

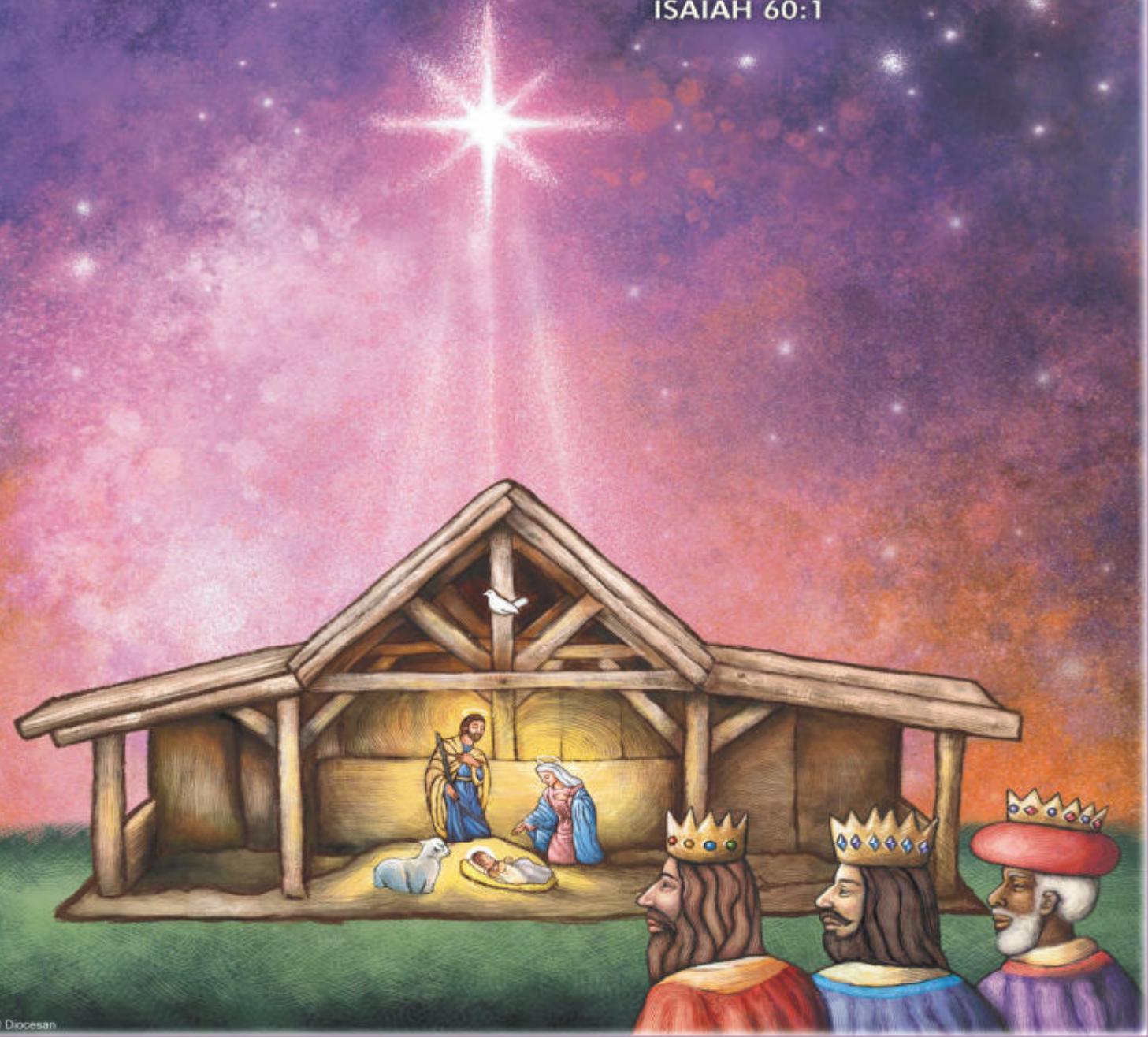
# SAINT JOHN PAUL II PARISH

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# Epiphany of the Lord

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
Your light has come, the glory of  
the Lord shines upon you.*

ISAIAH 60:1



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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2020

## PARISH STAFF/EQUIPO PASTORAL

The following are members of our staff who are willing to serve your needs. The extension numbers after their names are for calling the main office number. On the line following each staff member is their parish email address. Please feel free to contact us using these addresses:

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508-765-0394

Food Pantry/St. Vincent de Paul

508-765-0245

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508-765-5991

Youth Ministry/Religious Education

508-765-3704

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LaSalle Reception Center

774-318-8083

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## TRINITY CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Trinity Catholic Academy (TCA) is a parish based school for Pre-school (ages 4-5) through Kindergarten and Grade 8.

