

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

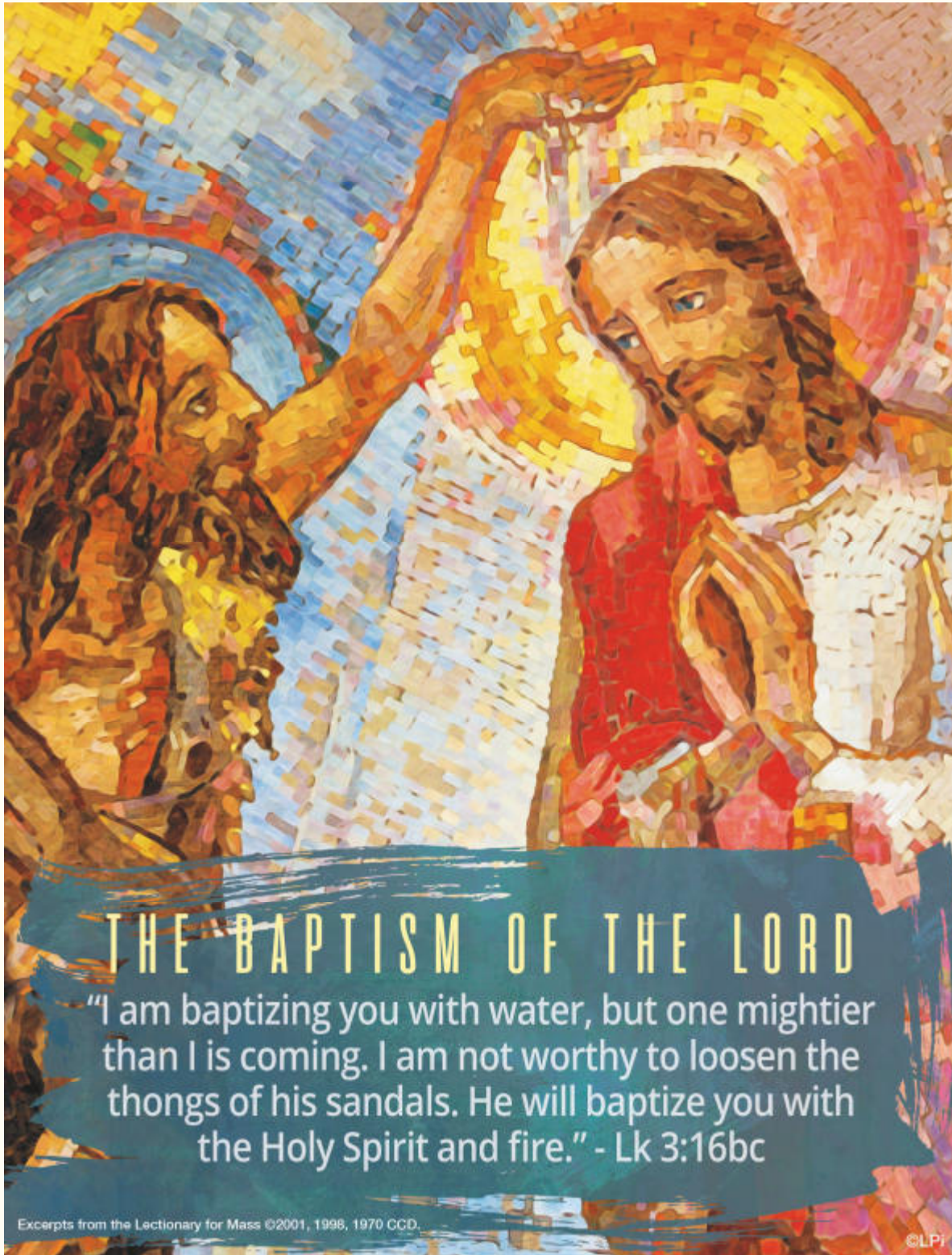


PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Journeying as a Catholic community, we embrace the mission of Jesus Christ, striving to live and spread Jesus' message of love, sharing our gifts through discipleship, liturgical celebration, spiritual formation, and outreach.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

Welcome to **PARISH SOFT'S MY OWN CHURCH** - go to <https://stedchurch.com> and click on the link. Once set up, you may update your contact/family info, view your contributions, and receive end of year statements.

