

Your Light has Come!

Many traditional religions have in some way ascribed divinity to light—either they claim that light emanates from a god or that light itself is divine. This is probably because light is a primal necessity, essential for life. We find such thinking in today’s readings.

“Your light has come” (Isaiah 60:1) says today’s Old Testament reading. This is Isaiah’s glorious message for the people of Jerusalem. The city had been destroyed; the people scattered; the future looked bleak. This message must have filled the people with hope. Not only does light bring them hope, but the light actually streams from their God. It is the Lord who shines, bestowing his radiance upon them. This light is filled with promise.

The story of the Magi is not meant primarily for children who delight in moving figurines of the three kings a bit closer to the stable every day. This is an adult story about inner darkness and enlightenment. The strangers, ignorant of ancient Israel’s traditions, were able to read the signs of the times. Because of their openness, they found the Light of the World. The learned men of Jerusalem were well-schooled in the ancient promises, for they knew where to send the strangers. However, they felt threatened by these signs. They closed their minds and hearts to any omens that might imperil their positions of privilege. They had a chance to benefit from this new light, but they turned their backs on it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *What is your attitude toward new ways of understanding your faith?*
- ✦ *Pray that all people will be open to read the signs of the times.*

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 1 - 6:00 PM- Fr. Bill Petro

✠ Loretta Hedrick - By Church

Sunday, Jan 2- 9:00 AM - Fr. Bill Petro

✠ Sam Gattuso - By Church

Saturday, Jan 8- 6:00 PM- Fr. Bill Petro

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Sunday, Jan 9- 9:00 AM - Fr. Bill Petro

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SATURDAY, SUNDAY, TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY AND FIRST FRIDAY MASSES
ARE OPEN TO ALL

SUNDAY THRU FRIDAY MASSES ARE AVAILABLE
ON
LIVESTREAM

<http://facebook.com/sacredheartbluefield>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January - No Daily
Masses

Jan 10 - 7 pm Knights of
Columbus meeting

Jan 24 - 7 pm Knights of
Columbus meeting

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9:00am-4:00pm

Friday

9:00am-12:00pm

Food Pantry Hours:

Wednesday

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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CONFESSIONS:

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the Church Office)

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HELP WANTED:
Part-time Secretary Position
 20-30 hours per week
 at Sacred Heart Bluefield
 Please call the Church
 office
 or email
lwjatt@sacredheartblfd.org
 for more information
 Applications will be accepted
 until February 1, then
 interviews after the first.

	Christmas weekend	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,345.00	221,133.59	235,000.00
Loose Offertory	549.00	12,076.00	10,000.00
Holiday Flowers	5.00	1,777.00	2,000.00
Christmas Holy Day Collection	6,855.00	8,870.00	5,000.00
Votive Candles	10.00	322.00	500.00
Total Offerings & Contributions	\$ 10,764.00	\$ 244,178.59	\$ 252,500.00
Food Pantry	1,090.00	72,233.44	
Dioc: Catholic Charities WV	239.00	444.00	
Dioc: Religious Retirement	25.00	635.00	
Christmas Attendance:	4pm: 115	7pm: 55	9am: 33
Attendance:	6pm: No Mass	9am: 55	

Special collection : January 1st and 2nd, 2022

To support recovery efforts related to the recent natural disasters that have occurred in Kentucky, leaving severe damage and significant loss of life. Donations can also be made at your parish or on the diocesan website at dwc.org/disasterrelief.

Gifts from the Holy Land

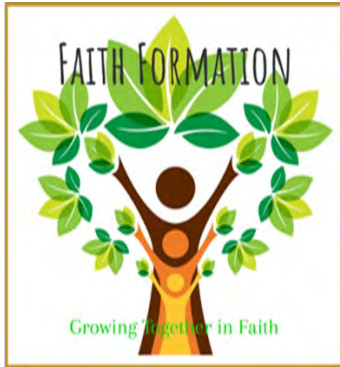
January 22 & 23

Please stop by the table and get your gifts directly from the town of Bethlehem.

