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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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 13, 2019



Monday, January 14th
9:00 a.m. Jean Marie Lacy
Doe & Ed Lacy

Tuesday, January 15th
9:00 a.m. George Villano
Sr Ann

Wednesday, January 16th
9:00 a.m. Ted Concannon
Nancy & Gary Frick

Thursday, January 17th
9:00 a.m. Eric Moore
Hughes & Moore Families

Friday, January 18th
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, January 19th
4:00 p.m. Veronica Shisler
David & Geraldine Ham

Sunday, January 20th
8:30 a.m. Berry Schaefer
Florence Bicchetti

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

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

This weekend as we bring our Christmas season to a close, please know of my gratitude to all those who had a part in this year's Christmas celebrations. I thank our liturgical ministers: the members of our Choir, Cantors and Musicians, the Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (at Mass and to the homebound), Servers, Sacristans, Ushers and Greeters. I thank the Liturgy Committee in preparing and setting up for these Liturgies. I am extremely thankful to our Art and Environment Committee, who so quickly changed our liturgical environment in a matter of a few hours from the 4th Sunday of Advent to Christmas and have been maintaining the environment. So often, we gather for our celebrations and are taken back by the beautiful and prayerful celebration that we forget about all the details and all the work that goes on behind the scene. To everyone who had any part in our Christmas Season, thank you for your dedication and part in making our parish's Christmas Season a prayerful celebration for all.

As we begin our new calendar year, I am mindful that this June our parish will begin its **50th Anniversary** celebration. Our Anniversary Committee has been busy working on all the details for this year of celebration. These past 50 years have been filled with events of service and sacrifice, of joy and wonder, of prayer and trust, of celebration and gratitude. Some of these events are emblazoned in our hearts and memories, some have been forgotten and yet still have contributed in shaping us into who we are today. I cannot help but think that this year is a microcosm of these past 50 years and may we look, to living in Christ in the ways that we serve, pray and celebrate. Keep watch for information concerning this year of celebration.



STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory	\$8,414.00
Faith Direct	\$
FY19 Weekly Offertory Budget	\$12,115.00
Difference	-\$3,701.00
YTD	\$288,500.00
F19 Budget YTD (week 28)	\$339,220.00

**Second collection next weekend:
Catholic Communications & Catholic University**

*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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AN APPOINTED TIME

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

"A time to die"

We extend our deepest condolences to the family and
friends of:

Daniel A Gavin, Sr

May God welcome him into his heavenly banquet and
grant him eternal life.

FAITH DIRECT

We invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **DE595**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

We pray for the sick and homebound: Bryce Arnold, George Brown, Catherine Clark, Megan Dempsey, Donald East, Natasha Evans, Gina Fenza, Robyn Fitzsimons, Kristy Godfrey, Jefferson Hess, Vivian Hickey, Paul Imbruglia, Robert King, Betty Laurette, Barbara Macule, Joe Moossally, Joseph Mora, Cassie Morrison, Martin Mortimer, Faye Rushton, Veronica Schisler, Helen Siegfried, Ted Schaefer, Wayne Snavely, 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.

SNOW CANCELATIONS

With winter quickly approaching we remind you of our Snow Cancellation process. Any cancellation of programs, meetings or Parish Office closures will be announced on our website: www.chcparish.org. Also, cancellations will be announced on WDEL and WJBR.

BULLETIN

This coming March, we will end of relationship with Bon Venture as our bulletin publisher and will be moving to Liturgical Publications (LPI). LPI currently hosts our parish website.

Mike McAleer from Liturgical Publications will be in our office the week of January 14, 2019, working on securing new ads for the advertisement section of our bulletin. We need your help. If you are a business owner, or service provider, please consider purchasing an ad. Your ad and participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, a family, a charity, In Memory of a Loved One or to support the church or a community service organization like emergency pregnancy counseling, Boy Scouts/Girls Scouts of America, etc.

If you would like to run an ad or would like more information, please call Mike before his visit at (412) 855-8013 or via e-mail to mmcaleer@4lpi.com.

A THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

Death and Life are in the Power of the Tongue

I'm sorry...I didn't mean it
I take it back
Strike it from the record

What is as irreversible as murder, violates its victims more than theft, is as deadly as an epidemic? And is a lot closer to you than you want to think?

Gossip, slander, and thoughtless speech. Gossip is a million-dollar industry in our country today. We tend to think of it as a sport, harmless and fun. After all, it's only words. We even have shows devoted to it.

As Christians, we are called to see it differently. Which is worse, we must ask, to steal from someone or to speak ill of someone? To defraud a person or to humiliate him? Answer: Property can be restored, but the damage done to another can never be undone. In fact, our Jewish ancestors compared slander and humiliation with murder: the destruction is irreparable and enduring.

You can't take it back. What we say about each other is terribly powerful: words have a long, long half-life, and they can destroy in unseen, unhealable ways.

Our words are a footprint we leave for the world. What will they reveal about the way we treat our children, our parents, our friends, students, co-workers, employees? How we treat ourselves?

It's a new year. Perhaps none of us will find a cure for cancer, or feed the world's hungry, or bring about world peace. But nearly every day we find ourselves with someone's reputation or sense of worth in our hands.

We can improve our world in a powerful, pervasive way; we can act as though our words had the power of life and death.

They do.

A reprint from the Wall Street Journal

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

LENDING LIBRARY

Did you make a New Year's resolution to take some time this year and do some spiritual reading? We can

help!! Visit our Lending Library (located in portico 1) for a fine array of spiritual books.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

We remind our *First Communion* families our first parent/child session will be held on **Sunday January 27th from 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.** in the triple classroom. Please make every effort to arrive on time so we may start on time.....late arrivals delay us beginning on time and having to extend our finishing time.

CONFIRMATION

Attention parents of children in Private Catholic Schools: An orientation meeting for parents and candidates will take place on **Monday, January 28, 2019, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** If you are a registered parishioner with a child in 8th grade or above attending a private Catholic school, (e.g. St Edmond's, Ursuline, Archmere, Salesianum, St Elizabeth's, St Mark's, Padua) please call Margie Fiorella, at 302-475-6486, ext. 122 to be added to the list.

LITURGY

LECTOR MINISTRY

When we gather to celebrate our daily and weekend liturgies, Our Lord is present in the assembly, the ministers, and most importantly, the scriptures. The first part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word, focuses on the scriptures as the Lord speaks to us inviting us to follow him. A lector is any lay minister who proclaims the scriptures. The Lord uses the voice of the Lector to proclaim a timely message, a message that will challenge listeners but also offer healing, comfort, support and consolation. A Lector is the minister of the table of God's word.

The Lector Ministry is truly a rewarding one knowing that those who serve in this ministry have both the opportunity and privilege to proclaim God's word. Our parish Liturgy Committee is eager to welcome those who feel called to this ministry. We extend a special invitation to our young parishioners to consider this ministry.

Are you willing to proclaim God's word? Should you have any questions, or interested contact Deacon Joe Cilia at jcilia@chcparish.org or 302-475-6486 ext 112.

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.***

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

BRIDGE GROUP

The Church of the Holy Child couples' bridge group is a low intensity bridge group meeting once a month. We are happy to open the group up to new members who would enjoy a relaxed evening of bridge and fellowship. Our normal meeting time is the second Friday of the month at 6:30p.m. For more details, please call Len & Jane Bordzol at 302-478-4287.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Even if you've already broken some New Year's resolutions, recommit to putting your beloved first - in words, in acts of kindness, in attention.

PARENT POINTERS

Even if you've already broken some New Year's resolutions, recommit to putting your beloved first - in words, in acts of kindness, in attention.

