

DECEMBER 15, 2019 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT The Covenant Community of Jesus the Good Shepherd

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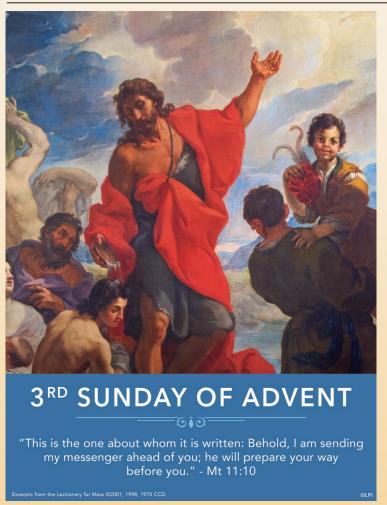
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Sister Parish - Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Diocese of Jeremie, Haiti





Mass Schedule				
Saturday Vigil	4:30 PM			
Sunday	8:00 & 10:45 AM; 5:00 PM			
Sunday Nursery	7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. (ages 4 mos—3 yrs).			
(Please, no children in nursery without an adult)				
Daily Mass (Chapel): 8:00 AM Tuesday-Saturday* Mondays: Communion Service 8 AM				
*unless otherwise noted in the bulletin				
Low gluten hosts are available in the priest's line at Communion time.				
Reconciliation/Penance: Sat 3:00 PM -4:00 PM				
Eucharistic Adoration				
Every Thursday	8:30 a.m8:45 p.m.			
(Sign up outside chapel)				
If you have young children your thoughtful use of the Quiet Room				

during Mass is appreciated



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NEW TO PARISH? - To register, we invite you to the next New Members Meeting. See page 3 for dates and times. To receive a Sacrament or to be eligible to be a sponsor one must be registered and practicing the faith.

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS - Usually held the third Sunday of each month following the last morning Mass. Please call the church office to register for the class. Catholic parents of the child to be baptized must be registered members of JGS. We welcome you to a New Members Meeting in advance. A Catholic godparent must be a registered and practicing Catholic, confirmed in writing by his or her proper pastor.

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.

JGS CEMETERY: Serves people of all faiths. Registered parishioners of Jesus the Good Shepherd, Jesus the Divine Word, and St. Anthony of Padua receive parish rates. Please call Catholic Cemeteries at 301-475-5005 or email: qop@ccaw.org.

MISSION STATEMENT: "We, the Roman Catholic Parish of the Covenant Community of Jesus the Good Shepherd, have chosen to serve the Lord by evangelizing through the virtues of Hospitality, Spirituality and Stewardship."

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We look forward to seeing you at Mass again soon.

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We have over 70 ministries at JGS. We invite you to go to our website at ccjgs.org and click on the Ministries tab and then click on "Our Ministries" to see the complete listing.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this Third Sunday of Advent, we hear from today's Gospel that the mission of Jesus brings new life to the blind, the lame, the lepers, the deaf, the poor and the dead. The power of God

through Jesus never fails to lift up those who are most in need of new life.

Are YOU open to Jesus bringing YOU new life also? We are among those called into that new life. Whatever our situation may be, God will not, and does not leave us without hope or redemption.

With grateful hearts, O God we pray, as you have blessed us with the gift of salvation through your Son, Jesus, that we bring his message of compassion and mercy to all those who need to be lifted up into our loving presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A blessed Advent!

