The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 05, 2020  
The Churches of St. Catherine and St. Charles

Oh God, you caused St. Catherine to shine with divine love in the contemplation of the Lord’s Passion and in the service of your Church. By your help, grant that your people associated in the mystery of Christ, may ever exalt in the revelation of His glory.

163 Walnut Street  
Ronceverte, WV  24970  
Rosary: 10:30 AM  
Mass: 11:00 AM  
Confessions: Thursday 8:00 AM  
St. Louis  
Confessions: Saturday 3:30 AM  
Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM

Oh God, maintain in your people that spirit with which you inspired your Bishop, St. Charles, so that your church may be constantly renewed, conforming itself to Christ and manifesting Christ to the world.

40798 Midland Trail (US 60)  
White Sulphur Springs, WV  24986  
Rosary: Saturday 3:30 AM  
Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM  
Sunday  
Confessions: 8:30 AM  
Mass: 9:00 AM

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WEEKLY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 12th

The Epiphany of the Lord

Server: Deacon Tom

Friday, January 10th

9:00 am Mass
For the People
Reader: Bill Martin
Altar Server: Emerald Mikki Dixon, Patti Waid

Wednesday, January 08th

Monday, January 06th

8:30 am Mass
John O’Donnell (D)

For the People
Reader: Julie Burton

12:00 Noon Mass
Regina Quesenberry (D)

Thursday, January 09th

Bill Reader: Miguel Monroy

5:30 pm Mass
John Driscoll (D)

Friday, January 11th

4:00 pm Mass
For the People
Reader: Patti Waid
Altar Server: Emerald Mikki Dixon, Patti Waid

Saturday, January 11th

4:00 pm Mass
For the People
Reader: Andy Brown
Altar Server: Emerald Mikki Dixon, Patti Waid

John O’Donnell (D)

6:00 pm Mass
For the People
Reader: Bill Martin
Altar Server: Emerald Mikki Dixon, Patti Waid

Sunday, January 12th

4:00 pm Mass
For the People
Reader: Patti Waid
Altar Server: Emerald Mikki Dixon, Patti Waid

Saturday, January 12th

Vigil for The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 pm Mass
For the People
Reader: Patti Waid
Altar Server: Emerald Mikki Dixon, Patti Waid

St. Catherine
St. Charles
St. Louis

Monday, January 05th

The Epiphany of the Lord

10:50 am Rosary
11:00 am Mass Gary Lewis
(D) Readers: Ken & Jackie Plunsey Altar Server: Emerald Judy Long, Connie Brown

Saturday, January 11th

Vigil for The Baptism of the Lord

10:50 am Rosary
11:00 am Mass The Foley Family (D,L) Readers: Robert & Lauret Doherty Altar Server: Deacon Tom EMHC Mary Murray, Deacon Tom

9:00 am Mass
For the People
Reader: Jackie Doherty
Altar Server: Emerald Judy Long, Connie Brown

Sunday, January 12th

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10:50 am Rosary
11:00 am Mass The Foley Family (D,L) Readers: Robert & Lauret Doherty Altar Server: Deacon Tom EMHC Mary Murray, Deacon Tom

9:00 am Mass
For the People
Reader: Julie Burton
Altar Server: Emerald Mikki Dixon, Patti Waid

6:00 pm Mass
For the People
Reader: Judy Long Altar Server: Emerald Mikki Dixon, Patti Waid

What Does the Catholic Church Teach About...?

Question:
I was asked, “Could you explain the use of Blessed Salt?”

My Answer:
We don’t see or use much about Blessed Salt anymore. Here is an excerpt from an article written by Rev. John H. Hampson C.M.F.

**BLESSSED SALT**

There is a renewed interest today in the ancient sacramental or blessed salt, especially by charismatics, in healing and deliverance situations, etc. To understand its proper use and its efficacy, it would be helpful to review the Scriptural symbolism and its history, since Vatican II urges us to participate "intelligently and actively" in the use of sacramentals, just as in the use of Sacraments.

Salt in the ancient world was a precious commodity (even monop-salicized by the monopoly in Egypt and Persia). Roman soldiers were partially paid with packets of salt (“sal” in Latin), this was the origin of our word “salary” and of phrases like “worth his salt,” etc. Being costly, it was an appropriate offering to God as a “covenant of salt” (Lev. 2: 13; II Chron. 13:5; Num. 18:19) used in sacrifices by the Israelites (Ezek. 44:24) and for the accompanying sacrificial meal (Gen. 31:54).