School office is open on all school days during school hours.



11 Pine Street

508-765-5991

**Mrs. Josie Citta**

Principal

**Mrs. Paula Letourneau**

School Secretary

[www.trinitycatholicacademy.org](http://www.trinitycatholicacademy.org)



### Saturday, January 4

3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

4:00PM Aline Cormier & Roland Lescarbeau, 5th A. by the Mandeville family

### Sunday, January 5 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00AM Michael Giacobbi, 7th A. and Lucy Giacobbi, 6th A. by their family

10:00AM Margarita Bracero by Johanna Almesticia

11:30AM Gervasia Vazquez y Solo Colon, Georgina Cancel, y Alberto Altiery de su Jose y Tari

6:00PM Parishioners

### Monday, January 6

8:45AM *TCA Epiphany Mass*

6:00PM Angela Marcano, Anniv. by her mother and father, Ofelia & Carlos Marcano

### Tuesday, January 7

8:45AM Robert Lusignan, 16th A. by his wife, Pauline

### Wednesday, January 8

10:00AM Yvette Leblanc, Month's Mind, by Les Dames de Sainte Anne

### Thursday, January 9

8:45AM Roland J. Renaud by his family

### Friday, January 10

8:45AM Ted Lesniewski by St. Stanislas Society

### Saturday, January 11

3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

4:00PM Gloria Vallee by her sister, Lou

### Sunday, January 12 - Baptism of the Lord

8:00AM Parishioners

10:00AM Joan McGrath, 2nd A. by her family

11:30AM Jose Pena by the Southbridge Latino Seniors

6:00PM Open Intention

Please remember in your prayers:

**Maureen Prokos**

**Jimmy Richard**

(uncle of Elaine Sansoucy)

May they rest in peace and may their families find comfort from their faith in Jesus Christ and His resurrection.



## A Message from Father Ken

Dear Friends,

### Change in Office Hours

This week, I write to inform the parish that there will be a change in the hours of operation of the parish office. Specifically, it will be closed on Thursdays. How this came to be is as follows.

Our secretary, Bev Loconto works as hard and smart as anybody I have ever seen, even though she is well past retirement age. While Bev has no desire to retire, she has expressed that she would like to cut back her hours to enjoy her family and her life a little bit more. She also would benefit from being able to continue to pour the same high energy into her job when she is working. This is an eminently reasonable request. We thank Bev deeply for all she has given, and will continue to give, to the parish as a staff member for over 20 years and as a parishioner for over 22 years.

Therefore, starting Thursday, January 16, the office will be closed every Thursday. I know there may be some concern about this change, but let us keep in mind the following:

Thursdays make sense because I, Father Wilmar and Maddie Brouillard, the business manager, are not in the office either. Therefore, it is the slowest business day of the week. If people need a priest in an emergency, they can dial 3 after the recording comes on and the line will bounce to either my cell phone or Fr. Wilmar's, as they do at other times when the office is closed.

If a funeral needs to be scheduled, the directors can contact me or Fr. Wilmar directly on our cell phones, as they do at other times.

It is a rarity these days for parish offices to be open five days a week, and we have been fortunate to have this for so long. I know any change is not easy, but, we will adapt. If this proves to not be the best solution, then we can explore other ways to accomplish the same goals. For example, we could find the right person to fill in on Thursdays.

In reality, every donation of time, talent or treasure is a marvelous, generous act of faith which gives glory to God and helps us fulfill our mission as disciples of Christ. Thank you all.