Father Mike

Christmas begins with Christ





Weekend Mass Intentions for Dec 14-15, 2019						
4:30 PM Vigil	† David Kuhn, son of Lynn and Chuck Kuhn, at the request of the Berdeguez family					
8:00 AM	† David Kuhn, son of Lynn and Chuck Kuhn, at the request of the JGS Walking with Purpose Ministry					
10:45 AM	† Maria Elena Mora, mother of Mimi Miller, on the anniversary of her death, at the request of the Miller family					
5:00 PM	† David Kuhn, son of Lynn and Chuck Kuhn, at the request of the JGS Marriage Enrichment Ministry					

Mass Intentions for December 16-21, 2019					
Mon	12/16	8 AM	Eucharistic Service		
Tues	12/17	8 AM	† David Kuhn, son of Lynn and Chuck Kuhn, at the request of Scott Stedman		
Wed	12/18	8 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory		
Thurs	12/19	8AM	† Betty Schreiber at the request of the Schreiber family		
Fri	12/20	8 AM	† Christopher Addison, brother of Danny Addison, at the request of the JGS Walking with Purpose Ministry		
СНА	12/20	9:30 AM			
Sat	12/21	8 AM	† Rose Marie Lambert at the request of Bill and Donna Phalen		

Ministry Schedule for Dec 21-22, 2019							
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Greeters			
4:30 PM Vigil	Renaud/ Renaud	Buck/Cullens/Finan/Holaus/Metler/Volunteer	Radosevic/Spence/Spence	Bryant/LaRosa/McCumber/ Radosevic			
8:00 AM	Stubbs/Neill	Gilmer/Harrington/Horabik/McNelly/Scott/ Shustock	Lawrence/Mudd/Neill	Kaputa/Leslie/Morgan/Schultz			
10:45 AM	Nazzaro/Coker	Marquis/Parlett(2)/Talbot(2)/Thompson	Balogh/Cox/Kovash	Sherbert/Talbot/Zamary/ Volunteer			
5:00 PM	Sherbert/ Sherbert	Fischer/Genelin(2)/Perry(2)/Volunteer	Genelin/Grover/Grover	Grover/Sherbert/Volunteer			

Last names beginning with L-Q please bring baked goods for hospitality after morning Masses, either homemade or store bought. Drop off in the kitchen before Mass.



Mass Times: Christmas Eve: 4:00 Church; 4:00 Gym; 6:30 Church; 9:00 Church; Midnight Chapel; Christmas Day: 9:30 a.m. Liturgical Ministers are needed for all Masses, please sign up ASAP on MSP. Thank you to those who have already signed-up.

The Virtue of Hospitality

NEW to JGS?

JGS MEMBER REGISTRATION – Are you new to JGS? Want to join? THE NEXT NEW MEMBERS MEETING IS JANUARY 12 AFTER THE 10:45 A.M. MASS. FAMILIES WELCOME! In the mean time check out our website at ccjgs.org and sign up for Flocknote to receive alerts about news and events. (see page 6).

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADVENT CONFESSIONS— Today! Sunday, December

15 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This IS the best way to prepare your heart for Christmas. Extra priests will be available.



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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Good news: the No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant is back. Please note: we are only doing one Christmas pageant this year and it will be at the 4:00 Mass in the Gymnasium. Any and all children in Grades K-5 are welcome to show up on Christmas Eve in costume (be a stable animal, an angel, a wise person, or a shepherd! The narrator will direct the children.). If you don't have a costume, we will have some available on a first-come basis that night. Questions: Contact Vikki Sickels at vmsickels@yahoo.com.

THE SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on Tuesday, 12/17, from 1-3 pm in the Upper Room (Media Center).

MEN'S CLUB DECEMBER MEETING/CHRISTMAS POT LUCK - All men of JGS community are invited to attend our next monthly meeting this Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 pm in Shepherds Cove. There will be a very brief meeting followed by a pot luck dinner. Spouses are invited and encouraged to attend. For more info. contact Mike Horabik at (410) 535-2601 or Michael.horabik@comcast.net.



