



St. Rita

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Welcome to St. Rita

We are happy that you decided to worship with us. If you are visiting just for today, we pray that God will be with you on your journey. If you are seeking a church home, we would be happy to welcome you into our parish community.

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Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
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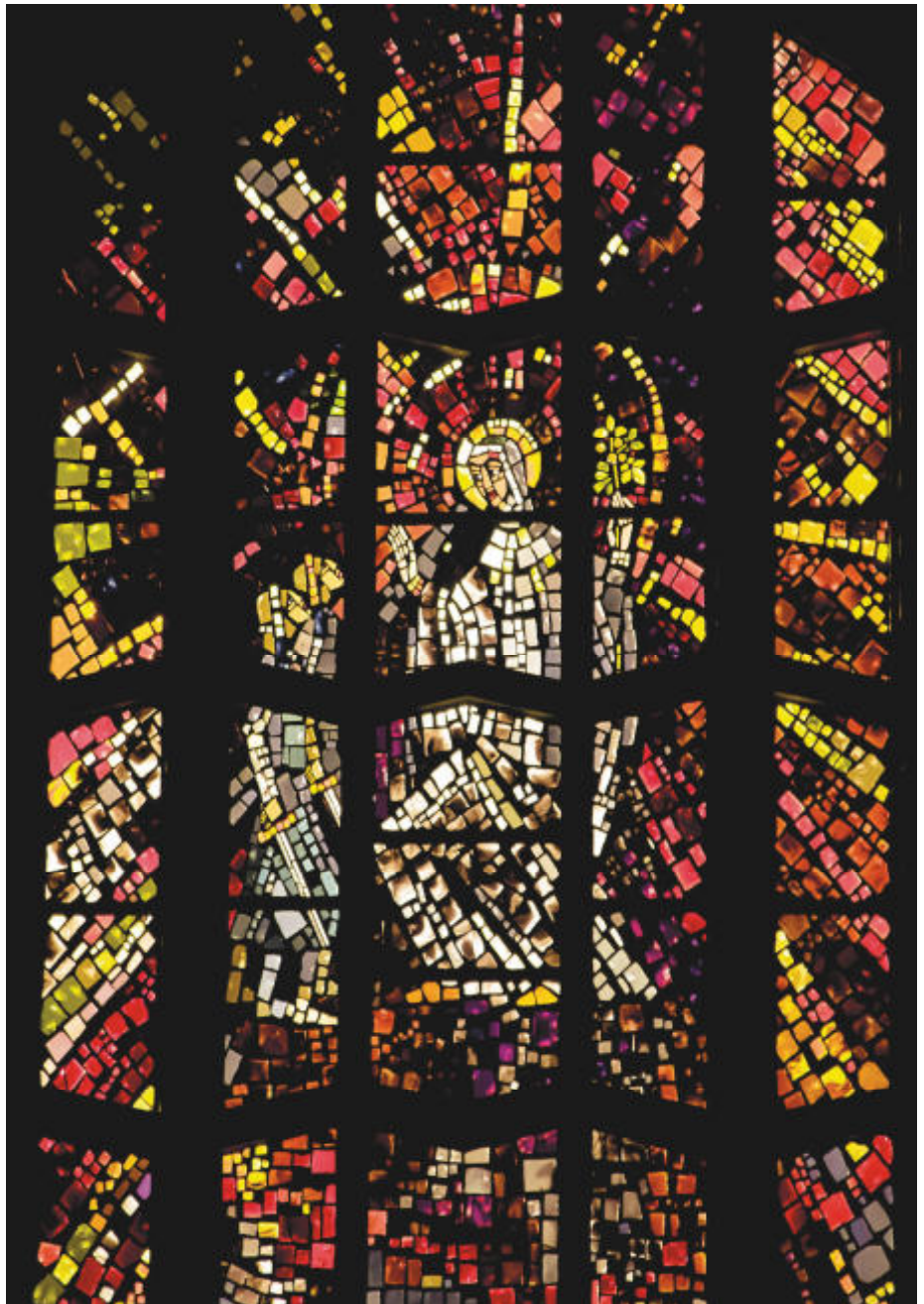
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From the Desk of Fr. Charlie...



Baptism of the Lord

Today's Festival Liturgy concludes the Advent-Nativity-Epiphany Season; what a joy it is and has been for us! The celebration of "hope given as a promise to be fulfilled" in Israel, us, and all the nations is revealed in a contemporary dimension. Yes, this is what theologians call "the already - not yet." You and I might better understand this as a work in progress; such is my experience of the mystery.

