time to plan and make stewardship of time and talent a part of our lifestyle and stewardship of treasure a part of our budget.

Solemnity of Mary Collection	\$3,207.00
Renovation Fund	\$ 899.25
20/20 Raffle up to date	\$ 660.00

The second collection this weekend will be for the Renovation Fund. Next weekend there will be a **Special Collection for Catholic Communications.**

Arranging of Masses & Candles

The **books are open for 2017** anyone wishing to arrange a Mass, Sanctuary Candle, Marian Candle or Sacred Heart Candle in memory of a loved one. Please call the rectory at 508-673-7831

Altar Breads and Altar Wine

The **books are also open for 2017** for the Altar Breads and Altar Wine for anyone wishing to donate in memory of a loved one. Altar Breads - \$100/3 Months and Altar Wine - \$40.00/3 Months.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

There will be a meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry on **Tuesday, January 10, 2017, from 9:30 – 11:00 in the rectory meeting room. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us.**

FAITH FORMATION Religious Education

Welcome back!

All children who will be entering First Grade in September must register for Religious Education Classes. This is a two-year program that begins with First Grade and ends with the reception of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in Second

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM

First Communion Rehearsal Dates – Saturday, April 29, 2017 and Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Church.

Sacrament of First Communion – Sunday, May 7, 2017 during the 11:00 AM Mass.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

This is a two year program for *both Catholic and Public School* parishioners. Students need to register in Grade 9 to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 10.

CANCELLATION OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please tune to WSAR Channel 6 or Rhode Island Broadcasters on Channels 10 or 12 for cancellation announcements. If you have any questions, you may contact Michael Fitzpatrick, Director of Religious Education, at the Religious Education Office #508-679-1236 or at the Rectory Office #508-673-7831.

A Reminder...

Saturday, January 21st at 11:00AM, the First Communion Class will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Penance. The Sacrament of Penance Students and their parents should be at the Church by 10:45AM. There will be a luncheon served following the First Penance Service for students and their families in the Parish Center. *Please be reminded that all luncheon request forms must be returned to Mrs. Crook or Mr. Fitzpatrick no later than January 8th.*

VOCATION VIEWS

The light of Christ shines upon you. How will you share that light with others? Consider the gift of a Church vocation. For our world, may the light of Christ guide our leaders to work together for peace.

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH 20/20 RAFFLE

*This raffle is an important fund-raiser
for our church renovation fund.*

To date we have sold \$660.00 in Raffle Tickets. Tickets are on sale before and after the masses. Extra tickets are available to sell to friends and family. Tickets are \$20 each. **There will be one lucky winner! The winning ticket will be drawn on February 26, 2017 after the 11 o'clock mass.** The winner is guaranteed \$1,000 or 20% of what is totally collected, whichever is larger. **Anyone willing to volunteer to sell the raffle tickets before and after the masses to please speak with Msgr. Fitzgerald or call the rectory at 508-673-7831. Your help makes this fundraiser successful. Thank you.**

SAVE THE DATE!

Volunteers needed to Un-decorate the Church

Volunteers will be needed on Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 PM in the Church to remove the Christmas decorations. *Please volunteer, many hands are needed. Thank you.*

St. Vincent de Paul News

The next scheduled meeting for St. Vincent de Paul members is on TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017 at 2:00 PM.

Inclement Weather – Daily Mass

For safety reasons, when the Town of Somerset cancels or delays school because of inclement weather, daily Mass will also be cancelled. If you had a scheduled announced Mass for that day, please call the Rectory at 508-673-7831 and the Mass will be rescheduled as soon as possible. Thank you.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Sometimes we need to reflect how to let God live with us in our marriages. Explore how by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jan. 20-22, 2017 in Duxbury, MA and March 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call #800-710-9963.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — “members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2017

“I am sure you have heard of the ministry God in his goodness gave me in your regard. God’s secret plan, as I have briefly described it, was revealed to me, unknown to men in former ages but now revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets. It is no less than this: in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise through the preaching of the gospel.”

While we recall the visit of the Magi, detailing facts of a star, gifts and a hateful king, the real meaning for us is given by St. Paul. We learn three things today, we are: 1) co-heirs, 2) members, 3) sharers.

An heir receives a benefit, members gain the status of belonging and sharers enjoy a common life. This details who and what we are as ‘missionary disciples.’ It was not always so. The visitors from the orient represent all who believe and follow today. Jesus is the Savior of the world, of Christians, Jews, Muslims, all humankind. With reverence they brought gifts, symbolic yet real. We bring the gift of self, offering our gratitude for His coming, our desire to follow Him more closely. Like the Magi, we go to our streets and neighborhood, our barrio and homes, willing to bring our experience of Christ’s presence to others.

Did you discover the Christ this Christmas? Be the star to reveal Him to others.