

January 8, 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord

WEEKLY OFFERTORY



MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday 4:00pm January 7 Vigil Mass Virginia & Roland Guilmette req. by the family
Sunday 8:00am January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord Edith B. Chicoine req. by her daughter, Monique 'Birthday Remembrance'
Sunday 10:00am Roland & Joan Viets req. the family
Monday 7:00am January 9 John Carbonaro req. by the family
Tuesday 7:00am January 10 For the Parishioners of St. Thomas Parish
Wednesday 7:00am January 11 Caterina Conte req. by Saint Thomas Parish Family
Thursday 7:00am January 12 No Mass Intention
Saturday 4:00pm January 14 Vigil Mass James Febbriello req. by Jack & Carol Skorupski
Sunday 8:00am January 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary time Laraine Leveillee req. by the family 'Birthday Remembrance'
Sunday 10:00am John Unfricht req. by his family

Table with 2 columns: Date and Amount. January 1, 2017 Holy Day \$4,821.27 \$1,186.00; January 3, 2016 Holy Day \$6,998.30 \$1,053.00

Thank you for your spiritual and financial commitment of our Parish.



Extraordinary Ministers January 14/15
4:00pm: Emile & Marian Drillon
8:00am: Donald Leveillee & Patrick Ryan
10:00am: Maryanne Marticello & Breia Pinette

Lectors January 14/15
4:00pm: Barbara Grenier
8:00am: Susan Murray
10:00am: Dawn Madden

# SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12
<b>Monday:</b>	Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38, Mt 3:13-17
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Heb 2:5-12, Mk 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Heb 2:14-18, Mk 1:29-39
<b>Thursday:</b>	Heb 3:7-14, Mk 1:40-45
<b>Saturday:</b>	Heb 4:12-16, Mk 2:13-17

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>SUN.</b>	<b><u>January 8</u></b>
8:50am	Rel. Ed. Gr. K-10
1:00pm	Legion of Mary Christmas Gathering
<b>TUES.</b>	<b><u>January 10</u></b>
6:15pm	Rel. Ed. Gr. K-6
6:30pm	Legion of Mary Mtg.
<b>WED.</b>	<b><u>January 11</u></b>
5:00pm	Girl Scout Mtg.
6:30pm	Choir Prac.
7:30pm	K of C Mtg.
<b>THURS.</b>	<b><u>January 12</u></b>
6:30pm	Cub Scout Mtg.
6:30pm	Rel. Ed. Parent Mtg
	Confirmation
<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>January 14</u></b>
4:00pm	Blood Pressure Screenings

## SNOW DAY DAILY MASS POLICY

In order to insure the safety of those who attend daily Mass during the winter season. Mass will be **cancelled** when Thomaston Schools announce school delays or cancellations for weather related events. If there is a Mass Intention on that day the Intention will be offered the next available date.

Please listen to **WTIC AM, 1080 AM, WTIC 96.5 FM & WFSB – TV Channels 3, 4 & 8** for cancellations. The Mass is broadcast everyday at 10:00AM on WCCT-TV and on Cablevision's Channel 84 serving Fairfield County. It can also be seen Saturday and Sunday at 5:00AM on WCCT-TV.



Will take place **next** weekend.

### **Nurses Scheduled:**

4pm: Mary Kamens  
8am: Felicia Kepka-

Leach, 10am: Cheryl Doyle.

### Question of the Week:

To what “strange lands” might God be inviting me to travel in the New Year to discover Christ? What gifts will I bring with me to offer there?



**New Parishioners:** Welcome to our parish. When leaving Mass today, please stop and introduce yourself to Father Hellwig. We want to know and serve you. You may stop by the Parish Center Mon. – Thurs. from 9:00am – 2:00pm to register with us. We have many ministries here with which you may get involved. They are listed on our website as well at [www.stthomasthomaston.org](http://www.stthomasthomaston.org). You are a blessing to our parish family and we're glad you're here!



Please remember those men and women who are serving.....God, keep special watch over these men and women serving in the Navy, National Guard, Marine Corps., Air Force, Army, & Coast Guard.

## **WHEN YOU ARE IN THE HOSPITAL**

If you are hospitalized and desire pastoral support, you or a family member should do two things. First, notify the Parish Center at 860-283-5817 before or upon your admission. Second, upon admission to the hospital, state your denomination and parish. The hospitals are called twice a week for a list of parishioners, so Father can visit. St. Mary's Hospital no longer gives out any information so please call the Parish Center.



Do you have a concern that causes you sadness that you wish to have lifted up in prayer? Do you have a joy that warms your heart and you want to have lifted up in prayer? Then contact the Saint Thomas Prayer Line. Allow your Church family to assist in the most powerful way we can, through Prayer. You can email your request to: [prayerline@stthomasthomaston.org](mailto:prayerline@stthomasthomaston.org).



For more information about having your child baptized, please give the Parish Center a call to arrange. Baptisms are the first Sunday of the month.

### **2017 MASS BOOK**

There are still Masses available for 2017. Please call the Parish Center **Mon. – Thurs. 9:00am – 2:00pm** to arrange any Masses you would like celebrated in 2017. The Mass offerings are: **Weekday: \$15.00, Weekend & Holy Days: \$20.00.**

Please remember when calling to arrange Masses, the intention is made for the deceased or for a "Special Intention" if they are living. Thank you.

## PARISH-WIDE PASTORAL PLANNING BRAINSTORMING SESSION

In order to facilitate the formation of an archdiocesan-required three-year strategic plan for the parish we need to develop our own local approach to meeting those attributes set by Pastoral Planning that identify a healthy and vibrant parish.

Those attributes are:

- 1 Increasing Number of Registered Households
- 2 Robust and Vibrant Parish Ministries
- 3 60 % of Households Attend Sunday Mass
- 4 70% of Households Engaged in Stewardship
- 5 Robust and Energized Evangelization and Community Activity
- 6 Financial/Facilities Healthy and Stable

Everyone is invited to attend a planning session where your ideas to meeting any of the above may be introduced and discussed in group break-out sessions. This approach needs parish-wide participation because the approaches discussed to meet the attributes above will be the basis of our strategic plan. Your input will serve as advisory to me. The parish strategic plan, when implemented, must then be supported by a majority of parishioners because it will describe not only who we are as a Catholic community but also what shall become in the future. Please contact the office if you have questions about the process. Thank you.

The Parish Pastoral Planning Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 15, 1 – 4 PM in the Church.** Snow date will be January 22. This is your opportunity to become involved and share your ideas in a productive manner for the good of the parish. If you are interested in participating but unable to attend the session please email your input to me at [stc-pastor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stc-pastor@sbcglobal.net). It is important that we do this now so that we may move toward truly becoming a healthy and vibrant parish for the next hundred years.



Imagine what God could do through you.



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