

December 12, 2021 The Third Sunday of Advent



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THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS IN YOUR MIDST,
A MIGHTY SAVIOR;
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS,
AND RENEW YOU IN HIS LOVE.

—ZEPHANIAH 3:17

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Worship Aid and Bulletin

Covenant Prayer: Father, you have called us to be a People of the Covenant. You sent your only begotten Son to be our Savior so that we might praise You, proclaim your Word, encounter You in the sacraments, welcome each other, share our faith, bring our sacrifices and be strengthened for your service. We pray that we might be a source of compassion toward the poor, justice for the oppressed, peace for the troubled, healing for the wounded, and wisdom for the searching. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that we might live the mystery of your love and fulfill the covenant we celebrate in the Eucharist. Father, we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Introductory Rites

Entrance Hymn **Christ Be Our Light**

Bernadette Farrell

Week 3: Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

REFRAIN

Hope for Those Who Are Weary - Responsive Litany

Advent is a time to awaken our spiritual senses.

All: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!

Grant us vision to behold your glory.

We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!

Quiet us so we hear your still, soft voice.

We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!

Make us vessels of your mercy, compassion, and grace.

We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!

For all of us eagerly watching for your glory in our midst:

Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak Candle Lighting

Candle Lighting

Today we light three candles. The first candle reminds us of those who find themselves in a season of waiting, resting in hopeful anticipation for God to act. The second candle is for anyone feeling weakened and wearied by the circumstances of life. We echo the cry of scripture to renew their strength and increase their power. The third candle awakens our spiritual senses, challenging us to embrace the glory of God, as we await our Savior's promised coming.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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KYRIE

Greeting

Cantor: Lord, have mer - cy. Assembly: Lord, have mer - cy.

Penitential Rite

Cantor: Christ, have mer - cy. Assembly: Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor: Lord, have mer - cy. Assembly: Lord, have mer - cy.

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

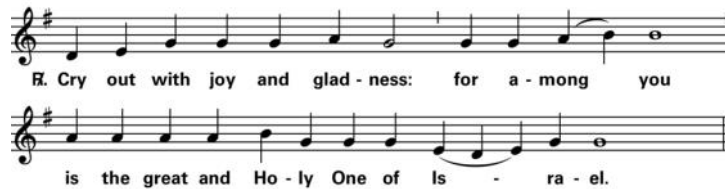
First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!
Sing joyfully, O Israel!
Be glad and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The LORD has removed the judgment against you
he has turned away your enemies;
the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.
On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
and renew you in his love,
he will sing joyfully because of you,
as one sings at festivals.

The Word of the Lord. **R: Thanks be to God**

Responsorial: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6



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Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters:
Rejoice in the Lord always.
I shall say it again: rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all.
The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,

by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.
Then the peace of God that surpasses all understand-
ing
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **R: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist,
“What should we do?”
He said to them in reply,
“Whoever has two cloaks
should share with the person who
has none.
And whoever has food should do like-
wise.”
Even tax collectors came to be bap-
tized and they said to him,
“Teacher, what should we do?”
He answered them,
“Stop collecting more than what is

prescribed.”
Soldiers also asked him,
“And what is it that we should do?”
He told them,
“Do not practice extortion,
do not falsely accuse anyone,
and be satisfied with your wages.”

Now the people were filled with ex-
pectation,
and all were asking in their hearts
whether John might be the Christ.
John answered them all, saying,
“I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs
of his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy
Spirit and fire.
His winnowing fan is in his hand to
clear his threshing floor
and to gather the wheat into his barn,
but the chaff he will burn with un-
quenchable fire.”
Exhorting them in many other ways,
he preached good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scrip-

tures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his king-
dom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Music during the Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

1. If you would follow me, my ways are not the ways that you would choose; do not look for me among the dead, my thoughts are far beyond yours, for I am hidden in pain, as heaven from earth: risen in love; if you believe in me my voice will be heard. there is no harvest without sowing of grain.
2. If you would honor me, honor the least of these: you will not find me dressed in finery. My Word cries out to be heard; for as the grain in the earth breaks through the world: must die for rebirth, my Word is on your lips and lives in your heart. so I have planted your life deep within mine.
3. If you would speak of me, live all your life in me:

All That Is Hidden, Bernadette Farrell

Refrain

1. har-vest with-out sow-ing of grain. All that is hid-den
 2. on your lips and lives in your heart.
 3. lieve in me my voice will be heard.
 4. plant-ed your life deep with-in mine.

will be made clear. All that is dark now will be re-vealed.

