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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND LITURGIES
IN PERSON & LIVESTREAMED

- Saturday STJ 5:00 PM
- Sunday STJ 9:00 AM
- Sunday COH 11:00AM

WEEKDAY LITURGIES:
IN PERSON (@ STJ) & LIVESTREAMED

- Tuesday 8:30AM
- Wednesday 6:00PM
- Thursday 8:30AM

OUR MISSION

We are called to proclaim, to deepen, to encourage, to practice and to let the love of our parish family be a living sign of our commitment to Jesus Christ, united in Eucharistic tradition and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

SACRAMENTS

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND VISITING OF THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: Please notify Fr. Chuck prior to surgery or in times of illness.

BAPTISM: After proper instructions. Contact Fr. Chuck to make arrangements.

CONFESSIONS (RECONCILIATION)

STJ - by appointment ONLY
COH - by appointment ONLY

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STJ & COH PARISH LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

12/19 5:00 pm	STJ	LECTOR	LEO TULLIUS	EMHC	LORI POYNTER
12/20 9:00 am	STJ	LECTOR	KRISTI VENDERLIC	EMHC	MAZIE DUNN
12/20 11:00 am	COH	LECTOR	BILL HEALY	EMHC	—
12/26 5:00 pm	STJ	LECTOR	NETTIE GLASURE	EMHC	JEFF TAYLOR
12/27 9:00 am	STJ	LECTOR	NANCY LUPARDUS	EMHC	MARY WHEELER
12/27 11:00 am	COH	LECTOR	EILEEN FLUHARTY	EMHC	—

STJ OFFERINGS: DEC 12 & 13, 2020	
Regular Collection	
RETIREMENT FUND RELIGIOUS	
Attendance: Saturday: 13 Sunday: 18	31
COH OFFERINGS: DEC 13, 2020	
Regular Collection	
RETIREMENT FUND RELIGIOUS	
Attendance	9
SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK	
Maintenance & Repairs	

THIS WEEK

CONTEMPLATIVE CORNER

"May the Holy Spirit enkindle you with the fire of His Love so that you may persevere, unfailingly, in the love of His service. Thus you may merit to become, at last, a living stone in the celestial Jerusalem."

— St. Hildegard von Bingen

BIRTHDAYS

Joe Pascarella 12/1, Lee Dickerson 12/2
Wayne Glasure 12/3, Barbara Morris 12/6
Vanessa Burgy 12/23,
Mary Hardbarger 12/26, and
Cindy Yoho 12/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Marietta & Bernard Tice 12/11

TODAY'S FOCUS

"Testifying to the Light"

The Arthurian legend of Merlin accounts for his wisdom with the notion that he lived life backwards, that he grew younger rather than older. Thus he was able to see the present with different eyes, to gaze upon the future as in a mirror. As King Arthur grew into the future wrapped in a mantle of Camelot wisdom and justice, Merlin found himself growing into the past, more and more the receding mentor. In some ways Merlin is a John the Baptist type of fellow, someone who decreased as the other increased.

KEY PASSAGE

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:38)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. And give us peace. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.
Amen

SATURDAY	**12/19**	5:00 pm STJ	For the Members of the Parish
SUNDAY	**12/20**	9:00 am STJ 11:00 am COH	✞ For Mary Ann Locke ✞ For Edward Lafferre
MONDAY	**12/21**	==========	NO MASS SCHEDULED
TUESDAY	**12/22**	8:30 am STJ	✞ For Pat Edwards
WEDNESDAY	**12/23**	6:00 pm STJ	For the Members of the Parish
THURSDAY	**12/24**	4:00 am COH 6:00 p.m. STJ	For the Members of the Parish ✞ For Pat Tullius
FRIDAY	**12/25**	10:00 a.m. STJ	For the Members of the Parish
SATURDAY	**12/26**	5:00 pm STJ	✞ For Robert Hartleben
SUNDAY	**12/27**	9:00 am STJ 11:00 am COH	For the Members of the Parish For the Members of the Parish

JUST FOR LAUGHS

A very devout man who was very over weight decided to go on a diet. One of his main problems with eating was that he would stop for donuts every morning on the way to work. So to make things easier for himself, he changed his route to work to avoid the temptation of stopping. As the weeks went by he started losing a lot of weight and was receiving compliments from his friends and co-workers.

Then one morning without thinking, he accidently turned onto the road which would take him by the donut shop. At first he was going to turn around but then he thought to himself, "maybe the Lord is rewarding me for my efforts." So, he said a short prayer telling the Lord that if this was His true intention let there be an open parking place directly in front of the shop.

And sure enough, on the fifth time around the block there was an open spot right up front.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By: Bud Ozar

QUESTION: What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen and had a twelve year old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?
ANSWER: HOLY! Two lessons in today's gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God.

DID YOU KNOW?

Angels are God's spiritual envoys. Angels are more agents of revelation than its object both in scripture in church teaching.

