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Liturgical Schedule

Weekdays.....9:00 a.m. (Monday – Friday)

Sunday.....4:00 p.m. Vigil

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days..... 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held at 12:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Please call Sr. Ann Hughes, SSJ for registration and details.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please make arrangements at least **one** year in advance of desired date. Please call Sr. Ann Hughes, SSJ for registration and details.

Registration

We welcome all new members to our parish family. To register, Parish Census forms are located in each portico, on our website or you may call the Parish Office.

Office Hours

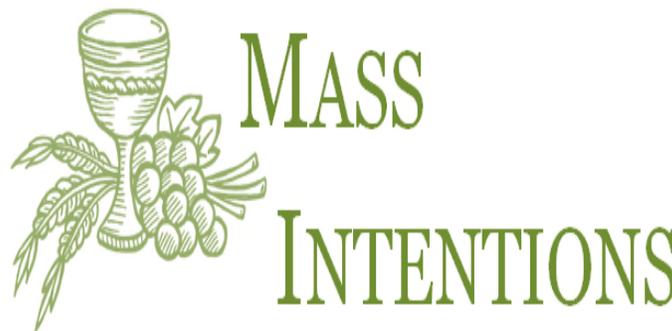
Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. – 12 Noon

Bulletin Submissions

Information for the bulletin must be in to the Parish Office **10 days** prior to the publication date. Submission does not guarantee publication.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 3, 2019



Monday, February 4th

9:00 a.m. Rev Francis Kenney
Sr Ann

Tuesday, February 5th

9:00 a.m. Margaret Stewart
Frances Bacon

Wednesday, February 6th

9:00 a.m. Melissa Charney
Jean Piziak

Thursday, February 7th

9:00 a.m. Thomas Sheridan
Sheridan Family

Friday, February 8th

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, February 9th

4:00 p.m. Thomas Hornig
Ann Hornig

Sunday, February 10th

8:30 a.m. Robert Bush
Tina Recchioni

11:00 a.m. The Intentions of the Parishioners

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

When embarking on an important work, task, or life choice, we often indicate so. Presidential candidates declare their candidacy in symbolic significant places or on significant dates. One proposes marriage to another in a meaningful way that is remembered. And special events like birthdays, baptisms, and anniversaries are marked by rituals. Afterwards we settle into a routine. Luke in this Sunday's gospel does something similar when he begins his gospel. He opens with a four-verse prologue that is one long sentence in Greek! And the Greek he writes is florid, high in style, and reminiscent of classical Greek. After these four verses he descends from that style to the more common Greek.

There are many things to note in this brief opening to the gospel, but it is significant that Luke says he is relying on the eyewitnesses of others, and thereby indicates that he was not an eyewitness himself. Otherwise, he might have said something like "and my own eyewitness." But it is clear that he is at least a second-generation Christian, who has looked into this story and told it so the believer Theophilus (the name means God-lover) might have surety. And in fact, the word "surety" concludes the first four-verse sentence in Greek, indicating its importance. By this emphasis on surety, even the modern reader recognizes that the story of Jesus is no mere myth. The events of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection really and truly happened.

But the church is not content to give us only the first four verses of the gospel on this Sunday. The second significant item to note is that we also read about Jesus' preaching in the synagogue at Nazareth. Luke is intent to show that the Scriptures of old are fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus reads the prophet and proclaims that the message is fulfilled in their midst. The message will be Jesus' guiding light. He will refer to it again when John the Baptist's followers come to Jesus and ask if he is the one they should expect. Jesus causes the blind to see and proclaims glad tidings to the poor. In so doing, he is the fulfillment of the hopes and expectations of the prophets, for the Spirit of the Lord is upon them.

How do we imagine the ministry of Jesus? What was it that he did? We know it ultimately ended in his passion, death, and resurrection, but what about his work among the people? Today's gospel reading, with Jesus quoting the prophet, gives us an indication as to what occupied the mind and thoughts of Jesus as he performed his ministry. He brings glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. This was the message of the prophet and to use a modern term, it is the mission statement of Jesus' ministry. If we want to be his followers, it is up to us to take on this mission statement as well. This ministry is in conformity with the prophets. It animated Jesus himself, and it should animate his followers (you and me). Jesus does not talk here about prayer, or doing liturgy, or even going to church. The ministry of Jesus is ACTION in the world. And this action, as indicated by the mission statement, upends

the powerful and the privileged. It ultimately leads to Jesus death. *Faced with such a leader, will we be followers as well, undergoing our own paschal mystery? Or are we content to read about his ministry rather than do it, hear about it rather than practice it?*

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory	\$9,054.00
Faith Direct	\$6,095.00
FY19 Weekly Offertory Budget	\$12,115.00
Difference	\$ 3,034.00
YTD	\$353,883.00
F19 Budget YTD (week 30)	\$363,450.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to our parish.

PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust
placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize
over the harm done to our brothers
and sisters.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,
soothe restless hearts with hope,
steady shaken spirits with faith:
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,
enlightened by truth and enfolded
in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform our brokenness.
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and
grace, so that we may act with justice
and find peace in you.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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FLU SEASON

With the Flu season in full swing and many cases already reported in the area, it is important that we use common sense. If you are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of yourself. Or should you arrive for mass and become ill, please leave. Your presence will certainly be missed; however, your health and then health of your fellow parishioners is important. We

remind you that hand sanitizers are available in each portico. These are there for your use. We also ask that you take a moment before you leave mass and take your used tissues with you as you leave. Leaving these in the pews, hymnal racks and even in the hymnals itself is one easy quick way of sharing germs. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners. **Due to the recent outbreak of the GI infection we have removed all holy water fonts for your safety and the safety of others.**

AN APPOINTED TIME

"There is an appointed time for everything and a time for every affair under the heavens." Ecclesiastes 3

"A time to baptize"

Through the sacrament of Baptism, we welcome the following member to our Parish family:

Ashley Lynn Scala
Cole Thomas Hushen

"A time to welcome"

We extend a warm welcome to
Mr & Mrs Brian Fallers and Family
who have recently registered in our parish.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

We pray for the sick and homebound: Bryce Arnold, George Brown, Catherine Clark, Barbara Coccia, Megan Dempsey, Donald East, Natasha Evans, Gina Fenza, Robyn Fitzsimons, Kristy Godfrey, Jefferson Hess, Vivian Hickey, Paul Imbruglia, Robert King, Betty Laurette, Al Mackey, Barbara Macule, Joe Moossally, Joseph Mora, Cassie Morrison, Martin Mortimer, Eugene Rudder, Faye Rushton, Helen Siegfried, Ted Schaefer, Judith Smith, Jack and Dolores Sminkey, Wayne Snavelly, Gerri Snavelly, Connie Spratt, Roberta Spratt-Ritter, Lou Strupczewski, Gloria Torres, Ann and John Walsh. If you know someone who should be added to our list, please call the Parish Office (302) 475-6486 ext. 114. Prayer requests will remain on this list for one month.

WE PRAY...

For members of our armed service who have recently been deployed:

PO1 Colleen Fitzgerald – U.S. Navy
LCprl Tory Adams – U.S. Marines
LCprl John Fiorella – U.S. Marines
LCprl Matthew Hood – U.S. Marines
Major Jigar Patel MD – U.S. Army

As they continue to work for peace in our world, we remember them and their families with our prayerful support. Do you have a loved one or friend who has been deployed? Contact Margie Fiorella (302-475-6486 ext 122 or mfiorella@chcparish.org) so we may include them in our list and prayers.

BULLETIN

Mike McAleer from Liturgical Publications, our bulletin publisher, was with us this past week securing advertisers for our brand new bulletin, which will begin

on 3/24/19. We would like to thank all of the advertisers who have generously committed to the Bulletin for this year! We still have space available and humbly ask that you consider advertising your business or remembering a loved one in our weekly bulletin.

Our parish bulletin is one of our main communication tools to our parish members. It provides inspirational words from Father, Mass intentions, news, and events for the week ahead. We are thankful that this crucial communication piece is provided to our parish at no cost thanks to the generous advertising support of our parishioners and community-minded businesses. Please let us know if you can help. Sponsors of our bulletin recognize the tremendous value of connecting with our church family, who in turn respond by supporting our sponsors! If you would like to advertise in the weekly bulletin, please contact Mike McAleer at (412) 855-8013 or via e-mail to mmcaleer@4lpi.com. Thank you!

MOVING??

Have you or are you moving? Have you changed your phone number or email address? If you are or have ...don't forget to let the Parish Office know of any changes. With our recent parish mailings, we have discovered several families have moved and had a new address. Help us keep our records up to date.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

LENDING LIBRARY

Do you have the winter blues? A good spiritual book will help you through these dreary days of winter. We can help!! Visit our Lending Library (located in portico 1) for a fine array of spiritual books.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

A reminder our Confirmation Preparation Program begins this **Monday February 4th** beginning promptly at **6:30 p.m.** Please arrive early so that we may begin on time.

LITURGY

GIFT BEARERS

The ministry of **Gift Bearer** enacts an important ritual action, presenting the gifts of bread and wine during the Offertory for the preparation of the Eucharistic table. Gift Bearers are chosen from among the faithful to represent the entire congregation at Mass by presenting the gifts on behalf of all. If a mass is being said for a loved one, this is a wonderful opportunity for the family to serve as gift bearers. See the ushers and alert them you would like to present the gifts at that mass.

