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**Epiphany of the Lord** January 2, 2022

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### St. John Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening: 5:00PM, First Saturday Only 9AM

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM (español)

Monday: 12:00 PM Tuesday: 9:00 AM Thursday: 9:00 AM Friday: 9:00AM

#### St. Bernadette Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM Wednesday: 9:00 AM

#### Confession:

St. John - Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:45PM or by appointment \*The last confession on Saturday will be heard at 4:45pm St. Bernadette– Saturday 3:15pm - 3:45pm



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Sacrament of Baptism: Parents seeking to have their children baptized should be registered with our parish. Applications for Baptism may be found on our website or picked up in the parish office. Once your application is completed and submitted to the office you will be registered for the Baptismal class and then will be able to schedule your child's Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements for Marriage must be made one year in advance by contacting a Parish priest to set the wedding date and to plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Holy Orders and Religious Life: If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, please contact Fr. Norman Carroll at 302) 573-3113.

Hospital Visitation: If a member of the family is in the hospital and would like to be visited, please call the Parish Office.

Parish Registration: We kindly request that all those who attend mass register with the parish. Registration forms are available at the exits of the church or may be mailed to you.

Envelopes/Weekly Offering: All parishioners are strongly encouraged to make use of the parish envelopes which assist us in predicting our income and preparing our budget for expenses. A record of yearly contributions are kept for you in our office and can be provided for income tax purposes. Thank you for your continued support.

Online Giving: is available for those prefer electronic giving. Log on to our website and look for the PARISH SOFT ONLINE GIVING button.

Office Hours: St. John - Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Wed 12:30pm - 4:00pm.

St. Bernadette - 8:30am to 12:00pm (Wednesday)

#### **Parish Council Members**

Dawn Curtiss, Ron DiMeo, Andrew Fulton, Filadelfo Gonzalez, Michael Gumrot, Marcus Hammond, Kevin Joseph, Summer Lewis, Stephanie McDonough, Jeannette Minner, Ramon Quinene, Alberto Ramos, Kathy Trombello, Mike Welsh & Cindy Zarraga

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#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

For the surrounding culture, Christmas is "over." The decorations are put away, the children are back in school, and we are back to "normal." Meanwhile, in our faith tradition, the Magi have steadfastly made their way to Jesus to worship and honor him with their treasures. They protect the child from Herod's evil intent by avoiding the despot's request for information about his location. In this blessed and holy season, let us not lose focus on the infant Jesus in his parents' arms, and let us protect the hope his birth brings us.

Epiphany comes from the Greek <u>epiphaneia</u>, which means "manifestation." We celebrate the visit of the Magi as the revelation of the Incarnation. The Magi recognize that God has taken human flesh---has been born as this child. Prayerfully reflect on what God's Incarnation means for you. All children need love and protection, especially those in the womb.

Sincerely, yours in Christ

Rev. Anthony Giamello Pastor



## Religious Education News



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in

Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . . " The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. Used with permission@LoyolaPress2021

Come to the hall on Sunday, January 2, 2022 for our Epiphany Celebration, by the Religious Education Department, from 10-1230. See how other countries celebrate Christmas and the holidays. Students please come to the hall at 900 to meet with your teachers.

## St. John's



The Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council is having a Parish breakfast after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses on Sunday, January 9th,

**2022**. All are welcome to enjoy a delicious meal!

**St. John's Rosary Altar Society** -Come and pray the Rosary with us every 1st Saturday of the month at 8:30 am before the 9:00 Mass



(Looking ahead: next Sunday Social will be January 30 at noon after the 11 o'clock Mass)

Iron Men's Lectio Divina - Come join faithful Catholic men, for the study of scripture, prayer, and fellowship. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in Saint John's basement at 7:00pm. Call or email Kevin Joseph with interest. "Iron is sharpened by Iron; one person sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

MESSENGERS OF HOPE From the Messengers of Hope to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one! On behalf of the community of St. John the Apostle/St. Bernadette, please know that we are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers. If you are seeking help in coping with grief, we invite you to our grief support group. We meet in the Hall on the first Tuesday of each month after the 9:00am Mass. Our first meeting will begin on the first Tuesday of September. To learn more about our ministry, please phone Jim Malloy (302)422-7661.



