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THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt. 2:6b

CARE FOR CREATION



Happy New Year! We leave 2021 behind, and look forward to a new year with hope and prayers for healing and peace for all in need. A blessing for you: May you rest beneath God's shade, flourish like a garden, blossom like a vine, and your soul become as fragrant as the finest wine...from Earth Gospel.

LIFE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

REFLECTING ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

THEN THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. In today's Gospel we hear the words above describe the actions of the magi upon seeing the Christ child. What treasures do we bring to serve others? Consider how this year we can bring time, talents, and economic resources.

LIVING TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

HE SHALL GOVERN YOUR PEOPLE WITH JUSTICE

Today's Responsorial Psalm contains the above words. Let us start the New Year by considering how we can be advocates for life and social justice during the coming year. Sign up for alerts and see action items selected by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH THROUGH SERVICE

We know that Christians are called to love their neighbors, but how? Saint Augustine of Hippo describes: "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."

In our area, volunteers at House of Hope show love to homeless women by helping them overcome dependency, barriers, and challenges. This organization needs mature Christian women who are willing to volunteer one morning per week to spend time with residents.

Called to serve? Visit <https://stmwilliamsport.org/house-of-hope> for more information.

CARMELITE PRAYER WARRIORS

Need prayers for yourself or someone you know? Contact the Secular Order of Carmelites of the Blessed Virgin of Mt. Carmel and St. Joseph. Email us at: carmeliteprayerwarriors@gmail.com. All prayer requests are kept strictly confidential and will be shared only among our secular order from of Danville PA.

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE...

CHARITY & DONATIONS



Expectations Women's Center

There are two local Expectations Women's Centers in our area that provide education and resources for women to make good choices. There is a basket in the Narthex for you to leave any donated items such as diapers, toiletries, bibs, wipes and any item needed by an expectant mom.

Family Promise

The Family Promise organization is in need of personal hygiene products and cleaning supplies. They will also take monetary donations. There is a basket in the Narthex to leave your donation.

Shepherd of the Streets

The Shepherd of the Streets organization is always in great need for personal hygiene products. They can also use home items such as bath towels, wash cloths, sheets, and blankets, etc.

Son Light House

The Son Light House organization is in need of dry and canned goods. At this time they can only take non-perishable food items due to the pandemic. They also need clothing.

HandUp Clothing Bin

There is a bin for clothing and small miscellaneous items in the parking lot. If during these next few weeks you get around to that de-cluttering cleaning project, please bring your items over to the bin and deposit them for others in need.

School children quickly grow out of their clothes, especially, coats/jackets and you may even find that the summer clothes you saved for this year just do not fit. Stop by and drop them into the bin on your way to church.

Aluminum Collection

Your Resurrection Council, The Knights of Columbus continues to encourage recycling of your aluminum beverage cans. The bin located in the parking lot next to the dumpster can be used to deposit your empty aluminum beverage cans. All we ask is that you rinse them out prior to bringing them to the bin. Summer (any warm weather in general) is a tough time with bees and rodents being attracted to soft-drink or beer cans that still have some of that sweet stuff in them.

The easiest thing might be to collect your beverage cans at home and put them into a clean trash bag or plastic shopping bag. When that fills up at your home, just bring it to church and drop the bag into the bin.

WHAT TO AVOID DEPOSITING: Please **DO NOT** deposit tin (bi-metal) cans (canned foods, pet food, coffee cans, etc) or aluminum pet food cans. Also, aluminum pie pans, foil and canned meat containers (e.g. "spam) are not accepted at the recycling center.

The bin is emptied as needed by K of C members who have volunteered to transport the cans to the recycling center.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

DECEMBER 9, 2021 | 7:15pm | Location: Parish Hall

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Father McCreary | Jesse Martin | Lara Schmitt | Charlene Sterner | Debra Argot | David Moyer Irmgard Seidl-Adams

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jessica Parkyn | Regina Bobak | Nancy Marr

Opening Prayer

Pillar Lead Updates:

Council reviewed Pillar updates, no action items for Council at this time.

Old Business:

Cemetery Committee – setting a meeting date has been put on hold for the time being due to COVID. Organizations who might be of assistance will be contacted to be advised that a meeting is being planned for after the New Year.

