

DECEMBER 22, 2019 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Covenant Community of Jesus the Good Shepherd



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



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” - Mt 1:21

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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.m.-8:45 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? – Welcome to our Catholic Community! 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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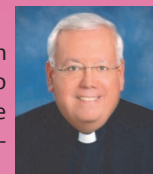
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There is growing excitement and anticipation as the celebration of Christmas draws near! At this time of year, it is common to hear Christmas music with the word, ANGEL. Throughout the Scriptures, God frequently speaks to people through the message of an angel. These messages are ALWAYS life-changing.

Today's message from an angel to Joseph brings comfort: "Do not be afraid." How often in our life we need to hear that message from God. Whatever the task or decision before us we want to know that we can act without fear. We may have all the facts we need, all the options available and all the support we can find, still we want the spiritual courage to move forward. It is then that we take comfort in the words of God, "Do not be afraid."

As the feast of Christmas is almost upon us, consider adding to your Christmas "list" a gift to the Christ Child through our annual Christmas collection. We rely very heavily on a successful Christmas collection. Your kind support will enable Jesus the Good Shepherd to get off to a positive start for the New Year.

As you 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 last year in the Christmas collection, it may be possible to give \$25 this Christmas. Thank you in advance for your support of your parish, your spiritual home, your community, at Christmas!

Let us pray. Loving God, as Christmas draws near, O God of all the ages, hear our prayer this day, that in receiving your Son Jesus as our Messiah, we will bring your light and compassion to a waiting world, and without fear, be witnesses in all our words and actions. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I sincerely look forward to seeing you and your loved ones later this week as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Remember: *Christmas begins with CHRIST.* God bless you!

Father Mike

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.

Christmas begins with Christ



Weekend Mass Intentions for Dec 21-22, 2019	
4:30 PM Vigil	† David Kuhn, son of Lynn and Chuck Kuhn, at the request of Louis and Laurel Ann Renaud
8:00 AM	† David Kuhn, son of Lynn and Chuck Kuhn, at the request of Larry and Patti Buck
10:45 AM	† David Kuhn, son of Lynn and Chuck Kuhn, at the request of Beth Silcox
5:00 PM	† Kurt Gilmer, brother of Cheryl Gilmer, at the request of Michele Miluk

Mass Schedule for December 23-28, 2019

Mon	12/23	8am	Eucharistic Service — Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tues	12/24	4pm Gym	† Bob and Joan Richards, parents of Kathleen Crandall
		4pm Church	† Gerard & Clara Murray, parents of Geraldine Touart, at the request of the Touart family
		6:30 pm Church	† Meghan L'Abbe at the request of the Stedman family
		9pm Church	† Anthony Jaskulski at the request of his wife Betty and family
		12am Chapel	† Bob and Joan Richards, parents of Kathleen Crandall
Wed	12/25	9:30 AM	† Suzanne Svihra and family at the request of the Svihra family
Thurs	12/26	8 AM	- Healing for Evelyn Turley
Fri	12/27	8 AM	† D'Ann Bowen, daughter of Marian DeBruyn, on the anniversary of her death
Sat	12/28	8 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory

Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day December 24-25, 2019



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.



Ministry Schedule for Dec 28-29, 2019

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Greeters
4:30 PM Vigil	Eason/Schrodel	Hoffman(2)/Remington/Rock/Scott/Volunteer	Moomaw/Moomaw/Skiados	Hopson/Hopson/Petricko/Regan
8:00 AM	Volunteer/Addison	Gilmer/Harrington/Johnson/O'Keefe/Thorne/Wagenhofer	Harrington/Harrington/Masoero	Buck/Kaputa/Sampson/Sampson
10:45 AM	Johnson/Kuhn	Boyd/Coleman/Collins/James/Poudrier/Smith	Coleman/Coleman/Weaver	Lindsey/Morgan/Thompson/Zamary
5:00 PM	Smith/Allison	Cullens/Grover/Marinaccio(2)/Scott/Watkins	Grover/Grover/Ryon	Grover/Martinoli/Sherbert/Volunteer

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

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 cjgs.org and sign up for Flocknote to receive alerts about news and events. (see page 6).

UPCOMING EVENTS



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.



ALL ARE INVITED TO GREENSTREET GARDENS TO HEAR THE JGS/CHA CHILDREN'S 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.

SECOND SPRING NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY will be held in Shepherd's Cove Tuesday evening, Dec. 31 starting at 5:30 PM. Bring a side dish or dessert. Meat will be provided. We will have our optional \$10 gift to exchange. All are welcome. For information contact Ed Reilly at 443-968-9679.



January's watercolor class will be this classy pinecone and berries combination scheduled for Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 1:00 pm! Class fee will be \$30 and includes all supplies and you will take home a lovely painting that's ready to be framed! Pre-registration is required by

contacting parishioner and artist Joyce Bare Conlon at jconlon@comcast.net or (301) 717-0222. A basket is available in the Centre on the shelves if you want to drop your registration in there. The class will be held in the Adult Art Room, accessible by the outside door in the back of the right side of the church/school facility. See you then!