There will be a display of beautiful handmade olivewood carvings from the Holy Land. Olive wood carvings are part of a tradition handed down from one generation to another; Christian families have worked over 2000 years to protect the Holy sites in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and to spread the word of Jesus. The Mission is to support fellow Christians in the holy land by selling some of the wood carvings which are one major source of their income. By your support through the purchasing of these carvings, 200 families will be helped to remain in the Holy Land.

FAITH FORMATION 2021-2022
“SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL SHALL BE HEALED”

Our Zoom meeting class schedule each Sunday is as follows:



Grades K, 1, and 2 ~ 10:30 – 11:00am

Grades 3-4 ~ 11:15 – 11:45am

Grades 5-7 ~ 12:00 – 12:30pm

Grades 8-9 ~ 12:45 – 1:15pm

Dates for the rest of 2021 through January 9, 2022:

January 2 ~ **NO** Faith Formation zoom session for New Year's Holiday

January 9 ~ Zoom Session to complete Gospel Weeklies Unit 2



The RCIA Team is seeking individuals interested in joining the Catholic faith. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process for welcoming new members. The next RCIA meeting will be January 11 at 4pm in the school building. If you know someone who may want to start the process, please give their name to Claire Lampert at 304-921-2455 or Julia at 304-327-5623.



We extend our deepest sympathy to Feleesha Moran on the loss of her mother Loretta Hedrick who passed away on December 24.

May our Lord comfort all of you and give peace to those who mourn and may Loretta Hedrick rest eternally in the arms of Jesus, and in the company of all the angels and saints.



The New Testament Cycle 1 Jan 17-Feb 20 (registration open from Oct 13)

This course explores the stories in and behind the writings we call the New Testament. The course is a general overview introducing the student to the cultural context, composition, themes, and pastoral application of the New Testament accounts for growing in Biblical knowledge. We will study the texts from the threefold perspective of the World within the Text: Literature, The World behind the Text: History, and the World in Front of the Text: Our Culture. Through the study of Biblical maps, articles and religious art present on authoritative websites, our text and class discussions students can grow in New Testament knowledge, understanding and application to their life and ministry.

For further information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dwc.org with your name, address, and phone number.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST



The next TEC retreat that will take place in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be held from Friday, January 14th to Monday, January 17th, at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, West Virginia. 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 <https://dwc.org/diocese/ministries/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/youth-ministry/tec/>, or you can contact Jeanne McKeets at the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis to register: 304-233-0880, ext. 374 or jmckeets@dwc.org.

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference

Saturday, February 12, 2022

Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center | Charleston, WV

Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation
and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Registration: \$32/couple and \$20/individual

Early Bird discount available through

January 10.

Scholarships available upon request.

On-site childcare (2-12yrs); pre-registration required.

For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org
or email michelle@forlifeandfamily.org.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT – EMBRACED WITH
COMPASSION...EMBRACING THE WORLD.**

Please join us for our annual Women's Retreat, co-Sponsored with the DWC Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, February 25-27, 2022, at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston. Presented by Sr. Mary Dean Pfahler. The weekend will consist of presentations, quiet reflection, small group break-out sessions, media resources, and communal prayer.

For more information contact Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662 or gerwright1@aol.com.

You can register online at www.dwc.org/2022-Womens-retreat. \$150/pp single occupancy, \$125/per person double occupancy.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

James Hager	1	Roger Mulkey	9	MaryAnn Bogucki	21
Carmelita Peters	2	Vincent Vescio	9	William Coppola	21
Michael Malamisura	3	Grace Aiello	11	Percy Johnson	21
David Duritza	4	David Hahn	11	Susie Keczan	21
KathleenHahn	4	Sarah Stacy	11	Bree Patton	21
Theresa Bales	5	John West	11	Deniza Sluss	21
Stephen Copolo	5	Harold Mabardy	13	Stephen Ward	22
Ryan Hudak	5	James Crigger	14	Nancy Rasi	23
Katherine Diltz	6	Vittoria Lijoi	15	Donna McCloud	24
Ryan Miller	7	Michael Smith	15	Charles Wright	24
Keagan Wills	7	Nina Coppola	16	Patty Peebles	28
Carl Cook	8	Laura Rogers	18	Linda Ramella	28
Christine Barton	9	Edward Kerr	19	Caitlin Azzo	31
Teddy Coppola	9	Cathy Mullen	19	KathleenKirk	31
		Bethany Hudak	20	SusannahSparks	31



