January 2, 2022



EPIPHANY

OF THE LORD

THE VISIT OF THE MAGI

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11

PARISH SCHEDULE & DIRECTORY

RECTORY OFFICE

Monday-Friday 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Address: 1 Pineswamp Road

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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m.

There is no daily Mass on Wednesday

GUIDE FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

The Archdiocese has mandated through January 17, 2022 those attending Mass and other services please wear a mask and to social distance from those not in your household.

If for any reason these directives and guidelines need to be increased by the CDC, we will update and post them to our website www.ipswichcatholics.org.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00-3:45 pm or by appointment. Please wear a mask when in the confessional.

BAPTISM

If you are planning a baptism in the future, please call the rectory to make arrangements 978-356-3944.

MARRIAGE

If you are an engaged couple, please call Fr. Tom directly at least 6 months prior to the intended date.

RCIA & FAITH FORMATION

Questions regarding current, upcoming programs and/or sacramental programs available at our parish, please contact rectory at 978-356-3944.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

If you are new to Our Lady of Hope, please introduce yourself to Fr. Tom following Mass. To formally register with our parish, contact the rectory office at 978-356-3944.

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For more information, contact the parish office.

Consider sharing your gifts and talents.

STAY UP TO DATE THROUGH

When important information is sent to registered parishioners, it is conveyed through email. Please let us know when your email has changed. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 1— Solemnity of Mary

4:00pm—Weekend Mass

Sunday, January 2—Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am—Weekend Mass 11:00am—Weekend Mass

Monday, January 3

9:00 am—Weekday Mass

Tuesday, January 4

9:00 am-Weekday Mass

No Daily Mass on Wednesday

Thursday, January 6

9:00 am—Weekday Mass

Friday, January 7

9:00 am-John & June Miniter

Saturday, January 8

9:00am-Weekday Mass

4:00pm—Weekend Mass

Sunday, January 9 -Baptism of the Lord

9:00am—Weekend Mass 11:00am—Weekend Mass

ONLINE GIVING

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Remember God's will in yours...

When you leave a bequest to the Church in your will or estate plan, you express your commitment to the future of your parish. You also return some of the blessings God gave to your life and leave an eternal message of what is important to you. Please consider including Our Lady of Hope Parish when preparing your will.

For more information contact Fr. Tom Keyes or call the rectory office at 978-356-3944 or email: rectory@ipswichcatholics.org

CATHOLIC TV BROADCASTS DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS

Cardinal Seán encourages Catholics to participate in the daily and Sunday Masses broadcast from the CatholicTV chapel, especially those who still cannot attend Mass in person.

Daily Mass airs live at 9:30am and is rebroadcast at 7pm and 11:30pm.

Sunday Masses air throughout the day at 10am, 4pm, 7pm, and 11:30pm. Viewers can watch these Masses on demand at any time at www.WatchtheMass.com.

For more information about CatholicTV and where you can watch it, **CHANNEL 296 VERIZON AND 268 COMCAST** or visit http://www.catholictv.org/

PRAYER REQUESTS

WE ASK PARISHIONERS TO PRAY...

† For all those who are sick, especially Melissa Faino Palelli, Mikey Grover, Kyrsten Weber, Arline Thornell, Irene Stackpole, Connie Donovan, Connie, Christine & John Vallis, Maria Masse, Ed Manning, Lou Best, Patricia Foley J. P. Quinn and Virginia Morin and all those infected with the Covid-19 virus

- † For those who work on front line with Covid-19 virus
- † For those who work and live in war-torn countries
- † For the deceased members of our parish
- † For the safety and good health of all missionaries
- † For all who serve our country in the Armed Forces
- † For peace in our world, especially Middle East
- † For the unborn children
- † For all those affected by natural disasters

PLEASE NOTE:

In order to keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for four weeks. Please resubmit by contacting the rectory office. Names should be submitted by the individual or immediate family member.





By Fr. Larry Rice

"All of creation is changed by the appearance of Christ."

