

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
JANUARY 7TH—JANUARY 14TH

Sunday, January 7th

K of C Breakfast—8:30 to 11 AM (2)
Children's Liturgy of the Word— 8:15 Mass
Healing Mass—3 PM

Monday, January 8th

Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions—5 to 8 PM
Benediction—7:50 PM

Tuesday, January 9th

Gospel Faith Sharing—11:30 AM (3)

Saturday, January 13th

First Penance—10:30 AM (1)

Legend

Church (1) Padua Hall (2)
Religious Education (3) Ewald Center (4)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 8TH—14TH

Monday: Alex Roper
r/b The Bunn Family

Tuesday: Edith Daly
r/b Deacon Ed Baker

Wednesday: John Waak
r/b Gail Carroll

Thursday: Michael Anthony Salek
r/b Victor & Victoria Salek

Friday: Marlene Cole
r/b Ladies of Charity

Saturday: Michael Horstkamp
r/b Pat Waak
Parishioners

Sunday: Louis Decolator
r/b Deacon Ed & Nora Baker
Lucille Dellosa
r/b Dellosa/Moltz Families

“AND I WILL GIVE THEM REST”

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Deacon Michael Hoffman, Staci Barber, Judy Harger and all deceased members and their families.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for all members of our parish serving our country both here and overseas.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptism class for parents registered in the parish will be held on Saturday, February 3rd at 10:00 AM in the Religious Education Center. Call the office by Thursday, February 1st if you plan to attend, 443-646-5721. Godparents are also welcome

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Feast of the Epiphany

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

I hope that all your festivities were delightful at this time of year and that all your loved ones returned home safely. It was a delight to see some of your children home from college at our Christmas Masses and the other card-carrying members of the parish that I wish we would see more often. I always pray that the extra graces that are thrown down from heaven will get into the hearts and minds of individuals to bring about the power of the second conversion.

Speaking of conversion, I write today on the topic of the Epiphany. An epiphany is a divine manifestation of power and glory given to us mortals that we might enter the realm of the divine. There are many examples throughout the scriptures of these occurrences. Probably the most familiar is the one in Exodus when God appears to Moses in the burning bush. (Ex. 3,2). God uses nature to reveal to us His glory and majesty. Each morning I am reminded of this when I look out over the bay to see the sunrise. Our God is an awesome God.

Years ago, I was touched deeply by a piece of poetry that was written by T.S. Eliot called the "Journey of the Magi." As I customarily do on this feast is to share with you for your meditation and inspiration in the new year.

"A cold coming, we had of it, Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp, The very dead of winter.'
And the camels galled, sore footed, refractory,
Lying down in the melting snow. There were times we regretted
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelter,
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:
A hard time we had of it.
At the end we preferred to travel all night. Sleeping in snatches,
With the voices singing in our ears, saying
That this was all folly.
Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,
We, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness.
And three trees on the low sky.
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins,
But there was no information, and so we continued
And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon
Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory.
All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt, I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different, this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.

Happy Epiphany to all, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

January newsletters are being sent home with the children today. Please check out all information, especially New Year challenges for Building the Kingdom of God in your homes.

On Saturday, January 13th, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be received by 17 of our children for the first time. Please continue to keep these children in your prayers as they continue preparation for the First Communion in the Spring.

"GIFT"

The next high school "GIFT" meeting will be next Saturday, January 13th. We will join with the Life Teen group for Mass at 5:30, pot luck dinner and fellowship.

Contact Deacon Eric with questions.

All Are Welcome!

ARCHDIOCESE SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

The Archdiocese and IHM is hosting a Day of Reflection: "Supporting Families with Special Needs in Faith Formation and Beyond" on Saturday, January 27th, 2018 from 10 am to 2:30 pm at the IHM Fellowship Hall at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park.

This is a FREE event but registration is required. We are inviting catechetical leaders, catechists, ministry leaders and interested staff members as well as parishioners at large, to join us in learning more about supporting our families with special needs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 19th—March for Life
Washington, D.C.**

Bus transportation is available, please call the office for information.

**February 20th and 21st – Parish Mission
With Monsignor Charles Pope**

Msgr. Charles Pope is the pastor at Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian in Washington, D.C. The theme will be "Renewed in Christ". Check out his blog at:

<http://blog.adw.org/author/cpopel/>

**2018 Offertory Envelopes are available
for pick-up outside of Padua Hall.**

Please call the office if you did not receive envelopes and would like to.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vicki Baxter, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Marlene Bradshaw, Ralph Carrello, Bill Carroll, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Luke Engler, Jo Finch, Anthony Fowler, Taylan Fowler, Louise Floren, John P. Flynn, Noah Christopher Haas, Marie Heaton, Maslynn Holmes, Cory Honoker, Roza Ivanac, Kayla Johnston, Shirley Kallal, William Kallal, JoAnn Kery, Rick Kollinger, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Mark Mann, Walter Matziet, Kelly McCarley, Jennifer Melanab, Margie Edwards Morgan, Joanne Nielsen, Mary Ogle, William Owens, Doris Pettko, Darley Phillips, Payton Phillips, Ray Pyles, Jonathan Rieger, Carolyn Ritch, Joel Rivera, Grayson David Rodriguez, Wayne Romanek, Geri Rosen, Kristy Salek, Bunny Tate, Betty Theurer, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Shannon Wink, Richard Walton.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 14TH, 2018

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

The powerful story describes Samuel, who at the time was the servant of the high priest. The Lord called out to Samuel, who twice thought Eli had called him. They gradually realized that it was the Lord who called for him. So the third time Samuel answered and the Lord remained with Samuel as he grew.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Paul explains to the Corinthians that their body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. He tells them to avoid lewd conduct, and glorify God by keeping their bodies pure.

Gospel: John 1:35-42

John told two of his disciples that Jesus is the Lamb of God. They turned and followed him, immediately curious and attracted to him, Andrew told his brother Simon about Jesus. Simon also came to meet Jesus, who renamed him Cephas, or Peter.

GOSPEL QUESTION

In what ways are you called to be like the Magi, courageous and trusting although you may not know where you are being led?

CONTRIBUTIONS

As always, we are most grateful for your generous contributions to our parish.

Offertory December 24th—\$8,672.00

Offertory December 31st—\$8,518.50

CARDINAL HICKEY OPEN HOUSE

January 28th, from 12:30 to 2 PM, Cardinal Hickey Academy will hold their open house! Get more information on how to start a faith based education for your children. We are now enrolling Pre K—8th grades. If you can't wait until then, visit our website at www.cardinalhickeyacademy.org or email us at development@cardinalhickeyacademy.org.