WELCOME TO ST. EDWARD CHURCH!

If you have moved into the area from another Catholic Church or have found St. Edward to be the parish in which you choose to worship, consider registering. Pick up a registration packet at the

- Parish Life Desk in the Commons after any weekend Liturgy,
- Parish Center during office hours, 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday, or
- Go to our website, www.stedchurch.com/ImportantForms.

Questions? Call 272-2948. Not of the Catholic faith? To learn more, call Anita at 864-4712.

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ST. EDWARD CHURCH IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, AND VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS.

Visit our website, <https://stedchurch.com>, and follow the link under **PROTECTING CHILDREN**.

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday.

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES

Call 272-2948 and follow prompts.

***See page 4 for full details concerning Liturgies and Reconciliation ***

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil of Sunday)
Sunday 7:15am, 8:45am, 11:15am, & 5:00pm

Weekday Monday-Friday 9:00am

RECONCILIATION

Monday-Friday 9:30am
Saturday 4:00pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In the Church; Fridays, 9:30am-10:30am
For information, contact Andrew at 864-4715.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In the Healing Chapel after each weekend Liturgy or by appointment.

BAPTISM

To schedule or for parent classes, call Peggy at 864-4714.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

For information, call Peggy at 864-4714.

CONFIRMATION

For information, call Andrew at 864-4715.

ADULT SACRAMENTS

Inquiries about initiation sacraments for adults, call Sherri at 864-4706.

MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners are to contact Pat 864-4701 at least six months prior to setting a date. Pre-marriage formation is required.

PASTORAL CARE

Call Pat at 864-4701 when you or a family member is admitted to the hospital or local care facility, when you need a weekly visit with Communion, or to add someone to our weekend prayer list for the sick or deceased.

◆IN SERVICE TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY◆

Pastor	Rev. Donald H. Lemay	272-2948
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Paul Kkonde	272-2948
Deacon	Rev. Mr. Bob Ewan	379-5920
Deacon	Rev. Mr. James D. Greer	372-6080
Deacon	Rev. Mr. Kevin Hogan	864-4707
Deacon	Rev. Mr. Gregg Whisler	564-2125
Business Administrator	Jan Webb	864-4704
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Receptionists	Miriam Grau & Lisa Mizell	272-2948
Pastoral Assistant	Anita McCabe	864-4712
Director, Evangelization of Young Families	Joan Nelson	864-4708
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Youth Ministry Coordinator	Andrew McCarthy	864-4715
Edge Coordinator	Rachael Mattio	864-4719
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Director, Music	Liz Goodwin	864-4717
Associate Director of Music	Joe Guardino	864-4710
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Custodian for Church Building	Mac Boneparte	
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Finance Council Chairperson	Robert Kuzemchak	276-0463
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Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight	Tom Shepley	396-0169
St. Edward Ladies Auxiliary, President	Marilyn Mare	379-9505



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MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM: For appt. Anita McCabe, 864-4712, anitam1@stedwardch.org or Jan Webb, 864-4704, jan.webb@stedwardch.org.



HEARING LOOP SYSTEM
If your hearing aid or cochlear implant has an activated T-coil, you may access our hearing loop system. Not sure? Ask your audiologist.



AUTOMATIC DOOR
•We have an automatic door on the far left side of the Church.
•Doors on the far right side of Church are open 8:30am-5:00pm, M-F.



Our **PARISH LIBRARY** is open and staffed for 15 minutes following the Sunday morning Masses.



IT'S THE FIRST COMMUNITY WEEKEND OF 2022!
 ■ IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOLLOWING ALL MASSES ■
THIS WEEKEND. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Pasta Dinner

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022
 6:00 PM IN THE ST. EDWARD COMMUNITY CENTER

Take-Out Available

Penne Pasta ~ Meatballs ~ Salad ~ Garlic Bread ~ Beverage ~ Dessert

ADULTS \$12.00 CHILDREN 3-10 \$5.00

TICKETS SOLD AFTER MASSES ON JANUARY 8, 9, 15, AND 16

SPONSORED BY: ST. EDWARDS LADIES AUXILIARY

SEATING IS LIMITED SO BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!
FOR TICKET INFORMATION, CALL: 804-272-7492

Winter Weather?

