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December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent




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Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community


A Covenant Community

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**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

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John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

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*Worship Aid and Bulletin*

Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community 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 Jesus' name. Amen

### Introductory Rites

#### Entrance Antiphon

#### ADVENT LITANY

Michael R. Prendergast and Rick Modlin



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#### Greeting

#### Penitential Rite and Confiteor:

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done  
and in what I have failed to do,  
*[All strike their breast three times]*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

#### Opening Prayer

#### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom and leading the ewes with care.

The Word of the Lord

**R: Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85



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## Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

The Word of the Lord

**R: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation:



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## Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way.*

*A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”*

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River

as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier

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than I am coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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 Scriptures.  
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 kingdom 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.

## Universal Prayer

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Music during the Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

#### **Instrumental**

*The offertory baskets will not be passed, instead we ask that you give your offering on your way in or on your way out in the contactless drop baskets.*

*To maintain the brevity of the Mass and protection of all during this pandemic, the Eucharistic Acclamations will be recited.*

Preface Dialogue

Preface Acclamation

Memorial Acclamation

The Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer

## Communion Rite

Communion Antiphon

**Jerusalem arise, and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

### Christ Be Our Light

Refrain/Estribillo



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.



#### An Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritual-ly into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



During Communion: The direction for communion is the opposite of what we used to do. We will be using the side aisles to receive and return on the opposite aisle.

The outside sections go first and then the center sections. Center sections, please remain kneeling until it is your turn.

Please use the markings on the floor to maintain 6ft from other families in the communion aisle out of care for our community.

## Concluding Rite

Blessing

Solemn Dismissal

Sending Forth **Instrumental: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

*Please be patient as you leave and avoid crowding the aisles by using all church exits. Thank you for worshiping with us today, and we are praying for you and your family!*

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*Bulletin for December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent*

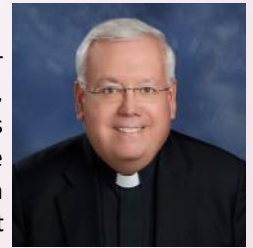
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

By now, you probably are aware of our Christmas Mass schedule. Like everything else, our schedule has been adjusted this Christmas due to the pandemic. Unless things change between now and then, I am happy to share a “first” for Jesus the Good Shepherd – our first **OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS!!!**



We have permission from the Archdiocese to have the Mass at 3 p.m. – beginning in the *daylight*, which will mean the Mass will end by *daylight* and you can return to the comfort of your homes by dinner time – still in the *daylight*. If the weather is chilly, that will add to the “Christmas feeling” – so come anyway!!! Following Mass, for those who wish to stay, there will be socially-distanced “caroling” near a bonfire, with hot liquid refreshments along with a visit from St. Nick!

If you are not inclined to the 3 p.m. Christmas Eve Outdoor Mass, kindly consider one of the remaining three Christmas Masses – all in the church.

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we hear of the great prophet, John the Baptist. By any stretch of the imagination, John was “different!” His origins in the desert, his unusual diet [grasshoppers and honey] and his clothing [sackcloth] belie his message of repentance.

But John is the one who proclaims the coming of the long-awaited Messiah, the Son of God, Jesus Christ. We should allow ourselves to be caught up in the excitement of John’s announcement as we move toward Christmas! As John is excited, so should we be.

By focusing on the astonishing news of the Baptist, we can then open our hearts and minds to the even more amazing news of the birth of our savior, Emmanuel – “God-with-us.”

A joyful Advent to you and to your loved ones!

Father Mike

Weekend Mass Times  
**Saturday Vigil**—4:30 p.m.  
**Sunday**— 8:00 a.m. in the church; 10:45 a.m. In church or in your car *live-streamed at 10:45 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube*

Click here to [Sign up for Mass](#)

Click here for the [JGS Facebook Page](#)

Weekday Mass  
 Mon—8 a.m. Eucharistic Service (in the church)  
 Tues-Sat—8 a.m. (in the church)  
*live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube*

Click here for the [JGS YouTube Channel](#)



