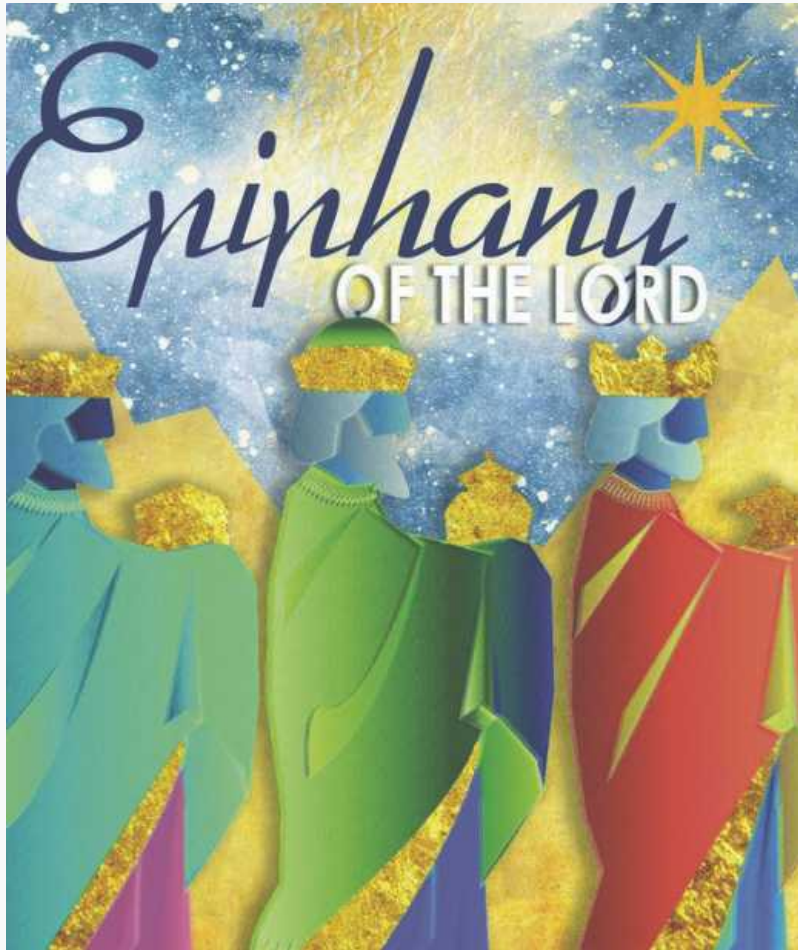




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# January 2 2021

## EUCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Weekdays: St. André Bessette Parish in  
Laconia

Holy Days: 6:00 p.m.

## PARISH OFFICE

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- ◆ **Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. or by appointment.
- ◆ **Baptisms:** Contact the Parish Office for details regarding preparation that is required prior to the baptism.
- ◆ **Marriages:** Please call the Parish Office for a first meeting at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.
- ◆ **Anointing of the Sick:** Arrangements can be made to celebrate this Sacrament at any time by calling the Parish Office.
- ◆ **Homebound and Hospital Ministry:** Kindly call the Parish Office if you are homebound so we may bring Holy Eucharist. If you are entering the hospital, inform the staff you are Catholic so you may receive Holy Eucharist during your stay.
- ◆ **New parishioners:** Please call the office to register.

Mission Statement - Ours is a faith community which is welcoming, family oriented, and spiritually vital. We seek to provide each person with the opportunity to experience spiritual growth by developing a deeply personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to serve the community by making present the person of Jesus and his Gospel message. We seek to attract others to enter into our parish family by rejoicing in the resurrection and living what we profess to believe.