What you have heard in the dark pro-claim in the light; what you

hear in whis-pers pro-claim from the house-tops.

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Preface Dialogue

HOLY

A Christmas Mass
Paul Gibson

Cantor/choir:
Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord. God of__ hosts.

All:
Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord. God of__ hosts. Hea-ven and

Cantor/choir:
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na__ in__ the__

All:
high-est, Ho-san-na__ in the high-est, high-

All:
est, Ho-san-na__ in the high-est.

Cantor/choir:
Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

All:
Bless'd is he who

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Memorial Acclamation

Cantor, then all:

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your

Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

Great Amen

AMEN

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

Cantor, then all:

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer
Lamb of God

AGNUS DEI

Cantor:

1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:
 2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you
 3. Key of Da - vid and Day-spring from on high:
 4. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:
- * *Lamb of God, Lamb of God:*

Assembly:

take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us, have

Assembly:

mer - cy on us. grant us peace, grant us peace.

GOD OF MERCY

Ricky Manalo, CSP and Bob Hurd

Refrain

God of mer - cy, ho - ly mys - t'ry, ev - er faith - ful one,
 you have pitched your tent a-mong us, rec - on - cil - ing love.
 Heart and mind of Christ, live with - in our lives,
 form us in - to peo - ple of mer - cy and grace.

Communion:

Meditation: Gaudete,
Comfort Comfort O My
People

Concluding Rite

Blessing

Solemn Dismissal

Sending Forth Hymn:

1. God, you come to your people as you promised of old. You have raised up a Savior in the sight of us all.

2. You, little child, go before him like the prophets of old, bringing news of his coming by the mercy of God.

3. God, you come like the morning on the darkness of night, as a light to the people, like the breaking of day.

LET THE VALLEYS BE RAISED

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Let the val - leys be raised and the moun - tains made low. Ev-'ry mead -
 - ow and field o-ver-turn. Make the path - way straight
 and the high-way run smooth for the com - ing of God in our day.

Thank you for worshipping with us today, and we are praying for you and your family!

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Summer Weekend Mass

Times

Saturday Vigil—4:30 p.m.

Sunday— 8:00 a.m. in the church; 10:45 a.m. In church

live-streamed at 10:45 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube



Weekday Mass in the Chapel

Mon—8 a.m. Eucharistic Service

Tues-Sat—8 a.m.

JGS offers Sunday Mass via livestream, either on our Facebook Page or on our Youtube page.

Don't miss out. Like us on Facebook or join our YouTube Channel.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, known as “Rejoice” Sunday as we are now more than halfway throughout Advent and on our way to the celebration of Christmas!



Today’s Gospel speaks to us of “wheat” and “chaff.” Interestingly, both are part of the same plant, but each faces a different fate. The “wheat” – the useful and the holy will be gathered into the barn that is the eternal gift of heaven. Those remaining, the “chaff,” do not seek holiness or desire to be useful. They live lives of self-centeredness and selfishness. They will not inherit God’s Kingdom on that final day

Let us pray. Loving God, Master of the harvest, you call us to bear fruit and become a blessing to the world around us. May our life benefit those that hunger. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

A blessed Advent!

Father Mike



Weekend Mass Intentions for December 11-12, 2021

Sat	4:30 PM Vigil	For the repose of the soul of Stephen Troese at request of Mary Beth and Mairead Fitzgerald and family
Sun	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of John Cammon at the request of the Lindsey family
Sun	10:45 AM	For the repose of the soul of Greg Bodenhorn, husband of Cathy, at the request of Lorraine Boccabella

Mass Intentions for December 13-18, 2021

Mon	12/13	8 AM	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Tues	12/14	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Greg Bodenhorn, husband of Cathy, at the request of Louis and Laurel Ann Renaud
Wed	12/15	8 AM	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thurs	12/16	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of George W. Schreiber at the request of the Schreiber family
Fri	12/17	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Colleen Heim, wife of Bob, at the request of the JGS Walking with Purpose Ministry
Sat	12/18	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Reverend Van T. Renick, father of Raleigh Weckbaugh, at the request of Mike and Barbara Hotchkiss



Liturgical Ministers — Help is needed!

