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Sunday Masses: 6:00 p.m., Saturday; 9:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Latin), Sunday
Weekday Masses: 8:15 a.m., Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri; 6:00 p.m., Wed.
Confessions: 5:00 p.m., Wednesday & Saturday; 8:45 a.m. and 11:45, Sundays.
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Noon, Friday.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 10:30 - 12:30
Monday: 9 - 4
Tuesday: 9 - 4
Wednesday: 9 - 1
Thursday: 1 - 8
Friday: 9 - 1

December 25, 2016

The Nativity of the Lord

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A Christmas Message

By St. Gregory Nazianzus (+ 390)

Christ is born, glorify Him!

Christ from heaven, go out to meet Him!

Christ on earth, be exalted! Sing to the Lord all the whole earth; and that I may join both in one word, let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad, for Him who is of heaven and then of earth. Christ in the flesh, rejoice with trembling and with joy; with trembling because of your sins, with joy because of your hope.

Again, the darkness is past; again Light is made; again Egypt is punished with darkness; again Israel is enlightened by a pillar. The people who sat in the darkness of ignorance, let them see the great Light full of knowledge.

Old things have passed away, behold all things have become new. The letter gives way, the Spirit comes to the front. The shadows flee away, the truth comes in on them. Melchizedek is concluded. He who was without Mother becomes without Father (without mother of His former state, without father of His second). The laws of nature are upset; the world above must be filled. Christ commands it, let us not set ourselves against Him.

O clap your hands together all you people, because unto us a Child is born, and a Son given unto us, whose government is upon His shoulder (for with the cross it is raised up), and His name is called The Angel of the Great Counsel of the Father. Let John cry, prepare the way of the Lord; I too will cry the power of this Day. He who is not carnal is Incarnate; the Son of God becomes the Son of Man, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Let the Jews be offended, let the Greeks deride; let heretics talk until their

tongues ache. Then shall they believe, when they see Him ascending into heaven; and if not then, yet when they see Him coming out of heaven and sitting as Judge.

This is our present Festival; it is this which we are celebrating today, the Coming of God to Man, that we might go forth, or rather (for this is the more proper expression) that we might go back to God – that putting off of the old man, we might put on the new; and that as we died in Adam, so we might live in Christ, being born with Christ and crucified with Him and buried with Him and rising with Him.

For I must undergo the beautiful conversion, and as the painful succeeded the more blissful, so must the more blissful come out of the painful. For where sin abounded grace did much more abound; and if a taste condemned us, how much more does the passion of Christ justify us?

Therefore let us keep the Feast, not after the manner of a heathen festival, but after a godly sort; not after the way of the world, but in a fashion above the world; not as our own, but as belonging to Him who is ours, or rather as our master's; not as of weakness, but as of healing; not as of creation, but of re-creation.



Parish Prayer List

- ◆ **Those who are sick:** Shelly Kraus, Larry Lowe, Shannon Kiro, George Kiro (Nick Kiro's sister and father), Randy Campbell, Shawn Campbell, Sal Carmona, Rose Determan, Robert Fealy, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's father), Sara Jane Huntz, Rose Mazza, Mary Ann Murray, Matt McCauley, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Jane Taylor, and Megan Westfall.
- ◆ **Those who have died:** Pete Taylor (Marsha Garton's father), May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- ◆ **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- ◆ **All Military Personnel:** Ryan Faulkner, Fr Jeff Paveglio, Alan Hamilton

Mass Intentions

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most effective prayer that we as Christians can offer. Mass may be offered for the intentions of the living or deceased. Please contact the parish office to schedule your Mass Intentions. Intentions are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

December – Cleaning Supplies

30 Fri: No Mass or Adoration

30 Fri: 7pm, Sacred Music Concert, church

January – Soup

2 Mon: Parish office closed

3 Tue: School resumes

15 Sun: 10:30, GIFT, cafeteria

Need Help? Get Help!

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA - Tues., Thurs., & Sat., 8pm school basement.

Narcotics Anonymous

NA - Mon., 8pm school basement

Use the door on the side of the school building facing the rectory for AA and NA meetings.

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TEC Time

North Central West Virginia Teens Encounter Christ invites everyone ages 16-24, to spend three days on a retreat that will change your life: January 14, 15 and 16, 2017 at Immaculate Conception Church, Fairmont, WV. Cost: \$50, but don't let the expense keep you away; financial assistance is available. Come over and spend some time talking and learning about faith with people your age. Questions? Please contact Becky DeVito at 304-657-8357; John Yaquinta at 304-838-1987; or Marge McCawley at 304-376-4188. For registration information, email ncwvttec@gmail.com.