Weekend Mass Intentions for December 5-6, 2020	
4:30 PM Vigil	For the repose of the soul of Marty Burless at the request of Mel and Brenda Wagner
8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Mary Ann Frizzell at the request of Linda Taylor
10:45 AM	For blessings for Cecelia Kirch, 106 years old, cousin of OJ Boccabella, at the request of Paula Boccabella

Mass Intentions for December 7-12, 2020			
Mon	12/7	8 AM	<i>Communion Service</i>
Tues	12/8	8 AM	The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Wed	12/9	8 AM	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thurs	12/10	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Peter Schwenk at the request of Tom and Jeannette Reinecker
Fri	12/11	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Sue Leser at the request of the JGS Shawl Ministry
Sat	12/12	8 AM	In thanksgiving for prayers answered

Mass	Eucharistic Support	Lector	Greeter	Sanitizing Volunteer
4:30 PM Vigil	<p>Please volunteer on MSP</p> <p>To volunteer please email Sheryl Fischer at <a href="mailto:receptionist@ccjgs.org">receptionist@ccjgs.org</a> or call 410-257-3810 ext 1001</p>			
8:00 a.m.				
10:45 a.m.				

### New to JGS?

**NEW MEMBERS**—Are you new to Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community? WELCOME! The registration form for JGS is available on the JGS website by clicking here: [ccjgs.org](http://ccjgs.org) and scrolling down. We would like to welcome you in person. You and your family are invited to our next New Member gathering on Sunday, January 10, 2021 in the Centre following the 10:45 Mass. Masks required.

### Upcoming Events



Advent is here! Have you signed up for Formed? How about downloading "Around the Advent Circle"? See below for details. Liz is waiting to hear from you.

If you haven't already, please:

- sign up for Flocknote, by clicking the logo
- sign up for [Formed.org](http://Formed.org)
- like us on Facebook

#### Around the Advent Circle



#### ADVENT 2020 DISCUSSIONS & REFLECTIONS! AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD!

\* Around the Advent Circle is a weekly reflection and discussion guide

- \* Ideal for any group! Virtual JGS small groups, families (teens+), or a circle of friends!
- \* Corresponds with the Sunday readings of Advent
- \* Available for download via email
- \* Please contact Liz Parker at [adultfaith@ccjgs.org](mailto:adultfaith@ccjgs.org) if you would like a digital file of this guide or if you are interested in leading a virtual small group with JGS.

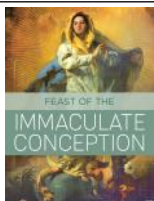
#### MEN'S CLUB DRIVE-THRU DINNER: SAT, DEC 5 FROM 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Please remember to pick up your pre-ordered meal on Saturday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

\$10 per meal or \$30 per family - 3 or more.

To pick up dinner order: Come to the Center (follow physical distancing protocol) during service time from 5:30-6:30pm. For curb-side pick-up, park in back lot near playground and someone will be out to deliver dinner and collect donation.

**A NEW LIGHT SHINES** is our family Advent Booklet for 2020. Copies are available in the atrium. This is a great booklet that encourages families to experience Advent in a deeper, more meaningful way. Please limit 1 booklet per household. Donations are welcomed to offset the cost. Thank you for your support.



#### Tuesday, December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:

Under normal circumstances, this would be a mandatory holyday of obligation. Due to the pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed. Our only Mass will be celebrated at the usual time at 8 a.m. in the church and also available on our Facebook and YouTube pages.

### You are invited to the Celebration of Christmas December 24 – 25, 2020 at Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community

- † 3:00 p.m. outside at the pavilion. Car spots also available. After Mass all are welcome to stay for physically distanced fellowship by the firepit. Hot cocoa and cider will be served. And, who knows, we may have a surprise visitor!!!
- † 8:00 p.m. in the church
- † 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass in the church
- † 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day in the church



Sign-ups are now available by clicking here [ccjgs.org/virtual-resources](http://ccjgs.org/virtual-resources).



#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/PENANCE DURING ADVENT:

Advent Tuesdays, December 1, 8\*, 15, 22\*; 10-11 a.m.

Advent Saturdays, December 5, 12, 19; 3- 4 p.m.