And from myself, Father Wilmar and all the staff here at St. John Paul II Parish, we pray that 2020 will be a year filled with the peace and joy of Christ our Newborn King and Saving Lord. May He bless all of us with the graces He knows we need to grow as His disciples and laborers in His Vineyard.



As we begin a new year, we look back with special appreciation to all those who have been faithful and generous stewards to our parish and Church for 2019. A small list would include those who contribute faithfully each week through our weekly offering at Mass. And others who contribute of their time and ability to serve as liturgical ministers, at the altar, proclaiming the Word of God, serving communion, or inspiring our song in our music ministry as cantors, choir members and instrumentalist. There are also those who provide hospitality each week and who take up the collection. We have others who serve as sacristans and who organize the environment of the church and sanctuary for the changing seasons. We also thank those who help us minister to our homebound and shut-ins in nursing homes, assisted living, and at home with caregivers, or in our local hospital. Others help at the holidays by bringing flowers throughout our area and others serve as catechists for sacraments, religious education and our youth ministry. Others help with the food pantry, picking up food, answering calls and serving clients. Members of our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul provide home visits to help those with an emergency need to receive assistance as support in a crisis. There are others who help in the office with phones and filing, and the list goes on ...

Our thanks for all you do, and our prayers for God's blessings.

### Your Sacrificial Offering

**December 22, 2019**

STEWARDSHIP	\$9,823.00
Parish Weekly Budget:	\$20,000.00
Shortfall	\$10,177.00
Christmas Flowers (Additional)	\$367.00

<b>Total Parish Income:</b>	<b>\$10,190.00</b>
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*Due to the early Christmas production schedule of our parish bulletins, our Christmas collection and contributions for the weekend of December 29th will be reported in the next bulletin.*

# What's Happening

**Monday, January 6**

John XXIII Meeting

**Tuesday, January 7**

Al-anon Meeting

Food Pantry

Baptism Class

Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, January 8**

Holy Rosary Society

Fellowship Meal

Boy Scouts Troop 160

Cub Pack 140 Meeting

**Thursday, January 9**

Adoration

9:00AM to 5:00PM at Ministry Center

Food Pantry

RCIA Class

**Friday, January 10**

Adoration

9:00AM to 5:00PM at Ministry Center

Formation Class/Spanish Couples

6:30PM at Min. Cntr.

Holy Hour for Unborn

7:00PM at Ministry Center

**Saturday, January 11**

Men's Fellowship

Stewardship Meeting

7:30AM at Ministry Center

10:00AM at Ministry Center



## PARISH FELLOWSHIP MEAL

This Wednesday

January 8, 2020

4:30 to 6:00pm

Tuscan Room (Lower LaSalle)

**Menu:** Green Salad, Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Desserts & Beverages

*Good comfort food and good company!  
Come join us!*



Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and blessed 2020!



## Religious Education

**CLASSES RESUME THIS SUNDAY AND MONDAY, JANUARY 5 AND 6.**

**First Communion Class**—Sunday, January 12 at 8:30 am in the Ministry Center



## FAMILY MASS

Our Family Mass will be celebrated this Sunday, January 5th at 10:00 am. Grades K through 5 who would like to participate in this Mass are welcome to do so. It is very important to support our children, and we encourage everyone's participation in this Mass. Please come and celebrate Mass with your children!

**SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS**  
**January 6, 2020**

**Notre Dame Church**  
*Jeannine Morin by her sister, Lou*

**Saint Mary Church**  
*Henry & Elly Palmerino by their family*

**Ministry Center Chapel**  
*Edward Sugalski, birthday remembrance, by his wife, Lena & family*

**Congratulations to our Scratch Ticket Winners!**

**Bob Jacques & Kelly Cantara**



## Morning Mass & Inclement Weather

The following is for when there is a school delay or cancellation:

- **If school is cancelled**, morning Mass is also cancelled; if the roads are unsafe for travel, we do not want people to put themselves in harm's way either. The intention for the Mass will be honored at another time; the one requesting the Mass should call the office later that day to reschedule the Mass, otherwise we will transfer it to the next open intention for the parish.
- **If school is delayed**, morning Mass will be held at the usual time but in the Ministry Center chapel and not in Saint Mary Church. This will allow our staff to clear the center and school first without needing to clear all five entrances to the church for Mass.
- **On Mondays** if there is an early dismissal, Religious Ed Classes and evening Mass are also cancelled.