VOCATION REFLECTION

In baptism, women and men are made part of the Body of Christ. God calls some of the baptized to serve the rest of His people as priests, sisters and brothers. Is He calling you? Think so? Unsure? Call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org). And check out our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

SOCIAL CONCERNS

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.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL FOOD CLOSET

Our St. Vincent dePaul Food Closet is open again!! You may place non-perishable food items and canned goods in the basket in portico 1. Please make sure all donated items have ***not expired.***

2019 MARCH FOR LIFE

Reservations are now being taken if you wish to join the ***March for Life.*** Seats going quickly! Join us on ***Friday January 18, 2019.*** A bus will leave from Church of the Holy Child parking lot. Bus leaves the Church of the Holy Child promptly at ***7:30AM,*** returns to the parking lot approximately 6-6:30 PM. For reservations contact: Pat Radell at patradell@reagan.com or call 302-723-9254 and leave a message. ***Cost: \$25.00 (Please make check payable to "Wilmington for Life" and put "MFL Bus" in payment line),*** send check to: Jane Buxton, 500 West 19th St., Wilmington, DE 19802.

SOCK'S FOR THE HOMELESS SHELTERS

The Social Concerns Committee of our Parish is holding a sock drive to support our homeless veterans and their families. **New** socks for men, women and children are needed, in any size, color, style and length. Distribution of these socks will be through the *SUPPORTIVE SERVICES for VETERANS FAMILIES* (SSVF) program. There will be collection boxes in each of the porticos, **weekend of January 26th/27th**. Thank you for your generosity and your support.

PAPER RETRIEVER

Thanks to the many that have begun using our Paper Retriever Dumpster to recycle paper. Our yellow and green dumpster is located in the **WEST** parking lot (Rectory side).

A few individuals have left bundles of newspapers and magazines at our regular dumpster across from the office building. Those bundles unfortunately are placed in the regular dumpster.

Our Paper Retriever dumpster accepts newspapers, magazines, junk mail, and paper. Regretfully telephone books, books, glass, metal and plastics are not permitted. Each month the dumpster is emptied and weighed and proceeds per pound are returned to the parish.

We have re-established our Paper Retriever Program. Paper for recycling may be placed in the green and gold dumpster in the west parking lot. Please note if the dumpster is full – please do not leave paper in bags outside of the dumpster. All paper must be placed in the dumpster.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Wilmington Catholic Cemeteries is seeking a full time General Maintenance worker to work at Cathedral Cemetery in Wilmington.

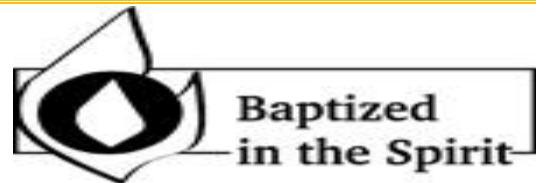
ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: Ensure the proper cleanliness of the grounds. Perform landscaping duties grass cutting, trimming and pruning bushes. Operate a variety of equipment including mowers, trimmers, sprayers, etc. Complete general maintenance and repairs of structures on the grounds. Perform all activities related to interments, entombments, disinterments, foundation installation, memorial setting and resetting and vault installation.

QUALIFICATIONS: High School diploma or equivalent or any equivalent combination of education and experience in maintenance and landscaping. Knowledge of ground maintenance and use of all power tools and equipment. Ability to lift a minimum of 100 pounds, carrying of materials, moving equipment and use of ladders. Capability to follow directions. Good organizational and time management skills. Valid driver's license and insurable driving record.

Normal work schedule is 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday morning overtime as required.

THIS WEEK

Sunday:	11:00 a.m.:	Special Needs Rel Ed
	11:00 a.m.:	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	12:30 p.m.:	Baptisms
	7:00 p.m.:	AA
Monday:	4:45 p.m.:	Religious Education
	6:30 p.m.:	Religious Education
Tuesday:	1:00 p.m.:	Finance Council
	4:45 p.m.:	Religious Education
	6:30 p.m.:	Religious Education
	6:30 p.m.:	Cub Scouts
Wednesday	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
Saturday:	11:00 a.m.:	Baptisms



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

Second Reading: Acts: 10:34-38 Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved son. On you my favor rests."

