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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. GROW DISCIPLES.

WE HAVE COME
TO WORSHIP HIM.



Matthew 2:2

— wise men still seek him. —

the epiphany of the lord

january 7, 2024

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Confession: Sat. 3:30-4:00 PM

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Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Matrimony,
Sacrament of the Sick and Homebound Visits.**

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Weekend of Jan. 6 & 7

Sat. 4:30 PM + William Deroy (1st Anniv.)
By his Family
Sun. 8:00 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's
10:00 AM + Eleanor Lamoreaux
By her Family
5:00 PM + George Dudley
By his sister, Diane Adams

Week of Jan. 8 - 12

Mon. 8:30 AM + Gerald and Jeannette Richer
By Bill and Kathy Richer
Tues. 8:30 AM + Paul Tracey
By Tom and Rosemary Lefoot
Wed. 4:30 PM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Thurs. & Fri. No Mass

Weekend of Jan. 13 & 14

Sat. 4:30 PM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Sun. 8:00 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's
10:00 AM + Parishioners of St. Patrick's
5:00 PM + Gary LaChance
By his Daughter, Laurie Castonguay

The Mass book is open for the months Jan-March. If you would like to book a mass in memory of a loved one, please call the rectory at 508-234-5656. The stipend for the Mass is \$10.00.

Reflections :

St. Columba's Window



In the tapestry of history, certain figures stand out as luminous threads, weaving tales of devotion, wisdom, and legacy. Among these, Saint Columba emerges as a beacon whose light continues to illuminate both the spiritual and scholarly realms.

Saint Columba was born around 521 AD in Ireland, a land that was dramatically changing. He would go on to become a pivotal figure in the Christianization of Scotland, England, and Ireland. His remarkable faith led him to the isolated island of Iona where he founded a monastic community that would become the center of Christian learning and spirituality. There the famed Book of Kells, a masterpiece of illuminated manuscripts, would be created. Its rich tapestry incorporated the new faith into a Celtic expression. Saint Columba's commitment to scholarship and learning extended beyond the walls of his monastery into the royal courts of Europe. His wisdom inspired and guided kings and nobles alike. His ability to blend faith and scholarship still inspires to this day.

Renowned for his missionary zeal he tirelessly traveled, spreading the Gospel. It seemed that everywhere he went new houses of worship sprung up and new places of learning thrived. The life of Saint Columba teaches us that the pursuit of knowledge and the practice of faith need not exist in separate spheres. His holistic approach, integrating faith and scholarship resonates in today's scientific and intellectual pursuits. In the footsteps of St. Columba may be inspired to illuminate the paths of life radiantly as we seek to find God in the work that we do.

God Bless,
Deacon Chris

Some Recent Facebook Posts by Fr. Tomasz

God sees you as holy right here and right now knowing what you have been through. Amazing. :)

Happy New year! We leave so much behind and we look forward to so much ahead. God be with you in 2024. :)

At St. Patrick's in Whitinsville, if you feel lost and down, you will find joy and if you feel rejected, you will find love. :)

In 2024 I wish everyone simply to try to love one another—try it and you will see that it works. :)

This Christmas, let's just get together and pray for one another. So much is happening in our lives and the world. :)

I got no original wishes on this Christmas Day. I pray God gives us peace, serenity and strength.:) Merry Christmas. :)



Our Lady of the Valley Regional School Update

Welcome to the OLV update, a biweekly entry to your parish bulletin. Here we will post news and information regarding Our Lady of the Valley Regional School, the wonderful Catholic elementary school and middle school academy located in the Blackstone Valley, sponsored and supported by St. Mary Parish, St. Patrick Parish and St. Peter Parish. We are blessed to have your prayers and support!

During the Advent season, we were blessed to once again welcome the College of the Holy Cross Women's Crew Team to Our Lady of the Valley for their annual Love the Fight-a-Thon, a fundraiser designed to support The GRACE Center at OLV and to honor their teammate, Grace Rett, in whose honor and memory the Grace Rett Athletic Complex and Education Center was built. In this, their fourth year of holding the event, the team once again replicated Grace's world record achievement of sixty-two hours and three seconds of continuous indoor rowing on an ERG machine. Of course, the team had the advantage of changing out rowers whereas Grace completed all of the consecutive hours herself.

As the team rowed, our school, parish and local communities turned out to support them; providing food, encouragement, prayer and entertainment and, in some instances, joining them by rowing next to them on other ERG machines. This event has become a highlight of our school year, and while the money raised is needed and put to good use, more important is the spirit that the team brings to OLV each year during the Advent Season. These student-athletes are outstanding Christian role models for our students, and they beautifully reflect the light of Christ upon all who encounter them. We have been blessed by our continued friendship with the Holy Cross Women's Crew Team, and we are proud that their emblem is painted on the gymnasium floor of The GRACE Center, proclaiming their support of the school and signifying the love that Grace had not only of the sport of rowing but also of her college teammates.