Please remember in inclement weather that your personal safety should take priority. Parishioners who are unsure in walking in slippery conditions and who do not attend Mass do not commit a sin if their choice is because of the weather. Better to stay home one weekend where it is safe and dry than to slip and miss weeks and months of Mass from a fall!



## Trinity Catholic Academy

Trinity has an opening for a part-time music teacher. The curriculum is general music from grades K-5 and choral music for grades 6-7-8. This teacher would also direct a choir as an extracurricular activity. For more information, please contact the school at 508-765-5991.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**An Adult Valentine's Dance**  
**Saturday, February 8, 2020**  
**7 - 10 pm**  
**LaSalle Reception Center**  
**444 Main St. in Southbridge**

*Organized by*  
*St. John Paul II Parish and*  
*Trinity Catholic Academy*

## MARCH FOR LIFE

If any of our parishioners are going to the March for Life in Washington, DC, you need to know the following:

### NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR THE PRE BORN AND THEIR MOTHERS AND FATHERS

**FRIDAY, January 24, 2020**

**DAR Constitution Hall**

**8:30 am to 10:30 am**

**1766 D Street, NW (18th and D St.)**

- Catholic Mass at 7:30 am (doors open at 7:00 am)
- Interdenominational Service at 8:30 am to 10:30 am, leaving plenty of time to get to the March for Life rally
- Homilist: Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life
- Free admission, no tickets required. Large groups welcome
- Visit [www.NationalPrayerService.com](http://www.NationalPrayerService.com) if you plan on going!

## Holy Rosary Society



The Society for both men and women will gather this Wednesday, January 8th at 1:00 pm in the Ministry Center Chapel to pray the rosary together. All are welcome to join us.

## Saint Rita Mass of the Roses

**Sunday,**  
**January 19, 2020**  
**10:00 am Mass**





## ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE?

Altar Servers fulfill a very important ministry at every Mass. Their service adds to the orderly and prayerful nature of our worship. An altar server assists the priest celebrant at the altar by holding the book for opening and closing prayers, providing solemnity for the Gospel procession and Offertory procession.

St. John Paul II Parish altar server ministry is a special part of our church community where children and adults can be active participants in serving the Lord.

If you feel the Holy Spirit moving you to become an altar server, or if you have any questions, please contact Juan Guzman at 508-765-1996.

## PARISHIONER SAFETY AND PARISH SUPPORT

When Mother Nature surprises us from time to time, we ask people to be mindful of two different needs:

The first is your personal safety. If the roads near your home are not yet plowed or passable, please do not attempt to attend Mass on a given Sunday. The obligation to attend Mass does not include placing yourself or others in danger or at risk. Please be responsible in knowing what your own ability and your vehicle's capability is in snow, or ice or freezing rain. The risk of an accident, or worse, for personal injury should challenge all of us to be responsible in our choices to attend on Saturday if Sunday will be bad, to wait for Sunday if Saturday is bad, or if the storm duration is through the weekend, to stay home and watch on TV, or pray for our personal need. The condition of the roads is one concern, the status of walkways and stairs is another for those unsteady on their feet. The incidence of colds and flu are another reason to stay home to protect others from one's illness or to restore one's immunity.

Whatever the weather conditions on a given weekend, the other need is to realize that our financial needs are the same or greater. We still need to pay the salaries of our employees, to cover the cost of utilities and then to cover the expenses of snow removal, salting and sanding. Your continued support and collaboration of our parish, whether you attend a given Mass or not, is needed and greatly appreciated.

So this winter, be good stewards of our personal safety and that of others while not forgetting our responsibility to support and provide for the needs of our parish on a regular basis. May God, in His goodness, keep us all safe, bless us with mild weather, and reward your generosity to our parish and its needs.