Third Sunday of Advent, December 13\*\*, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

\*2 priests will be present.

\*\* extra priests will be present.

For your convenience, this time slot is daylight, in late afternoon, but before dinnertime and not in the evening darkness.



**FEED YOUR SOUL** Looking for an On Demand service that deepens your faith and feeds your soul?

#### FREE On Demand service through JGS.

- Learn about the Saints
- Participate in a bible study
- Watch a series that deepens your faith, increases your joy and delivers hope! **JOIN TODAY!** Click on the link <https://formed.org/signup>

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE OF ALL AGES!**



**EMPLOYEE DEPARTING:** After having served at Jesus the Good Shepherd and Cardinal Hickey Academy for about 10 years, we announce that Mr. Eddie Adams resigned his position in November. His last day was Monday, November 30. Due to unusual deadlines because of the pandemic and Christmas Season for our bulletin, we regret that word was not able to be shared earlier.

In the course of his time with us, Eddie was a devoted employee. He worked very hard, put in long hours and paid attention to the many details and challenges of maintaining our large facility. He definitely leaves Jesus the Good Shepherd and Cardinal Hickey Academy in better shape! We are eternally grateful to him.

If any parishioner would like to drop him a card of thanks and appreciation, you are certainly encouraged and welcome to do so. Please send them to the church office and they will be forwarded.

It is hoped that after the pandemic restrictions are lifted and our parish social life returns to some state of "normal," a more formal thank you gathering can take place to express our personal gratitude to Eddie for his years of faithful service to Jesus the Good Shepherd and Cardinal Hickey Academy. In the meantime, Eddie is always welcome to visit us. We hope he knows he is always welcome.

Our community sends Eddie off with the support of our prayers and best wishes for his future!



**Children's Faith Formation** Children's Faith Formation classes (Pre-K4 through 8th) are currently meeting online. Upcoming class dates are Dec 13, Dec 20, Jan 10, and Jan 24. There will no longer be a Parent Meeting on Jan. 2. **Please pick up a fun Advent Activity Booklet from the church Centre before/after Mass or during office hours.**

Interested in volunteering, now or later? The VIRTUS Child Protection workshop is currently being offered via Zoom. The steps for becoming a volunteer have never been easier. Attend the workshop once and it never expires. To sign up, contact Casey Esser ([religioused@ccjgs.org](mailto:religioused@ccjgs.org)), Tammy Genelin ([religiouaide@ccjgs.org](mailto:religiouaide@ccjgs.org)) or Pam Huseman ([accounting@ccjgs.org](mailto:accounting@ccjgs.org)).



**Active Catholic Teens** ACT youth group meets from 6:20 to 7:30pm in the Youth Room and Gym. Upcoming sessions are Dec 6, Dec 20. All high school teens are invited to join us to play games, make friends, and grow in faith. Registration is helpful but not required and is available at [ccjgs.org/youthministry](http://ccjgs.org/youthministry). Questions? Contact Casey Esser at [youth@ccjgs.org](mailto:youth@ccjgs.org).



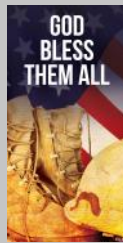
**Confirmation Preparation** Confirmation prep is over two years, typically 8th grade and 9th grade. Our 9th grade Confirmation Preparation this year includes an online group and an in person group. Upcoming sessions are Dec 6, Dec 20.

## Virtue of Spirituality

**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; LT Jg 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 Noon; Col Phil Noltemeyer; Sr A Matthew Cullens; William Ryan Thayer; LT. Col. Brian Genelin; Michael Parker; Mi-	chael 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; Dylan Rayfield; Joshua Snyder; Brennan McConnell; Ian Torr
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Please contact the church office to have a name added to this list.



**What is the Advent Jesse Tree?** "The Jesse tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: **"A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots."**

Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history."

- Loyola Press <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/the-jesse-tree/>

**The Jesse Tree will remain in the back corner of the church near the sound closet and is sponsored by the JGS Children's Choir, who made the crafts!**



**JOURNEY TOWARDS CHRIST!** Are you ready to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the

Catholic faith? Discover the love Jesus has for you and the critical role Catholicism plays in this incredible faith journey! RCIA begins in just a couple weeks! For more information, contact Liz Parker at [adultfaith@ccjgs.org](mailto:adultfaith@ccjgs.org).



