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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY

9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Weekdays: 9:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:45 - 4:15 PM

BAPTISMS:

Contact the office to schedule.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:

Contact the office for a visit to the homebound/sick.

MARRIAGE:

Please contact us at least six months in advance.



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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. - Mt 2:10-11a

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekend of December 21st & 22nd

In-Pew: \$3,711

Online: \$908

Mailed: \$300

Total: \$4,919

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

December 24th & 25th

Collection for Clergy Benefit Fund

In-Pew: \$11,625

Mailed: \$300

Total: \$11,925

Weekend of December 28th & 29th

In-Pew: \$3,617

Online: \$1,628

Mailed: \$1,193

Total: \$6,438

GRAND ANNUAL

As of Monday, December 30th

167 families have contributed
\$65,870 towards our **\$140,000** goal

Thank you for your generous support!

VIRTUS TRAINING

Saturday, January 11 @ 10 AM

Anyone who volunteers at St. Margaret Mary, 18 years of age and older, who may find his/herself alone with a child, senior citizen or emotionally or physically disabled person must participate in the Archdiocese of Boston's *Protecting God's Children Safety Program*. **You need do this only once.** If you have not yet participated or are new to ministry/volunteerism in this parish, this program will be offered on Saturday, January 11 @ 10 AM at St. Margaret Mary Parish.

To register, please contact the parish office at (781-326-1071).

New Website

We're excited to announce that we will soon be launching an updated parish website, as well as some social media capabilities as well. The new website does require us to switch to a different online offertory system. If you are currently using WeShare to make your weekly donations to the parish, or are interested in taking advantage of the ease and convenience in doing so, please keep your eyes on the bulletin for further information about the new online giving portal and how to sign up.

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Message from Brian Cullen



Dear Friends in Christ,

The story of the birth and infancy of the Lord Jesus seems so familiar to our minds eye thanks in part to music and art and even to our own prayerful imagination of those mysteries.

While an ancient tradition says there were three kings who followed a star to find the newborn Jesus (and even names them as Melchior, Balthazar and Caspar), Scripture does not mention how many kings were present, just that they brought three gifts!

There's nothing wrong with using our imagination to try and meditate on these most holy mysteries, but it is important to gain a correct understanding of our faith. Today's Gospel reading shows that from the very beginning of His life, Jesus was misunderstood by pretty much everyone with whom He crossed paths. The idea of kings and royalty is harder for us Americans to grasp as we've never lived under that kind of governance. Not every king across previous centuries has been a tyrant; there are plenty of examples of kings who ruled justly and in the best interest of their nation. King Herod was not one of those kings. Upon hearing that a baby had been born who was a king, Herod immediately acted out of jealousy and fear. The news of a king to him seemed like a threat to his worldly power and killing that threat seemed like the politically expedient thing to do.

Proving that we can never separate Jesus from the great mysteries of the Cross, this theme of worldly or governmental power is, in part, what led to His arrest. Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would betray Jesus, believed in the Kingship of Jesus, but like Herod, misunderstood what kind of Kingdom Jesus had come to establish. Judas, and others, expected that the promised Messiah had come to save His followers with a political overthrow of the ruling Roman Empire. Disappointed that Jesus had no such plans (and even taught obedience to governmental authority), Judas lost his zeal for following Jesus. Jesus did not fit the mold of a king that he had built up in his mind.

Are we really that much different from these Biblical figures who misunderstood the Lord so badly? We who have had the Word of God preached to us still so badly interpret who this King is. I, too often, like Herod, seek to be the king, preferring to be the one in control, to establish my will. Jesus came into this world to be the King of our hearts. As we draw nearer to the end of this great Christmas season, let us gaze at the baby in the manger who came to be our King!

Yours in the Lord's Service,

Brian Cullen

Clergy Health and Retirement Trust *Special Christmas Collection*

On behalf of our priests in good standing, thank you for your generous support of last week's Christmas collection to benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. The strength and vibrancy of our communities depend on the health and well-being of our priests. Truly, healthier priests build stronger communities.

If you missed our Christmas collection, you can still make a gift by using the special collection envelopes in the pews, or by going online to clergytrust.org. Thank you again for your generosity.

Please follow us on Facebook or visit clergytrust.org to learn more about the ways you can support our priests. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Funds from this special collection are managed by the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust — an independently managed trust with a majority lay board of trustees. The funds are used for the sole benefit of active and senior priests in good standing.



Apologies to Karen Mason, Marjorie Kelley and Mr. & Mrs. Cautela, for the omission of their Christmas Flower Intentions:

- ✦ **The Mason & Naughton families**
- ✦ **Gilbert W. Kelley, Anna A. Viles & Frederick J. Viles Sr.**
- ✦ **Carol Mango, James Mango & Maria Mango**



TUESDAY NIGHT ROSARY
JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY ON
TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 8:10 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

*"Continue to pray the Rosary every day."
Our Lady of Fatima to Sister Lucia*

Are You a Parish Volunteer?

2020 CORI FORMS NOW DUE

What is a CORI? The acronym stands for Criminal Offender Record Information and it gives the Archdiocese of Boston permission to do a background screening for parish volunteers and employees. Even if you've filled out a workplace CORI, you are still required to fill one out for this parish.

How do I know if I have to fill one out? If you are a volunteer in any capacity, you need to fill one out. This is a mandatory requirement and must be turned in if 1) you are NEW to ministry and you haven't turned one in yet or 2) if you haven't filled one out for the year 2020 or 3) if you are 18 years or older.

What do I need to do to fulfill the CORI requirement?

Come by the office to fill out a form. Any of the parish staff can help you. Please remember to bring your driver's license.

Liturgies for the Week

Jan.	6	Monday	9:00 AM	Patrick Walsh
Jan.	7	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Ruth Sullivan
Jan.	8	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Ellen Ruth
Jan.	10	Friday	9:00 AM	Norman O'Brien
Jan.	11	Saturday	4:30 PM	Timothy Curtin
Jan.	12	Sunday	10:00 AM	Mercedes Monge
			6:00 PM	Marilyn Haridman (3rd Ann.)



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS ADORATION & RECONCILIATION 7-8 PM

On Wednesday evenings, the Blessed Sacrament will be solemnly exposed on our altar. This is a wonderful opportunity to meditate and pray quietly in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

There will also be the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Ministers' Schedule January 11th-12th

Saturday, January 11th **4:30 PM**

Lector	Carol Abel
Eucharistic Ministers	Fred Connolly
Principals	Ann Joyce Trish MacDonald
Special Assistance	Dick Toland
Altar Servers	Ann Joyce ** 2 Altar Servers Needed **

Sunday, January 12th **10:00 AM**

Lector	Jan Lent
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Curtin
Principals	Pam Adams Michael Walsh
Altar Servers	Maeve Curtin ** 2 Altar Servers Needed **

Sunday, January 12th **6:00 PM**

Lector	Bob Reissfelder
Eucharistic Ministers	Silvia Serratore
Principals	Mary Hayes Rory Laughna
Altar Servers	Carter Bewley Will Bewley ** 1 Altar Server Needed **



Please pray for all the deceased of our parish including, **Anne Mullen** whose funeral Masses we celebrated recently, as well as all of our sick and those who have asked for our prayers.