~M-F: IF ST. EDWARD-EPIPHANY SCHOOL (SEES) IS CLOSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, DAILY MASS WILL BE CANCELLED AND THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.

~THE WEEKEND MASS AND LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE MAY BE ADJUSTED.

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR REAL TIME UPDATES!

PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for those associated with our parish who are sick or unable to worship with us, that they experience strength in the Lord's unending compassion and love:

Mary Hardy, Jim Hayes, Blaise Perello, Lawrence Przynosch, Will Rogers; and all victims of the coronavirus, war, terrorism, violence, and natural disasters.

Lord, hear our continued prayers for those dealing with an on-going illness, may they experience fortitude and peace:

Jamie Aguilar, Cathy Alden, Chris Ballalo, Nanci Bolling, Mike Bonner, Mary Jane Burke, James Butler, Sherry Cart, Cathy Casey, Mary Alice & Ed Christie, Ryan Colavita, Sue Connell, Regina Corcoran, Bobbi Daniello, Mike & Diana Dougherty, Josephine Douglas, Sue Driscoll, Donald Fields, Samantha Finnegan, Nicole Florio, Wayne Frith, Sarah Fyock, Kathy Galligan, Emily Gardener, Verena Goins, Mary Grace Greer, Jeff & Spencer Hamm, Tom Hammerstone, Thomas Hardy, Hartwell Harrison, Neico Hayden, Grover Helsley, Rita Holloman, Grant Ilkani, Graham Jennings, Melissa Jennings, Joseph Jones, Sr., Marlene Kacmar, Amanda Keller, Uni & Robert Kemp, Oliver Khoury, Fr. Dan Klem, Kim Lourenco, Margaret Day Magno, Marg Mayer, Connie Mikuski, Daniel Miller, Lando Mojica, Vera Mulherin, Marie Oliver, Lois Pearn, Resa Pemberton, Brian Pickral, Marian Piracci, Rose Marie Pulleyblank, Dan Raible, Grant Rake, Jean Raugh, Kaeden Ross, David Russ, Sam Sponeybarger, Mary Serra, Kelly Shanahan, Beau & Suki Simpson, Tony Stanton, Garry Stelmach, Michelle Stelmach, Grace Stivers, Greg Stivers, Laura Sullivan, Barbara Swan, Gregory Toler, Tony Toler, David Turner, Billy Vogelsson, Tracy Waldo, Benjamin Weldon, Marie Wilborn, Ella Wilkinson, Barbara Williams, and Sam Young.

Lord, hear our prayers for all the souls of the faithful departed:

John Thomas, husband of Dolores Thomas; Trinity Wilson; Lily Malick.

Please pray for the parishioners of Holy Trinity cluster and bless the works of their outreach:

St. Anthony in Norton; Holy Spirit in Jonesville; Sacred Heart in Big Stone Gap; and St. Joseph in Clintwood.

Please pray for those service men and women who fight for our freedom:

Yasmin Acevedo, A1C; Taylor Armstrong, US Army; 2nd Battalion 505 Parachute Infantry Regiment; Daniel Beirne; Major David Bhatta-US Army; Richard Currie Braun, Air Force; LTJG Ian Burke, USN; Joseph Brandon Butler; Ross Butler; ENS Jimmy Callahan, USN; Lt. Michael Callahan, USN; Capt. Scott P. Campbell; Matthew Coccia, Army; SSGT. John Maxwell Cosper and Unit, US Army Special Forces; Cpt. Mike Curran; Major Spencer D. Curtis, Judge Advocate, National Guard; Col. Seth Enterline; Navy Lt. Coleen Fagan; Capt. Leroy O. Flynn; SSgt Brad Freda, Air Force; Capt. Peter Fritz; PFC Jose Luis Garcia, National Guard; Spec. April Garrett; LCpl Kevin Hackman, Marines; Diana Honings USCG; Matt Horansky; Capt. Katie Hulcher; 2nd Lt. Megan Hulcher, RN; Capt. Thomas Hulcher; Capt. Renee Kane, Army; Major Nathan Kane, Air Force; Lt. Col. David Kaulfers, Army Corps of Engineers; Sgt. A. David Kelly; Staff Sgt. Steven Kelly, US Army; Josh Kozup, Army; Ryan Larson, Army; Grayson Larus, Ensign US Navy; Nicole Lee; Stacey Lee; Clara Mailloux, Navy Airman; Bryan J. McCabe U.S.C.G.; Sean McHugh, Army; Brendan Meadows, Pvt. US Army; Christine Michel; Major T. Alex Mitchell, First Lt. USMC Kevin Morrison; Capt. Quentin Mueller; Wilson Mustian, Army; Adam Peers, Army; Capt. Lerv Remias; Sgt. Jared Roussell; Capt. Javone Seaborn; Jonathan Schulte; Jobon Seaborn, Army; Lt. Curren D. Shorte; Vincent Stransky; Sgt. Christopher Sturtevant; Major Thomas Tombes, Chandra Weatherell; Cpt. Matthew Weisner; Brennan Wilkes, US Navy; Major Justin Wolfe, USAFR; Phillip Wood; and Steve York.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