Christmas Eve Masses Tuesday, December 24 (no 8:00 a.m. Mass) 4:00 p.m. Mass in the Church & 4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant Mass in the Gym 6:30 & 9:00 p.m. in the Church 12:00 a.m. Mass at Midnight in the Chapel [limited seating]

> Christmas Day Mass Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Eve Mass time change: 6:00 p.m. Mass moves to 6:30p.m. to help ease the traffic in and out of the parking lot.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Dec 15, Happy Gaudete (or Rejoice) Sunday! As we receive the perfect gift of Jesus at Mass we are filled with a joy that demands to be shared. This Advent challenge yourself to share the Perfect Gift of Jesus with someone in our life who may be

searching for meaning or friendship. Invite your family and friends to our parish Advent and Christmas community celebrations, so that together we may grow closer to the source of all joy: Jesus Christ. Visit FindthePerfectGift. org to find Christmas resources and Christmas Mass times across the Archdiocese of Washington.

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION UPDATE: On Wed. Dec 4th. more than 1,300 pounds of donated food was delivered to the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry. Participating in the Thanksgiving Food collection were the JGS parish, Cardinal Hickey Academy students and the Children's Faith Formation program. Thanks so much to the volunteers who sorted and delivered the donated food: Joyce Wood, Emily Gussenhoven, Evelyn Kempe, Susan Scott, Liz Grover and CHA students Theresa Grover, Laura Comey, Ella Clubb, Jack Casper, Hayden Belt, Skylar Scott, Justin Abraham, Caroline Wojcieszek, Rosella Julian and Theo Hamilton. We couldn't have done it without you!



ALL ARE INVITED TO GREENSTREET GARDENS TO HEAR THE JGS/CHA CHILDRENS CHOIR, Sunday, December 22 at 1:30 p.m., where they will perform holiday music, while you shop and peruse the lovely greenhouse and gift shop.



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ACTIVE CATHOLIC TEENS— All teens in grades 10-12 are invited to join us after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We have great food, plenty of games, and time to catch up with friends. Parent volunteers are needed and new teens are welcome.

Meeting dates are as follows:

Dec 15— ACT (Advent Confessions for the Parish) Jan 5 — ACT—Alumni Night/Epiphany Party Jan 17-19—Winter Retreat, sign-up now Jan 24-March for Life

CONFIRMATION—Classes take place in Shepherd's Cove after the 5:00 Sunday Mass from 6:20-8:00 p.m.

Upcoming class dates are:



Dec 15—Confirmation Class (Advent Confessions for the Parish)

Jan 5—Confirmation Prep

Jan 24-March for Life

Jan 26—Confirmation Prep

Go to ccjgs.org/youthministry for full calendars and registration. Contact Casey Esser, Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Confirmation at youth@ccigs.org or 410-257-3810 x1009



The Virtue of Spirituality



The sick: Marguerite Suite; Susan White; Anne Marie Scarpino; Ed Reilly; Doris Parker; Steve Schult; Sue Baczynski; Joan Carr; Donna Boylan; Raymond Stubbs; Stephanie Wyvill; Anne Brophy;

Ryan & Cuppy Silva; Ron Weller; Gavin DiBitetto; Nancy Harvey; Baby Parker Smola; Mary Chin; Ray Wenderlich; Jovannie Licalzie; Les Silva; baby Logan Townsend; Sammy Baugh; Debbie Kineer; Heather Williamson; Kathy Bigelow; Duke Dusseau; Kathy Freudenberg; Sylvia Proctor; Herbert Cassalla; Loretta McMurtrie; William "Billy" Crandall; Buddy Curtis; Kelly McCarley; Bob Adams; Marsha Dunn; Katie Lakie; Janet Cleary; Colleen Casse; Robert Barklage; Janet Barklage; William Barklage; Jeffrey, Alec and Dawson Barklage; Cindy Miller; Martin Seitter; Pat Conway; Marilyn Taylor.

For the repose of the soul of Austin Packard, son of Rick & Martha Packard.