*Answering Our Call To Discipleship*

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, January 1– New Year’s Day– Mary, Mother of God -** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**9:00 am** Celebrant’s Intentions

**Saturday- Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord-** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**4:30 pm** Parishioners of St. Joseph

**Sunday, – January 2- The Epiphany of the Lord—** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**9:30 am** Janet & Bill Pandolph by Michele & Don Blajda

**Monday, January 3-** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**8:00 am** Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

**Tuesday, January 4–** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

**5:00 pm** Mass followed by Confessions at Sacred Heart Church Laconia

**Wednesday, January 5–** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

**8:15 am** Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

**8:45am-11 pm** Adoration at Sacred Heart Church

**Thursday, January 6-** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

**8:00 am** Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

**Friday, January 7-** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

No Mass

**Saturday, January 8- 4:30 pm Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord**

**4:30 pm** Carrie Wadsworth by family; Anita Morin 11th Anniversary by Carol & George Morin; Marilynn Morel by friends

**Sunday, January 9– The Baptism of the Lord-** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**9:30 am** The Parishioners of St. Joseph

# OFFERTORY

**OFFERTORY FOR DEC 26th WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK DUE TO AN EARLY DEADLINE.**

## OFFERTORY FOR DEC 19TH

Offertory .....	\$2,015.00
Vanco.....	\$1,049.28
Total.....	\$3,064.28

## FISCAL YEAR TOTALS

Budget Amount July 1– Dec. 19.....	\$126,500.00
Actual Amount July 1–Dec.19 .....	\$100,950.34
<i>Deficit Amount July 1– Dec. 19.....</i>	<i>\$ -( 25,549.66)</i>

**The amount needed weekly to make budget is \$5,060.00.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## Tabernacle Flowers

If you wish to have flowers placed before the tabernacle in honor of a loved one for a donation of \$50, please call the office at 267-8174.

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### Knights' Coffee & Donuts This Sunday

Join us for coffee & donuts after Mass this morning and on the first Sunday of each month. The Knights will host these free socials, and we appreciate any donations to help defray our costs.

### A New Year's Resolution to Pray for Our Country

As we start 2022, all are welcome to join with the Knights in praying a "Patriotic Rosary" for our country before our monthly meeting. We'll gather in the church at 6:30 PM this Wednesday, Jan. 5. In this rosary, we name one state before each Hail Mary and pray for its residents. We also designate prayers for the branches of our government and state and local leaders.

### Next Blood Drive: January 11

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 1:00 to 6:00 PM. To donate blood, please make an appointment online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). If you'd like to to help check donors in at the site, please call Frank Ruffing at 603-798-5320.

### Continuing to See the Light

At Epiphany, we celebrate again that Christ, our light, has come. It's a continuation of the theme that, with the passing of the winter solstice, light has once more overcome encroaching darkness, as Christ our Light has triumphed over Satan, Prince of Darkness. We can also "see the light" in other places – sometimes in the things we read, if we're reading the right things.

Our Belmont Council has placed a kiosk of free materials in the narthex of the church, just before the inner doors, next to the guest book. Various titles from the Knights' Catholic Information Service are available, such as *The Family in the Modern World*, *Becoming a Real Man of God*, and *Prayer Time - A Collection of Catholic Prayers*. Feel free to take a booklet, read it, keep it, or return it for someone else's use. There's no charge for the booklets, but we appreciate donations to help our Council pay for the materials – envelopes for this purpose are at the kiosk.

### Elves Needed: No North Pole Travel Required

We know that the secret to Santa's toy emporium is that he has lots of elves working for him. Our Belmont Council can get a lot done, too, with our own version of "elves" – we call them "knights" and we need more of them. We're trying to get over the pandemic obstacles that limited our activities for too long so that we can do more in and for our community. Our main restraint now is a shortage of active members. If you're a Knight who's been "on a break," we'd love to see you back in action. If you're a man who's not a Knight, but would like to get in on the action, consider joining us.