7:15, 8:45, 11:15 am Liturgies.....Church
Community Weekend
10:00 am Into the Breach.....*FHH Music
10:00 am Outreach in Love (Younger).....*FHH Art
10:00 am Sunday Morning Rel Ed.....School
1:00 pm The Bible Timeline.....Community Center
5:00 pm Eucharistic Liturgy.....Church
Community Weekend
6:30 pm Edge/Life Teen.....School/Church

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 am Daily Morning Mass.....Church
6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 329.....Pavilion
7:00 pm Boy Scouts #1893.....Pavilion
7:30 pm People of Praise.....Chapel

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 am Daily Morning Mass.....Church
10:00 am Bible Chicks.....Nursery
1:00 pm Prayer Blanket Ministry.....Nursery
5:30 pm Spirit Song Rehearsal.....Sanctuary
6:30 pm Scripture Study.....Virtual

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 am Daily Morning Mass.....Church
5:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal.....Choir Room
6:00 pm Schola Rehearsal.....Choir Room
6:30 pm High School Youth Group.....Bosco Center
7:00 pm Outreach in Love (Older).....Media Ctr/Library

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00 am Daily Morning Mass.....Church
10:00 am Morning Praise Choir Rehearsal.....Choir Room
6:00 pm KoC Exemplification Training.....*FHH Music
6:30 pm Cub Scout #893.....Cafeteria
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal.....Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00 am Men of St. JosephChapel
9:00 am Daily Morning Mass.....Church
9:30 am Friday Adoration.....Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

4:00 pm Reconciliation.....Healing Chapel
5:00 pm Eucharistic Liturgy.....Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

7:15, 8:45, 11:15 am Liturgies.....Church
9:00 am RCIA.....Nursery
10:00 am Into the Breach.....*FHH Music
1:00 pm Baptism Service.....Church
1:00 pm The Bible Timeline.....Community Center
5:00 pm Eucharistic Liturgy.....Church

*FHH = old Fr. Herbert Hall in SEES

Please keep our high school teens, youth minister, and adult chaperones in your prayers this week. They leave for their winter retreat on January 14th. They will have a weekend full of faith, friendship, and fun. May God be with them and keep them safe!

Reflection





TODAY'S READINGS SUNDAY, January 9

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life. It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism. It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. @LPi

LITURGY SCHEDULE

DAY AND READINGS	TIME AND INTENTIONS
 MONDAY, January 10 1 Samuel 1:1-8 Mark 1:14-20	 9:00 am Eucharistic Liturgy -livestreamed- Vincent Nardone †
TUESDAY, January 11 1 Samuel 1:9-20 Mark 1:21-28	9:00 am Eucharistic Liturgy -livestreamed- Kenneth Von Schaumburg †
WEDNESDAY, January 12 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Mark 1:29-39	9:00 am Eucharistic Liturgy -livestreamed- Elizabeth Grimaldi †
THURSDAY, January 13 1 Samuel 4:1-11 Mark 1:40-45	9:00 am Eucharistic Liturgy -livestreamed- Patti Sandberg †
FRIDAY, January 14 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22 Mark 2:1-12	9:00 am Eucharistic Liturgy -livestreamed- Larry Lemay †
SATURDAY, January 15 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Mark 2:13-17	5:00 pm Eucharistic Liturgy -livestreamed- Marlene Inman †
SUNDAY, January 16 Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11	7:15 am Eucharistic Liturgy Parishioners, Living & Deceased † 8:45 am Eucharistic Liturgy Larry Lemay † 11:15 am Eucharistic Liturgy -livestreamed- Florence Morton † 5:00 pm Eucharistic Liturgy Joe Callahan †



OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Month	Budget*	Actual as of	Over<Under>
July-Nov	\$ 629,560	\$ 786,744	\$ 157,184
Dec	\$ 290,736 (12/27)	\$ 166,034	\$ <124,702>

As of 12/27, our Christmas collection totals *\$48,396.

*not included in Dec "Actual as of"

Catholic Charities totals \$9,992.

Due to inclement weather and bulletin transmission date on 1/3, our total Dec and Jan amounts will not show until the 1/16 bulletin.

Note: We show the total budget for the month rather than each week.

A very heartfelt thank you for your generosity!

LITURGY TEAM

Fr. Don Lemay, Pastor 272-2948

Anita McCabe, Coordinator 864-4712 anitam1@stedwardch.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - Sherri Gravins 864-4706 sherri.gravins@stedwardch.org

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading *Isaiah 40:5*

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Psalm *Ps 104*

O bless the Lord, my soul.

Second Reading *Titus 3:5*

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Gospel *Luke 3:22*

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?

Second Reading

Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

Gospel

We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?

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MUSIC MINISTRY

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: JOIN A CHOIR!

Youth Choir – 5-6pm Wednesdays (2nd through 5th grade singers)

Schola 6-7pm Wednesdays

(6th through 12th grade singers)

Morning Praise – 10-11am Thursdays

Adult Choir – 7:30-9pm Thursdays



All players welcome!

HANDBELL CHOIR

Begins on Thursday, 1.20.22

6-7:15pm

Contact Liz.Goodwin@stedwardch.org

OFFICE OF HUMAN CONCERNS, JUSTICE & PEACE, HAITI TWINNING

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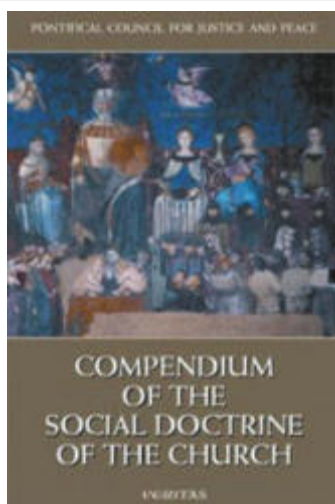
HAITI MINISTRY

The next meeting Haiti Committee meeting will be January 10 at 6:15pm, in person at the parish center and on Zoom.



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

What is the Compendium of Social Doctrine of the Church and why does it exist? The Compendium was published in 2004 by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, at the request of Saint Pope John Paul II. Some of the main sources for the book are encyclicals, the Catechism, and Church councils.



Here are some of the principal reasons the Church compiled this collection of its social teaching:

- To proclaim the Gospel “that brings salvation and genuine freedom also to temporal realities” (p. 1)
- To aid individuals, men/women religious, pastors, and Bishops in discernment and moral formation
- To encourage a more authentic humanism among people of all religions and all people of goodwill

So, basically, if you are a person of goodwill, the Compendium was written for you! Watch this page for more tidbits about Catholic Social Teaching and excerpts from the Compendium.

Please remember to bring food including the following staples to our food pantry: canned meat/tuna, rice, beans, jelly, peanut butter, and pasta sauce, and also these sometimes forgotten items: deodorant, toothpaste, laundry detergent, soap, and shampoo. Thank you to everyone who donates throughout the year!

January 1st

Pope Paul VI established the World Day of Peace



in 1967, being inspired by the encyclical *Pacem In Terris* of Pope John XXIII and with reference to his own encyclical *Popularum Progressio*. The day was first observed on January 1, 1968.