## 1-20 Club Winners December 29, 2019

Club Name	Ticket #	Winner
Diamonds	36	Pauline Lusignan
King of Hearts	102	Marilyn Dalterio
Lions	63	Elaine Sansoucy
Shamrocks	1	Cheryl Misiaszek
Tigers	37	Joseph Beaudry

*Congratulations!*

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**This group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at the parish Ministry Center.**

Men of all ages are welcome to come together and to share with each other their respective journey as Christian men. If you have any questions, you may call John Howland at 774-230-6114 or Cliff Benoit at 774-452-2082.

## ECUMENICAL WINTER COAT CLOSET

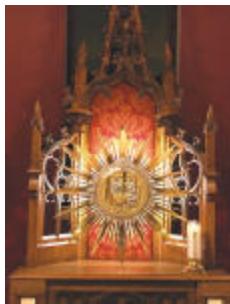
Many blessings are knitted into every shawl. As the knitters begin a shawl, they pray for the recipient. Intentions are then continued throughout the creation of the shawl. The completed shawl receives a ritual and blessing before being sent on its way. Information or to arrange to obtain a Prayer Shawl, call Lucille LeBoeuf at 508-764-4803. Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am in the Parish Ministry Center.



## Ministry for the Sick and Homebound

Perhaps you are aware of a fellow parishioner, or a friend, who is homebound due to a recent hospitalization or an illness whether

acute or terminal, or is frail and unable to attend Mass. Do you know anyone who is presently in a health care facility, nursing home, assisted living facility, rehab and/or local hospital who is "homesick" for our parish? Volunteers are available to visit your friends and family members regularly. They bring a connection to our parish as well as support, comfort, socialization and a spiritual presence. When requested, they offer the Eucharist. Don't hesitate to call the parish office during business hours. You will find assistance and help to arrange a visit.



**Weekly Adoration**  
**Every Thursday**  
**from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm**  
**Every Friday**  
**from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm**  
**Ministry Center Chapel**

*"I urge priests, religious and lay people to continue and redouble their efforts to teach the younger generations the meaning and value of Eucharistic adoration and devotion. How will young people be able to know the Lord if they are not introduced to the mystery of His presence? Like the young Samuel, by learning the words of the prayer of the heart, they will be closer to the Lord, who will accompany them in their spiritual and human growth. The Eucharistic mystery is in fact the "summit of evangelization" (Lumen Gentium) for it is the most eminent testimony to Christ's resurrection."*

**Pope John Paul II**

Please join us. The Lord is waiting for you!

**Please pray for the  
people on our  
parish prayer list:**

Gertrude, Karl and Anne  
Thank you!



## 1/20 Club

- The Grand Prize drawing will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at LaSalle.
- The menu is Roast Pork dinner.
- The cost is \$5 for members.
- Please call your team captain to reserve your seat! Dues must be paid in full prior to the drawing.

Also, we are looking for a new Team Captain. If you would like to join us in helping to raise money for our parish, please call Pat Gaumond at 508-347-3118.

## PARISH REGISTRATION/UPDATE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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EMail: \_\_\_\_\_

New registration

Change of address

Change of e-mail address

Requesting envelopes

If you are new to the parish, or you have a new address or phone number, please complete this form and place it in the collection basket or mail to:

**Saint John Paul II Parish  
Attn: Bev  
279 Hamilton Street  
Southbridge, MA 01550**



## SAVE THE DATE

**"A Night of Faith, Trust  
and Pixie Dust"**

Auction, Dinner and Raffle  
to benefit  
Trinity Catholic Academy and St. John  
Paul II Parish

Saturday, March 21, 2020

La Salle Reception Center  
Southbridge, MA 01550

More information will be given in the upcoming  
weeks and months.

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**\*Touching Lives—Lifting Spirits...** Be the voice for elders living in nursing homes—become a volunteer Ombudsman! In just an hour or two a week you can provide information and advocacy for residents of nursing and rest homes. Training is provided. Please call Tri-Valley at 1-800-286-6640.

**\*Hungry to Help?** Your local Meals on Wheels program needs additional people to help pack and/or deliver lunch to older adults in your community. Travel reimbursement is available for drivers. Please call Tri-Valley Meals on Wheels at 1-800-286-6640.