@ ST. JOHN

Vicka Edgar, William Ashworth, Tom Fealy
Dana Whaley, Janine Lemasters
Mike Dickerson, Travis Flores, Judi Paugh
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Fr. Chuck McGinnis, Richard Galbraith
Bernard Tice, Bette Adams, Judy Webb
Norm Peter, Mary Hanes, Chris Dickerson
Wayne Glasure, Kathryn Alfred
Olga Maria Rivas, Lisa Smith, Mary Marlow
Tony Vandenberg, Basil Wolfe, Tom Sayres
Rossley Garvin, Rob Luthringer Jeanne
Fealy, Tina Ashworth-DeBeasso Karen
Taylor, Darrell Davis, Joe Pascarella
Celina Roby, William Clark, Amelia McKay
Dominique Diddle, Fr. Thomas Karachira
Kim Tice, Margaret Kayser

@ CHRIST OUR HOPE

Delson Kiedaisch, Norma Hilvers
Heather Thomas, Connor Halsell
Margaret Hunter, Sue Garrett, Robert Roby
Charlie Conklin Georgette Healy
Michael Velemirovich, Richard Stroomer
Mary Hardbarger & family, Pat Bail
Patrick Hilvers, Flynn and Pennell families
Sr. Maureen, Robert Wheeler
Kelly Yeager, Ruth (Janie) Snyder
Mary Ann Schoeny, Mark D'Anna
All in the military

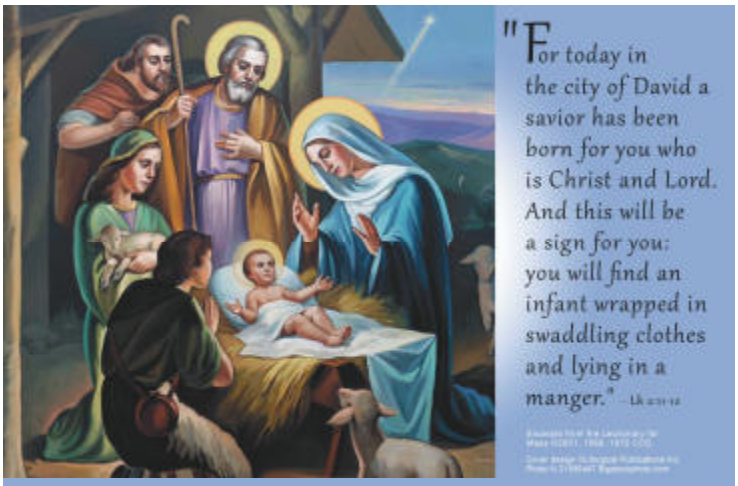
VOCATION VIEWS

Mary was called to be open to the extraordinary. What do you need to say "let it be" in response to God's call to you? Trust that the Lord is with you and will guide you always. (Luke 1:26-38)

WELCOME

Fr. Shinto Mathew has been appointed associate priest of St. John Parish in St. Marys and Christ Our Hope Mission in Harrisville with residence in Harrisville effective Dec 4. He is excited to begin serving our churches and is looking forward to serving you and the people in the communities. His cell phone number and email address can be found on the front cover of this bulletin. What a wonderful Christmas gift we have been given.

Fr. Shinto is from Kerala, the southern part of India. The state where St. Thomas converted the Hindus to Catholicism in the year 52 AD. Fr. Shinto left his home state at the age of 15 to North Eastern region (2500 miles away from his home state) to become a missionary priest. He has been there for the last 29 years before he came to the United States on November 15, 2020. He was born on April 16 and is one of seven siblings. He has been the pastor in three different parishes. The state he worked, Manipur, is the land of martyrs and it is the fastest growing church in India and a land of religious vocations. Please be sure to introduce yourself to him and welcome him with OPEN arms.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE STAFF AT ST. JOHN PARISH AND CHRIST OUR HOPE MISSION. GOD BLESS YOU NOW AND THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – **Christ Our Hope:** Dec 24 @ 4:00 pm Mass with 3:30 pm caroling; **St. John Church:** Dec 24 @ 6:00 pm Mass and Dec 25 @ 10:00 am Mass

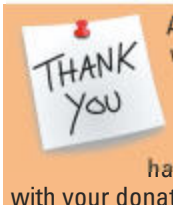
WEEKEND MASSES - **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH** – Saturday and Sunday regular Mass times

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – **St. John Church:** Dec 31 @ 4:30 pm Mass; **Christ Our Hope:** Jan 1 @ 11:00 am Mass

Catholic Charities West Virginia

SECOND COLLECTION CHRISTMAS

A second collection will be taken up at all Christmas Masses **Dec 24 and 25** at both churches for Catholic Charities West Virginia to assist the poor in the state of West Virginia. Please be as generous as possible.



A big "THANK YOU" to all who were able to help with the writing of Christmas cards for the inmates this year. You have touched many people with your donation, time, and kindness.

CAN A CATHOLIC @ STJ

For the month of December, we will be collecting cans of vegetables.

ADVENT PRAYER: *"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus."* *Luke 1:31*

God of wisdom bless us with Mary's "yes" as we welcome Emmanuel into our hearts and homes. Amen

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at **1-800-352-6513**.

To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling - Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the DWC Chancery Office at 1-**888-434-6237** or **1-304-233-0880**.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wisemen. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

"We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's second collection.

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