This year, Pope Francis’s message urged global leaders to spend more money on education and devote fewer resources to weapons. He says education must be viewed as an investment, rather than an expenditure, which he says is vital for “promoting integral human development.” Such investments, he says, “make individuals more free and responsible, and they are essential for the defense and promotion of peace.”

In concluding his peace message, Francis acknowledges the myriad of ways in which the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted human relationships, economic opportunities and exacerbated inequalities. Church and world leaders alike, along with all people of goodwill, he pleads, must “walk together with courage and creativity on the path of intergenerational dialogue, education and work.”

Read the message on the Vatican website, www.vatican.va.

ST. PETER’S OUTREACH

We are collecting the following cold-weather items for the homeless people served by St. Peter’s downtown: new hats, gloves, warm socks, and waterproof sleeping bags. Bring your donations to the parish center during the week or the blue bins in the commons throughout the winter. Thanks!

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

@Pontifex 12/18/21

“Let us look into the eyes of the discarded people we meet, let us be provoked by the faces of children, the children of desperate migrants. Let us allow ourselves to be moved by their suffering in order to react to our indifference.”

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION OF YOUTH & YOUNG FAMILIES

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUNDAYS 10-11AM

Grades Pre-K through 5th, in person Religious Ed. To view our full schedule, visit our parish website at www.stedchurch.com. Click on Ministries, then Evangelization.

Outreach in Love is religious education for children and adults with special needs. For info, email Candace.Aud@stedwardch.org. Classes meet in the School

Class schedule:

- Sunday, Jan. 9 Younger group in person at 10am
• Wednesday, Jan. 12 Older group Zoom at 7pm
• Wednesday, Jan. 19 Older group in person at 7pm
• Sunday, Jan. 23 Younger group in person at 10am
• Wednesday, Jan. 26 Older group Zoom at 7pm

TEENS



SUNDAYS 6:30-8PM

Life Teen (High School) and Edge (Middle School) are the catechetical programs offered for our teens. The full schedule is posted on our website, www.stedchurch.com. Click on Ministries, then

Service | Prayer | Community | Fun Youth Activities @ St. Edward

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8:00PM

All rising 9th-graduated seniors welcome

January 12 Youth Group

January 19 Youth Group

NEW Rosary Group: On Wednesday nights before youth group, we will be saying the rosary in the columbarium starting at 6:00!

Middle School Youth Group

Youth Group January 13 6:30pm. Watch for your Middle School email for details and sign up info.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

See our website, www.stedchurch.com for our complete schedule. Click on Sacraments, then Baptism. Contact peggy.byers@stedwardch.org to schedule or for info.

First Penance and First Holy Communion

Our First Penance Services are complete. Our next class in January 23 or 31. Look for a reminder email the week of January 16.

Confirmation

Student sessions have begun! All registered families should have received an email. Contact andrew.mccarthy@stedwardch.org for information.

FOCAL POINT



WINTER RETREAT JANUARY 14TH-16TH | 9TH-12TH GRADE TEENS

We head into the mountains for a weekend of peace, fun, prayer, reflections, games, great friends, and much more! Our theme this year is Focal Point! Take a leap of faith this winter and rediscover JOY! Cost \$160

Youth Ministry Bake Sale Super Bowl Sunday weekend after all Masses! You have 1 month to lose your Christmas weight so you can support Youth Ministry programs by buying some delicious treats!



Live the Liturgy
Inspiration for the Week

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That’s exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased. ©LPi



John Baptizing Jesus in the Jordan River - TheCatholicKid.com

Everyday Stewardship
Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

I Hope I Am Like Him

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?” Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.” Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it. Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah. But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God. Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Schedule for *The Bible Timeline* thru March 2022



DATE

- January 9, 1:00—2:30 pm
- January 16, 1:00—2:30 pm
- January 23**
- January 30, 1:00—2:30 pm
- February 6, 1:00—2:30 pm
- February 13, 1:00—2:30 pm
- February 20, 1:00—2:30 pm
- February 27, 1:00—2:30 pm
- March 6, 1:00—2:30 pm
- March 13, 1:00—2:30 pm
- March 20, 1:00—2:30 pm
- March 27, 1:00—2:30 pm