## St. Bernadette's

Socks for Souls Campaign Update – As of 12/18, through the generous donations of our parishioners, St. Bernadette's Knights of Columbus Council 14317 has collected 192 pairs of socks, 23 wool hats, 12 pairs of gloves and 1 scarf. On 12/20, Grand Knight John McCartney took those donated items to the Delaware Veteran's Home and Home of the Brave in Milford. Both of these groups greatly appreciated the caring donations from our parishioners and these articles will be put to good use by the recipients.

# ThankYou!

All practicing Catholic men are invited to join the St. Bernadette's Knights of Columbus in our efforts to support our church and community through service and fellowship. The Knights of Columbus is an international order of Catholic men who are called to lead by faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend our values in a busy and changing world. Go to <a href="www.kfc-org">www.kfc-org</a> and click on "Join Us" to become a member or contact Grand Knight, John McCartney <a href="jmccart63@gmail.com">jmccart63@gmail.com</a> or Financial Secretary, Tom Svienty <a href="jmccart63@gmail.com">jmccart63@gmail.com</a> or Financial Secretary, Tom Svienty



The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Bernadette's is open to welcoming new members to our group. We meet on the third Monday of the month at 1:00pm in St. Bernadette's Hall. Along with our mission to support St. Bernadette's Knights of Columbus (you do not have to be married to a Knight to join), the Auxiliary is involved in several activities throughout the year. If you are interested in learning more about our mission, please either contact Mary Lou Perrone at teacherloulou@verizon.net, President of the Auxiliary.

## **PARISH NEWS**



Fr. Giamello, Fr. Johnny and all the Parish Staff want to thank all the Parishioners for all the Christmas Cards, gifts, and baked goodies that where dropped off and sent to the office. Thank you for everything that you do for our Parish and all your continual support during 2021! We wish you all a wonderful and Blessed New Year!!!

**TAX STATEMENT REQUESTS** Please contact either St. John or St. Bernadette office if you wish a tax statement for 2021. Contact Vivian if you have any questions or problems regarding tax statements.



**Envelope Sets**: Have gone out to those who regularly use envelopes as well as those who requested them after the order was sent to the printing company. This year we will be using bi—monthly envelopes. If we missed sending yours or you wish envelopes, please contact the office and we will get them to you as soon as possible.

**Rectory Mortgage Envelope** - There has been an oversite by the envelope company, for the months of Jan and Feb 2022 the Rectory/ Hall Mortgage envelope has been included, please use these envelopes for the Improvement funds. This should be fixed for the month of March. We appreciate your patience with this misunderstanding.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, Pete Anderson, Angela Baglinoe, Michael Baglione, Keith Bandura, Meredith Benoit, Brienna Bidenback, Frank Bilger, Dave Boffa, Tom Born, Margaret Carman, Tom Casey, Steve Clagett, Joanne Coombe, Ben Dehn, Helen Dominguez, George Ehrmann, Victor Elbaz, Carol Farley, Kimberly Ferrante, Joan Fierro, Mario & Dorothy Fitzgerald, Carolyn Fogerty, Cathy Gegaris, Nadine Gleason, Karen Hall, Katherine Harris, Debbie Heinsch, Jim Higgins, Doris Koons, Luke Landon Labajo, Patricia Maher, Bob McGuire, Barbara Neske, James Nicholson, Dorothy Pazarecki, Joan Perry, Joe Plummer, Judith Pordan, Susan Portz, Emilio Raffio, Claire Renk, Dottie Renk, Rachel Renk, Sarah Roche, Stephen

Ruczynski, John & Nadene Shearstone, Julie Stymacks, Sharon Thomas, Joan Walther, Jennifer Webrman and Jim Woofter. *Please remember to call when someone needs to be removed from the Sick List.* 

**DEPLOYED TROOPS** Please pray for our deployed troops and their families. Airman Alex Dudley (FL), A-1C James W. Gagnon (Langley AFB), Majors Kyle & Alicia Waite (Nevada), Joshua Meenan (New York), Ariel Tricoche (Army), James Zollo (Army).

