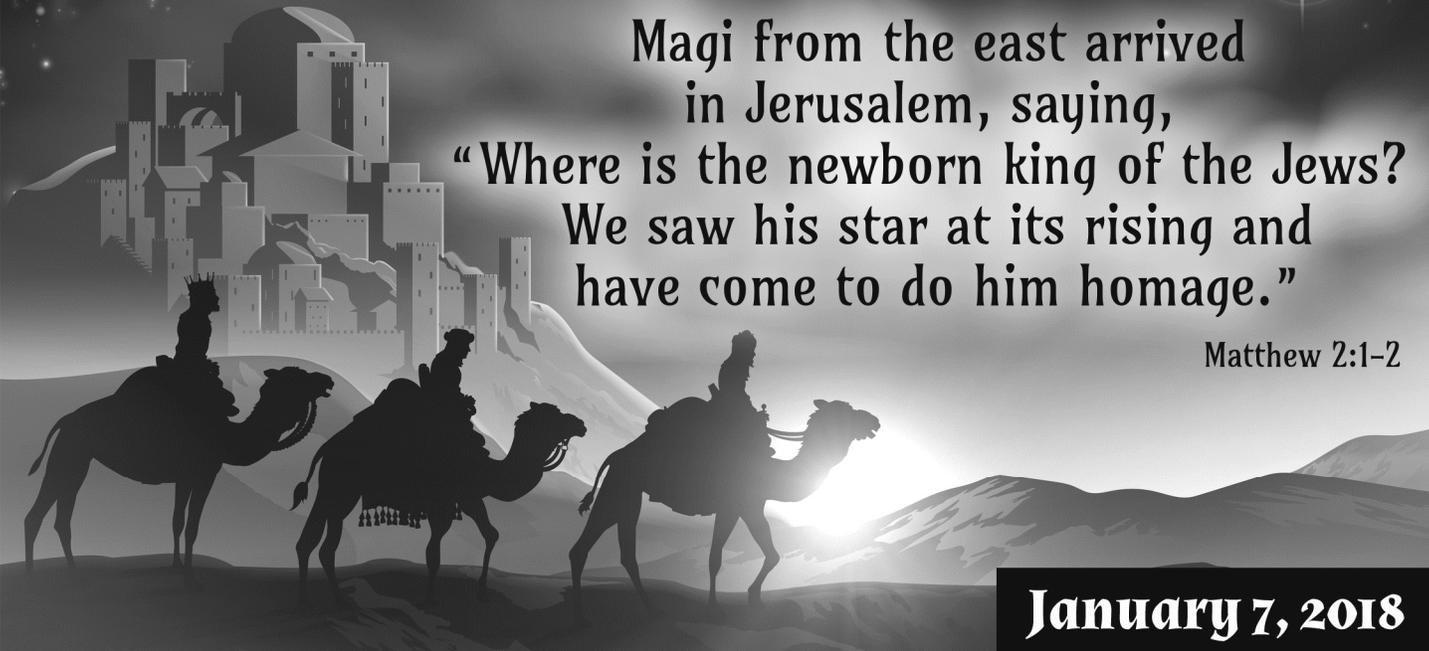


Saints Aedan & Brendan Parish

112 Fountain Street, New Haven, CT 06515

The Epiphany of the Lord



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.”

Matthew 2:1-2

January 7, 2018

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am, 11:30 am

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Thursday 7:30 am
Friday NO MASS
Saturday 8:00 am

CONFESSION

Saturdays, 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

MARRIAGES AND BAPTISM

Marriages: Six months Notice
Baptisms: 1st Sunday of the Month

PARISH HOURS

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8:00am - 1:00pm
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Welcome to Saints Aedan & Brendan Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Jan 6	Christmas Weekday
8:00 am	Bartolina Loughlin Requested by Family
Sun, Jan 7	The Epiphany of the Lord
4:30 pm Sat.	Thomas Kidder Requested by Social Action Committee
9:30 am	Deacon Ed Taddei and Angelina Rosselli Taddei Requested by Children
11:30 am	Eleanor Zaldan (Birthday) Requested by Family
Mon, Jan 8	The Baptism of the Lord
7:30 am	Lawrence Francis McDermott Requested by Daughter Renee L. McDermott
Tues, Jan 9	Weekday
7:30 am	People of the Parish
Wed, Jan 10	Weekday
7:30 am	Deceased Members of the William Fitzgibins Family
Thurs, Jan 11	Weekday
7:30 am	Deceased Members of the James Keenan Family
Sat, Jan 13	Weekday
8:00 a.m.	Rev. Joseph McCann
Sun, Jan 14	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm Sat.	Ack Jung Hom Requested by His Loving Family
9:30 am	Norma Patterson Birian Requested by Kim & Mike Rogers
11:30 am	Cecilia Scerbo (Birthday) Requested by Cynthia Santos

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Appreciation Reception

Sunday, January 7, 4:00-6:00, RSVP Required

Book Club

Wednesday, January 10, Lower Church

Knight of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, Knight's Room

Parish Council Meeting

Monday, January 15, Lower Church

Social Action Committee

Wednesday, January 17, 7:00 pm Lower Church

We Need Your Comments...

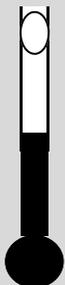
The parish is in the process of exploring options for selling the convent building located next to the school. Currently there is a small group of Westville residents who are small-scale real estate investors interested in pooling resources and exploring ways they might be able collectively to adapt the lovely, historic convent building and Lady Chapel, and remake it into supportive housing for seniors (independent living with "continuum of care" support from an outside agency).