SESSION

- 7. Egypt and Exodus—Pt 2 *Exodus*
- 8. Desert Wanderings—*Numbers*
- No Meeting**
- 9. Conquest and Judges—Pt 1 *Joshua; Judges*
- 10. Conquest and Judges—Pt 2 *Joshua; Judges*
- 11. Royal Kingdom—Pt 1 *1 Samuel; 2 Sm; 1 Kings 1-11*
- 12. Royal Kingdom—Pt 2 *1 Samuel; 2 Sm; 1 Kings 1-11*
- 13. Divided Kingdom—Pt 1 *1 Kings 12-22; 2 Kings 1-17*
- 14. Divided Kingdom—Pt 2 *1 Kings 12-22; 2 Kings 1-16*
- 15. Exile—*2 Kings 17-25*
- 16. Return—*Ezra; Nehemiah*
- 17. Maccabean Revolt—*1 Maccabees*

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Date Night

What: Date Night 2021-22 is a marriage enrichment community building program. Invite couple friends from the parish, your neighborhood and other parishes.

When: Feb 19, March 19 and April 23 (Jan 15 is cancelled)

We end with a Parish Wide Marriage Celebration Event on May 28,2022.

Who: married & engaged couples

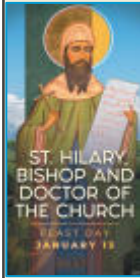
Cost: There is a \$10 charge per couple for the "Couples Guide" book

Registration: To register, please email Dan and Janis Riegel at dancva98@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Kevin Hogan khogan@richmonddiocese.org.

Details: We meet for a meal that you bring for yourself, prior to the program @the Pavilion right after 5pm Saturday night Mass. We then proceed to SEES Cafeteria for the program; after dinner the program "**Better Together**" from **Dynamic Catholic** will be presented.

INTO THE BREACH

Christian Men!
 Join us on Sunday mornings to pray, discuss, meditate on Scripture, & work on an action plan for the following week.
 We meet from 10a-11a in the Music Room in the school building.
Our remaining sessions are January 9, 23, and 30, 2022.
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St. Hilary—January 13

This staunch defender of the divinity of Christ was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his Master in being labeled a "disturber of the peace." In a very troubled period in the Church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy. He was bishop of Poitiers in France. Raised a pagan, he was converted to Christianity when he met his God of nature in the Scriptures. His wife was still living when he was chosen, against his will, to be the bishop of Poitiers in France. He was soon taken up with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ. The heresy spread rapidly. Saint Jerome said "The world groaned and marveled to find that it was Arian." When Emperor Constantius ordered all the bishops of the West to sign a condemnation of Athanasius, the great defender of the faith in the East, Hilary refused and was banished from France to far off Phrygia. Eventually he was called the "Athanasius of the West." While writing in exile, he was invited by some semi-Arians (hoping for reconciliation) to a council the emperor called to counteract the Council of Nicea. But Hilary predictably defended the Church, and when he sought public debate with the heretical bishop who had exiled him, the Arians, dreading the meeting and its outcome, pleaded with the emperor to send this troublemaker back home. Hilary was welcomed by his people.

Reflection: Christ said his coming would bring not peace but a sword (see Matthew 10:34). The Gospels offer no support for us if we fantasize about a sunlit holiness that knows no problems. Christ did not escape at the last moment, though he did live happily ever after—after a life of controversy, problems, pain and frustration. Hilary, like all saints, simply had more of the same. -Franciscan Media

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Thursday, January 27 ▪ 12 pm — 2pm

Location: Our Lady of Hope
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RSVPs are required for this free educational program.

Call 804-360-1960 by January 22 to register.

Presented by Maggie Keenan, Ed.D., Director of the Catholic Community Foundation and Deacon Ed Handel, Director of Cemetery & Funeral Services

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For details: contact Christy Heinen at cheinen@SaintFrancishome.org or 804-237-5602. Event page: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/SFHBenefitDinner>

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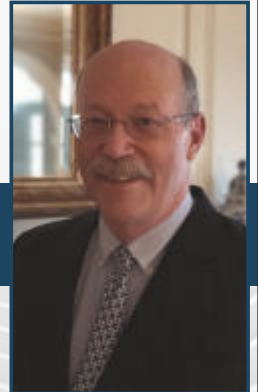
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