Sacrificial Giving Envelopes for 2017 will be mailed directly to your home. If you do not receive a set of envelopes (for the First Quarter), please contact the parish office. If you have received envelopes and prefer not to (for example, if you use E-giving), please place the entire packet into the collection basket, and we will remove you from the list.



Knights of Columbus

In service to One, In service to all

Monthly Meeting is the first Tuesday of the each month @ 7 pm. (01/03/17)

Officers' Meeting (everyone is welcome!) is the last Tuesday of each month @ 7 pm. (01/31/17)

Join us for service, fellowship, and spiritual growth!



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) meet on the third Monday at 6pm in the parish meeting room

The next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, January 16. ALL Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join the Catholic Daughters. Find out more by going to catholicdaughters.org.

2017 CALENDARS

*The 2017 parish calendars are in the vestibule.
Please pick one up today.*

The Traditional Latin Mass at St. Patrick's

The Traditional Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite) is celebrated every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. here at St. Patrick's. All are welcome to attend.



Knights of Columbus Men's Retreat

Making Good Catholic Men Into GREAT Catholic Men
**This First Annual Retreat for the Knights is an opportunity to renew ourselves
PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY & SPIRITUALLY**

Consider taking advantage of this spiritual vacation with the Lord, and steering your life onto a path of greater spiritual development.

Who?

Members of Knights of Columbus Council #1415 who want to grow spiritually in their Faith.

When?

The retreat begins Friday evening, February 3, and ends after lunch on Sunday, February 5.

Where?

Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center, Huttonsville
Interested parties should contact Chris Todd **no later than January 3**: 304-488-8773 or christoddwv@yahoo.com

Weekly Attendance & Collection (12/18/2016)

Sat: 125	Sun: 186	Latin Mass:
General:	\$5487.50	
Loan:	\$360	
School:	\$55	
Latin Mass:	\$188	

National Appeal for Religious Retirement Fund: \$375

Upcoming Collections and Appeals

All Christmas Masses: Catholic Charities of West Virginia

*Totals include monthly electronic donations through:
www.myeoffering.com.

This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday — December 24th

SATURDAY of the Fourth Week of Advent

RDGS: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

5:00p Confessions

6:00p †Mass for Matt Fealy by family

RDGS: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

Sunday — December 25th

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Midnight Mass for the People of the Parish

RDGS: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

8:45a Confessions

9:30a †Msgr. Roger Roensch and Fr. William Lynn

RDGS: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

11:45 Confessions

12:30p Mass (Latin) for Joe and Theresa Boyle, by family

Monday — December 26th

SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

6:00p †Mass for James Weber, by family

RDGS: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6-8b, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday — December 27th

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

8:15a †Mass for Special Intentions

RDGS: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday — December 28th

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

5:00p Confessions

5:30p Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena

6:00p †Mass for Charles Garton by family

RDGS: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday — December 29th

THE FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:15a †Mass for Rev. Bartholomew Stack

RDGS: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5-6; Lk 2:22-35

Friday — December 30th

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

No Mass today!

RDGS: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21; Ps 128: 1-5 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday—December 31st

THE SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

5:00p Confessions

6:00p †Anticipated Sunday Mass for Marjorie Ruppert by Bob and Arlene Pope

RDGS: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday — January 1st

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

8:45a Confessions

9:30a Mass for People of the Parish

RDGS: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

11:45 Confessions

12:30p †Mino and Pauline D'Aurora by Robert D'Aurora

Octave of the Nativity

Ministry Schedule for

December 31, 2016—January 1, 2017

Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016

Greeters: John Weber, Emma Pascasio

Servers: Kami Franklin, Allia Shaver

Reader: Mary Hendricks

Offertory: Rose Neal and Spring Franklin

EMHC: John and Diane Collins, Barb King

Cantor:

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2016

Greeters: Sandy Mick

Servers: Zoey and Garrett Skinner

Reader: Jeremy Garton

Offertory: Payton and Jordy Aman

EMHC: Marissa Aman, Paul Derico, Betty Hill

Cantor: Kelley Skinner


January Linens: Barbara King

January Funeral Greeters: Gennette Casto, Barbara King

Please join us on Friday, December 30, at
7:00 p.m. for
An Evening of Sacred Music
In Celebration
of the
Birth of the Savior


Orchestra | St. Patrick's Handbell Choir | Chorale & Soloists

Admission is free and open to the public. There will be an opportunity to make a freewill offering to help offset the cost of the performance.
All are invited!

