

CATHOLIC CHURCH

406 Alta Vista Avenue | 329 Maryland Avenue | Fairmont, WV 26554

JANUARY 2, 2022 | EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



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WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH!

New Members

Catholic over the age of 18 (unless they are in school), we invite you to become registered members of our parish! This is a greate way to practice the Catholic Faith. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards in the back of the church. Please fill out this form and return it either by mail or the collection basket. Soon after, you will get a letter confirming your membership in the mail. Please make sure you introduce yourself to the Priest celebrating the Mass you attend!

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary

- 10:00am †Deceased Family Members of Meredith Talerico
- 5:30 pm †Rose & Andrew Deering req. by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Morgan

Sunday, Jan. 2 - Epiphany of the Lord

8:30am Our Parish Family

11:00am † Deceased Family Members of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pellegrin

Monday - Thursday, Jan. 3 - 6 - No Mass

Friday, Jan. 7 - First Friday

7:00pm †Lucille Mihalic req. by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brenneman

Saturday, Jan. 8

5:30 pm †John & Josephine Colasessano req. by Joe & Carol Colasessano

Sunday, Jan. 9 - Baptism of the Lord 8:30am † Jim Ice req. by Margaret Blake

11:00am Our Parish Family

PLEASE NOTE: In the event of a Funeral Mass or school is delayed or cancelled due to inclement weather, the daily morning Mass will be cancelled and the Mass intention will be rescheduled.

IC PRAYER CIRCLE!

To enroll your family members and friends in the IC Prayer Circle, please call the office at 304-363-5796 or email us at church@ICFairmont.com. It is our honor to pray for those who are dearest to you at all weekend Holy Masses.

PARISH LEVEL LISTENING SESSIONS



Earlier this year, Pope Francis announced a worldwide synod to focus on the life and mission of the Church as we move forward together. The theme for this synod is, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."

SYNODAL LISTENING SESSION

Monday , January 17 at 1 :00 P.M. Thursday, January 20 at 7:00 P.M. Saturday, January 22 at 10:00 A.M. Sunday, January 23 at 12:00 NOON.

The sessions will be facilitated by Nick Fantasia and Carol Boyers.

Rather than simply a meeting of bishops, Pope Francis has asked us, the People of God, to take part in the synod-to "journey together" with our brothers and sisters in Christ along the path of renewal, guided by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Father has asked that every parish in the Diocese participate in this synod in order to listen to the entire People of God.

Anyone of these sessions will provide an opportunity for every member of our parish community to share our thoughts and feelings, but more importantly to discern how the Holy Spirit is guiding us in our journey together. Please join us for one of these important listening sessions.



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 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under ility" for additional information and reporting methods. Immaculate Conception Church has made Rosemary

"Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods. Immaculate Conception Church has made Rosemary Fantasia the coordinator for our church's Safe Environment team.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH & THE FAMILY

To mark the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. In our diocese the date is extended to March 19, 2022.

Pope Francis has also called for the Year of the Family from 19th March 2021 - 26th June 2022 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laeti*, on the pastoral care of families.

Dedication of Our Families to Saint Joseph and the Holy Family

To celebrate the Year of St. Joseph and the Family, we continue to pray each day for one of our Parish Families. The day chosen for your family will be notified through a letter (How? Surprise!) and a reminder call. We will also list the names of the families in the bulletin each week. I request our parish families to join me to pray during your family prayer time.

On the chosen day we dedicate your family to St. Joseph and the Holy Family by lighting a candle and placing your name in front of the Holy Family statue. Also, we will pray for you during the prayers of the faithful at Holy Mass. You may also wish to attend one of the Masses that week or weekend to pray for your special intentions.

| LITURGICAL MININSTERS SCHEDULE | | | | | |
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| | Jan 8 5:30 PM | Jan. 9 8:30 AM | 11:00 AM | | |
| Ushers | Al & Mary Murray, Scott Stevens, Edna Wilson | Dominic & Nick Fantasia, Jeanina Butcher, Jim Beckman | Chuck & Gabby Jordan, Alice Sherer, Kathy Servian | | |
| Altar Servers | Aidan & Mia Gump, Camele Stevens | Logan Beckman, Jordan King, Kaelyn Willett | Parker & Luke Bombard, Vincent Cook | | |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Patty Cinalli | Chuck Sayre | Rosa Anna Gallucci | | |
| Lectors | Jenny Camele | Beth Fantasia | Children's Mass | | |
| Security | Al Murray, Scott Stevens | Nick Fantasia, Jim Beckman | Chuck & Gabby Jordan | | |
| Sacristan | Carol Boyers | Ann Gaskins | Rosa Ann Gallucci | | |

Prayer Shawls Available

Prayer shawls made by members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry group and blessed by our priest in the church are available. Shawls can be given to those undergoing medical procedures, comfort after loss, during illness, and many other life events. Call Sister Stella at 304-367-0485 to get one.

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Prayer Schedule for Jan. 15-16

Jan. 15 - Stella Wilson Steve & Rhonda Wilson Jan. 16 - Don & Kelly Wilson

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION Disaster Relief for Kentucky NEXT WEEK SECOND COLLECTION Building Fund

Prayer to Saint Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

(To be prayed before every Mass)



I would like to extend a special thanks to everyone who donated funds towards Christmas flowers in memory of your beloved ones.

~Fr. Jojan Joseph

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Fairmont Catholic Winner Circle Winning Numbers are #190, #164, and #10.



Please pray for Ed Rosenberger who died Dec. 19 and his family. Mass will be celebrated at of later date.