We are back to full capacity!! Did you know it takes 7-8 volunteers for *EVERY* Mass to run smoothly? Can you help? Please contact the church office as soon as possible if you can help fill this critical need. We need Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Lectors and Altar Servers. You may contact Sheryl at receptionist@ccjgs.org or Katie at music@ccjgs.org. Interested Altar Servers may contact Laurie Spence at Laurietspence@yahoo.com. Thank you so much!

News and Events



FAMILIES NEEDED TO LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH! Hear ye!

Hear ye! A very important job in our liturgical season is upon us! We need families for each Sunday of Advent at each of the Masses to light the Advent wreath

and represent the Assembly! All families welcome to sign up! Please click on the link below or use the Flocknote to sign-up or call the church office. <https://ccjgs.flocknote.com/signup/74343>



ELDERLY RELIGIOUS NEED YOUR HELP. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic Schools, hospitals, and parishes —often for little to no pay.

Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to THIS week's Retirement Fund of Religious collection helps provide medication, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.



KOC BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY, DEC 19 AFTER BOTH MORNING MASSES—All are welcome! After both morning Masses next Sunday, the Knights of Columbus invites everyone to a buffet breakfast. Please come join us. Your good will offering is appreciated and will help fund the many causes the KOC supports.



The Blessing of a Christmas Tree

Did you know? The use of the Christmas tree at home is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the World.

Usually, a prayer is said before a Christmas tree is illuminated. In the home the Christmas tree may

be blessed by a parent or another family member [Catholic Households Blessings and Prayers, USCCB].

My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its light guide us to the perfect light.

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation; the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Christmas Eve Masses

Friday, December 24

(no 8 a.m. Mass)

4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m. in the church
12:00 a.m. Midnight in the church

Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, December 25

9:30 a.m. (no 8:00 a.m. Mass)

Satisfy this weekend's Mass obligation (no 2 for 1):

Solemnity of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 26, 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, December 31, 4:30 p.m. Vigil

Saturday, January 1, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Satisfy this weekend's Mass obligation (no 2 for 1):

Epiphany of Our Lord

Sunday, January 2, 2022 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

(Livestream as well)

Baptism of Our Lord – January 8-9, 2022

Regular weekend schedule; officially closes the Christmas Season



CELEBRATE THE BEAUTY OF OUR CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH A POINSETTIA DONATION

Christmas flower donations in the name of a loved one can be made using the red poinsettia envelopes found in the vestibule. Please put the envelopes in the mail slot of the church office. Please write legibly. Your donation will go towards the beautiful poinsettias and other flowers which symbolize the good will and community spirit of the upcoming Christmas season. Donations may also be made via faithdirect <https://forms.ministryforms.net/embed.aspx?formId=de824019-0d21-4bae-a653-301bcc67d2e1>. Thank you for adding to the Christmas joy of our community. Deadline: Dec 17th



ADVENT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—

Come spend an hour with Jesus. Can you hear his voice? He is calling you. Join us Thursdays from 8:30 a.m.—8:00 p.m.. Want to feel closer to Jesus? Adoration is the perfect way! One more chance in 2021—December 16th! Adoration will resume in 2022 on January 6th.



GREETER CHRISTMAS TRAINING: There IS room at the Inn

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrew 13:1-2

We want to welcome all visitors and guests to our Christmas Masses and that begins with HOSPITALITY! We are calling all Greeters or those interested in Greeting to a meeting on Saturday, December 11 from 8:30-11am with Breakfast to start! We need **All HANDS ON DECK** in order to share the Christmas joy of the Birth of our Savior! Please save the date and plan to attend! Are you ready to greet the Lord through our visitors Christmas Eve? RSVP so we can count you in on food to Sheryl at receptionist@ccjgs.org



CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Morning Classes will meet: Dec 12, Dec 19, Jan 9, Jan 23

Evening Classes will meet: Dec 19, Jan 9, Jan 23

ACT Youth Group will meet: Dec 19th, Jan 9, Jan 23

Confirmation Class: Dec 19, Jan 9, Jan 23

Contact the church office at 410-257-3810 if you have questions.

CONFIRMATION 2022 FAMILIES: All Confirmation families are kindly reminded if they have not done so to submit their application for Sponsor into the church office ASAP. The updated Eligibility Form was distributed at the latest Confirmation meeting and also sent out via email with a follow-up letter with other important information. The quicker the application is submitted to the church office, the quicker the sponsor can be approved. Thank you!

