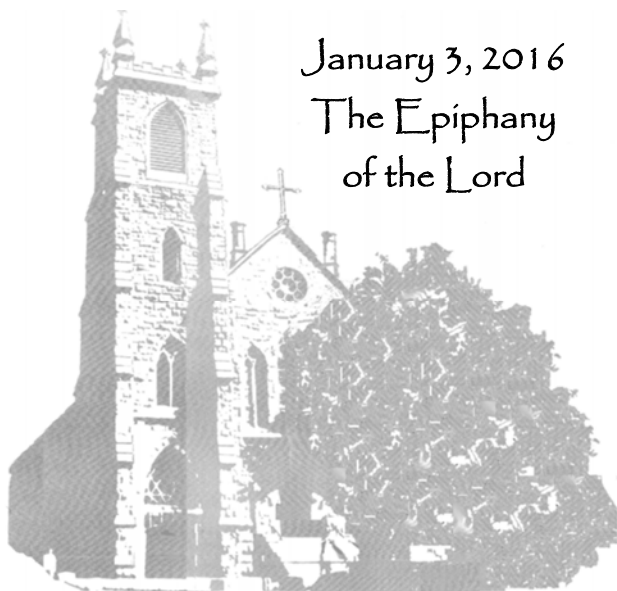


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January 3, 2016
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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Brazilian Mass 12:00 noon

Rev. Adriano Lessa

Weekday Masses

(in the lower-level Chapel)

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 AM

Confessions: Saturdays 3: - 3:30 PM
or by appointment

Adult Religious Education

Wednesday: 9:30 - 10:15 AM

Holy Days

9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

If you are new to the parish, WELCOME!

Please introduce yourself. We want to know you and to serve you. We hope you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance - according to your means.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 2	4PM - Parishioners of St. Charles
Sunday, January 3	9AM - Vincent & Warren Bogan by Kelly & Sheila Bogan
Tuesday, January 5	9AM - Deceased of Manigan Family by the family
Wed., January 6	9AM - Henri Paul by the family
Thursday, January 7	4PM - Rosa, Alfredo & Anibal Afonso by the family
Friday, January 8	9AM - Patrick Shaughnessy by the parish
Saturday January 9	4PM - Parishioners of St. Charles
Sunday, January 10	9AM - Deceased of Manigan Family by the family



Happy New Year 2016! Do you know what the term millennial means? We hear it often today. I looked it up on Google and it told me that it refers to people born between 1980 and 1999. So it refers to those who could be as old as thirty-six now or as young as seventeen. So a stretch of almost twenty years. In other words, it takes in those who today are very young adults or still young adults, and these supposedly set the tone for the present time. They may do that in music and entertainment, but I doubt that they do so in business normally, though there are exceptions here. I am thinking of Mark Zuckerberg who founded Facebook. He dropped out of Harvard in his second year in order to concentrate on his computer career. He was born in 1984 and his wife Pricilla Chin, who, by the way, went to Quincy High in Massachusetts, in 1985. So they are millennials. They have just had a baby and are planning to give away billions to charity. They are worth about 37 billions dollars.

But millennials are not alone. Each generation has its own sound and flavor and name. Do you think God laughs at our giving special names to our generations? I don't think so. God takes us very seriously, just we take those whom we love seriously. Each generation is precious in the eyes of our creator.

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes

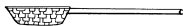
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Scripture for the week of January 3, 2016

Sunday :	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22--4:6/Ps 2:7-8, 10-12/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14-15, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30/Ti 2:11-14;

"The Spirit of God stirs up faith in our hearts through the gospel message."

Announcements



If you have not yet done so, please be sure to pick up a copy of Matthew Kelly's book "*REDISCOVER JESUS*" at one of the entrances of the church.

If you have not yet picked up a 2016 Parish Calendar, there are a few available at the main entrance of the church.

Please Note: Please pick up a free copy of the January issue of "*Give Us This Day*" Daily Prayer for Today's Catholic, featuring Morning and Evening Prayer, Scripture readings and reflection for each day, and much more. You may then subscribe if you wish to continue receiving this invaluable help in bringing you closer to God day-by-day.