Synodality – Council reviewed the purpose and theme of the 2023 Synod. Parishes in the Diocese have been requested to take some action in providing details to the community, as well as gathering information from the community. Council discussed various methods that would achieve both tasks. A decision has not yet been made; the request will be revisited next month.

New Business:

Monthly Block Rosary – Lara provided an explanation and update on the newly formed Block Rosary. Interested individuals are gathering for a pot-luck dinner and prayer once a month at different parishioner houses. Council determined that this ministry will fall under the Community Building Pillar.

Announcements – Jesse provided updates regarding the Vigil Project and Scotch Nite events. Both were well attended.

Art & Environment Charter – plans to continue organizing this Charter have been temporarily placed on hold. Christmas Mass decorations are ordered, but volunteers will be needed the Thursday and Friday prior to Christmas for setup. Tasks include preparing the manger scene, stringing lights, and placing flowers. Interested parties can contact the Parish Office.

Next PPC meeting:

January 13th at 7:15pm

PPC Executive meeting:

January 6th (if needed)

Closing Prayer

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS



"Christmas Music and Carols" will be presented by the Williamsport Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on Sunday January 2, 2022, at 3:00 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 844 West Fourth Street. Organ Guild members will play pieces based on familiar carols, which the congregation is invited to sing. All are welcome to attend at no cost.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life in Washington DC is Friday, January 21, 2022. There will be buses leaving from Williamsport. Watch the bulletin for more detailed information on this important event.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All men (young and mature) of the parish are invited to come see what the Knights of Columbus are all about. Meetings are held every third Thursday of each month. The January meeting will be on:



Thursday January 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM

in the church hall. Join us prior to the meeting for Holy Hour Adoration and Reconciliation. Why not start the year off, asking God how you can be of service to his church? Let the Knights help you discover and share your gifts.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

All women (young and mature) of the parish are invited to the Women's Organization monthly meeting. Come and share your gifts from the Holy Spirit with your Church Family. The next meeting is:

Wednesday January 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM

in the church hall. We really hope to have you come out and share your ideas on spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Why not start the year off, asking God how you can be of service to his church?

Mission Statement. The Women's Organization's mission as a ministry of Church of the Resurrection is to enhance the feeling of community and fellowship within our church and provide opportunities for friendship and growth in a spiritually oriented atmosphere.

Theme Scripture: Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."





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All Catholics should be officially enrolled in a parish. To become members of Church of the Resurrection you are asked to register with the Office Administrator. There are also registration forms available in the narthex of the church. Also, please notify the office of any address and/or telephone number changes.

VOLUNTEERS

Church of the Resurrection can always use new altar servers, ushers, choir and contemporary group singers, cantors, and instrumentalists. The Women's Organization and the Knights of Columbus also welcome new members. We often need help with life & justice projects, various fundraisers, grounds keeping and our annual parish festival. If you are interested in sharing your time and talent with your parish, please email resurrection@windstream.net and we'll point you in the right direction.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Church law requires Catholics to be married with the church's prayers and blessings. Please call the pastor at least six months before your anticipated wedding date. All couples must complete a Pre-Cana program. If you or your fiancée were previously married and divorced, you will need an annulment before being married in the church. Allow at least a year to finish the annulment process.

BAPTISM

Infants and small children may be baptized at any Saturday evening or Sunday morning celebration of the Eucharist outside of Lent. The parish baptismal preparation session is required before the baptism of a couple's first child. Please find request form on our website.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the parish office whenever anyone is sick, unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Holy Communion. Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to the sick. The Pastor will bring the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as needed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Sundays, September to May, K-8 at 9:30am. High School Students / Youth Group have various activities that can be found on the church website or within this bulletin. A two-year period of preparation for **First Penance** and **First Eucharist** takes place in first and second grades for baptized children. A two-year program of **Confirmation** preparation for children who have received Baptism and Eucharist takes place during the seventh and eighth grades. **All children must be registered.**

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Do you know anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Have you been baptized? Have you been baptized in another Christian Church, but desire instructions about the Catholic Faith? Are you a baptized Catholic but not fully initiated through the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation? The R.C.I.A. team is here for you! Contact Jesse Martin at 570-546-3900 or dresurrection@gmail.com.

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