God bless you and yours,

Ed Reynolds, Principal

Loved at home. Loved at school. Loved by God.

*Lessons &
Carols*



*Come Join Us
Sunday Afternoon!
Jan. 7th, 2 PM*

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Epiphany is a Feast Day within the Church's liturgical celebration of Christmas. In the current Western tradition, we associate it with the "Visit of the Magi," or visitors from the East recounted in Matthew's Gospel. (Mt 2:1-12). Epiphany is traditionally celebrated the 12th day

after Christmas, (Twelfth Night), January 6th. In the Catholic dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday after January 6.

Epiphany takes its name from the Greek *epiphania*, a manifestation. Jesus, born quietly in Bethlehem's stable, is revealed, or made manifest, as the Son of God. In the recognition of Him by the Magi, the Christ, He is revealed to the "nations." (see, for example, Is 42:6; Is 60: 1-6; and Psalm 72:11)

The Feast Day is associated with three events in the life of Christ when His divinity shines through His humanity: the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan (Mt 3); and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, (Jn 2). The latter two of these were designated as Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002. In these "Mysteries of Light," we meditate on the revelation of Jesus as the Divine Son of the Father.

Upcoming Baptisms:

Jan. 14, 11:30 AM: Mia Jane Diterlizzi

Jan. 21, 11:30 AM: Olivia Boothby Zapata and James Daniel Boothby

Upcoming Second Collections:

Jan. 7: Catholic University

Jan. 14: Heating

Jan. 21: Utilities

Jan. 28: Catholic Home Missions

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Week	Weekly Envelopes & Cash	Weekly Online	Weekly Total	Goal
12/03/2023	\$6,531.00	\$7,280.85	\$13,811.85	\$8,700
12/10/2023	\$4,470.00	\$4,166.50	\$8,636.50	\$8,700
12/17/2023	\$6,461.00	\$3,119.50	\$9,580.50	\$8,700
12/24/2023	\$4,444.00	\$2,093.50	\$6,537.50	\$8,700
12/31/2023	\$2,943.00	\$2,078.50	\$5,021.50	\$8,700

Average Weekly To-Date FY 2024	\$4,464.32	\$3,703.88	\$8,168.21	\$8,700
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Beatitudes for Children

MATTHEW 5:3

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Simple Terms: Happy is the person who realizes that they need a Savior because they cannot save themselves, for the kingdom of heaven is their home.



Generally, the word "poor" in our culture, refers to someone who has very little, but "poor" in this verse means to have absolutely nothing. Also, when we use the word poor, we are usually referring to someone who does not have material things, but this is not what Jesus was talking about. Poor in this verse takes on the meaning of having no way or other option of getting close to God. It may be easier to also explain, that the opposite of "poor in spirit" would be, "I can handle life all on my own, I don't need God." What this verse is indicating is that once we realize that we need God and given Him every single part of our lives instead of trying to handle it all on our own, we are taken care of, and will be honored with a home in the kingdom of heaven for surrendering that control to Him.



MATTHEW 5:4

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Simple Terms: If you are sad because of bad things that have happened, you can still be content, because Jesus will comfort you.

The word "mourn" is probably the first word to address here. Sin in the world is incredibly sad. Often our own sins and the sins of others leads to mourning, or being really upset. God is the ultimate comforter and we will be comforted when we mourn sins or bad things that happen, because of God's love for us.

MATTHEW 5:5

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the Earth."

Simple Terms: Happy is the person who can control their emotions, for they will be rewarded.



The word "meek" is not one that many kids will know. When Jesus is talking about "the meek", He is referring to someone who is gentle and does not take out their frustrations and emotions on others; or in other words someone who "controls their actions or behaviors".

To be continued in future bulletins...



***Come join our St. Patrick Family
and experience what an awesome parish
this is for you and your family!
All Are Welcome!
Happy 2024!***

An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you, the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father, the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind;
to whom be glory for ever.

(Frank Colquhoun)



**We are in need of additional
volunteers to help with our
John 21 Breakfast Program on**



**Saturday mornings. Each team serves every 8
weeks on a rotating basis. If you can help
please call the office at 508-234-5656.**

Donations are always welcome.



Let Us Pray for Those in the Service

*Almighty God, we stand before you asking for your divine mercy and protection.
Embrace with your invincible armor our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give
them courage and strength against all enemies both spiritual and physical and hasten their safe
journey back to their homes and families. Amen*

*Please remember the following service personnel in your prayers as they serve and protect our
country:*

**L.Cpl. Aaron Marshall, Okinawa, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower,
U.S. Army, L.Cpl. Troy Monteville, Stateside, Capt. Jason Jordan, US Army, So. Korea,
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