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**January 2021 Parish Bulletin**

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**Prayer Intentions**

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

## Clergy Mass Schedule

**All In-Person Worship Services Cancelled Due To COVID-19**

January 3, 2021: The Epiphany of the Lord

January 10, 2021: Baptism of the Lord

January 17, 2021: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2021: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Scripture Reflections

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

**January 3, 2021 – Epiphany of the Lord:** Here comes everyone – just as Jesus came for everyone! Today’s passages from Isaiah and Matthew foreshadow the reality proclaimed in the selection from St. Paul to the Ephesians: The Church, firmly rooted in the history of ancient Israel, is for all people. We want to remember this in our daily lives and try to let Christ shine through us. (Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12)

**January 10, 2021 – Baptism of the Lord:** The water theme in today’s passage from Isaiah continues in the selection from the First Letter of John, where the blood and water flowing from the Savior’s side may be considered symbols of Eucharist and Baptism. As a baptized child of the Father, in imitation of Jesus, our Brother, may we follow the urging of John to love God and keep his commandments. (Isaiah 55:1-11, 1 John 5:1-9, Mark 1:7-11)

**January 17, 2021 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Our personal call from the Lord may not have been as dramatic as the calls of Samuel, Andrew Peter and other prophets and apostles. But we are the Lord’s – We are his temple, as St. Paul says in the Second Reading, and we are called to do something for God. (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19, 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20, John 1:35-42)

**January 24, 2021 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:** St. Paul warns, “I tell you; time is running out.” In the Old Testament Book of Jonah, when time starts to run out for the Ninevites, they repent of their sins. In the Gospel, when time runs out for the John the Baptist, Jesus begins his ministry. Time may not be running out for us, but wouldn’t we be wise to use our time better? (Jonah 3:1-5, 10, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20)

**January 31, 2021 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** “I will raise up...a prophet,” proclaims the Lord in the reading from Deuteronomy, and “will put my words into his mouth.” The early Christians saw this as a reference to Jesus, who, St. Mark says, teaches “with authority.” Other teachers like St. Paul, instead, sometimes give an opinion, as in the second reading, rather than authoritative teaching. When we need answers, do we know where to find authoritative Church teaching? (Deuteronomy 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 7:32-35, Mark 1:21-28)

### **Pastor's Corner**

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M. Div., Pastor

**It's "Tax Time" Again...** Parishioner donation statements will be mailed shortly after the first of the year. Thank you to all who continued to contribute to the church even during the pandemic while we were unable to meet in person. We are grateful for your generosity.

**In-Person Services Continue to be Postponed:** We continue to deal with effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. We eagerly await the day when we are able to join together once again in worship of our Savior.

**Mass Intentions:** +Fr. Carl, Fr. Bill and I are available to say mass for your particular intentions while we celebrate mass from home. Please feel free to contact us with your intentions.

#### **Prayers Needed:**

**Jan Williamson:** Suffered a broken kneecap for the third time in as many years. She would appreciate your prayers for a full and quick recovery.

**Mary Ann Howard:** Underwent cancer surgery in December. She would appreciate your prayers for a full and quick recovery.

**Requiescat in Pace:** Please remember Michael Coover, nephew of Bishop Tom Coover, in your prayers. Michael was 37 years old and passed away unexpectedly on December 14, 2020. Michael's services were held in Dover, New Hampshire on Monday, December 21, 2020. May he rest in peace.

**Let us continue to pray for peace and civility in our nation and for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic!**

## along The Way

reflections selected by +fr carl

~Let us ponder these Virtues for the New Year ~

A **VIRTUE** is a habitual and firm disposition to do the good.

The **moral virtues** are acquired through human effort aided by God's grace. the **theological virtues** (*Faith, Hope, and Charity*) are gifts of God received at our Baptism and bolstered through the Holy Eucharist.

**Acts of Christian behavior** (Moral Virtues ) take commitment and practice in order to become routine in our lives.

Making a New Year Resolution to practice a virtue a month can make us better Christians, better persons, better spouses, better parents, better children, and better friends.

**Happy New Year!**