Tri\*Valley, Inc.  
10 Mill Street, Dudley, MA 01571  
508-949-6640



**Overlook VNA & Hospice Services**  
**88 Masonic Home Road**  
**Charlton, MA 01507**

### BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

Hospice provides physical, emotional and spiritual support for terminally ill patients and their families. All volunteers receive specialized training and ongoing support and are an integral part of the hospice team of caregivers.

#### Direct Care:

Companionship  
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Short Term Respite Care  
Errands/Grocery Shopping

#### Special Programs:

We Honor Veterans  
Pet Peace of Mind  
Vigils-Comfort & Presence near death

#### Bereavement:

Follow-up calls to bereaved  
Co-Lead Groups  
Participate in annual memorial  
Service

#### Administrative:

Filing/Copying  
Assembling information  
folders  
Database management  
Mailings

For more information contact Susan Fuller, Volunteer Coordinator at 508-434-2200.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire”. Work to ensure your marriage bears good fruit by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is March 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmem.org/>.

## ECCUMENICAL WINTER COAT CLOSET

Thank you for the many generous donations of coats to help others in our community stay warm! We were able to help hundreds of people this season, but have not yet totaled the numbers.

We have new children’s coats available, as well as gently used coats for all. The Winter Coat Closet is located downstairs at Holy Trinity Church, 446 Hamilton Street in Southbridge. If you have any questions, you may call Chris McTigue at 508-248-4726.



## Actividades de la Comunidad

Comunidad Hispana de San Juan Pablo II			
Sacramentos			
Actividad	Dia	Hora	Lugar
Santa Misa	Domingos	11:30 AM	Notre Dame
Confesiones	Sabados	3-3:30 PM	Notre Dame
Bautismos (niños)	Domingos	Durante misa	Notre Dame
Comunión en casa	Semanal	Comunicarse con Sor Rosita	
Unción de enfermos	Pedir Cita	Llamar a la oficina	
Misa Semanal	Lunes	6: 00 PM	Centro
Catecismo y Charlas			
Bautismos (niños)	1 <sup>o</sup> Sábado	9:30 AM	Centro
RICA	Domingos	10-11:15 AM	Notre Dame
Catecismo			
Kinder a 5 <sup>o</sup> Grado	Lunes	4-5:15 PM	Centro
6 <sup>o</sup> a 12 <sup>o</sup> Grado	Domingos	6-8:30 PM	Centro
Devociones			
C. de Oración	Martes	6:00 PM	Centro
Hora Santa	Jueves	6:00 PM	Centro
Rosario	Jueves	5:30 PM	Centro
Rosario por los no nacidos	Jueves (Español) Viernes (Inglés)	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Centro Centro
Adoración	Jueves y Viernes	9:30 AM-6 PM	Centro
Reuniones de los Grupos Apostólicos			
S <sup>do</sup> Corazón	1 <sup>o</sup> Viernes	5:30 PM	Centro
Oblatos Externos	3 <sup>o</sup> Viernes	6:00 PM	Centro
Mov. Juan XXIII	Lunes	6:00 PM	Centro
Grupo de Parejas	Viernes	6:30 PM	Centro
H. de María	3 <sup>o</sup> Miércoles	5:00 PM	Centro
Actividades			
Practica del Coro	Miércoles	7:00 PM	Notre Dame
Coro de Niños	Viernes	7:00 PM	Notre Dame
Comite de Festival		Pendiente	Centro
C. A. P.	2dos domingos	3:00 PM	Centro
EPIFANIA DEL SEÑOR			
Día	Lecturas	Evangelio	
Lunes 06 de enero	1 Jn 3, 22-4, 6	Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25	
Martes 07 de enero	1 Jn 4, 7-10	Mc 6, 34-44	
Miércoles 08 de enero	1 Jn 4, 11-18	Mc 6, 45-52	
Jueves 09 de enero	1 Jn 4, 19-5, 4	Lc 4, 14-22	
Viernes 10 de enero	1 Jn 5, 5-13	Lc 5, 12-16	
Sábado 11 de enero	1 Jn 5, 14-21	Jn 3, 22-30	
EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR	Is 42, 1-4. 6-7/ Hch 10, 34-38	Mt 3, 13-17	

