



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020

May God bless us all in this New Year of 2020 with peace, health and joy. Remember, the future is not threat. It is God's promise of his continued faithfulness and mercy. We do not know what tomorrow holds, but we do know who holds tomorrow and who holds our hand! This is a leap year—so, we got an extra day to praise and thank God in 2020!

MARTIN LUTHER KING BIRTHDAY

Monday, January 20, is the observance of the Birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Father Clark would like to have a meeting to prepare for our celebration on Thursday, January 9 at 6:30 PM in the Ministry Building. Celebrations of MLK's birthday are now including volunteer service. I am suggesting that we have a celebration on Sunday, January 19 after the 10:30 AM Mass and leave Monday morning to volunteer work. I would like us to participate in the annual Walls Project-MLK Day of Service. These are suggestions—please bring your ideas to the meeting.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Father Clark would like to explore this idea for our Black History Month celebration: if there are members of our church who are descendants of the enslaved African men and women who were sold by the Jesuits and Georgetown University to plantations in Martinique and you have done some research or have knowledge of their story, would you be willing to share that with us? Would members of the parish be interested in learning more about this story? Would we also like to schedule some other events like a Sunday movie matinee or a Soul Train talent show? Please let me know your ideas!

FATHER CLARK AT CLERGY FORMATION DAYS

Father Clark will be joining the priests of the diocese for the annual Clergy Formation Days. He will be away from Monday, January 13, to Thursday, January 16. There will be no Bible Study that Monday, January 13. We will have Communion Services on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, January 13, 14, and 16. There will be no 7:30 AM Mass on Tuesday, January 14.

BIBLE STUDY DURING JANUARY

Our next Bible Study will be on Monday, January 6 at 7:00 PM in the Activity Center. There will be no Bible Study on January 13 (Clergy Formation Days) and January 20 (MLK Birthday). There will be Bible Study on Monday, January 27.



MEMORIALS IN THE CHURCH

Since all the benches have been memorialized, some parishioners have asked Father Clark about the possibility of having something donated to the church in memory of a loved one. If you are one of those persons, please email or text Fr. Clark so that he can make sure that he has your name. He will be emailing a list of possibilities to you in the next few weeks. Thank you for your generosity.



CELEBRATION OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There will be a celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, January 26 at 2:00 PM. If you are experiencing illness or weakness and want to ask for God's healing mercy, please plan to come out and celebrate this sacrament of healing and comfort.

PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council of Ministries on Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center. There will be a light supper served from 6:00 PM. An agenda and minutes of the last meeting will be mailed to you the week before the meeting. All chairpersons of parish ministries and organizations should plan to attend.



PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

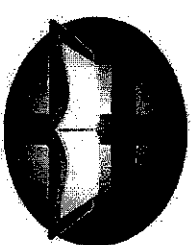
There will be a Parish Ministry Fair on Sunday, February 9 after the Masses. You will be able to visit tables where representatives of existing and new ministries will share with you their mission and works. You are invited to sign up and become active! Please watch the bulletins during January for information about our ministries.

Happy Birthday

ANA	BROCK	1/5
KAVIA	QUINN	1/9
FELTON	RICHARD	1/6
MATTHEW	DEROUEN	1/7
AZRIEN-SHAI	WINDER	1/7
JOI	MORGAN	1/8
MARCO	BATES	1/9
BRADFORD	ALLEN	1/9
MARK	LEWIS	1/10
KIM	HAYNES	1/10
JOSEPHINE	HUDSON	1/10
RUFUS	IDUSUYI	1/10
TODD	JACKSON	1/10
ROOSEVELT	SAMUEL	1/10
ADDISON	STEVENSON	1/10
ANDREW	WILSON	1/10
JAMES	WILSON	1/10
	HERRING	1/10

WALKING WARRIORS HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR TIDBIT: Instead of making overly ambitious but well-intentioned New Year's resolutions, aim for accomplishing small, manageable goals. According to *Psychology Today*, 80% of people fail to adhere to their New Year's resolutions by February. Many clinical psychologists recommend that you aim to achieve firm commitments (goals) – not resolutions – and they offer these tips: 1. Ask yourself: What is your immediate next step to achieving each commitment? 2. Take small actions every day to improve. Be patient like Job; and stay determined like Ezra, Daniel or Paul. 3. Visualize the joy you will feel once you achieve your results. 4. Do not be secretive. Set-up an accountability system with a trusted friend or with professional help. 5. Be very specific about what you want to achieve. Describe your commitments in observable terms. What will you see, hear and feel when you reach your goals? 6. Be clear about your true purpose for setting each goal. Why do you want your commitment to become a reality? How will your life change as a result of living out each commitment? www.psychologytoday.com



Mass Readings
January 5th - January 12th
The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Eph 3:2-3a; 5-6
Gospel: Matt 2:1-12

Monday
1 John 3:22-4:6; Psalm 2
Gospel: Matt 4:12-17; 23-25

Tuesday
1 John 4:1-10; Psalm 72
Gospel: Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday
1 John 4:1-18; Psalm 72
Gospel: Mk 6:45-52

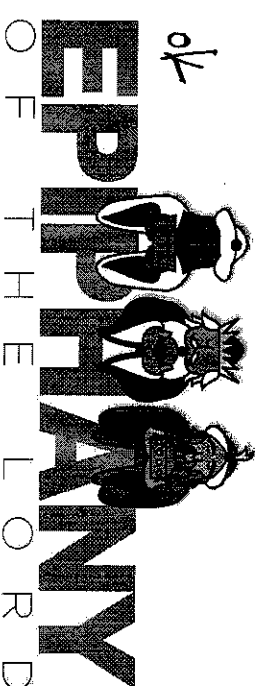
Thursday
1 John 4:19-5:4; Psalm 72
Gospel: Lk 4:14-22

Friday
1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147
Gospel: Lk 5:12-16

Saturday
1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149
Gospel: John 3:22-30

Sunday/The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-38
Gospel: Matt 3:13-17

Forms for new parishioners or changes are located in the vestibule of the church.



HOME CELEBRATION OF EPIPHANY
20+C+M+B+20

Celebrate the Feast of the Three Kings (Epiphany) to mark the conclusion of the Christmas season (and the beginning of Mardi Gras season!) With a piece of chalk, write on your front door: 20 + C + M + B + 20. The 20 and 20 are the numerals of the New Year. CMB are the initials of the three Kings: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. It is a way to ask for God's blessing on the New Year, your home and your family.

