

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3, 2016

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 2 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, January 3 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, January 3 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Chris Odiorne by Linda Columbus**

Sunday, January 3 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Monday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday - 8 am, at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, January 9 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, January 10 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, January 10 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
John Lempart by Pat Gale**

Sunday, January 10 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly Offering: \$532 **Christmas:** \$440 **Christmas Flowers:** \$452

Second Collection This Week - Catholic University of America

Second Connection Next Week - Fuel

Thank you to all who make up their envelopes for weekends missed due to vacation, illness or inclement weather.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Paula Blanchette, Skip Brown, Trey Niles, Margaret Murdock, Connie Hamel, Sandy Kulvete, Alice Ostrowski, Deb Nichols, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Marion Gay, Anna Henrie, Anita Poirier, Bernice Leger, Anne Marie Beliveau, Rachel Catlow, Alicia Wieszorek, Bob Brown, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, Michelle Smith, Mason Jandris, Michael Theriault, Doug Young, Tim Wilson, Joe Barrett, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Come early, and join in praying the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass each Sunday.

MASS CANCELLATIONS

If school is delayed or cancelled on a weekday that morning Mass is scheduled, Mass will be cancelled..



MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION

Washington, DC – January 22, 2016

The annual March for Life in Washington, DC is on Friday, January 22. Cost is \$70 per seat for registrations postmarked by Dec. 31, and \$85 thereafter. It will be first come-first-served basis until all seats are full. If you are interested in attending the March for Life or would like more information, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life or call 508-929-4311.

PAYER FOR THE 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

MANY THANKS

Dear Parishioners,

First, I would like to say thank you for all your prayers, Christmas cards and gifts that I received from you during Advent and Christmas time.

To all those who participated in making our Church and Christmas Services beautiful — THANK YOU! - The Decorators, Musicians, Choir, Lectors Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers & Greeters.

Also, I would like to wish all of you, Happy New Year 2016.

May God bless you and your families, and I hope that you will always feel His loving and caring presence. Fr. Marcín

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the rectory when someone is confined to home, in a nursing home, in the hospital, or in need of prayers. Arrangements can be made for Communion or a visit. Please pray for all those who are sick.

BABY FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE - THANK YOU

“Dear Friends at St. Martin’s,

“Thank you so much for once again remembering our babies at the holidays. Your kindness will be shared among many of our young families, many of whom struggle each day to provide for their children.

“God bless you all for your generosity.

“Karen Culkeen, Director, Healthy Families Program”

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Mt 2:10-11



CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION

The Catholic University of America, founded in 1887 by the U. S. Catholic Bishops, is the national university of the Catholic Church in America. This weekend's second collection is for CUA. All of the funds received through this collection underwrite the financial aid program at the university.

Bishop McManus encourages us to be generous in the special collection.

INCENSE & CHALK FOR THE EPIPHANY

The tradition of the blessing of the Incense and Chalk was created in the early ages of the Church and is still alive in any European Countries and some parts of the United States.

Incense, one of the gifts given to Jesus after His birth, is typically used to offer worship to God our Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. As the burning Incense filled one's home, it served as reminder that home is to be a place where life is always lived in union with the Divine Persons and a place where they would always respect and love one another as Jesus taught.

The Chalk is used to inscribe on one's home front door, the year, 4 Crosses and the Letters "C", "M" and "B." (20+C+M+B+16).

In the Middle Ages, devotion to the Magi grew and Christians soon began to name the Magi – Casper, Melchior and Balthasar. However, more correct meaning of these three letters is from Latin: "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means, "May Christ bless this house."

Incense and chalk will be available in the vestibule of the church for those interested in this tradition.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was: #3, Sue Noel. The "big" drawing is this week. If you'd like to join the next round, see Linda Columbus.

2016 CALENDARS

Caleendars for 2016 are available in the vestibule. Thanks to Normand and Andrew Boucher of Boucher Funeral Home in Gardner, who donate the caleendars each year.

WINTER FEST DINNER IN WESTMINSTER

A Winter Fest Dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 10 Church St., Westminster from 5 - 7 pm. Menu will be Pork Loin, applesauce, meatloaf, gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, tangy 4 bean salad, rolls, tapioca pudding and cookies. Cost of dinner is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child under 12 and children under 6 eat free. Tickets are available at the door. For more info, call 978-874-0767.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The Templeton Food Pantry is always in need of donations. Non-perishable food may be brought to Mass any Sunday and volunteers will deliver your donations to the Pantry. Please help our neighbors in need. The Food Pantry, located behind the American Legion Hall in Baldwinville, is open from 9 am - 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



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Rosary

20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard at 4:45 pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Church during the fall/winter season, or by appt.

Sacrament of Christian Marriage

Plans may be made by contacting the Pastor at least one year prior to the intended wedding date.

Ministry to the Sick and Elderly

Please notify us when a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized so that we may visit the confined person and offer the sacraments of the Church.

Parish Registration

If you are new to the area, we welcome you to join our parish family. Please introduce yourself after Mass and register in the parish. We want to know and serve you.