

Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish
Epiphany of the Lord—January 5

Epiphany of the Lord

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

Matthew 2:2

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The Catholic Community of Brookline, MA



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Sacraments

- Sacrament of Baptism**
First Sunday at St. Mary's following the 12 noon Mass and other times by request. Instruction is the last Sunday of the prior month following the 12 noon Mass in the rectory. Fill out our online request form on our website.
- Sacrament of Marriage**
Please call the rectory nine months ahead of time.
- Pastoral Care of the Sick and Homebound**
Let us know if you or a neighbor are going to the hospital or are homebound so that we can visit and pray for you.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation**
St. Mary's: Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm or by appointment



Masses

- Sunday Masses**
St. Lawrence Church: Sunday - 9:00 am
11:30 am Ordinariate Form, Traditional English Catholic Mass
St. Mary's Church: Saturday - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 7:30, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon
- Weekday Masses**
St. Mary's Church: Monday - Friday 7:30 and 9:00 am followed by Daily Rosary & Saturday - 8:00 am

Ministries & Activities

- St. Mary's Book Club:** Last Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in St. Mary's Rectory.
- St. Mary's Mother's Prayer Group:** Meets on Monday at 10:30 am, check bulletin for dates.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Contact the rectory.
- Young Adults Group:** Contact the rectory
- St. Mary's Choir and Music Program:** Contact Arthur Rishi or visit www.saintmarymusic.org.
- 12 Step Groups:** AA Thursday at 7:00 pm; NA Friday at 7:30 pm; Women's NA Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm. All in St. Mary's lower church.
- Anointing:** 2nd Sunday of the month; check bulletin for times
- Novena to St. Anthony:** Tuesday after 9:00 am Mass
- Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday 9:30—10:30 am & 6:30—7:30 pm
- Bereavement Group:** Contact the rectory.

Dear Friends and Parishioners of St. Mary's,

Happy New Year! This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Epiphany, which commemorates the manifestation of Christ to the nations. In many cultures Epiphany, or the day of the Three Kings, is much bigger than Christmas itself. The scriptures describe for us how three "magi" from the East came to Jerusalem looking for the newborn king of the Jews, and they followed the star until it led them to Bethlehem. Our tradition tells us that their names were Gaspar (or *Caspar* in some cultures), Melchior and Balthazar. I have often joked that I am related to a king! They went to do him homage, and they brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Traditionally these gifts have also been interpreted to have a specific symbolism. The gold represents Christ's kingship; frankincense, a sweet-smelling resin used in worship, his priesthood; and myrrh, an ointment used in burial, foreshadows his death.



Epiphany also marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2020 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home:

20 + C + M + B + 20

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "20" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who live there throughout the entire year.

The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world, though it appears to be somewhat less well-known in the United States. It is, however, an easy tradition to adopt, and a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there. For those of you who were here last Epiphany, I hope you kept your chalk! If not, no worries. We will have blessed chalk available after all the Masses for you to take home with you to inscribe the wall over your front door.

May Christ truly bless all the parishes of our homes! May he be the center of our lives and protect us from all harm. Our light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon us!

God Bless you,

Fr Jonathan Gaspar
Pastor

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 4

4:00 pm The Monks at Holy Trinity Monastery

Sunday, January 5

7:30 am S/Sgt. Timothy McGinn, Anniversary
 9:00 am Mass for Parishioners
 10:30 am Varma Family, Special Intention
 12:00 pm Thomas P. Sullivan, 30th Anniversary

Monday, January 6

7:30 am Private Intention
 9:00 am Anthony Wallace, Birthday Memorial

Tuesday, January 7

7:30 am Private Intention
 9:00 am Mary Mahoney, Anniversary

Wednesday, January 8

7:30 am Peter Grandfield, Memorial
 9:00 am Mary Masson, Anniversary

Thursday, January 9

7:30 am Private Intention
 9:00 am Marie Elizabeth, Memorial

Friday, January 10

7:30 am Private Intention
 9:00 am Thomas Robinson, Anniversary

Saturday, January 11

8:00 am Sanctity of Life
 4:00 pm Sheila Donnelly, Memorial

Sunday, January 12

7:30 am Robert David and Adeline David, Memorial
 9:00 am Mass for Parishioners
 10:30 am Gladys Fernes, Special Intention and Anne Cunha, Memorial
 12:00 pm Margaret Connolly, Anniversary

OPEN HOUSE—ST MARY’S SCHOOL
Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 9am

We are now enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year! Please join us for an Open House where you will hear from the principal, see classrooms in action and see what make St. Mary’s such a wonderful school!