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

We pray for all the members of the United States Military. We pray that all are kept from harm, especially:

Staff Sergeant Christopher R. Skirchak; Ensign Matthew Schwartz; Steve Looney; Billy Looney; Will Jones; Michael Hardy; LT. Alex Scott; Nicholas Majers; David Keffer; James Lanson Weeks; Captain Robert Patterson, USMC; Joseph Masoero; Christo-LT Nadila Khan, USN; Ross Noone; LT. Col. Robert Magnuson; Col Phil Noltemeyer; Sr A Matthew Cullens; Wil-

liam Ryan Thayer; LT. Col. Brian Genelin; Michael Parker; Michael Henry Thayer; LT. Col. Gerald Cullens; Noah Pirner; Scott Mega; Capt. Kal Bassma; Mark Smith; Jacob Floyd; pher Kuczek; Tyler Menoche; Tim Addison

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

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of December 15, 2019

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27 Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/

Mt 1:1-17 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt

Readings for the week of

2019

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

December 15, Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk

Sat: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



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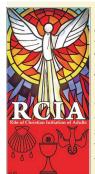
Do you ever feel inwardly dry and parched? Where do you turn to gain a refreshed sense of being and purpose? Just as we often do not refresh our physical bodies with what is healthiest, we make the same mistake with our soul. We do not always reach for the healthiest spiritual food. We confuse our inner dryness with something else and reach out for the wrong thing. It is no wonder why so many people are lost and confused. We will never be completely satisfied or whole this side of our journey. A good measure of patience and waiting is needed as we hope for the rain water of God's presence to fall upon us. When are we going to finally realize that Jesus is the One who has come to refresh us, and we no longer have to search for another? Our souls will find refreshment and rest only when they rest in God.

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The Virtue of Spirituality



WALKING WITH PURPOSE (WWP) Did you want to join Walking With Purpose, our women's bible study, and it just got away from you, and now you think it's too late? Well, its never too late to join one of our 4 classes (Monday or Tuesday AM and 2 on Tuesday PM). And, we hope to begin a new Walking With Purpose Bible Study called Opening Your Heart beginning on or about Wednesday evening, January 8, 2020. What a wonderful New Year's Resolution, drawing closer to our Lord and Savior by spending 2 hours a week studying His Word and building fellowship and friendships with other women in and around our Parish. Call or email me on 301 325-4904 or wwt2@comcast.net to learn more. Vicki Thorne, Pastoral Coordinator, JGS WWP.



RCIA: Interested in becoming Catholic? Are you missing the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or Eucharist? The RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS for YOU! Please join us and be part of THE JOURNEY OF FAITH! We also want to reach out to children age 7 and above who are lacking these same sacraments. We have a program for them to assist them in "catching" up with their sacramental needs. For more information, please contact Father Mike

or Deacon Paul [contact information on page 2]. No question is unimportant; all questions will be gladly addressed and answered. We will be happy to assist you and guide you!

Prayer is powerful! Please send your request to mdmassil@aol.com so that our team of prayer warriors with our Prayer Chain Ministry can lift your need to the Lord.





A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it that we may sow beauty not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinitely light. We thank you for being us with each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Laudato si, Pope Francis, #246



"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** on February 28 – March 1, 2020 in College Park, MD. Sign up on moments4marriage.org or leave us a message at 301-541-7007. We'll call you back! Sign up early!

NURSERY NEWS: WE NOW JUST NEED ONE MORE ADULT TO WORK IN THE NURSERY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS! We are looking for a responsible adult to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings. Hours of operation are: 7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. (summer: 7:45 a.m.—11:15 a.m.) Additional hours may be available throughout the year. Applicants for this position must comply with the ADW Child Protection Policy prior to assuming duties. We are looking to fill this position A.S.A.P. Please call the church office for more details.



CALVERT CATHOLIC seeks to connect Catholics in their 20s and 30s so we can encounter Christ in community. Join us for a meal, discussion, retreats, or service. We are always looking for new members and new ideas!

We meet at least once a month in one of our homes for good food, prayer and discussion. Daycare always provided. Meet us on Facebook or by e-mail to learn more!