Free Advent Reflections delivered to your email every morning



Prepare for the Coming of the Messiah with **Free Advent Daily Reflections** delivered to your email. Sign up on Formed or click here: formed.org.



PLEASE SLOW DOWN: Over the years, we have seen more traffic on our grounds due to the use of the pavilion, an increase in truck deliveries due to more "on-line" shopping, visits to our cemetery, a gradual return to more social activities at JGS and the regular, daily traffic patterns for Cardinal Hickey Academy. Unfortunately, there has also been a simultaneous increase in speeding. This past summer saw some minor car accidents resulting in car damage, "rattled nerves," and the involvement of personal insurance companies of drivers.

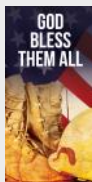
To help remedy this situation, a few years ago more safety/caution signs were installed. Despite these words of caution and increase in number, there continues to be excessive speeding on parish grounds warranting further action. This action is being pro-active to address the future safety of all parishioners and visitors, especially the most vulnerable among us – our children, the disabled and the elderly.

As a result, speed bumps at four critical areas in our large parking lot are about to be installed. This action is being taken after consultation with and recommendation by Cardinal Hickey Academy, the Safety and Security Committee and the Stewardship Committee of JGS. There will be an evaluation to see if these few speedbumps will work in slowing down vehicles. Hopefully, this will sufficiently address the problem. Thank you for your cooperation in slowing down in general as you enter, park and leave our parking lot for the overall safety of all drivers and pedestrians.

PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY

Staff Sergeant Christopher R. Skirchak; LT Jg Matthew Schwartz; Steve Looney; Billy Looney; Will Jones; Michael Hardy; LCDR Alex Scott; Nicholas Majers; David Keffer; James Lanson Weeks; Captain Robert Patterson, USMC; LT Nadila Khan, USN; Ross Noon; Col Phil Noltemeyer; Matthew Cullens; William Ryan Thayer; LT. Col. Brian Genelin; Michael Parker; Michael Henry Thayer;

Gerald Cullens; Noah Pirner; Scott Mega; Capt. Kal Bassma; Mark Smith; Jacob Floyd; Joseph Masoero; Christopher Kuczek; Tyler Menoche; Tim Addison; Dylan Rayfield; Joshua Snyder; Brennan McConnell; Ian Torr; Michael Metler; Joey Wyvill; Mike Wilson; Shane Nissen; Lt. Ridge Alkonis, USN



Please contact the church office to have a name added to this list.



This Third Sunday of Advent is shaped by the call to joy. The vestments are rose, a foreshadowing of the Christian joy that will be proclaimed for all people. Today's Mass recalls Paul's words to the Philippians, where the apostle writes from prison to admonish his brothers: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, 'Rejoice!.' Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near [Phil. 4:4-5]."

Of course, we know that many today – and often enough we ourselves – find the call to rejoice a difficult one to hear. After all, one cannot be commanded to rejoice. It seems something we should have to do as a duty! But this is not what Paul meant. His intent was to warn his fellow Christians not to become immobilized by the fear of death. Nor were they to worry about the difficulties they would face in this world. Rather, they should take heart, knowing the Lord was near. And insofar as they could experience the Lord's nearness, Paul knew that joy would be born within them.

● Practice ●

Begin your day by asking yourself this: What can I do today to bring someone joy? How can I be more joyful? Think about your own life. Surely you can imagine some act of joy you could do today that exceeds what might normally be expected of you. Perhaps this would be to visit someone you know, to reach to bring some small joy to a person in need, to call or send a note to a friend or acquaintance. In concrete ways like these, you can imagine, how you might live the joy of Advent in your own life? [Adapted from *Your Light Gives Us Hope, 24 Daily Practices for Advent*, Fr. Anselm Grun, Paraclete Press, 2017].