In popular tradition, the feast of Epiphany commemorates the arrival of the three kings at the stable in Bethlehem where Christ was born. The gospel reading for the day—Matthew 2:1-12 tells the story. Over the years, a lot of tradition has grown around this story. Many people will tell you that the magi were three kings, named Caspar, Balthazar, and Melchior, and they may note that Caspar is traditionally depicted with darker skin. But if you read those twelve short verses from Matthew's Gospel, it becomes clear that we really know very little about the magi. We don't know their names. We don't know where they came from—Matthew only says "from the east." We don't even know that they were kings. The word used by Matthew is "magi," meaning someone learned in esoteric knowledge. Some translations call them "astrologers," but the only basis for that is the statement that they were following a star. And even the star itself is a mystery. Astronomers can chart the movement of the stars back in time, but they can't seem to agree about the existence of an astronomical event that would explain the reference. And even the most casual observer would have a hard time explaining what it would mean for a star to move through the sky and then stop over a particular place. Regardless of who the magi were and how the star showed them the way, the most significant

part of this event is the identity of the one who is made know—Jesus, the newborn king, who is worthy of homage by all men and women. The meaning of the epiphany that occurs in this gospel passage is that the "the newborn king of the Jews" is revealed to and recognized by people from far and distant lands. The appearance of mystical signs in the sky makes the point that all of creation is changed by the appearance of Christ. Because God has chosen to become human, all creation and all the people of the earth can experience the redemption he has come to bring.

Fr. Rice is Vocations Director for the Paulist Fathers.



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FUEL COLLECTION

The Fuel collection is a great help in funding the anticipated cost of the parish heat and utilities this winter. The collection will be taken up during the months of December. And January. Donations can be mailed, put on rectory porch or dropped in the weekend collection baskets. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

BECAUSE YOU ARE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST, WHO APPEARED ON THIS DAY AS A LIGHT SHINING IN DARKNESS, MAY HE MAKE YOU A LIGHT TO ALL YOUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS.

Solemn blessing | Roman rite

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please let us know if you would like a 2021 statement of the contributions you made in OLOH envelopes, contact the Rectory office at 978-356-3944. For those who have been making contributions through Online Giving, you are able to print a statement yourself when logged into your account. The Parish is also able to issue contribution statements for donations that include those made through Online Giving. If you are not currently receiving envelopes and would like to, let us know.

Today the Bridegroom claims his bride, the church, since Christ has washed her sins away in Jordan's waters; the magi hasten with their gifts to the royal wedding; and the wedding guests rejoice, for Christ has changed water into wine. alleluia. MORNING PRAYER ROMAN RITE

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at https://wwmema.org/.

"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all." Do you want to learn how to love your spouse better?.

OUR LADY OF HOPE MEN'S GROUP

Our Lady of Hope Men's Group invites you to come join us Saturday mornings from 7:00 - 9:00 in the church hall, for light refreshments and Christian fellowship in an easy-going, informal atmosphere.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

All volunteers who minister in the Archdiocese must attend the Protecting God's Children training and complete the Code of Conduct form. In addition, every year all current volunteers and new volunteers must complete a CORI Form. Our Lady of Hope has begun the process for CORI completion for all volunteers and forms are available at the exit of the hall. Contact the rectory office to verify your ID (driver's license or passport) once completed.

There have been downsides to the Pandemic, but an upside has been online training sessions for the Protecting God's Children (Virtus) program. Which might be more convenient to those with busy schedules.

If you will be volunteering and have not yet attended a training, the Child Advocacy office is now providing 'live' weekly PGC trainings on Zoom through Virtus throughout the summer. Just go to the usual Virtus.org, the 'Live Training' tab and Pre-register for an upcoming live training session' – and you will find the schedule for adults to complete their PGC requirement with the Archdiocese of Boston via Zoom (Braintree).

You will also see other Live sessions being offered in person throughout the diocese, so if you prefer; you can attend in person at others listed too. If you register for a training, please let us know once completed and forward a copy of your completion certificate to the rectory office.



WINTER STORM CANCELLATIONS

When there is inclement weather, there is concern for the safety of parishioners to our parish and our ability to clear the parking lot and walkways to make them safe and free of snow/ice. When conditions are extreme and local authorities are warning of travel we will also follow this same decision and cancel celebrating daily Mass and possibly weekend Masses. We will post this on our website, cancellations on Channel 7 (NBC), Channel 56 (CW) and by logging onto www.whdh.com.