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**PRAYER LINE** St. John's Prayer Line is a group of prayer warriors, contacted online, who pray daily for those in our parish family and any others with special prayer requests. Prayer is our way of communing with God and deepens our relationship with him. If you need prayers or know someone who does please call Jane Brown at 302-233-2181 or Bonnie De Mar at 302-236-5296 or by email at <a href="mailto:Italianpr@aol.com">Italianpr@aol.com</a>.

WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS TO OUR COMMUNITY if you wish to register please contact either parish office or see one of our ushers.

## Anuncios de la comunidad Hispana



El Padre Giamello, el Padre Johnny y todo el personal de la parroquia quieren agradecer a todos los feligreses por todas las tarjetas de Navidad, regalos y golosinas horneadas que fueron dejadas y enviadas a la oficina. ¡Gracias por todo lo que hacen por nuestra Parroquia y todo su apoyo continuo durante 2021! Les deseamos a todos un maravilloso y bendecido Año Nuevo!!!

Los sobres de ofrenda han sido enviados a sus casas, este ano vamos a usar sobres bi-mensuales. Si le gustaría sobres por favor contacte a Vivian en la oficina parroquial.



**SOLICITUDES DE DECLARACIÓN DE IMPUESTOS** Comuníquese con la oficina de St. John o St. Bernadette si desea una declaración de impuestos para 2021. Póngase en contacto con Vivian si tiene alguna pregunta o problema con respecto a las declaraciones de impuestos.

## Diocesan / Community News

**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVE**THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE: Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit <a href="https://example.com/help-out/help-out/marriage.org...">help-out/marriage.org...</a> or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from *Catholic Forum*. Catholic Forum returns from the holiday break on January 8th when Mr. Rusty Gilles from St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Hockessin, Delaware will discuss the history of the parish as they begin their 250th anniversary year. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at facebook.com/CatholicForum.

Marriage Moments - Sunday January 2: A new year has begun. Perhaps you've made a New Year's Resolution. Perhaps not. Today, just think about today! What kindness can you offer your beloved today.

**Parenting Pointers** - **Sunday January 2:** What difference has Baptism made in your life? Think about something specific. Once you have your own answer, talk to your children about their baptisms. Perhaps show photos. Reenact it.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

9:00 AM †Madeline Herzog St. John 4:00 PM Priest Intention St. Bernadette 5:00 PM ♥Lydia Haddock St. John

Sunday, January 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 AM †Timothy Saxon St. John 10:00 AM †Madeline Herzog St. Bernadette 11:00 AM †Beverly Singer St. John 6:00 PM Pro Populo St. John

Monday, January 3

12:00 PM †Jerry Thompson St. John

Tuesday, January 4

9:00 AM ♥Sue Denton St. John

Wednesday, January 5

9:00 AM ♥Women of Grace St. Bernadette

Thursday, January 6

9:00 AM †Martha Monaghan St. John

Friday, January 7

9:00 ÅM †Cynthia Jones St. John

Saturday, January 8

4:00 PM †Bruce Bond St. Bernadette 5:00 PM †Madeline Herzog St. John

Sunday, January 9

9:00 AM †Fr. Dennis Volmi
10:00 AM †John Moyer
11:00 AM †Ben Antonik
6:00 PM Pro Populo

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†Indicates Person is deceased ▼ Indicates living intention



St. John Sanctuary Candle this week will burn in loving memory of Frank Walder. Requested by Judy Purcell.

