

# ST. CHRISTINE'S PARISH FAMILY

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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January 5, 2025

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, January 4

5:00 pm Antonette and Gaetano Puleo - Memorial

## Sunday, January 5

7:00 am Available

9:30 am Michael Toland, Grace Toland and Jimmy Davis - Anniversaries

11:00 am Joseph Thibeault - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Monday, January 6 through Friday, January 10

9:00 am Novena of Masses for our Deceased Relatives and Friends

## Saturday, January 11

5:00 pm Helen and Ged Cronin - 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Sunday, January 12

7:00 am Available

9:30 am George Lotti - Birthday Remembrance

11:00 am Mary Tegan - 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



## The Epiphany of the Lord

Today we celebrate Epiphany, the revelation of Jesus to the Magi who traveled from afar to see the Christ child. Over the past two weeks in parishes throughout the archdiocese people have come from far and near to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Many were people we know and recognize, and many more were people unknown. Yet, it is important for us to remember that like the Magi, everyone who came was drawn by God's grace to see Christ! As you reflect on this Epiphany and Christmas, were all who gathered for the beautiful celebrations welcomed with the same humble spirit as Mary and Joseph welcomed the shepherds and Magi? Let us ask for the grace to welcome and celebrate everyone who desires to journey with us. This journey is better when traveled with companions.

**Envelope Users:** Any church envelopes that you want to be included in your 2024 tabulation for income tax purposes must be returned now. **Deadline is this Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.** Also please remember to write the amount of your donation on the front of your envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Blessing of the Children Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

All the children will be blessed at the 9:30 am Mass. Join us !!!



## Epiphany Feast of Light

On this day, dear Savior, Your light shines brightly in our midst. You are the light of the world. The light in our darkness, ever with us, showing us the way. On this great Feast of Light, when the Magi came guided by a star, may we, like the Magi, offer you gifts that symbolize our love for you. May we offer you the gift of our faith, the myrrh of our repentance and the frankincense of our devotion. May we bow before you as the three wise men did with great abiding joy. On this day, may we too stand in your light and give glory to God. Amen. (Prospect Hill Co.)



Sincere thanks to Kerry MacMasters, our Music Director, our Adult Choir, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ministers of Hospitality, Ushers, and our many parishioners for their help in making our Advent and Christmas celebrations a beautiful and prayerful time for all.



## Christmas Flower Envelopes

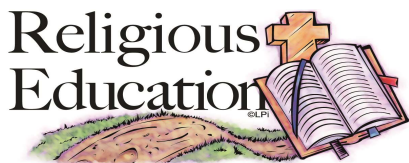
Thank you to all our parishioners who gave so generously for the Christmas Flowers which decorated our church so beautifully during the Christmas season.

**A Novena of Masses in memory of our deceased families and friends will take place at the 9:00 am Mass on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.**

## Christmas Collection

Thank you to all who contributed so generously to the Christmas Collection for our priests. Our parish contribution will have a significant impact on the quality of life provided for our priests in the New Year and beyond. On behalf of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston, we extend a heartfelt thank you for your generosity. If you did not have the opportunity to give but would like to make a gift, please visit [clergytrust@rcab.org](mailto:clergytrust@rcab.org). Thank you for your prayers and generous support.

## The Epiphany of the Lord



All Faith Formation classes will resume this Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Grade 2 Parent Meeting Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
There will be an important Grade 2 Parent meeting at 7:30 pm concerning First Penance for those parents who have not attended this meeting for an older child. **It is important that parents who have a child in our First Communion class for the first time attend this meeting as we will address concerns and questions about First Communion in May.**

There will be no Faith Formation classes on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> due to the Martin Luther King holiday weekend. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 21<sup>th</sup>.



Each student must attend their retreat on their assigned day.

**Grade 9 Retreat** will take place on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Grade 10 Retreat** will take place this Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm with Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 pm.



**2025 Calendars:** We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the MacDonald Funeral Home in Marshfield for so generously providing our yearly parish calendar. Their compassionate service and care to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one is appreciated by so many in our community. Calendars are at the doors of the church. We invite our parishioners to take a calendar home with them.

**Cori Forms:** All Ministers who volunteer at Saint Christine's must fill out an annual Cori Form. **If you will be away this winter, please fill out a Cori Form before you leave.** Just stop by the rectory for a few minutes to fill out your form.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at Saint Christine's every Thursday following the 9 am Mass and ending at 6:45 pm with Benediction. Spend time with Jesus - face to face, heart to heart, in His holy presence, His Sacrament of Love. Stop in for a few minutes or spend a holy hour with Jesus.



