

St. Peter the Fisherman Parish

January 5, 2020: Feast of the Epiphany

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"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." – Luke 5:4



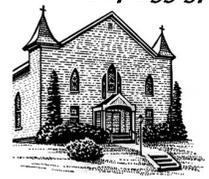
Holy Name—Machias



St. Timothy—Campobello Isle, NB



St. Michael—Cherryfield



Sacred Heart—Lubec

Dear Parishioners,

Today we enter the final week of the Christmas season as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Today we remember when the three Magi searched and found Jesus, the King of the Jews. This was the first time Jesus was made manifest to the world, and the first time the world recognized Him as King. The Magi welcomed Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh: gold signifying His kingship; frankincense signifying His divinity; and myrrh signifying His future death. As we begin this new year, let us too search and find Jesus in our hearts, and rather than giving Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, let us offer Him the gift of a committed life totally devoted to Him. In order to usher in this commitment, today we bless chalk and water, two sacramentals used in the blessing of our homes. As you inscribe the blessing over the main doorway of your home, and as you sprinkle your house with the holy water, commit yourself and your family to a year of deeper prayer and devotion to Jesus, with a special focus on regularly attending Sunday Mass and growing in your love for Him in the Holy Eucharist.

With prayers for your holiness and God's abundant blessings,
Fr. Philip Clement, Pastor

thank
you!

COLLECTION

December 22, 2019

\$2,124.00

December 25, 2019

\$1,926.00

December 29, 2019

\$1,777.15

Thank You For Your Generosity

Mass Intentions for Epiphany and final week of Christmastide

Sat	Jan 4, 2020	4:00 pm (ATL)	ST	Epiphany Sunday — People of SPF Parish
Sat	Jan 4, 2020	4:30 pm (EST)	SH	Epiphany Sunday — Baby Bridge
Sun	Jan 5, 2020	8:30 am	HN	Epiphany Sunday — Joyce Renier
Sun	Jan 5, 2020	10:30 am	SM	Epiphany Sunday — Jim Sawyer
Wed	Jan 8, 2020	8:30 am	HN	Wed After Epiphany — Catholic Exchange
Wed	Jan 8, 2020	9:00 am	SM	Wed After Epiphany — Catholic Exchange
Thurs	Jan 9, 2020	8:30 am	SH	Thu After Epiphany — Steve Turkington
Fri	Jan 10, 2020	8:30 am	SM	Fri After Epiphany — Paul Bebble
Sat	Jan 11, 2020	4:00 pm (ATL)	ST	Baptism of the Lord — People of SPF Parish
Sat	Jan 11, 2020	4:30 pm (EST)	SH	Baptism of the Lord — Andrea Turkington
Sun	Jan 12, 2020	8:30 am	HN	Baptism of the Lord — Eric McDonald
Sun	Jan 12, 2020	10:30 am	SM	Baptism of the Lord — William Height

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Please call Fr. Clement at the parish office (207-255-3731) for:

Baptisms, Weddings, Holy Communion to the homebound, Sacrament of the Sick, Funerals, or any other sacramental or pastoral needs.

Confessions: Sat. 3:00-4:00 ATL @ St. Timothy; Sat. 5:30-6:00 @ Sacred Heart; Sun. 7:30-8:20 @ Holy Name; Sun. 11:30-12:30 @ St. Michael's

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Did You Know ... 2020 Holy Days of Obligation

January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter, the solemnity of the Ascension

August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

November 1, the solemnity of All Saints

December 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 25, the solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ



SPF Capital Improvement Campaign

The Capital Improvement Campaign Committee is happy to report that to date we have received pledges totaling \$209,918. This means that we have already received enough pledges to meet our "Maintenance Goal" of \$153,350 and are in need of only \$20,082 in pledges to meet our "Sustainability Goal" of \$230,025. We are so very grateful to everyone who has made a pledge.

Weather Notifications

Parishioners will be notified of cancellations of Masses and other parish functions by phone (if you are signed up for this) or check out the parish website. If you are not signed up, please contact Fr. Philip.

Winter Weather Call List



The parish has a winter weather call list which we use to send out recorded messages for changes to Mass schedules due to inclement weather. It's not a perfect system, but it's what we have. If you are not on this call list and want to be, please contact Fr. Philip and give him your telephone number. Thank you.

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Next Week

Winter Operation's Budget



Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training

On Saturday, January 18, there will be a mandatory training for ALL EMHC's for all churches. The training will be in the St. Francis Room at Holy Name Church in Machias. If you are unable to attend, you'll have to attend a makeup session in order to continue serving. Thank you for your cooperation and your volunteer service. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Philip



The next session of Coffee and Catechesis will be on Saturday, January 25th from 10-11:30 at the parish hall in Machias. (42 Broadway). We hope to see you there!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



If you have received offertory envelopes in the mail but don't want to receive them; or if you have not received offertory envelopes in the mail and you do want to receive them, please add your name to the appropriate column on the page in the back of the church.



If you are a Parish Scribe, please don't forget to sign up for your next session for our Baptismal Record Transcribing Project.

OFFICE HOURS



Fr. Philip's day off is Monday. Office hours are Wednesdays from 10am — 4pm by appointment only. If you need to see Fr. Philip for any reason, please call the office, or email Fr. Philip directly to make an appointment. Appointments are held at Holy Name Church in Machias.

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

On the feast of the Epiphany, conveniently close to the beginning of the New Year, the ancient tradition has been to ask God's blessing on homes as the inscription below is marked above the main entrance to the home. The main entrance to the home is inscribed with blessed chalk using the legendary names or initials of the three Magi, and the numerals of the New Year, connected with a series of crosses.

The initials C, M, and B commemorate the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar but also stand for the Latin prayer request *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*: "May Christ bless this house." Accordingly, the main entrance of a house would be marked as follows: **20 + C + M + B + 19**.

There is also a special blessing for water on the feast of the Epiphany because of its connection to the celebration of Jesus' baptism, which we commemorate on the Sunday following Epiphany. This ancient rite of the blessing of holy water, with its extraordinarily powerful prayers of exorcism, renders Epiphany Water more spiritually potent than 'ordinary' holy water. Also, blessed salt is part of the ritual the priest uses to 'make' Epiphany water.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

The family gathers at the main entrance of the home. The head of the family, using the blessed chalk, inscribes the blessing above the door (either inside or outside of the home, preferably outside if there is a porch or protected doorway).

20 + C + M + B + 19

As the inscription is being written, the head of the family says:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar

(*write 20 +*)

followed the star of God's Son

(*write C +*)

who became human two thousand and nineteen years ago.

(write M +)

May Christ bless our home

(write B +)

and remain with us throughout the new year.

(write 19)

Amen.

The leader of the family then prays:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

The leader of the family continues:

“Chalking the door” is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God’s blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions as we continue to pray, *Christus mansionem benedictat*, “May Christ bless the house.”

The leader of the family then goes throughout the house sprinkling it with the Epiphany holy water. All present join in procession.