#### **PARISH EVENTS**

Saturday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

6:00pm Emmaus Meeting LK/JN

Sunday, January 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00am - 12:30pm Epiphany around the world STJ Hall

Monday, January 3

5:30PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting STJ Hall Foyer

Tuesday, January 4

9:30am Messengers of Hope STJ Hall Foyer 2:00pm STB Choir Practice STB Church 7:00pm Emmaus Meeting LK/LN

Wednesday, January 5

Thursday, January 6

6:00PM STB K of C Meeting STB Hall

Friday, January 7

7:30pm Asamblea de Oracion STJ Church

Saturday, January 8

11:00am STB Ladies Prayer Group STB Hall

Sunday, January 9

RE Classes STJ/STB STJ K of C Breakfast after 9 & 11 Masses STJ Hall

ST. JOHN'S ROOM IDENTIFICATION: MT - Matthew (Mateo) MK - Mark (Marco) LK/JN Luke/John (Lucas/Juan) TR -Teen Room - CR Conference Room

ST. BERNADETTE'S ROOM IDENTIFCATION: BR - Brigid JO - Joan

## Gratitude & Generosity

SECOND COLLECTION: For January 2 is for the Capital Maintenance. Please mail in or drop off your donations, or you can go to our Parish Website to do our online giving. We appreciate any generous donations at this time.



## "I Have Hope Again."

Local resident, Carl P. had been experiencing the painful effects of Peripheral Neuropathy, "my feet and legs were extremely painful and my doctor told me there was nothing they could do. That I would have to take Gabapentin for the rest of my life." Then he went to see acupuncturist, Ashley Adams.

Peripheral Neuropathy is the pain, discomfort and numbness caused by nerve damage of the peripheral nervous system. Carl explained that daily tasks like opening doors and using the bathroom were overwhelmingly painful. "How can you live for the next 20 years when you don't even want to get out of bed to do simple things?"

He was experiencing the burning, numbness, tingling and sharp pains that those suffering with neuropathy often describe. "The way that I would describe it, it's equivalent to walking on glass." Carl hadn't worn socks in five years and was wearing shoes two sizes too big so that nothing would 'touch' his feet.

Unfortunately Carl's story is all too familiar for the over 3 million people in the U.S. suffering from Peripheral Neuropathy.

If you are unfortunate enough to be facing the same disheartening prognosis, you're not sleeping at night because of the burning in your feet, you have difficulty walking, shopping or doing any activity for more than 30 minutes because of the pain.

You're struggling with balance and living in fear that you might fall. Your doctor told you to "just live with the pain" and you're taking medications that aren't working or have uncomfortable side effects. Know that there are options.

Fortunately, three months ago, Carl read an article about DelMarVa Acupuncture and the work being done to treat those suffering from Peripheral Neuropathy without invasive surgeries or medications. He can now share how significantly his life has been changed!

'Now when I go to bed at night I don't have those shooting pains. I don't have that burning sensation. I don't have pain coming up my legs," Carl enthusiastically describes life after receiving treatments. "I can comfortably wear socks and shoes and I can enjoy golfing again!"

Ashley Adams, founder of DelMarVa Acupuncture & Wellness Center, is using the time tested science of Acupuncture combined with technology originally developed by NASA that assists in increasing blood flow and expediting recovery and healing to treat this debilitating disease.

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DelMarVa Acupuncture uses the most cutting edge and innovative integrative medicine. Specializing in chronic pain cases, specifically those that have been deemed 'hopeless' or 'untreatable', she consistently generates unparalleled results. What was once a missing link in senior healthcare is now easily accessible to the residents of Milford.

If you've missed too many tee times because of pain or you've passed on dancing along to songs of your youth because you're afraid of falling, it's time to give yourself a new opportunity.

It's time you let your golden years, BE GOLDEN!





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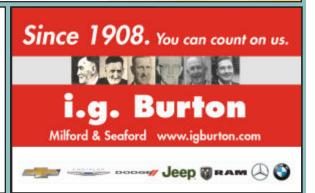
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