Please RSVP to info@stmarys-brookline.org

Christmas Flowers

Anna Badarraco * James Berry * Peter Cianci *
 Molly Cunniff * Philip T. Crotty, Jr. * Don Dyer *
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 Virginia & Al Fairfield * Ann & Denis Gaine *
 Herman & Carolina Guerrero * Helen Healey *
 Judy Jacobson * Ann & Mike Kirby *
 Bishop Richard G. Lennon * Roger John *
 Helen Leonardo * Cecelia Madden * Frank Malinn *
 * Jim & Theresa Malinn * Joseph Malinn *
 Patrick and Margaret Malinn *
 Edmund and Pearl Mattes * Louis McManus *
 John & Margaret O’Leary *
 Johnny & Betty O’Leary *
 Margaret & Mary Ann O’Leary *
 Gretchen Peterson *
 Deacon Richard Radford * Richard Strong *
 John L. Sullivan * Walter C. Sullivan *
 Elizabeth “Betty” Strain * Charlie & Grace Taggart *
 * Helen Taggart *

Our Weekly Offertory ***December 21/22***


Cash	\$1,954.00
Checks	\$2,510.00
Mail	\$ 175.00
On-line Giving	<u>\$ 969.00</u>
Total	\$5,608.00

Clergy Benefit Trust

Cash	\$ 6,539.00
Checks	\$ 4,900.00
Mail	\$ 490.00
On-line Giving	<u>\$ 1,434.00</u>
Total	\$13,363.00

Our Weekly Offertory ***December 28/29***

Cash	\$2,013.00
Checks	\$3,930.00
Mail	\$1,100.00
On-line Giving	<u>\$1,739.00</u>
Total	\$8,782.00



Coffee Socials after Mass

Please join us for an informal hour of food and fellowship with your fellow parishioners!

St. Mary Socials
Sunday, January 5th
 Following the 7:30 am Mass in the lower sacristy.

Following the 10:30 am Mass in the school cafeteria
St. Lawrence Social | Every Sunday
 Following the 9:00 Mass

Welcome!

If you are new to the area, we look forward to meeting you personally. We pray that through our worship, you may experience the depth of God's love for us. We hope that you find a home here among friends who pray together, work together and grown in friendship together. Check out our website to find out more about our parish or to register online: stmarybrookline.com

If you have not been active in the practice of the Catholic Faith, we encourage you to return. If you would like to speak with someone on the parish staff, please do not hesitate to contact any one of us.

If a previous marriage has kept you from receiving the Sacraments, we invite you to contact our pastor, Fr Jonathan. In many cases we can work with you toward a favorable solution, so you can again receive the Sacraments in the Catholic Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS**Sunday Rosary Group**

Every Sunday following the 12:00 noon Mass

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

January 12 following the 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Masses

Brown Bag Sunday January 18/19

Please bring your donations of non-perishable items to help St. Paul's Food Pantry.

Novena To St. Anthony

For The Unemployed
Tuesdays after the 9:00 am Mass

All Are Welcome!!

Father Bradford and the Congregation of St Athanasius invite you to a Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, January 5 at 5:00 pm in St Lawrence Church as we continue the celebration of the holiday season. A reception will follow the service.

St. Mary's Book Club

January 27th is: Cascade by Maryanne O'Hara

February 24nd is: A Death in Belmont by Sebastian Junger.

Meetings are at 7 pm in the rectory. If you have questions, please contact Mary Slattery at 617-566-1653 or msslattery@stmarybrookline.com
New members are always welcome.

Parish Prayer Line

St. Mary's Prayer Line prays every day for the needs and intentions of our parishioners and friends. **If you would like to have a name added to the prayer line, please email:**

prayerline@stmarybrookline.com.

Please include the name/s of the person/s who need prayer; you may also include their particular need or intention. **Also, if you would like to become a member of the parish prayer line, please contact us at the email above.** To become a member, you would commit to praying daily for the needs of the people on our prayer line.

St. Paul exhorts us in his letter to the Ephesians: "With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit. To that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplication for all the holy ones!"