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DAILY MASS READING

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

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Gospel Today

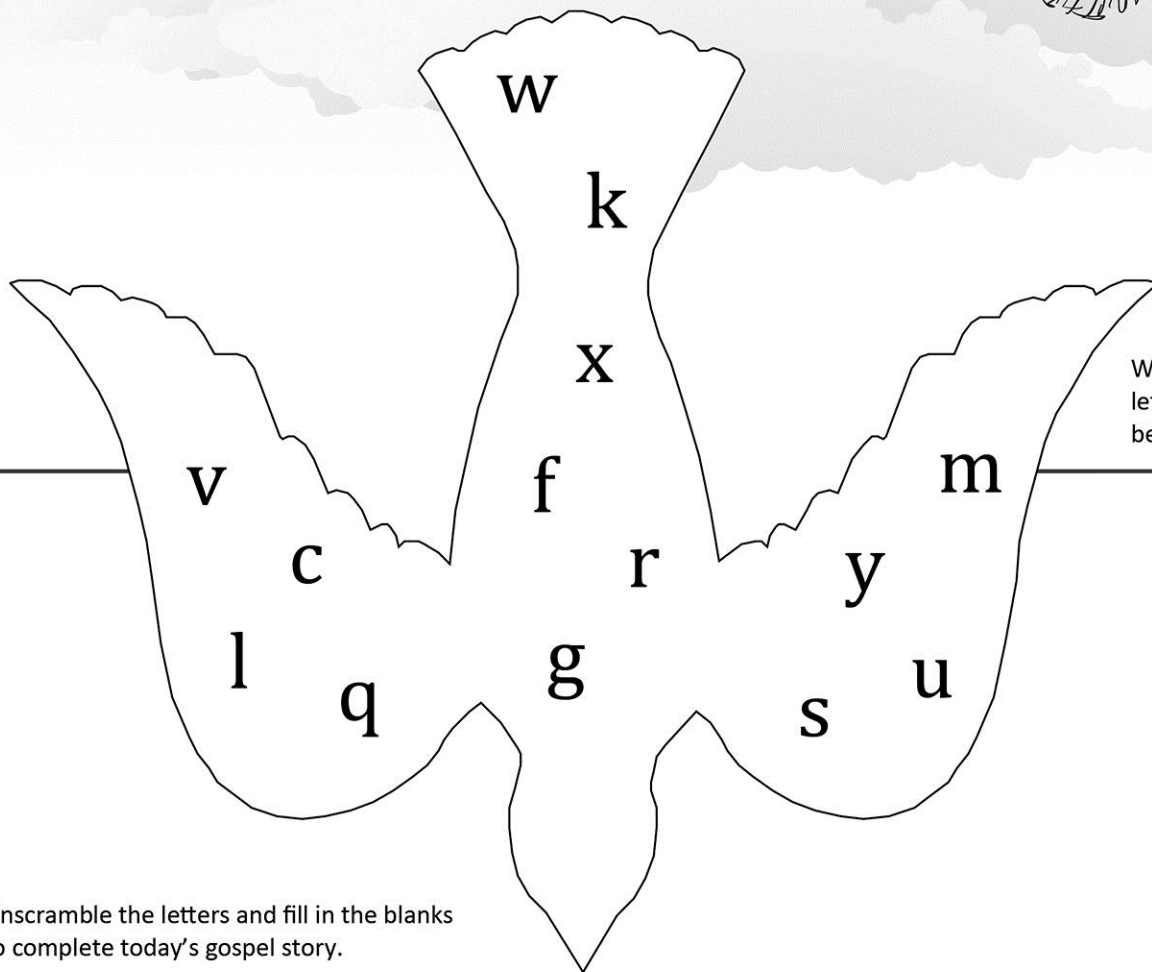
The Baptism of the Lord | Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

After Jesus was baptized by John, and while He was praying, the Heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove.

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*And a voice came from Heaven,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

Luke 3:22



Write the missing letters in the space below...

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete today's gospel story.

Note: There are two words, use each letter one time.

_____ many
people, including Jesus.