Go to [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join)

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

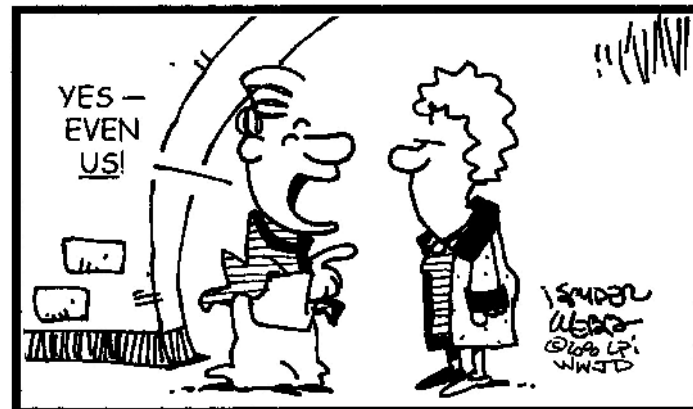
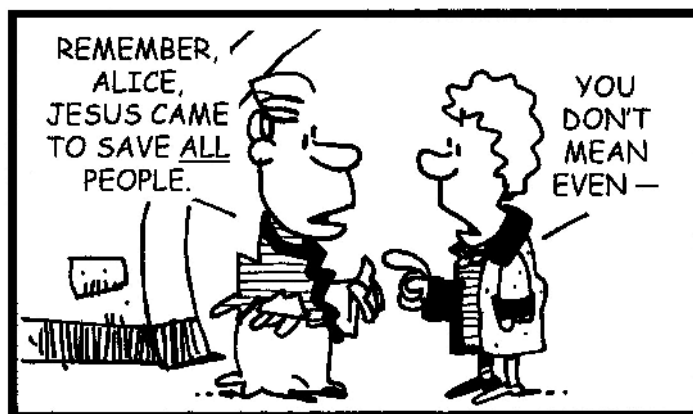
I would like to send out a thank you to all of the parishioners who participated in our Advent Giving Tree program. As always, your generosity to others goes beyond the expected! This year, we were unable to include children's requests because no applications for assistance were submitted to the PD by Thanksgiving, which of course is when our advent tree is put up. So instead, we offered assistance to more of those at St. Francis. The staff was amazed and very touched that we brought gifts for thirty of their residents. Thank you again for your wonderful generosity; it is much appreciated!

Sincerely, Diana Johnson



### PRAY FOR DOBBS

Pray for a just decision in the Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization case. The U.S. is one of only seven nations out of 198 in the world that allows for abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. Most countries limit abortions between 12 and 16 weeks. The seven that support this atrocity are the United States, China, North Korea, Vietnam, Canada, Netherlands, & Singapore.



**JANUARY 2, 202**

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Saturday, January 1 - New Year's Day**

9:00 am Mass, Church  
4:30 pm Vigil for Sunday—Church

**Sunday, January 2**

9:30 am Mass- church  
10:30 am Coffee & Donuts

**Monday, January 3**

8:00 am Mass Sacred Heart Church, Laconia  
7:00 pm Choir practice, church

**Tuesday, January 4**

5:00pm Mass followed by confessions at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia

**Wednesday, January 5**

8:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia  
8:45 am-11pm Adoration at Sacred Heart Church,, Laconia

**Thursday, January 6**

8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Laconia  
7:00 pm Bible Sharing— Parish Hall

**Friday, January 7**

7:00 pm “The Chosen” Study—Parish Hall

**Saturday, January 8**

4:30 pm Mass— Church

**Sunday, January 9**

9:30 am Mass—Church

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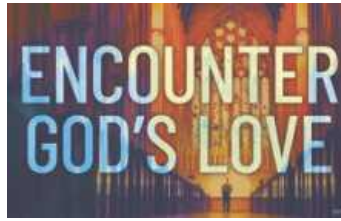
***PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS***

**Praying this week will be:**

**Terry Elliott  
Jodi Fowler**

If you would like to pray for a week or have questions,  
please contact the Bob Chapman at  
603-630-0874.

JANUARY 2, 2022



**GOSPEL  
MEDITATION -  
ENCOURAGE  
DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF  
SCRIPTURE**

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.  
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