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Jan 14th David and Candace Braddock

Jan 18th Fr Dave to the Diaconate

OUR MERRY CHRISTMAS will continue forward as we celebrate the 12 days of Christmas culminating in the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ on January 6, 2026. So, Christmas is just getting started! Hark the Heralds! We had a beautiful Christmas Eve Service, and I want to thank all those who worked so diligently to make it special. It was my first Christmas as a Priest, and I will never forget it!!!! Thank you for your beautiful card and gift to me! It was not necessary. YOU are my gift each and every day!

Happy New Year!! I cannot believe it is 2026. It seems like 2025 just got here and now it's over. It was a big year for me in my journey to become a priest. I had my Ordination to the Diaconate in January. I graduated from The Iona School of Formation in mid-June. My Ordination to the Priesthood was in mid-August and I became Priest in Charge on September 14 with my Celebration of New Ministry on October 15. And finally on December 21 we had Bishop Poulson come and Celebrate with us and lead our Confirmation service for our 4 new confirmands and 1 who was received. **WHEW! WHAT A YEAR!** Thank you for your never-ending support and help in my journey. It is a dream come true to lead my flock at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

January will be a busy month. We have our Annual Parish Meeting scheduled on January 18 so plan to be there. We have the meeting immediately after the service is over and it won't take too long. After the 12 days of Christmas and Epiphany we return for a while to Ordinary Time in the Church. In this time, we learn of Jesus's baptism by John and the beginning of his ministry. I look forward to our journey.

Blessings to you and yours,
Father Dave +

January

DATE	READINGS	MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS Crucifer	ALTAR	ALTAR FLOWERS	HOSPITALITY/ LOCK-UP
January 4 Epiphany 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Celebrant Rev Braddock LEM Womack Sermon Rev Braddock	First Reading Womack Epistle Peer	Sharp And Kidwell Robison	Kidwell J	***** OPEN *****	Epiphany Cake Lock-Up: Kidwell
January 11 1st Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17	Celebrant Rev Braddock LEM Howard Sermon Rev Braddock	First Reading Howard Epistle Kidwell B	Robison And Womack Davidson	Womack	***** OPEN *****	Lock-Up: Stebbens
January 18 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-12 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42	Celebrant Rev Braddock LEM Kidwell B Sermon Rev Braddock	First Reading Kidwell B Epistle McAskill	Howard And Kidwell J Robison	Howard OPEN *****	Annual Meeting Parish Lunch Lock-Up: Howard
January 25 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 5-13 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23	Celebrant Rev Braddock LEM Howard Sermon Rev Braddock	First Reading Howard Epistle Kidwell J	Sharp And Robison Womack	Kidwell J	***** OPEN *****	Lock-Up: Womack

The Epiphany

The manifestation of Christ to the peoples of the earth. The winter solstice was kept on Jan. 6 at some places during the first centuries of the Christian Era. In opposition to pagan festivals, Christians chose this day to celebrate the various manifestations, or "epiphanies," of Jesus' divinity. These showings of his divinity included his birth, the coming of the Magi, his baptism, and the Wedding at Cana where he miraculously changed water into wine. The day was called "The Feast of Lights." Celebration of the Son of God replaced celebration of the sun. Baptisms were done, and a season of preparation was instituted. It was later called Advent.

The solstice was kept on Dec. 25 by the fourth century. Jesus' birth was celebrated on this day in both eastern and western churches. The western church commemorated the coming of the Magi on Jan. 6. The eastern church continued to celebrate the Baptism of our Lord and the Wedding at Cana on Jan. 6. In the east the day was called "Theophany" (manifestation of God).

The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 6, in the BCP. The Baptism of our Lord is celebrated on the First Sunday after the Epiphany.

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O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*