**St. Mary and St. Lawrence
Prayer Request Boxes**

We are all in need or know someone in need of prayer. Both collaborative churches have Prayer Request Boxes. Please feel free to write down your prayer requests and deposit them in the prayer box located behind the last pew to the right at St. Mary's and in the front right area of the altar at St. Lawrence. The pastoral staff will pray for them throughout the days and at the celebration of the Eucharist each month.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. ([Philippians 4:6](#))

Scripture Readings for the Week

5	SUN	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
6	Mon	1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
7	Tue	1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
8	Wed	1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
9	Thu	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
10	Fri	1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
11	Sat	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
12	SUN	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Prayers for our Military

Please pray for the following members of the military who are serving to protect all of us:

*Staff Sgt. Vincent Carter
James Joseph Crawford, Jr., USMC
James Finn-Hersey*

St. Mary of the Assumption School first annual Gala!

First Annual Gala honoring Catholic education at St. Mary of the Assumption School in Brookline. Designed to bring our community together as we plan for renovations to our school and scholarship opportunities in a time of growth and prosperity. Opportunities for sponsorship for attendees and those who are unable to attend. Program will include Sponsors. Please join us for the Silent and Live Auction of exciting items.

Black & White GALA
Saturday, January 11
from 7 to 11 o'clock in the evening
Emmanuel College
The Auditorium
400 Fenway
Boston
* Cocktails
* Hors d'oeuvres
* Live Auction
* Silent Auction
* Dancing and more!
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Cocktail Attire

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Tickets can be purchased and more information
can be found <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-white-gala-tickets-83931012919>

To Walk As One

The little kids in the Christmas pageant always wanted to be part of the Magi. It might have been the costumes or the lack of speaking parts, but the big attraction was the gifts they carried. Gold, frankincense and myrrh, in beautiful, treasure chest boxes, are held up high for everyone to see. It's quite spectacular!

The best gifts we can give are not so visible, and may even go unnoticed, but they make a difference. Kindness and consideration come in the form of a helping hand, a kind word, or a note of thanks. Consolation and reassurance come in hugs and held hands, encouraging words and a loving smile. Hope and healing come in the form of kisses and a pat on the back, while peace and quiet come in the form of a parent night out, a late night coffee or a special moment together. You don't need a lot to offer a lot. Find out for yourself. Give a gift and feel like a king!

Legion of Mary


Is a Lay Catholic Organization whose members practice True Devotion to Mary, who will help the birth of Christ in us. In 2 years time (2021) it will be 100 years old, since it's founding in Ireland by a Lay Catholic Frank Duff. He and 2 co-founders are being examined for Beatification. It has a worldwide membership of 8 Million members, half of Actives and half Auxiliaries. The Active members gather together once a week for one to one and a quarter hours to pray Legion Prayers and Holy Rosary; Ideally a basic unit called a Praesidium, consisting of 3-12 members or more, are to be established in every Parish throughout the Archdiocese. His Eminence Cardinal O'Malley is a member since a teenager till the present. The Praesidium of St. Mary of the Assumption meets every Saturday from 5:00—6:00 pm in the Lower Sacristy of St. Mary of the Assumption. All are welcome.


In Word and Deed

Every year, the students preparing for First Holy Communion would present a Christmas Pageant for the parish on Christmas Eve, before Mass. One year, the teacher was going to wait until a day or two before the presentation to teach the three young magi their names. Unfortunately, she got sick and the new director simply asked the young actors if they knew their names. Assured they did, she discovered the importance of specific questions and answers when, during the pageant, the magi announced their names as Manny, Moe and Jack!

So who were the Magi anyway? Why do they appear for a brief moment in the Gospel and then disappear? They don't really. Those who have gone before us leave an example for us to follow. Their virtues and sins, their doubts and certainties are our own. As part of one People of God, we join with them in seeking and finding the way, the truth and the light.

In a sense, we present the story of the magi in our life of faith. Our names are announced at baptism and we begin the journey as we follow the Lord, guided by the church, nourished by sacraments, and supported by one another. Throughout our lives, we bear the gifts of faith, hope and love, ready to present them to the Lord at journey's end. We seek the Lord where He may be found, and invite others to join us in our quest.

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For information, call the cemetery staff at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church at 781-235-1841.
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