### Calendar Fundraiser

The Events Committee thanks all of our parishioners who participated in our parish events during the past year. During February, there will be a Calendar Raffle to benefit Saint Christine's Parish. Tickets are \$ 20 each and will be on sale in the foyer of the church after all the Masses beginning this weekend. Remember that the more tickets you buy, the better your chances to win a Prize. If you have any questions, please call Audrey at 617-686-8978. Good luck to all !!!



**Brooks World** would like to extend a sincere thank you to the many parishioners who volunteered to sell Christmas trees and those who bought trees at Roche Brothers. Funds raised supports scholarships, travel programs, and educational supplies for children in need. Thank you!

### Live Streaming Mass

You can watch Mass celebrated at Saint Christine's anytime on your computer. Go to [saintchristines.org](http://saintchristines.org), scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the YouTube link. Masses will be streamed on:

**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am**  
**Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

**Convalidation of Marriage:** Married couples who wish to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony are invited to convalidate their marriage. A ceremony will take place at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on February 8, 2025 at 3:00 pm. For registration and more information, please call Emily Elliot at 617-746-5756 or visit <https://bit.ly/CatholicConvalidation>.





You can support Saint Christine's Parish on a regular basis by signing up for On-Line Giving. By giving your weekly or monthly contribution on a recurring electronic basis, you help our parish more accurately forecast our finances. This method is a safe, secure, dependable and convenient means of giving. You can also set up a payment with smaller amounts being paid weekly or monthly. Visit [www.saintchristines.org](http://www.saintchristines.org) and click on the on-line icon or scan the QR code. For information or assistance, please call the rectory at 781-834-6003 x 11.



### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

<b>Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 9,800</b>
<b>Received: December 21/22</b>	<b>\$ 8,677</b>
<b>(Clergy Trust) December 25</b>	<b>\$ 12,972</b>

Thank you for your generous and faithful support.



**Our Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet next Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> in the Children's Room from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. If you would like to learn to knit/crochet, you are welcome to join us.

Please call Maryellen Mastriani at 781-834-3420 or Mary Belsan at 781-834-4308 for more information.

**Knights of Columbus** hosts Bingo every Friday night at 6:30 pm at their facility on Route 139 in Pembroke. Through funds raised, the Knight help many people in our community. We encourage you to support the Knights of Columbus and enjoy a fun night out!



The **Rosary** will be prayed on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in front of the Marshfield Police Station. We will pray for the intentions of Our Blessed Mother, for our country and peace in the world.

#### Advertiser of the Week

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## *Front Porch with God*

**Me:** Good Morning Father! And Happy New Year too!

**God:** Yes, Happy New Year- any resolutions for the new year?

**Me:** Oh yeah - lose 50 pounds, get in shape, get to Mass everyday, and finish all the projects I start around the house and yard

**God:** So, none. Right?

**Me:** Correct. I mean, we all try to turn over a new leaf every year, but we all know we are who we are

**God:** That is true - but there is an way you can really change

**Me:** How so?

**God:** Praying a little more

**Me:** Well, I pray every morning...say 4 or 5 different prayers every morning

**God:** Great! How about adding another minute

**Me:** A minute - to do what?

**God:** Praying for some people in your parish that need some prayers! Maybe talking to me about how you might help them or help your parish

**Me:** That's really a pretty simple resolution. I think I could do that

**God:** I know you can. I know everyone can. The resolution part of it is *will you?*

**Me:** Okay - I will.

**God:** Good. I'll be watching and listening

**Me:** Oh, so the pressure is on, eh?

**God:** In joking around about it, yes. But no one should ever feel pressure about praying. Just talk to me and that will do the trick

**Me:** Even if we don't know the words to a specific prayer?

**God:** Especially then!



**WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS**  
**For the Parish Family of Saint Christine**



**EPIPHANY**  
**January 5, 2024**

**Reading**

**Is 60:1-6**

*Isaiah foretells of the Magi. I also wonder if it is also about End Times...*

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

**Psalm**

**Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13**

*All of this has not happened yet. We will continue to wait!*

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.

He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

**Reading**

**Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6**

*Paul tells why he has gifts that all Christians do not share.*

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

**Alleluia**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Mt 2-2**

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

**Mt 2:1-12**

*Shouldn't we be with the Magi as they worshipped the babe, Jesus? But it still isn't too late...bring your love. Use the power of the Spirit 'see' Jesus!*

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*"

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. 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. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.



# 2024 Christmas Pageant



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**ST. CHRISTINE'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday through Friday 9:00 am**

**Saturday 5:00 pm**

**Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am**

**RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday - 4:00 TO 4:45 pm**

**Adoration at Saint Christine's**

**Thursdays 9:30 am to 6:45 pm**

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