What wonders were we able to ponder in our hearts as to what we have come to expect and to know of God's Promise to us, for our family and friends? We certainly can hope and dream of what God has in store for us as a matter of faith. We also know God often has other intentions for us as life fluctuates, becoming tossed in trial and chaos. Then it is trust that causes us to rely upon the greater terms of God's fidelity. The acceptance and openness to all things entrusted to us in life and sustained by the spirit's dynamic evokes the reliance upon the virtue of trust. Thus the mutual give and take of life is bound in the trust of the love of our God.

The Nativity narrative given to us in the Gospel of Luke is a poignant reminder of the circumstance of all of us on a spiritual pilgrimage. The journey for all believers is filled with visions of hope and reality of life's circumstances. The journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and the flight into Egypt remind us of the legitimacy of the refugee driven from their home in search of justice and the bare necessities for a life lived with dignity, health and protection from all prejudicial forms of oppression and persecution.

The Epiphany celebrates the universal promise that all who seek truth and light are blessed with the inborn promise given to all by our creator. How I agonize for those persecuted for their beliefs and convictions. Certainly there has been a terrible misinterpretation concerning the role of Christianity in the politics of the world. Yet the tenants of our faith as held by the majority in truth appeal to the betterment of the world for all people. Do not all who sincerely seek truth also seek justice? May it be so in the New Year!

Fr. Charlie



Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for the January 26th / 27th bulletin is Thursday, January 17th no later than 10:00 a.m.

From the desk of
the Pastoral Associate...

Baptism Preparation

Any parishioner wishing to have his / her child Baptized, must first attend the Parent Preparation Session. In addition to attending the Session, you must be a registered member of the Parish, attending regularly for three months before the Baptism will be scheduled.

The next Parent Session is Tuesday, January 29th at 6:30 p.m. The Session will be held in the Parish Office complex. Please enter Parish Office door on 61st Street. Pre-registration is required. To register, please call me at 414-541-7515.

Confirmation Retreat

Today (Saturday, January 12th) our Confirmation students are participating in their Confirmation Retreat. In addition to spending time praying, reflecting, discussing the meaning of the Sacrament, there will also be the opportunity to celebrate Reconciliation, attending Liturgy and spending one on one time with their Sponsor.

Confirmation this year is Sat., May 25th at 10:00 a.m. with Bishop Haines.

Please keep our teens in your prayers.

Cabin Fever Reliever

Don't forget to sign up! Sat., January 26th; 5:30 p.m.! CHILI! CHILI DOGS!! CHILI FRIES!!! See a pattern? It's the "chilly" time of year.

We will supply the chili, hot dogs, buns, fries and all the fixings - - - just asking you to bring a dessert to share. Also, feel free to bring your own beer and / or wine. Plan on hanging around for Cabin Fever Family Feud . . . and of course there will be prizes!!!!

Sign-up sheets are at all Church entrances, or call the office or email the office. Look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings,

Barbara



In Loving Memory

We commend to God Anthony D'Amato, may his soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in eternal peace.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, January 12

4:30 p.m. † Mark Schneck
For the People of St. Rita Parish

Sunday, January 13

8:00 a.m. † Henry and Ann Strow
10:30 a.m. † Charles Wolf

Tuesday, January 15

8:00 a.m. † Miller and Mischczak Families

Saturday, January 19

4:30 p.m. † Harold Thome

Sunday, January 20

8:00 a.m. † Leo and Virginia Wichman
For the People of St. Rita Parish
10:30 a.m. † Kevin Soczka

January Tabernacle Light

In Loving Remembrance

Week 1: Ronald Miresse
Week 2: Charmaine Warns
Week 3: Charles Wolf
Week 4: Cliff Moore



Readings for the Week of January 13th

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10/
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 13

9:00 a.m. Grade School Religious Education
Classes Day School

9:00 a.m. 9th and 10th Grade Religious Education
Classes Parish Office Complex

6:00 p.m. Teen Session on Human Trafficking
Church

Monday, January 14

6:30 p.m. Bible Study Chapel

Tuesday, January 15

10:30 a.m. Bible Study Chapel

6:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Convent

Wednesday, January 16

9:00 a.m. Earth Angels Convent

5:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee
Parish Office Complex

5:30 p.m. Finance Council
Parish Office Complex

6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal Church

Thursday, January 17

6:30 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal Church

Sunday, January 20 *Hospitality Weekend*

9:00 a.m. Grade School Religious Education
Classes Day School



*Volunteers
Needed!*

As the Christmas season draws to a close with the Baptism of our Lord, the start of ordinary time also means a

change of appearance in our church environment. If you have some free time to spare on Monday, January 14th, we would really appreciate any help in taking down our Christmas decorations. The center church doors on the 60th Street side will be open at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Lenore: 414-305-1397

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