

WISDOMS



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 8 The Baptism of the Lord (F)

8:00am (GS) Fortunato & Teresa Rigano

by Sons, Anthony & Dominic

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Tuesday, January 9 Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00am (GS) Bill Scherfel, Sr. by Karen & Mike Settembrine

Wednesday, January 10 Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00am (SJ) Ted Gadomski by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Pappas

6:30pm (GS) John & Helen Panek by son Robert

Thursday, January 11 Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00am (GS) Katherine DeVincent by Marlene Verigood

Friday, January 12 Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00am (SJ) Helen Makowski by St. John's Christian Mothers

8:00am (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, January 13 *Saint Hilary*

4:00pm (SJ) Vigil, In Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Father Stipe

Renic, O.F.M. by George Rozman

5:30pm(GS) Vigil, For the Living & Deceased of our Parishes

Sunday, January 14 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am (GS) George & Mary Mourovic, Son, Carl

9:30am (SJ) William Puhalla by Rudy Puhalla

11:00am (GS) William Scherfel, Sr. by Annette Hramika

2:00pm (SJ) Padre Pio Prayer Group

Scripture Readings for Mass

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 8, 2018

Monday Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Ordinary Time Begins, Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Tuesday 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday, 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread & Wine

(GS) William F. Scherfel, Sr., by Jeffrey Hramika

(SJ) The Rudolph Ringel, Sr. Family by Helen Ringel

Sanctuary Candle

(SJ) Jimmy Mitro by Aunt Mary Ann & Uncle Bernie

Father Joseph Westfall of Cross Catholic Outreach, is an Outreach priest who will be visiting our parishes next weekend, January 13 & 14 to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

...behold, Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

They came following the Star of Bethlehem, in search of the new born King. The Bible tells us little about the *Magi*, or "Wise Men" who visited Jesus. In truth, we don't even know how many there were. Because they brought three gifts, Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh, it was presumed there were three.

By legend, the names of the Magi were Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Their names are used in the solemn blessing of homes at the start of the new year, and their initials are inscribed above the doorways. Caspar is described as having long brown hair and wearing a green cloak and a gold crown. He is the bearer of Frankincense. Melchior is sometimes described with long white hair and beard, wearing a gold cloak and bearing the gift of Gold. Balthazar is described as having brown skin and wearing a purple cloak. He is the bearer of the Myrrh oil which, was often used to anoint the dead.

These visitors from afar, likely travelled for months following the Star. What they found was more than an earthly king – they found the true Light of the World. This babe in swaddling clothes was destined to save the world from darkness and sin.



Speaking of Lights... Monday is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, traditionally considered the end of the Christmas Season when all the decorations come down. We invite you to visit Saints John & Paul to see their church decorated for Christmas. The church is open until 5 PM Sunday. They have also been invited to stop and see Good Samaritan and St. John's decorated in all their Christmas glory. Saints John & Paul is located at 2586 Wexford Bayne Rd, just off the Wexford Exit of Rte 79 past where Carmody's Restaurant used to be. Their Sunday Masses are at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am.

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, AFTER 8:00 AM MASS
JOIN US FOR COFFEE & DONUTS. We will meet in the social hall. All are welcome!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, HOLY NAME SOCIETY 8:00 AM MEETING. Members will meet in the social hall.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 9:30 AM MASS, LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN. All children are invited to join us as we break open the Word of God in simplified terms during Mass.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, Divine Child Jesus/Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group, Second Sunday Monthly Devotion, here at St. John's. Holy Mass begins at 2:00 PM followed by 3:00 Holy Hour and 4:00 meeting. A social follows in the hall. All are welcome. Fr. Ladis Cizik will be the celebrant.

"We must always remember that God does everything well, although we may not see the reason of what He does."
 St. Philip Neri

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from **3:00-7:00 pm on Friday, January 5th** at **GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH** 7:00 pm Confessions. MASS will follow at 8:00 pm Marian Prayer Group. ALL ARE WELCOME

Ethnic Cooking Class, January 10th, 6:30PM



Deb Zubrucky teaching Italian Greens. BE SURE TO SIGN UP BY calling Bob Mikush @ 724-266-3140 M-F 9AM-5PM. Get up-to-date info **ETHNIC COOKING ACTIVITIES** sent to your phone. Go to your phone enter 81010 and text this message @ethnico or email.

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing will be held on March 2-4, 2018 at Tabor House in Millvale. To register or for more info, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or email: toniafjl@comcast.net. Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women (and men) struggling with abortion's aftermath in a confidential & supportive atmosphere.

DID YOU KNOW that 12% of adult homeless persons in the U.S. are Veterans? If you know of a Veteran in need of housing assistance, please Call: **1-877-4AID VET (1-877-424-3838)**

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ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-932-0313 ☎
 Diocesan Assistance Coordinator: 412-456-3060

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 7

9:00am (GS) CIC Session (JH Classroom)
 9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8
 5:30pm (GS) Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)

Monday, January 8

5:15-6:45pm (SJ) CCD Grades 1-5

Wednesday, January 10

8:30am (SJ) Coffee & Donuts in social hall after 8:00am Mass
 9:00am (GS) RCIA (JH Classroom)
 6:30pm (SJ) Choir Practice
 6:30 (GS) Ethnic Cooking Class (JH)

Thursday, January 11

6:30pm (GS) Adult Choir

Friday, January 12

11:00am (GS) RCIA (JH Classroom)
 3:00-7:00pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration
 7:00/8:00pm (GS) Confessions-Rosary/Mass-Marian Prayer

Saturday, January 13: Second Collection

8:15am (SJ) Confessions, 9am Mass, Rosary, Meeting BVBA

Sunday, January 14: Second Collection

(SJ/GS) CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH at all Masses

8:00am (SJ) HNS Meeting
 9:00am (GS) CIC Session (JH Classroom)
 9:30am (SJ) Liturgy of the Word with Children during 9:30am Mass
 9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8
 2:00/3:00/4:00pm(SJ)Mass/Holy Hour/Meeting-Padre Pio Prayer
 5:30pm (GS) Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)

✠ IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed, who died recently, especially, **Helen Arendosh, Joseph D'Ambrosio, Kelly Heitzenrater, Maria Scundi, (Daughter of Josephine Scundi)** and **Edward Waskiewicz.** May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

GOOD SAMARITAN	Our Gift to God
Weekly Offering, Dec. 24, 2017	\$6,409
Parish Share	\$1,855
Christmas Flowers	\$271
Christmas Collection, Dec. 25, 2017	\$12,986
Christmas Charities	\$3,509
Weekly Offering Dec. 31, 2017	\$6,530
Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, 2017	\$1,010
Solemnity of Mary, January 1, 2018	\$1,191
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering, December 24, 2017	\$2,892
Christmas Collection	\$3,943
Christmas Charities	\$1,034
Weekly Offering December 31, 2017	\$2,173
Solemnity of Mary, January 1, 2018	\$634
GOOD SAMARITAN	724-266-6565
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	724-869-2280