The Virtue of Stewardship

Safety and Security: December Message

Basic First Aid supplies are in the wood cabinet inside the Centre. If you need bandages, gauze, scissors or other basics help yourself. If the injury is severe and you are providing first aid, tell someone else to call 911 as you provide the assistance to the injured.

CHOIR TOUR TO PRAGUE, AUSTRIA, AND GERMANY!

All are invited to join! For more info or to view a detailed itinerary, go to: https://www.ccjgs.org/music-ministry of contact Katie Evans and she can email you more info at music@ccjgs.org.



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STEPHEN'S MINISTRY: Looking for a ministry that comes along side fellow parishioners who are experiencing a difficult time in life? JGS is in the process of getting our community connected into the Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministry equips and empowers lay caregivers, called Stephen ministers, to provide high-quality, confidential Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Please contact member Giana Jowers, gjowers55@yahoo.com if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or Stephen Leader. Thank you!



SHARE the Holidays—the JGS SHARE food ministry is collecting monetary donations to help feed at least 30 families a holiday meal. Donations may be left in the "Share the Holidays" box on the shelf in the Centre. Your donation of \$36 will buy a FULL HOLIDAY DINNER. Thank you!

HOLIDAY SEASON AND EMAIL SCAMS: As we approach the Christmas Holiday Season, a friendly reminder to watch for email scams, especially those which solicit financial donations. One quick way to spot fraudulent emails is to match the sender with the email address provided. Thank you!

TOILETRIES FOR THE POOR—Donations of travel size toiletries are needed. Donations may be left on the shelf in the Centre. Thank you!



Do You Want to Sing Praise to God?
All are welcome to join the JGS Music Ministry Contact Katie Evans at music@ccjgs.org or 410-257-3810 x.

Rehearsal Schedule is Thursday's from 7-8:30pm for the Combined Adult Choir.



Stay informed Get involved Join FLOCKNOTE to receive reminders From your phone: Text: 84576 Keyword: ccjgs From your computer:

https://app.flocknote.com/ccjgs



CHRISTMAS GIVING TO JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD: As the feast of Christmas approaches, kindly think on your Christmas "list" of your gift to the Christ Child in our annual Christmas collection. We rely very heavily on a successful collection. Your kind support will enable Jesus the Good Shepherd to get off to a positive start for the New Year.

As many know, costs have risen over the years. The same applies to the running of our large facility and salaries which are required to keep up with the cost of inflation. Everyone is able to give something to our annual Christmas collection. Some may be able to give more than others. We do ask all to "take the next step" in your Christmas giving. For example, if you gave \$20 in the Christmas collection last year, it may be possible to give \$25 this Christmas. Thank you in advance for your support of your parish, your spiritual home, at Christmas!

UPDATE FROM THE FOOD PANTRY IN NORTH BEACH: Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support of the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry. In the month of November:

265 families served; 697 people served; 9,703.6 lbs. of food distributed

In addition, (not included in the above) we served the following in Thanksgiving groceries:

211 families; 578 people; 7,190.9 lbs. of food distributed

We especially are in need of cereal, canned fruit and peanut butter.

2019 ANNUAL APPEAL: We recently received an update on the annual Appeal to support the most needy, poor and vulnerable of the Archdiocese of Washington. We are pleased to report that we have reached almost 96% of our goal. Thank YOU to those who have responded. We only need about \$5,000 to reach our goal. On your Christmas gift list, kindly consider a pledge by going to adw.org and look for the link to the Annual Appeal. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness in remembering those most in need in the Archdiocese.

GOD BLESS YOU

Contact Laura Cleary at 410-257-3810 (<u>secretary@ccigs.org</u>) 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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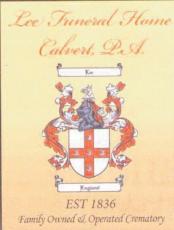
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