JGS Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study—

Dear JGS Women and your sisters, mothers and women friends, have you been thinking about making a New Year's Resolution to spend more time on your spiritual growth? Would you like to study scripture with other women in a safe and loving environment? Have you heard about the video series, **The Chosen**, and would you like to watch it with other women and be able to discuss the content? Ever wonder what God's plan is for you and what His priority is? How about joining us for a new Walking With Purpose Study called "Ordering Your Priorities?" Maybe you would like to join our Bible Study, "Touching the Divine", to learn more about God's message in the Gospel of John? We have all these options for you beginning in January 2022. If you would like to know more, please reach out by email or phone to Vicki Thorne, JGS Walking With Purpose Pastoral Coordinator at vwt22@comcast.net or cell 301-325-4904. Our classes are held in the JGS Shepherd's Cove and are as follows:

Monday 9:30-11:30 am January 10 - May 3 **The Chosen**

Tuesday 9:30-11:30 am January 10 - March 8 **Ordering Your Priorities**

Tuesday 7-9 pm January 4-April 26 **The Chosen**

Thursday 6:30-8:30 pm January 6-April 21 **Touching the Divine**

Lord Jesus, teach me to know you better through your scriptures. Amen.



The sick: Gloria Leber, Dante Nazzaro; Rachel Guest & son Patrick Michael Guest; Patty Shields; Jean Mensh; Thomas Haug; Lorraine Dusseau; Maria Huffer; Lou Flaig; Anita Stuck Culklin; Gail Ricker; Les Silva; Jenna Beeson; Marilyn Cooney; Chuck Kuhn; Dolores Marinaccio; Gina Richardson; Tony Dockum; Ronald Joseph Furr; Becky Furr; Mary Ann Silva; Janet Barna; Tom Floyd; Riley Bodenhorn; Ed Brophy; Linda Patterson; John Albright; Ralph Smola; Anthony Wyvill; John Hepp; Tammy Pierce; James Richardson, Sr.; Verna Jurewicz; Louis Johnson; Doreen Dardzinski; Katie Lakie; Elaine Shelby; Keith Hanagriff; Tim Connors; Alma Marie Streicker; Sue Baczynski; Anne Brophy; Duke Dusseau; Bob Adams; Marsha Dunn; Janet Cleary; Pat Conway; Leslie Hill; Bobbie Martin; Chad Martin.

Friends/relatives in need of prayer and for those who have died contact the church office monthly to include them in our bulletin.



SEASONAL CHOIR REHEARSAL FOR CHRISTMAS BEGINS! The 10:45am choir is now accepting new members for the season of Christmas! Are you interested in singing but can't make a big commitment? Rehearsals are Thursdays 6:30-8pm for November and December for our Christmas Eve Mass on Friday Dec. 24 at the 9pm Mass. We will have Lessons and Carols, familiar tunes, and the Hallelujah Chorus! Please contact Katie at 410-257-3810 ext 1017 or music@ccjgs.org

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: The Children's Choir will have rehearsals for the Christmas Eve 4pm Mass! Does your whole family sing or would like to try? Siblings and families are encouraged to participate in the rehearsals and the Christmas Eve Mass at 4pm in the church. For questions or more info, contact Katie Evans. Rehearsals will be Thursdays in December from 4:30-5:30pm in the church. All are welcome, but please let Katie know in advance! Email music@ccjgs.org to receive your families spot! (Children on their own Grades 2-5 are also welcome).

STATUS ON MASK REQUIREMENTS: Beginning Mon, Nov22, Calvert County will join the District and St. Mary's County in NOT requiring face coverings at indoor Masses and most parish events. Masks are still required for now at all schools either by government requirement or Catholic Schools Office policy.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE HOLIDAYS: COAT DRIVE 2021
Join Catholic Charities of the ADW for our ninth annual Coats of Many Colors Coat Drive! Each year we provide coats, hats, gloves, and scarves to members of our local community. We will collect new and gently used coats that are clean and in good condition. You can drop off coats at: **St. John Vianney (105 Vianney Ln, Prince Frederick, MD 20678)**
Friday, December 17, 2021 (1pm – 4pm)

There are more opportunities to volunteer. For example, SHARE food which provides food to the less fortunate; Angel Tree which helps local families provide gifts for their children; and other holiday events. Please go to their [website](http://www.sharefood.org) for more information on how to get involved or email volunteer@cc-dc.org.



APPEAL FOR DONATIONS FOR NEW TABLES FOR THE CENTRE: Since 1990, the round tables in our Centre have faithfully served our community. Over the last 30+ years, these tables have been used for COUNTLESS parish dinners, hospitality after Masses and receptions of all kinds.

