

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Church of the Holy Child Parish is a growing, diverse, welcoming Roman Catholic community serving Northern New Castle County and the surrounding area. As a Catholic community we daily embrace and strive to know, love and serve God as we grow in our relationship to Jesus. Our experience of prayer, worship, the sacraments and faith formation call us to acts of service and to address the needs of our brothers and sisters

JANUARY 9, 2022 BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Monday, January 10

Joe Sweeney 9:00 a.m.

Georgie Mortimer

Tuesday, January 11

Irene Darlak 9:00 a.m.

Connie & Rich Owsiany

Wednesday, January 12

9:00 a.m. Daniel Fecca

Del Fecca

Thursday, January 13

Lawrence Piziak Jean M Piziak

Saturday, January 15

Kathleen Buono 4:00 p.m.

Helen Tang-Yates

Sunday, January 16

Joe & Mimi Gorman 8:30 a.m.

51st Wedding Anniversary

Joe & Mimi Gorman

Intentions of the Parishioners 11:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK

Sunday:

Special Needs RE 11:00 a.m.

Baptism 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. AA

Monday:

Religious Education—virtual 4:45 p.m. Religious Education—virtual 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday:

4:45 p.m. Religious Education—virtual

Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday:

9:45 a.m. In Viam Ad Caelum Faith Sharing ZOOM

St Vincent DePaul Society 7:00 p.m. **Knights of Columbus** 7:30 p.m.

Thursday:

Choir 7:00 p.m.

AA

Friday:

Saturday:

STEWARDSHIP

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit..." LUKE 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus - the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Thank you for your continued generosity!!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty and eternal God,

in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church of Wilmington as priests, deacons and consecrated religious. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth. Amen!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

We pray for the sick and homebound: Gerri Collom, Hector Colon, Tim Corcoran, Francis Cunniffe, David Donaldson, Natasha Evans, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Craig Harris, Michael Keller, Ginny Lewis, Karen C. Luistro, Nancy McKeown, Francine Passerini, Ed Romford, Gordon Taylor, Joe Theranger, Bea Wallace.

If you know someone who should be added to our list, please call the Parish Office (302) 475-6486 ext. 110. 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 Major Jigar Patel MD – U.S. Army Seaman Ian Nuhfer - U.S. Coast Guard AWO2 Anthony Campolongo—U.S. Navy

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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN APPOINTED TIME

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

"A time to be born"

Through the sacrament of Baptism, we welcome the following member to our Parish family:

Harper Lynn Powers

Daughter of Terry & Melissa Powers

"A time to die"

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

Christine Moulder

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

2021 TAX STATEMENTS

On January 17th tax statements will be sent to parishioners who have given \$250 or more in the weekly collection during the 2021 year, using your offertory envelopes. If you gave less than this and would like a statement, please contact Johanna Jones our parish secretary (302-475-6486 ext 110 or jjones@chcparish.org). Those parishioners who give through our *FaithDriect*, our e-giving, will be sent a tax statement directly from *FaithDirect*. Or you may download it from your *FaithDirect* account.

WELCOME

We welcome you, one and all, to our parish. We welcome all Catholics from the neighboring parishes who find our schedule or our liturgies more suited to their needs. For those of you who regularly attend the Church of the Holy Child but have yet to register, we cordially invite you to do so. Registering can ultimately help us to serve you better each week as well as at those pivotal times such as weddings, baptisms, in times of illness and for funerals. Registering with the parish is quick and easy. Registration forms are available from the parish website at www.chcparish.org, from the parish office, in one of the portico's. You may mail your completed registration form or drop it into the collection basket on Sunday.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

With the continuing surge of COVID cases we have returned to some our safety procedures and practices for everyone's safety and comfort.

Face masks are required for all attending any mass (ages 5 and older), regardless of your vaccination status.

Also, face masks are required when visiting our parish offices or attending meetings and programs.

We have returned to using every other pew for seating. Keeping some distance between families.

Also, the section behind the organ (when the choir is not present) has spaced marked seating for those who wish more space between folks.

Please remember our hand sanitizers are available in each portico for your use.

We have installed air purifiers along the back wall of the church. In so doing, standing along the wall is not permitted since it impedes the proper functioning of the air purifiers.

We also continue to sanitize the entire church after each with our sainting equipment and chemicals.

I again remind you, if you are not feeling 100% - STAY home, until you feel better. Or if you fall ill once you have arrived for mass, please leave and go home to rest. We will certainly miss you. However, this is the BEST practice for your safety and others.

We continue to live-stream ALL of our masses for your convenience. If you aren't able to join in person, join us through live-stream and stay connected to your parish family.

Let us continue to seek the Blessed Mother's intercession to bring this pandemic to an end.