Happy Anniversary

Jan 5 Sandy & Michael Romeo

Jan 6 Barbara & Charles Lynch

Jan 22 Cynthia & Randy Albert

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Parishioners: George Aiello Sr, Jeanne Ameli, Nick Ameli, Linda Angelelli, Peggy Austin, Stephanie Blevins, Loretta Carrigan, Bruce Cerny, Ron Ciccolini , Tony Colobro, Donella Crigger, Victoria Crofcheck, Teresa Derenge, Fran Derenge, Louis Eller, Alex and Joanne Ercoline, Angie Genovesi, Katie Goodwin, Mary Claire Keenan, Susan Kerr, Daniel Kirk, Rick Longworth, Tracy Lyon, Fr. Greg Lyttle, Harold Mabardy, Sue Mazol, Mary McGonagle, Aalannah McPeak, Annette Morgan, Shane Neal, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Pochick, Tommy Pochick, Nancy & Dr. Anthony Rasi, Jerry Rasi, Johnny Rasi, Kathy Richards, Mosie Rocchetti, Virginia Shumate, John Stacy Sr., Ann Switch, Joe Thomas, Jason and Clay Thomason, Patricia Zande, Kara Zande and Analeigh Dawn, Joan Zingale

Homebound Parishioners: Dolores Pritchett, Dina Rasi, Mosie Rocchetti, Theresa Soulis

Friends & Family: Andrew Arczynski, Jeffery Arkland, Robert Below, Mike Blanton, Maggie Blankenship, Cara Blankenship, Amanda Bolton, Allison Bowling, Donald Bowles, Chris Buckner, Zac Carter, Sandy Cassidy, Sandy Chasse, Irene Charney, Michelle Coker, Chuck Comer, Jimmy Coplo, Lisa Dalton, Rachael Denton, Christina Easton, Virgil Ellison, Mike Farmer, Tina Fitzgerald, Phil Gesotti, Larry Gillem, Dr. James Godwin, DDS, Lori Hale, Becky Harris, Alexis Herald, Alpha Jean Holly, Shannon Honaker, Jim & Marsha Houchins, Josh Husband, Sherry Khatib, Sandy Kegley, Donita Karras, Melonie Koch, Charlotte Kohlmeyer, Zoe Kotsko, Michael Kovach, Dawn Lawless, Elaine Lilly, James & Pam Linkous, Jaysen, Marshall, Kim & Doug Miller, Scott Morris, Jane Murphy, Ane Montarroyos, Chris Froy, Breanna Mooney & Avett Froy, Scott Morris, Shane Neal, Jonny Phillips, Tripp Ramsey, William Ray, Mayra Rolon, Charles Rose, Brian Richard, Dominick Romeo, Mariam Salaita, Grace Salas, Brittany Scott, Courtney Shade, Raymond Shumate, Leanna Smith, Brandon Stowers, Adam Stuart, Laurie Stuart, Teresa Taylor, Evelyn Turnbough, Robert Shade, Ellie Spencer, Larry & Hilda Sutphin, Cathleen Underwood, Jane Walthall, Nicoletta Wanja, Tom Welch, Charlotte Woolwine, Virginia Wyatt