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT will resume Friday, January 8 from 1 to 2PM in lower church.

The Greater Woonsocket Catholic Regional School System will be hosting a **Super Bingo** on Sunday, January 10th at Precious Blood Church Hall. A total of \$6,650. in prizes will be given away! Tickets are \$30 for 18 cards plus specials. (Additional cards will be available for purchase.) Only 275 tickets will be sold. For more details on the event or how to purchase tickets, contact GWCRS Regional Office at (401) 762-1095.

If you wish to receive a daily email or text message during the Year of Mercy you can sign up at:

Flocknote.com/mercy

The following **mini-retreats** will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat House, 226 Great Neck Road, Wareham, MA this winter and spring on the second Wednesdays of the month. All are welcome - men and women, Catholics and non-Catholics.

Time: 10:00am to 12:30pm **Cost:** \$20

Registration: In order to prepare seating and

materials, please pre-register at least two days in advance by contacting Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. The fee can be paid on arrival. *A February 10th special flyer with details and a registration form is available. Because of lunch, earlier registration will be required for this retreat.

January 13: *Embracing Mystery*

There is much about life we do not understand. Why do bad things happen to good people? Just how does a seed grow? What happens after we die? Life is filled with mystery, "and by its very nature, mystery cannot be solved; it can only be lived," says physician Rachel Naomi Remen. The darkness of winter is a good metaphor for the soul seeking answers to the unknown. To grow spiritually, we must learn to reverence, embrace and ultimately surrender to Mystery.

February 10, Ash Wednesday: *Growing in Compassion ~ A special all-day retreat ~ 9:00am to 3:45pm

Life provides innumerable opportunities to apply either judgment or compassion. It is often easier to criticize and judge than to try to understand and forgive. Lent challenges us to become more like the all-loving Christ. This retreat day includes Mass, a morning of reflection, lunch, the award winning documentary "Dreamcatcher," (the story of Brenda Myers-Powell, a former teenage prostitute who now is a powerful advocate for change in her community), discussion and prayer. A portion of the day's retreat income will be donated to Sophia's Circle, women in recovery from prostitution and drugs. Brenda is a peer leader in the program, which is co-facilitated by Edwina Gateley and Peggy Patenaude.



WHO KNEW?

Who knew the Messiah was born as the baby Jesus in Bethlehem in that wintertime?

In this Gospel Reading, a lot of people came to figure it out.

The chief priests and scribes knew where the Messiah would be born, because they could interpret the parts in the Old Testament that predicted the Messiah's birth. The magi from the East knew that the Messiah had been born, because they could interpret the presence of the star in the sky. When the magi followed the star to Bethlehem to see for themselves, Herod the King ordered them to come back and tell him too.

For all these people, there was a way to know the birth of the Messiah. The priests could interpret Scripture, and the magi could read the stars. King Herod had the political power to command their knowledge and wisdom for his own purposes.

But what about people who lack the advantages of the priests and magi and who have no power to command others? How are they to know? Does God make provision only for the fortunate?

Consider the shepherds. They lacked the money needed for education, and so they lacked the ability to use Scripture or stars to know the birth of the Messiah. They had no power to command others to share the fruits of their education with them either.

But it isn't powerlessness or poverty that keeps a person from knowing the birth of the Messiah. In the end, it was not the shepherds but the powerful and wealthy King Herod, with his evil-hearted intentions, who didn't know the baby Jesus was the Messiah. The magi didn't tell him, because God warned them in a dream not to. And so Herod the King didn't know.

In spite of their lack of all worldly advantages, the shepherds in fact outranked the king and all the others. They were by the side of the Messiah first, and they didn't have to figure it out for themselves either.

The shepherds may have been poor and simple, but they were trusting and open-hearted, too. And so they knew Christ Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem that cold winter night because they heard the angels sing. ~Eleonore Stump, Philosophy Professor, St. Louis University

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the rectory after your baby's birth to prepare for this initial Sacrament of spiritual life.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (and Communion Calls)

Please notify us if anyone is ill, in the hospital or homebound and may wish to receive Holy Communion at home.



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