PERSONAL HEARING SYSTEM

Having problems hearing during mass? A "Personal Hearing System" is part of our sound system. It is designed to deliver clear sound to individuals who require hearing assistance through the use of personal receivers. Any parishioner who feels that they need a personal receiver, please contact the parish office or

come into the office, and one will be provided to you free.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Each Sunday during our **11 a.m. liturgy** we celebrate our **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. This is an opportunity for our young people (k through 3rd grade) to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at their level. After our Opening Prayer the young folks are dismissed and return at the conclusion of the Prayer of the Faithful.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

BRIDGE

Our monthly Bridge Group gathers on the **second Friday of each month** to play. Beginning on **February 8th** our group will change their playing time to **1:00 p.m.** This will be instead of 6:30 p.m. If you enjoy playing bridge, join us for an afternoon of fun.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE

It's that time of year.....for Girl Scout Cookies. Members from Troop 5006 will be with us next weekend (February 9th and 10th) selling their annual cookies. It is prior to Lent...so stock-up on your favorite flavor or flavors (they freeze nicely) and support the Girls Scouts.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be March 1-3, 2019 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For information, visit www.me-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833. Don't Delay! Your marriage deserves this *gift!*

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous..." (1 Cor. 13:4) Which of these qualities is your beloved strongest in?

PARENT POINTERS

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." (Jeremiah 1:4) Even before your child was born you had hopes for him or her. Even before you conceived, you had hopes. Even if you adopted your child, you wondered how this person would grow and change you. Ponder how God knows you and your child even more deeply than the surface knowledge you now have.

VOCATION REFLECTION

What was spoken to you long ago that you still try to hear? God speaks to His people through the prophet Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you were born I dedicated you." Our God knows us intimately; our God has a plan for each of us. What are you doing to discover God's plan for *your* life? Could it be that He's calling you to a life of religious

ministry for the good of the Church? If you think so, call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations !

SOCIAL CONCERNS

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

If you or someone you know is affected by the current government shutdown, our St. Vincent dePaul Society is able to assist with some financial assistance with utilities and food assistance. Simply call 302-475-6486 #3 for the St. Vincent dePaul Society.

GOING TO THE HOSPITAL?

With the HIPAA policies, often times the Church of the Holy Child is not notified that you may be in the hospital. If you enter through the emergency room – most likely that information will not be asked. When entering the hospital, please let us know or have a family member notify us and we would be delighted to visit with you during your stay. Simply call Sr. Ann Hughes, SSJ at 302-475-6486 ext. 120.

PRAYER CHAIN

Do you need a prayer? Phone your prayer requests to Michelle Lapihuska at 302-475-5503. Parishioners are always welcome to join in prayer for others. Call Michelle if you would like to join.

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM

Thank you for your generous donations of food for the Emmanuel Dining Room. Donations of canned mushroom soup, canned vegetables (carrots, peas, corn) canned fruit, tuna fish, mayonnaise, relish, elbow pasta, are always needed. Please leave your contributions in the **EDR basket** in Portico 1.

THIS WEEK

Sunday:	11:00 a.m.:	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	7:00 p.m.:	AA
Monday:	10:00 a.m.:	Yoga
	4:45 p.m.:	Religious Education
	6:30 p.m.:	Religious Education
Tuesday:	9:45 a.m.:	Scripture Study
	4:45 p.m.:	Religious Education
	6:30 p.m.:	Cub Scouts
	7:00 p.m.:	Scripture Study
Wednesday:	9:30 a.m.:	Christian Formation Committee
	7:00 p.m.:	Pastoral Council Committees
	7:30 p.m.:	Knights of Columbus
Thursday:	9:45 a.m.:	Companions on the Journey Faith Group
	7:00 p.m.:	AA
	7:30 p.m.:	Choir
Friday:	1:00 p.m.:	Bridge
Saturday:		Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Our Stained Glass Windows

Often folks ask about our stained glass windows and their meanings. Beginning this week we will look at each portico and its windows.

We begin with **portico 2**.

Left window: This representation of the Blessed Trinity was taught by Isaac and his companions. The hand reaching downward represents the Father, the cross signifies His Son, and the Dove depicts the Holy Spirit.

Center window: The tomahawk, feather headpiece and leaping flames symbolize the martyr deaths of the Jesuit Missionaries Isaac Joques and his companions. The three crosses recall the martyrs' love for the sign of redemption and their custom of cutting crosses into the trees of the upper New York Indian village – Ossernenon, where they were put to death. The emerging lily represents their saintly convert, the Indian maiden Kateri Tekakwitha – the "Lily of the Mohawks."

Right window: A depiction of a Rosary which was a favorite and often repeated prayer of the martyrs.