 **Pope Francis "Tweets" @ Pontifex**

"Mercy is the concrete action of God's love that, by forgiving, transforms and changes our lives. "

The Dead Theologians Society



The Dead Theologians Society is a Catholic apostolate for high school-aged teens. "Through the Saints of yesterday, the Dead Theologians Society inspires the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow." A chapter of the DTS has recently been chartered here at St. Patrick's in order to provide a solid catechetical environment where our high school youth may gather to grow in holiness together through social activity, prayer and reflection, and deepening their understanding of the Faith.

An organizational meeting will take place on **Sunday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the parish office building.

All high school teens from St. Patrick's and the surrounding parishes are invited and encouraged to attend. Dinner will be provided.

For more information, check out www.deadtheologianssociety.com

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Christmas Ornaments

Decorate your Christmas tree this year with a little piece of St. Patrick's. These Limited Edition, hand-etched brass and enameled ornaments are the first in our series of annual parish ornaments. Only 250 have been commissioned, so get yours today!

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CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL UPDATE:

65 gifts = \$20,589
120% of goal

We have surpassed our goal! Thank you to everyone who made this happen.

Thank you to all who have given to this appeal!

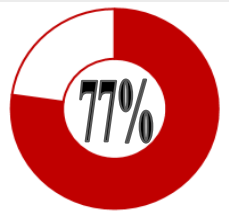
I'M IN! CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Goal: \$345,000.00

145 Pledges and gifts to Date: \$266,504.50

If you prefer not to make a pledge, please give through the diocese to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Since we have reached the 50% mark of that goal, all donations given will be returned 100% to our parish throughout the coming months.

"For it is in giving that we receive."



Catholics! Keep Your Trees Up!

CATHOLIC ANSWERS

New Year's Day promises two certainties: college football bowl games and Christmas trees on the curb. To Catholics, of course, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It's a Holy Day of Obligation, and the final day of the Octave of Christmas.



The Church, however, is so generous with joy. She does not end our celebration of the Incarnation with the conclusion of the Octave of Christmas. She extends it to Epiphany. Twelfth Night, as our English-speaking brethren call it, is an event Catholics in America should celebrate with more enthusiasm (think: roaring bonfires, grilled meat, lots of singing, red wine, brown ale) and might very well do if it were observed here on the Liturgical Calendar on January 6 as it is England, Australia, and Canada, to say nothing of Vatican City.

But the celebrating doesn't stop there! After Epiphany, the revelry continues until the Baptism of the Lord, the first Sunday after January 6 (usually). This year, Catholics may very well wish to keep their decorations up through January 11. And if you want to be really traditional, you can celebrate what the faithful called "Christmastide" before the liturgical reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council. In the old rite, or what we today call the Extraordinary Form, Christmastide lasted for 40 days to correspond with the 40 days of Lent, and the 40 days from Easter to Ascension Thursday.

A 40-day party? *Gloria in Excelsis!* (And people say Trad Cats are a dour bunch.)

Christmastide ended on February 2, the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also called Candlemas Day. On this day, the faithful take can-

dles that they will use throughout the year in their homes to Mass to have them blessed.

Here is how the brilliant Benedictine Abbot Dom Prosper Guéranger helps us understand the totality of the mystery of Christmastide:

"We apply the name of Christmas to the 40 days, which begin with the Nativity of Our Lord, December 25, and end with the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, February 2. It is a period, which forms a distinct portion of the Liturgical Year, as distinct, by its own special spirit, from every other, as are Advent, Lent, Easter or Pentecost. One same Mystery is celebrated and kept in view the whole 40 days. Neither the Feasts of the Saints, which so abound during this Season; nor the time of Septuagesima, with its mournful Purple, which often begins before Christmastide is over, seem able to distract our Holy Mother the Church from the immense joy with which She received the glad tidings from the Angels (Luke 2:10) on that glorious Night for which the world had been longing for 4000 years. The custom of celebrating the Solemnity of Our Savior's Nativity by a Feast of 40 days' duration is founded on the Holy Gospel itself; for it tells us that the Blessed Virgin Mary, after spending 40 days in the contemplation of the Divine Fruit of Her glorious Maternity, went to the Temple, there to fulfill, in most perfect humility, the ceremonies which the Law demanded of the daughters of Israel when they became mothers. The Feast of Mary's Purification is, therefore, part of that of Jesus' Birth; and the custom of keeping this holy and glorious period of 40 days as one continued Festival has every appearance of being a very ancient one, at least in the Roman Church."

The feast in the new rite is called the Presentation of the Lord—same joyful event, different emphasis, but if you really want to be a "sign of contradiction" (get it?) do as they did in ages past! Keep your tree and your decorations up until Candlemas!

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