

# Parish of the Good Shepherd

1671 Beacon Street  
Waban, Massachusetts 02468-1401

Telephone: (617) 244-4028

Email: [office@goodshepherdnewton.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdnewton.org)

Website: [www.goodshepherdnewton.org](http://www.goodshepherdnewton.org)

+ + +

## ON EPIPHANY

“We have seen his star in the East, and have come to adore the Lord.” (Matthew 2.2)

What amazes us each time when we listen to these words of the Magi is that they prostrated themselves before a simple baby in his mother’s arms, not in the setting of a royal palace but, on the contrary, in the poverty of a stable in Bethlehem.

How was this possible? What convinced the Magi that the Child was “the King of the Jews” and the King of the peoples? There is no doubt that they were persuaded by the sign of the star that they had seen “in its rising” and which had come to rest precisely over the place where the Child was found. But even the star would not have sufficed had the Magi not been people inwardly open to the truth.

In comparison with King Herod, beset with his interests of power and riches, the Magi were directed toward the goal of their quest and when they found it, although they were cultured men, they behaved like the shepherds of Bethlehem: they recognized the sign and adored the Child, offering him the precious and symbolic gifts that they had brought with them.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, “Homily for the Solemnity of the Epiphany,”  
in *L’Osservatore Romano*, Weekly Edition in English, 10 January 2007, p. 3

### **WARRANT FOR THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING**

Pursuant to the By-Laws of the Parish, the Vestry has called the Annual Meeting of the Parish of the Good Shepherd of Waban to be held in the Common Room of the Church on Sunday, January 24, 2016, following the 10:00 a.m. service.

The business to be transacted is -

1. To elect officers and Vestry members pursuant to the provisions of the By-Laws, and
2. To receive reports on the activities of the parish during the past year, and
3. To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Terry Robinson, Clerk

**Note: Annual reports are due in the church office by January 10. Thank you!**

# *Parish News -* *January 6, 2016*

## **January 10 Forum: Christmas is *never* over!**

This Sunday, January 10, we continue our exploration of the spirituality of the birth and infancy of Jesus. This was His beginning on earth, and a new beginning for the world, and just perhaps, if we look at it the right way, an opportunity for a new beginning for us all. Join us on Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

~ *Charles Foster*

## **Join the Diocesan Mission Strategy Listening Process**

Our diocese is shaping a new mission strategy, and is now engaged in a listening process that will help us discern God's call to us as a diocese. We are all invited to attend one of the open listening forums, shown below, to add our perspective to this process. For more information on the listening process, go to [www.diomass.org/new-mission-strategy](http://www.diomass.org/new-mission-strategy).

Sunday, January 10 at 2:00 p.m.  
St. Mary's Church in Barnstable

Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m.  
St. Paul's Church in Natick

Wednesday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m.  
Christ Church in Andover

Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m.  
Grace Church in New Bedford

Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m.  
St. Thomas's Church in Taunton

Saturday, February 27 at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston

## **Next Newsletter**

The deadline for the next newsletter is **Tuesday, January 19**. Please email your items to our Parish Administrator, Margaret Harrison, at [office@goodshepherdnewton.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdnewton.org). Thank you!

## **Christian Education News**

### **Epiphany Celebration**

Thank you to everyone for the incredible number of donations for St. Stephen's After School Program!

### **Youth Group Starts Sunday, January 24, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

We are excited to announce the beginning of youth group. This will be a fantastic way to get our teenagers involved in the Church, while also making sure they are having a fun time. Our first meeting is incredibly important because we will be discussing what they want to do as part of youth group. Feel free to bring friends who aren't members here.

### **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**

Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. A group of us will be meeting at Lowell Memorial Auditorium to see a production of this fun play. Tickets are between \$50 and \$60. Contact Kourtnei Brown to RSVP.

### **Church School Teachers Needed!**

The winter block of Church School begins on Sunday, January 10, and we need teachers. No experience necessary. Course materials and guidance provided. Please consider participating in this rewarding part of life at Good Shepherd. This program cannot run without your support. Contact Jennifer, Alison or Kourtnei to volunteer or for more information.

Jennifer Manthei, Co-chair of Christian Ed  
[jennifer.manthei@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.manthei@gmail.com)  
[617-332-0935](tel:617-332-0935)

Alison Corkery, Co-chair of Christian Ed  
[alison.corkery@gmail.com](mailto:alison.corkery@gmail.com)  
627-669-7956

Kourtnei Brown, Director of Christian Ed  
[ce@goodshepherdnewton.org](mailto:ce@goodshepherdnewton.org)  
617-244-4028