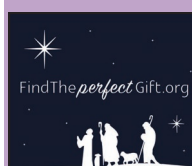
Christmas Eve Masses

*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 One Mass only at 9:30 a.m. –
No 8:00 a.m. Mass*

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT– Is there someone in your life who has been away from Church for a while or may not have a place or loving community in which to celebrate Christmas? Christmas Mass is a beautiful moment to reconnect to the Catholic faith and many people are waiting for a personal invitation from someone like you! Visit FindThePerfectGift.org to find Christmas resources and Christmas Mass times across the Archdiocese of Washington.

MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY SATURDAY EVENING DINNER - All are invited to attend our next monthly Saturday Evening Dinner on Saturday January 04, 2020 after the 4:30 pm Mass. Sponsored by the JGS Men's Club. Menu for the evening is: Southern Style Chicken, Rice Almondine, Seasonal Vegetable Medley, mixed greens, assorted rolls & homemade desserts. Good will offering suggested.



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.

The Knights of Columbus will be reciting the Rosary in the Chapel on Sun, Dec 29th shortly after the 10:45 AM Mass in honor of the Holy Family. All are encouraged to participate.





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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:

- 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:

- 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@ccjgs.org or 410-257-3810 x1009



The Virtue of Spirituality



The sick: Susan White; Ann Marie Scarpino; Doris Parker; Steve Schult; Sue Baczynski; Joan Carr; Donna Boylan; Raymond Stubbs; Stephanie Wyvill; Anne Brophy; Ryan & Cuppy Silva; Ron Weller;

Gavin DiBietto; Nancy Harvey; Baby Parker Smola; Mary Chin; Ray Wenderlich; Jovannie Licalzie; Les Silva; 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 Tammy Bennett.

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; 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; Joseph Masoero; Christopher Kuczek; Tyler Menoche; Tim Addison

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



Readings for the week of December 22, 2019

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

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/ Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



Readings for the week of December 22, 2019

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Have you ever asked God for a sign? What were you hoping to see? Signs validate our experience and give us assurance and direction. We tend to equate God's signs with miraculous or marvelous events. We even sometimes look for small gestures as signs that God is confirming a particular experience or choice we are making. Being overly preoccupied with receiving these kinds of signs from God can often signal a lack of faith. Is there anything that can convince us that God is real and with us on our journey? Yes. God's sign has already been given: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall name him Emmanuel. Emmanuel, God with us, is God's most perfect sign and the only one we need. Our incarnate God is all we need to set us straight and validate our experience. Only Jesus can direct us to the Father, to our self, one another, and our world. When our lives are conformed to His, nothing else is needed. ©LPi

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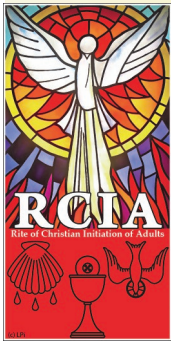
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The Virtue of Spirituality



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, it's 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 wwt22@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.



Help is needed to prepare for Christmas Mass



Sunday, December 22 12:30-2pm Christmas Decorating

Monday, December 23 8:30-10:30am Final decorations and flowers in Gym and Church

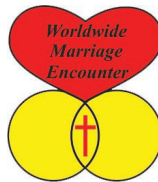
Prepare your heart for Christmas Eve Mass by doing the following:

ARRIVE EARLY at least 30 minutes before Mass and enjoy music and prayer

PARK AWAY FROM THE BUILDING to make room for visitors and families

CHOOSE THE MIDDLE OF THE PEW. That's right. Sacrifice the aisle for late coming families, visitors, and elderly.

GREET VISITORS and introduce yourself.



"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.



A Community for Catholic Young Adults in Calvert County, MD to connect and grow in Christ

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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> or contact Katie Evans and she can email you more info at music@ccjgs.org.



Going on an international tour with our very own Jesus the Good Shepherd Choir will be an unforgettable experience! You will join us along every concert and pilgrimage to some of the most famous music sites in the world. Peter's Way Tours is our premiere touring company that hosts choir tours and religious pilgrimages. They take care of all the bookings and details of the performances at some of the greatest cathedrals, basilicas, churches and shrines throughout the world.

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!

RESPECT LIFE NOVENA: The JGS Knights of Columbus is inviting parishioners to join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life Novena, Tuesday, January 21 – Wednesday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com! There will be a kick-off on Tuesday, Jan 21 in the church where we will pray the first day of the Novena together at 7 p.m.

Additionally, the National March for Life is on Friday, January 24. There will be a prayer service at 9:30 at JGS in the church. All are welcome to join. Then a bus will be taking parishioners to the March for Life after the prayer service. Look for the sign-up sheets in the atrium in January.

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.



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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.

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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.

#GiveCatholic: For the first time, Jesus the Good Shepherd participated in the national "Giving Tuesday" on December 3, 2019. Giving Tuesday netted \$1,363.25. We sincerely thank all those who participated!

GOD BLESS YOU

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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