In order to gather thoughts on the project you are invited to attend a "focus group." The investment group is very interested in speaking with any members of the parish who might have an interest in this project, whether as potential residents, family members/friends, or just interested members of the community. Please join us for coffee/tea and light refreshments, and a discussion of the project, on Thursday January 11th, 2:00 PM, in the Lower Church Hall. Call the rectory office and leave your name and number to make a reservation, 203-389-2619.

**Additional Memorial Contributions for Christmas
Flowers have been received in the name of:
Salvatore and Anne Vinci**

Weather Cancellation Policy: The following is the Mass cancellation policy for the parish: On Saturday or Sunday, Mass will be canceled whenever there is a declared state of emergency that include a travel ban. Daily Mass is canceled whenever the New Haven Public School District has been closed. God has given us the gift of common sense and he expects us to use it! All parishioners should use good judgement if it is safe to travel by car or even on foot when the weather is inclement.

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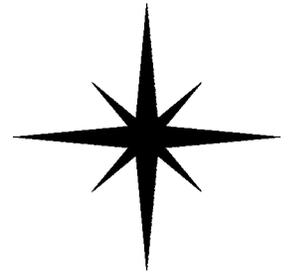
2017 ANNUAL FALL APPEAL

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!**

We have received 71 Gifts
Totaling \$33,344.00
Thank You!

**Weekly Financial Summary:
Christmas Collection: \$3,572.00
Weekend of December 31: \$2,432.00**

Epiphany: A Showing, An Appearance, A Revelation...



The solemn celebration of the Epiphany is celebrated in the United States on the Sunday between January 2nd and 8th. This year, Epiphany is celebrated today, January 7th a Sunday before the official end of the Christmas season on the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, January 8. It is then that we return to Ordinary Time and that is why Christmas decorations are appropriately removed after January 8th.

The Epiphany comes from the Greek “epiphanein” which means a showing, appearance, or revelation. It was used to describe the appearance of a god among the people, a theophany, or a visit from some civil dignitary. The Greek-speaking Church in the east found it natural to use the word to describe the appearance of the true God in flesh.

For us today, the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation to the world of the newborn Christ as Messiah, Son of God, and Savior of the world. Within the one feast we celebrate the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast of Cana in Galilee. These three events are recalled as the Son of God is revealed to the world.

There is a wonderful video called “The Star of Bethlehem” that scientifically unlocks the mystery of the world’s most famous star. Producer Stephen McEveety (The Passion of the Christ) presents an amazing documentary on the Star of Bethlehem. The presentation explores the exciting truth of Scripture and reveals the evidence for God’s existence as seen in the stars above. The presenter, Rick Larson walks the viewer through biblical and historical clues revealing the incredible significance of the celestial event as well as the vastness of God’s creativity. This video with pizza will be shown in the lower Church after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, January 6, 2017 as announced in previous bulletins.

A popular tradition since the Middle Ages performed on the Epiphany is the blessing of homes with holy water. The ritual calls for a priest or parent to mark with chalk the inside of the main door with the initials of the Magi and a code of the current year connected with crosses: 20+C+M+B+14. Another explanation of the initials (C,M,B) is that they stand for the first letters of the blessing: *Christus mansionem benedicat* (“May Christ bless this house”). What a wonderful tradition to begin in your own family for the parent of the house to take holy water (available from the Church in the font near the ramp entrance) and perform the ritual. God Bless and may the manifestation of Christ, as honored on the Epiphany be demonstrated by you to the world each and every day of your life.

The Baptism of the Lord, The End of Christmas and the start of “Ordinary Time”

This Monday marks the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord and officially ends the Christmas season. In the weeks since Christmas we have celebrated the birth of Jesus, the arrival of the Magi due to the cosmic change in the heavens indicating the birth of the Son of God and Jesus’s baptism in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist that occurred when Jesus was about 30 years old, just three years before his crucifixion. In this short span of time since Christmas we celebrate events that span 30 years!

When we celebrate baptism it is for the forgiveness of sins, original and personal and the making of us an heir of the Lord of Lords. If that is true, which it is, then why does Jesus need to be baptized for he is “like us in all things but sin?” The baptism of Jesus is not for the forgiveness of sins but as a public sign that he is accepting and beginning his public ministry to be the suffering servant, the Lamb of God who will take away the sins of the world. By being Baptized Jesus is modeling for us; as he was baptized, so will future Christians (followers of Christ) be baptized. This is God’s plan and Jesus is obedient to the Father, and, this weekend Jesus is giving us an example of humility and obedience.

After the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord the Church returns to the season known as “Ordinary Time.” Ordinary Time is for those 33 or 34 weeks of the year that do not have a particular aspect of the mystery of Christ celebrated, such as Christmas, Lent, Triduum, Advent or Easter. Rather, during Ordinary Time, the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays.

Ordinary time begins on Tuesday, January 9 and continues through Tuesday February 13, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. It will resume when the Easter season ends on Monday, May 21, the day after Pentecost. Ordinary Time is not a return to the “humdrum” of ordinary things, meaning not special or busy. Ordinary Time, its name coming from counting in ordinal numbers, is special in its own right, for it is the continued celebration of Jesus the Messiah and Lord. Just because there is not a special title like “Lent” or “Easter” we should never think Ordinary Time is ordinary!

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