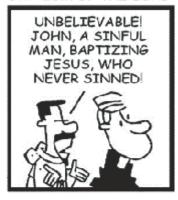
Masses will always be held as scheduled. With live-stream you may join us at any time. Any closure of our offices or cancelation of programs and meetings will be place on the home page of our website. Also, email blasts will be sent (so check your emails). Stay safe.

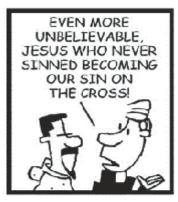
PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

PARENTING POINTERS

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

BAPTISM OF THE LORD









FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Pop some popcorn and put in a DVD or surf Netflix for a movie the whole family can watch.

Daughter of St. Paul Sister Helena Burns, who has a media literacy ministry, said movies provide myriad opportunities for families to share and discuss their values. Some of her favorites include:

- "Mary Poppins Returns" If your family didn't catch this movie when it was in theaters, make sure to rent a copy.
- "Incredibles 2" "This is a family movie in that it's about a family," Sister Helena said. While the kids come to the rescue in the end, the parents are not portrayed as useless.
- "A Wrinkle in Time" Much of the overt Christian imagery of Madeleine L'Engle's book is absent from the movie adaptation, Sister Helena said, but parents can help tie the values to the movie with discussion.
- "Groundhog Day" Sister Helena calls this movie "hilarious," especially for older kids who can laugh while they watch the main character learn what is important in his life by living the same day over and over and over again.
- "Moana" Sister Helena suggested that Moana is a better alternative than other girl-centered animated hits like "Brave" or "Frozen." While Moana defies her father to go to sea, she is working in a framework of family support that includes her mother and grandmother, and she embraces values such as honesty, courage, empathy and self-sacrifice.
- "A Bronx Tale" This movie is especially good for older boys who are learning about what it means to be a man and to be a father, Sister Helena said.

Sister Helena has reservations about the Harry Potter movies (Satan is real, and witchcraft can never be used for good, she said), but suggests that parents can emphasize the good while teaching about the bad. "There are amazing lessons to be learned, that you lay down your life for your friends and you love your parents and you fight evil," she said.

That's her approach to many of the not-quite-perfect offerings out there. "The point of it is to talk, talk, talk about the movie," she said. "Not during the movie, but as soon as possible afterward. As Christians, we want to look at it through a Christian lens. Was there a Christ figure? Was good presented as good and evil presented as evil? Did it try to manipulate us to sympathize with the evil character? Are people presented in a dignified way?"

She suggests parents check out <u>Common Sense Media</u> for detailed reviews. She also recommends <u>ClearPlay</u>, a service that allows users to view filtered movies, muting language or action they might find objectionable.

[Source: Teaching Catholic Kids.com]

LITURGY

CELL PHONES

In today's world we have to be in constant communication with each other. When you come to church are you in communication with God? Why not **silence or turn off** your cell phone, so not to disturb others' communication with God. It disturbing to those who are here to pray. Treat yourself to a break as well.

USHERS NEEDED

We are need of ushers for our 11 a.m. liturgy. No experience required. Men and women welcome. Interested? Contact the parish office 302-475-6486 ext 110 or jjones@chcparish.org.



BAPTISMAL BIB

Question:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY FOOD CLOSET

Our St. Vincent dePaul Society Food Closet is **low** on the following items: cold and hot cereal, instand mashed potatoes, peanut butter and jelly, tuna, canned chicken and other canned meat and boxed macaroni and cheese. **Donations should not be or close to being expired.** Donations of theses items may be left in the SVDP basket in portico 2.

PRAYER CHAIN

Do you need a prayer? Email your prayer requests to Michelle Lapihuska at lapihuska@comcast.net. Parishioners are always welcome to join in prayer for others. If you would like to join the prayer chain email Michelle.

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM

Thank you for your generous donations of food for the Emmanuel Dining Room. Donations of *canned carrots, relish, canned fruit, cookies* are needed. Please leave your contributions in the **EDR basket** in Portico 2.



WORDS TO REFLECT ON

"And if we can accept that a mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"

~ Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta ~

"A person is a person no matter how small."

Dr. Seuss

"As citizens, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group."

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Due to the continued surge of OVID positive cases and for everyone's safety, our Religious Education has gone to virtual for two weeks. Hopefully, we will resume in person January 24th and 25th.





God's Word

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11. Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30. Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7. Luke 3:5-16, 21-22.

Prayer.

Jesus himself is baptized by John. Then he prays. In his praying, the Spirit comes and the Father speaks words of possessive pleasure.

How will I pray this last day of the Christmas season?

When I am quite enough, what do I hear God say?

What mercy work does the Spirit empower me to do?



DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:

1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

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; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday:

Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekdays (Monday-Thu	ırsday)9:00 a.m.
Sunday Vigil (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.
	8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Holy Days	9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 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.

Bulletin Submissions

Information for the bulletin must be in to the Parish Office 15 days prior to the publication date. Submission does not guarantee publication.

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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