Jesus referred to this salt-symbiolized friendship covenant in Matt. 9:50: “Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another”-that is “preserve that quality (favor) that makes you a blessing to one another.” (Note the double symbol of preservation and favoring.)

Some or all of these symbols may have been implied in Jesus words to his chosen ones, describing them as the “salt of the earth” (Matt. 5:13). He especially indicated that they were to oppose the world’s corruption, reminding them that, as salt must preserve its own anti-corruptive quality, they too must preserve their anti-corruptive influence in a sin-corrupted world. (See Luke 14:34).

The blessing promised by God on food and water, as well as the prevention of miscarriages and agricultural catastrophes (Exod. 23:25-26) was extended by God through Elisha in Jericho (II Kings 2:20-21), when he was inspired to put salt into the contaminated water. Adding salt to already brackish water to decontaminate it, made the miracle all the more impressive, since one would expect the opposite effect. This first miracle of Elisha is the primary Scriptural basis for the sacramental use of blessed salt today, as the Roman Ritual indicates.

Thus used non-supersticiously, modest amounts of salt may be sprinkled in one’s bedroom, or across thresholds to prevent burglary, in cars for safety, etc. A few grains in drinking water or used in cooking or as food seasoning often bring astonishing spiritual and physical benefits, as I have personally witnessed many times. As with the use of Sacraments, much depends on the faith and devotion of the person using salt or any sacramental. This faith must be Jesus-centered, as was the faith of the blind man in John 9; he had faith in Jesus, not in the mud and spittle used by Jesus to heal him.

Any amount of salt may be presented to a priest for his blessing using the following official prayer from the Roman Ritual:

**Almighty God, we ask you to bless this salt, as once you blessed the scattered over the water by the prophet Elisha. Wherever this salt (and water) is sprinkled, drive away the power of evil, and protect us always by the presence of your Holy Spirit. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Have a question? Let me know at thomasglover@shentel.net

There is never a dumb question. The answer may not be what you think, but do not let that keep you from asking.

In Requiem Paece:

This Week’s Prayer requests: Harvey Gannon, Kathy Foley, Dr. Joan Moore, Lyra Bell, Bill and Shirley Riley, Natalie O’Donnell, Jay Moore, Anne McMillion, Patsy Hollandsworth, Judy Sweeney, Junior Burns, Lee Lytle, Monica Layne, Shelva Burr, Ben, Sarah (Cookie Johnson), Jim Berry, Matt Ford, Joyce Solak, Fred Early, Leo Spradling, Armella Johnson, Sue Malloy, Jim Bryant, Jan son Sheppard, Chad O’Donnell, Roger Sheppard, Charlie Friedman, Jeff McCormick, Jean Foley, Quinton Williams, Kenneth Holliday, Lisa Covelli, Mike Stentz, R. Beverley, Jack Lucas, Pete Zaiser, Larry Burns, Mario Scarpa, Larry Musselman, J.P. Riggleman, Shane McCoy.

The altar/Rosary Prayer List . Prayer requests are taken each week for inclusion in the bulletin for two weeks. Please phone the Rectory (536-1813) with your requests or drop them in the Prayer Intention Box.

Our sick and homebound: Greenbrier Healthcare Center (Greenbrier Manor); Mary Crone. Seasons Place; Kay Morgan. Our Military: Jacob Wrozek: John Driscoll; Brian Collins; Richard Lampert, Paul Roshau, Jeremy Bennett, Jason Collins, Anthony DeRosa, Erin Fitzpatrick, Cecilia Gallagher, Ben Lucas, Kevin McClintic (Lewiston), Srgt. Charles McClung Jr., Mark McKeendy, Mindy Miller, Patrick S. Reynolds (WSS), John Richter, Sr., Michael Smith, William Werner.

FOR JANUARY 2020

The social concern collection will be for FAMILY REFUGE CENTER on January 19, 2020. Prayerfully consider your contribution to this most important organization in our community especially at this time of year.

Stewardship Report
12/28/2019

| Attendance | St. Catherine | 79 | 158 |
| Loose | 383.00 | 1091.00 | 371.00 |
| Total Collection | 1183.00 | 1581.00 | 771.00 |
| Community Outreach | 77.00 | 510.00 |
| Catholic Charities | 393.00 | 758.00 | 605.00 |