THANK YOU

The Stewardship Committees would like to thank everyone again for all the support they received for their recent fundraising events.

The net profits for the Fritti Sale - \$905, the Christmas Treats Sale - \$1,485 and Meatball and Sauce Sale \$5,094.





POPE'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

ON VACATION



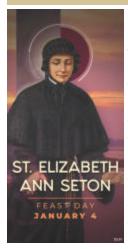
From January 4 through February 3, I will be on

vacation visiting my family and Religious Order in Kerala, India.

In case of emergency, please contact Sister Stella at 304 367-0485 if you need a priest.

Please pray for my safe journey and return. ~Fr. Jojan

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON | JANUARY 4



The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's

Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholicbased education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Contact Parish office to schedule the baptism and make arrangements for the required parent preparation session.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Eucharist is celebrated in April/May for children who are enrolled in second grade at either Fairmont Catholic School or the Faith Formation Program.

PENANCE: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available from 4:30PM on Saturday, and before and after all the Holy Masses.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation is celebrated for students in 9th grade who have been prepared during their 9th grade year. Catholic adults who have not been confirmed should contact the Parish Office for preparation in order to be included in the celebration.

MATRIMONY: Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Arrangements can be made by contacting Fr. Jojan (304)-281-0086, Sr. Stella (304)-367-0485, or the Parish Office (304)-363-5796.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Contact Sr. Stella (304)-367-0485 for more details.

1ST FRIDAY HOLY MASS & ADORATION: Holy Mass will begin at 7:00PM and followed by Adoration until 8:00PM.

Christmas Attendance

| 12/24 | | | 12/25 | 12/26 | |
|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| 4 pm | 7 pm | 10 pm | 10 pm | 8:30am | 11 am |
| 143 | 78 | 87 | 81 | 84 | 78 |

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Sunday Reflections

Today's feast is called "epiphany" which means "manifestation" because Jesus revealed Himself not only to the Jews, the chosen people, but also to pagan visitors, kings. In other words, the feast tells us that Jesus is Savior not only of Israelites, the chosen people, but also to everybody. And in this sense, the Magi represent all the other peoples of the world. The feast invites us to see ourselves in the Magi – a people on a journey to Christ.

Today's gospel of St. Matthew tells us how God guided the three wise men to the Baby Jesus by means of a special star.

A husband asked his wife, "Do you know why God gave the star to the wise men?" She replied, "Because God knows men are too proud to ask directions". If there had been three wise women instead of three wise men, they would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and given some practical gifts! How nice it would be for each of us to have a star to follow in the right direction. Fr. Frank Mihalic SVD stated, in his book entitled 'A Thought for Today', that all of us have stars to follow. But this time they are not moving across the heavens. Our stars today are right down here on earth with us. Our stars are people and places and things that show us the way, that inspire us, that attract us.

According to Pope Francis "Like the Magi, every person has two 'books' which provide the signs to guide our life pilgrimage: the book of creation and the book of sacred Scripture. What is important is that we be attentive, alert, and listen to God Who speaks to us, Who always speaks to us."

Sometimes people are our stars. Nowadays we call famous singers or sports people or actors, stars. Young people make heroes out of these stars. They imitate their speech, their dress and their ideas. In the same way we follow the religious heroes we call saints. We take their names and we try to follow their examples. They are our stars that guide us to Jesus and God.

The Bible is a star. The Bible is an excellent guide for people looking for Jesus.

1. Sometimes a good example can be a star. It pulls us and draws us to God.

2. Sometimes a good idea can be a star. Perhaps we get it from something we hear or read. An idea can change our life.

3. Sometimes sickness and pain can be a star: it makes us useless for a while but gives us time to think.

4. Sometimes an invitation from our friend to join the parish ministry can be a star. It can give a new direction in life.

5. Sometimes a 15minutes family prayer can be a star. It can set the tone of our home. 15minutes prayer can melt the stress and anger and bring improved relationships and peace into family life.

FAIRMONT CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT

2021 Goal: \$24,000.00 Year-to-Date: ... \$20,586.82 Thanks for your continued support for



IN MEMORIAL

A Building Fund Donation was made in Loving Memory of Joe Merendino by Steve and Rhonda Wilson, Patty Pettry and her Family, Phil and Ruth Monell.

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There is also such a thing as following the wrong star. We do that when we look down and not up. Since it is usually easier to reach down than to reach up, many people reach down for their stars. And it's very late they realize that those were no real stars. People who reach down and not up for their stars are people whose star in life is: wealth, drunk, power, popularity, and bad company. They follow these and perhaps end up in a muddy water where there are also reflections of stars-but not real stars. Today's feast challenges us to look upwards and not downwards for our stars. And reminds us that we are a people on a journey to Christ.



TEC stands for Teens Encounter Christ. TEC is an international, spiritual-renewal movement in the Catholic Church that strives to bring young people and adults into a close, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. TEC is a community, led by the Holy Spirit, that gathers people into Christian groups of faith, while attempting to incorporate its ministry into the overall ministry of their members' dioceses and parishes.

The next TEC retreat that will take place in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be held from <u>Friday</u>, <u>January 14th to Monday</u>, <u>January 17th</u>, at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, West Virginia</u>. It will be free for all teens who are in their junior year of high school through first year of college.

You can register on the Diocesan website, at <u>https://dwc.org/diocese/ministries/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/youth-ministry/tec/</u>, or you can contact Jeanne McKeets at the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis to register: 304-233-0880, ext. 374 or jmckeets@dwc.org.



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