Unfortunately, the tables are showing more “wear and tear.” In addition, with today’s technology, new tables are more durable but more lightweight. We are currently inviting members if they would like to make a donation specifically toward a new table. The new tables will be so much easier for people to set up/breakdown for our many social needs at JGS.

Our current tables which are still useable will be kept and placed in storage for when we need tables for outside events [e.g., Covenant Sunday]. This will help us to rent fewer tables in the future and reduce annual expenses. The cost of a new table is \$438.57. If you can assist, even with a partial donation, that would be deeply appreciated! A total of 25 tables is needed for the Centre. As of this writing, there are donations to purchase 5 tables. Thank you very much for your kind support.

Contact Laura Cleary at 410-257-3810 (secretary@ccjgs.org) for Mass Cards/ Intentions; Sponsor Certificates (for Sacraments) or to place bulletin announcements. *Deadline for bulletin items is Thursday at noon, 10 days before the weekend you want your article to appear. Thank you!*



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Dear Members and Friends of Jesus the Good Shepherd Community,

The last year or so have certainly changed all of our lives. For us at Jesus the Good Shepherd, these times have been both a challenge and a blessing. As we approach Christmas this year, we can recall Christmas last year . . . what a difference a year makes! One of the many blessings that pulled us through was your tremendous generosity at the Christmas collection. I am so very grateful to you, because I know many also struggle during these difficult times.

Now as we approach Christmas, 2021, I again appeal to you to help ensure that Jesus the Good Shepherd gets off to a positive start for the New Year. I ask every household to consider your Christmas offertory gift to your parish community at Jesus the Good Shepherd. We have always relied on a strong Christmas collection. There is so much to be thankful for in the past but also as we look to the coming days and consider how to go forward. We cannot do it without you. Your heartfelt generosity has gotten us through in the past and I rely heavily on you again. I thank God for your willingness and I count on you again. God bless you!

Father Mike

As an added incentive for JGS Faith Direct Recurring Gift Match Promotion
For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between November 1 and December 31, 2021, *FaithDirect* will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 per parish. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be processed through Faith Direct by December 31, 2021.



Click or go to ccjgs.org/partners or use the QR code to sign up today!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING for the weekend of December 5, 2021 was not available when this bulletin was transmitted for publication.

We need \$7025 weekly in offertory to stay afloat
We need \$32,500 monthly in Faith Direct to stay afloat
*Egiving through FaithDirect is calculated monthly.

Thank you for your generosity!

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December 16th from 8:30 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Please sign in using the sign-in sheet on the table next to the door.

*Please note: The JGS office will be closed
December 23—December 31.
Eucharistic Adoration will resume
Thursday, January 6, 2022.*



CONFESSIONS ARE IN THE CHAPEL :

Saturdays 3:00-4:00 p.m.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.—4 p.m.

The church office will be closed
Thursday, December 23—Friday, December 31, 2021
for the Christmas Holiday.

NEW TO PARISH? – Welcome to our Catholic Community! We encourage you to register with us as soon as possible. To register go to ccjgs.org/im-new. The best way to connect with us is through Flocknote. **From your phone:** Text: 84576 Keyword: ccjgs **From your computer:** <https://app.flocknote.com/ccjgs>. To be eligible for admission to our Children's Faith Formation Program, reception of the Sacraments or to receive testimonial letters for sponsorship, an individual must be a registered, participating member of the parish, attend the sacraments, and support the parish via offering and involvement.

RCIA – We welcome adults interested in becoming Catholic into our RCIA program. Please contact the church office at 410-257-3810 x1000, 1001 or 1003.

BAPTISM PREPARATION - Parents seeking baptism are encouraged to call the church office at 410-257-3810 or email receptionist@ccjgs.org. We invite all new (and expecting!) parents to a baptism retreat to be held 3 times per year.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - We rejoice with members who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact our office at least **six months** in advance; otherwise, dates cannot be guaranteed. Please do not set a date before making Church arrangements first. Dates for weddings will not be arranged before a preliminary meeting.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION: Please contact the church office if you or a family member is homebound, in the hospital, or in a nursing home and would like to receive these sacraments. We will do our best as restrictions allow during the pandemic.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/PENANCE: Saturdays 3:00-4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Mission Statement: “We, the Roman Catholic Parish of Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community, have chosen to serve the Lord by evangelizing through the virtues of Hospitality, Spirituality and Stewardship.” 10

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