January Ministry Schedule

Mass Dt/ Time	Sacristan	Rosary	Altar Server	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Hospitality
Jan 1 - Sat - 6 pm	Patti Peretti	Theresia Lowery	Dave Kelly Davey Kelly	Deborah Garton Cork Hudak	Patti Peretti	John Monoco
Jan 2 - Sun - 9 am	Greg Winfree Callie Winfree	Cheri Mulkey	Marissa Copola Stephanie Copola	Bob Buzzo Carey Ott	Cynthia Stacey	Randy Albert
Jan 8 - Sat - 6 pm	Theresia Lowery	Deborah Butler	Anthony Peretti Eli Peretti	Tom Behrmann Feleesha Moran	Cork Hudak	John Monoco
Jan 9 - Sun - 9 am	Claire Lampert	Terry Lampert	Jackson Wills Keegan Wills	Theresa Bales Randy Albert	Linda Mariotti	Rocky Malamisura
Jan 15 - Sat - 6 pm	Patti Peretti	Maria Zalduondo	Feleesha Moran	Theresia Lowery Anthony Peretti	Patti Peretti	Steve Copolo
Jan 16 - Sun - 9 am	Claire Lampert	Mary Malamisura	Hadley Wills Madison Rebuck	Ron Ciccolini Claire Lampert	Carol Havens	Ron Ciccolini
Jan 22 - Sat - 6 pm	Patti Peretti	Feleesha Moran	Anthony Peretti Eli Peretti	Cork Hudak Anthony Peretti	Patti Peretti	John Monoco
Jan 23 - Sun - 9 am	Greg Winfree Callie Winfree	Cheri Mulkey	Blake Zinsmeister Aiden Zinsmeister	Ashley Rebuck Carey Ott	Kathy Kirk	Bob Buzzo
Jan 29 - Sat - 6 pm	Theresia Lowery	Theresia Lowery	Dave Kelly Dave Kelly	Tom Behrmann Feleesha Moran	Deborah Garton	John Monoco
Jan 30 - Sun - 9 am	Mary Malimasura	Mary Malamisura	Rhys Aiello Ethan Aiello	Theresa Bales Anthony Torrez	Mike Romeo	Ron Ciccolini

Dear Padre,

How is Twelfth Night related to Christmas?

Twelfth Night is another name for the Epiphany, which traditionally occurred on January 6, the twelfth day after Christmas. Since the 1980s, United States Catholics have celebrated the Epiphany on the first Sunday after January 1, which is why we're celebrating it today instead of Thursday.

Liturgical celebrations are distinguished as solemnities, feasts, and memorials according to their importance. The two greatest solemnities, Easter and Christmas, continue for an octave (eight days). Since the octave of Christmas runs from December 25 through January 1 (the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God), it's not affected by the transfer of the Epiphany celebration.

Christmas is the great gift-giving day in the United States. In other cultures—for example, the Latino community—the anticipation and excitement of gift-giving is saved for Epiphany, the day the Magi brought their gifts to Jesus.

We often complain about how frenzied Christmas is—how much shopping, wrapping, and baking there is to do. But Christmas should be a time of worship and acknowledging the gift God gave us by sending his Son.

Epiphany, on the other hand, is made for celebration, gift-giving, going all out. Perhaps someday we can return to the traditions of Epiphany and restore Christmas as a day of rejoicing and worship.



A woman holds a figurine of the Christ Child during Mass on the feast of the Epiphany.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[The Lord] is our light: a light that does not dazzle but accompanies and bestows a unique joy. This light is for everyone, and it calls each one of us....At the beginning of each day we can welcome this invitation: arise, shine, and follow today—among the many shooting stars in the world—the bright star of Jesus!

ANGELUS ON EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 3

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22—4:6

Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday

JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Religious

1 Jn 4:7–10

Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday

JANUARY 5

St. John Neumann,

Bishop

1 Jn 4:11–18

Mk 6:45–52

Thursday

JANUARY 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19—5:4

Lk 4:14–22a

Friday

JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13

Lk 5:12–16

Saturday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14–21

Jn 3:22–30

Sunday

JANUARY 9

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1–4, 6–7

or Is 40:1–5, 9–11

Acts 10:34–38

or Ti 2:11–14; 3:4–7

Lk 3:15–16, 21–22

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