Join us at Saint Vincent de Paul

Our Mission:

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization inspired by Gospel Values. These values lead women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in our community. By doing this, we more closely follow Jesus and the tradition of our founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

Here at Our Lady of Hope, the SVDP society has promoted this mission for over 50 years in our local community. Seventeen years ago, the conference experienced a revitalization. Since then, we have been a very committed group aiding more than 1000 persons. After seventeen years, it is time again to revitalize our ministry, and we are actively looking for new members.

What do we do:

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. It is this personalized involvement that makes the work of the Society unique. This aid may take the form of intervention, consultation, or often through direct dollar or in-kind service. An essential precept of the Society's work is to provide help while maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those served.

How you can get involved:

- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul welcomes anyone who believes they have the grace and desire to devote some of their time and energy to following Jesus' command to help the poor and the needy around us.
- The purpose of being a Vincentian is to grow in holiness by serving the poor. In addition, we believe that being a member of the Society helps us better obey Jesus' command to love our neighbor.
- Being a Vincentian is a religious activity. You grow in holiness by your work in helping the needy. It is your journey, and the purpose of being a Vincentian is for you and your fellow Vincentians to help each other on that journey.
- Continue to generously donate through the Poor Box on your way out of Church and pray for our mission.
- Becoming a Vincentian is easy. Just contact us at 978-992-6151.

Over several months, you will be exposed to the activities that Vincentians do to help the needy. Most members feel that being a Vincentian is one of the most important and fulfilling things in their lives.

We meet on the first Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Parish Hall and invite you to join us any time. For more information, please call 978-992-6151.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY. HELP US KEEP OUR SAINT VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE ACTIVE AND VIBRANT!



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We have received a response from 22% of our registered families. We have yet to hear from approximately 916 households.

Total Pledged: \$307,545.73

Total Paid: \$248,668.83

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By Dr. Scott Hahn

A King to Behold

Epiphany of the Lord (Cycle C)

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:-12,7-8, 10-13 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

An "epiphany" is an appearance. In today's readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears.

Herod, in today's Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise - one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting "a ruler of Israel" who will "shepherd his flock" and whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth" (see Micah 5:1-3).

Those promises of Israel's king ruling the nations resound also in today's Psalm. The psalm celebrates David's son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch "to the ends of the earth," and the world's kings will pay Him homage. That's the scene too in today's First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing "gold and frankincense" for Israel's king.

The Magi's pilgrimage in today's Gospel marks the fulfillment of God's promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler's staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17).

Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the "kings of the earth" (see 1 Kings 10:2,25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6, 4:6,14).

One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are "co-heirs" of the royal family of Israel, as today's Epistle teaches.

His manifestation forces us to choose: Will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and the scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?

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SCRIPTURE READINGS 2022

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13/Eph 3:2-3,5-6/ SUNDAY

Jan 2, 2022 Mt 2:1-12

MONDAY The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Jan 3 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8,10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 Jan 4

WEDNESDAY Saint John Neumann, Bishop Jan 5 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 /Mk 6:45-52

THURSDAY Saint Andre Bessette, Religious Jan 6

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2,14and15bc,17/Lk 4:14-22a

Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest FRIDAY

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 /Lk 5:12-16 Jan 7

SATURDAY Jan 8

SUNDAY

Jan 9

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2,3-4,5-6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

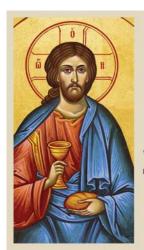
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord **BAPTISM OF** THE LORD

Is 42:1-4,6-7 or Is 40:1-5,9-11/Ps 29:1-2,3ac+4, 3b+ 9b-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30/Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16,21-22



THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God. Blessed be his Holy Name. Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man. Blessed be the Name of Jesus. Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart. Blessed be his Most Precious Blood. Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy. Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception. Blessed be her glorious Assumption. Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother. Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse. Blessed be God in his angels and in his Saints. Amen.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

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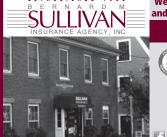
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