**Encuentro de Oblatos Externos:** Viernes 17 de enero a las 6:00 p.m. en el Centro Parroquial.

**Misa en español entre semana:** Lunes a las 6:00 pm. En la Capilla Sagrado Corazón, Centro Parroquial.

**Círculo de Oración:** Martes 7 de enero de 2020 a las 6:00 p.m. en el Centro Parroquial.

**Reunión de Parejas:** Viernes 10 de enero de 2020 a las 6:30 pm en el Centro Parroquial.

**Hora Santa:** Jueves 9 de enero de 2020 a las 6:00 p.m., empezando con el rezo del Rosario a las 5:30 pm.

**Rosario por los no nacidos:** Los jueves después de la Hora Santa a las 7:00 p.m. en Español y los viernes en Inglés en la capilla del Centro Parroquial.

**Reunión del CAP:** Domingo 12 de enero de 2020 a las 3:00 p.m. en el Centro Parroquial.

**Reunión del Movimiento Juan XXIII:** Lunes 13 de enero de 2020 después de la Misa de 6:00 p.m.

**Reunión Cofradía del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús:** Viernes 7 de febrero de 2020 las 2:00 p.m. en el Centro Parroquial.





**COMENTARIO DEL EVANGELIO** (Mateo 2, 1-12) «Entraron en la casa; vieron al niño con María su madre y, postrándose, le adoraron; abrieron luego sus cofres y le ofrecieron dones de oro, incienso y mirra» (Mateo 2, 11). Aprovechemos que hoy celebramos el día de la Epifanía para hablar un poco sobre esto... y sobre cómo nosotros también podemos –y debemos– ofrecerle lo mismo a Jesús...

**El oro** es el metal precioso por excelencia y significa riqueza y poder... con este don se reconoce la realeza de Jesús, primero como el «Rey de los judíos» para luego reconocerle como el «Rey de reyes y Señor de señores»...

**El incienso** es una resina aromática que se quema en las ceremonias religiosas... con este don se reconoce la divinidad de Jesús... la Palabra que se hace carne para habitar en medio de su pueblo...

**La mirra** era un bálsamo perfumado que se utilizaba para preparar el cuerpo para la sepultura... y con este don se reconoce la humanidad de Jesús, que con su pasión y muerte va de redimir la humanidad... En el incienso y la mirra podemos ver las dos naturalezas unidas en Jesús: «verdadero Dios y verdadero hombre»...

*Mi buen Jesús... hoy, día que celebramos Tu epifanía a todos los hombres y mujeres... y día en que te visitaron los «magos de Oriente» para llevarte sus dones... yo también me acerco a Ti para entregarte lo poco que tengo...*

**En este día, te entrego el «oro» de lo poco que poseo**, con la conciencia de que lo lo

tengo porque Tú me lo has dado... te entrego mis pensamientos y mis acciones... mi trabajo, mi esfuerzo y mi cansancio... en fin, te entrego mi vida para que Tú la dirijas como y hacia donde Tú quieras hacerlo...

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Gracias a todos los que trabajaron en nuestro retiro de adviento, y en la celebración de Nuestra Sra. de Guadalupe. Que Dios bendiga a todas las familias que nos abrieron las puertas de su hogar durante las posadas como parte de la preparación para celebrar el nacimiento de nuestro amado Redentor. Gracias a quienes prepararon las meditaciones, a los que colaboraron preparando desayunos y al coro que animó tan bellamente durante las misas de Aguinaldo. Gracias por la donación de sorpresas. Gracias a los que con tanto amor donaron su tiempo y talento para decorar tan bellamente la Iglesia y a los que donaron regalos para el Giving Tree. Gracias a los niños que prepararon el drama de navidad tan bello, y a los adultos que prepararon, tan bonito el drama de los Reyes Magos; Gracias a los que cantaron en el coro de adultos y de niños y jóvenes durante Adviento y Navidad. Dios bendice al dador alegre y las manos que generosamente dan, generosamente reciben. Sigamos. Sigamos sirviendo al Señor con sacrificio, amor y alegría.



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