**The sick:** Tammy Pierce, Jay Roque, Elizabeth Ann Hebb, James Richardson, Sr., Steve Collins; Verna Jurewicz; Greg Bodenhorn; Sandi Bressi; Bev Ganley; Christopher Crandall; Louis Johnson; Doreen Dardzinski; Katie Lakie; Elaine Shelby; Mary Ann Harlan; Keith Hanagriff; Tim Connors; Alma Marie Streicker; Frank Santora; Sue Baczynski; Anne Brophy; Duke Dusseau; Buddy Curtis; Bob Adams; Marsha Dunn; Janet Cleary; Pat Conway; Leslie Hill

For the repose of the soul of Ray Wenderlich, husband of Vicki. Friends/relatives in need of prayer and for those who have died contact the church office monthly to include them in our bulletin.



### Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Next Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 ©LPi



**ADVENT**



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

**ADVENT WREATH PRAYER FOR HOME**—Saturday evening before each Sunday of Advent, gather the household around the wreath. Point out that the wreath is circular, with no beginning or end, like God's love. Explain there are four candles, one for each Sunday of Advent. The third candle is rose because on their third Sunday we celebrate the joy of waiting for Christmas. Before you begin, find the reading John 1:1-5 in your bible, and choose a reader. You can begin with a simple advent song "O Come O Come Emmanuel" or "Soon and Very Soon." Have an older child or adult read the leader parts. You can continue this prayer service each Sunday.

**Leader:** Since ancient times, people have marked the passage of time with the light of the sun. In this holy season of Advent, we observe the passage of time through the light of this wreath, for each candle represents another week closer to the radiance of the newborn Son Jesus. Our anticipation for his glorious arrival can teach us much about patience as well as sharing the flame of our faith. So let us begin our time of prayer with the sign of the cross.

**All:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy-Spirit. Amen.

(Light the candle(s). Then stand and sing an Alleluia.)

**Reader:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. John 1:1-5. (read Gospel passage.)  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.  
(All sit and observe silence.)

**Leader:** God Our Creator, Bless us as we gather around this Advent wreath, Ever anxious for the arrival of your Son, Jesus. Renew us with your patience and The light of your promise. Help us to prepare our hearts so that we are open to your coming into our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (All make the sign of the cross).

Taken from Children's Daily Prayer 2020-2021, Archdiocese of Chicago; Liturgy Training Publications



## Virtue of Stewardship



Thank you to everyone who took a tag from the Angel Tree. Please return the unwrapped gifts in a bag by TODAY: Sunday, Dec. 6. Remember to attach the tag to the bag. Thank you for helping bring a smile to a child on Christmas morning.



**SHARE FOOD ORDERS ARE DUE THIS WEEKEND: DECEMBER 5-6.** You can order a food package via email, text or phone by contacting Lynn Robinson, [Lynn@rwminc.com](mailto:Lynn@rwminc.com) or 301-467-8550. For the menu, please click here: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/share/> or copy and paste this link to your browser.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Because we love our neighbor, JGS has been operating at a capacity of 25% in the church.



Even though our max capacity is 500, given the shape of the venue, and the pews, we could not safely increase our capacity beyond 125 while keeping 6-ft distances.

With the current pandemic restrictions changing due to COVID numbers going up, please know that we are maintaining this 25% capacity of 125 for each mass, with overflow in the Centre set at 75.

If current conditions concern you, please remember that you can participate in Mass by listening on your car radio at both 8:00am and 10:45am Masses and receive Holy Communion outside.



**SHARE THE HOLIDAYS BY DONATING A HOLIDAY DINNER TO A LOCAL FAMILY IN NEED**  
Can you help a family in need?

Your generous donation of \$38 will buy a full Christmas Dinner for one of our families.

There are two easy ways to support this important effort.

- 1) You can donate through Faith Direct by clicking here <https://membership.faidirect.net/events/details/5580>
- 2) Or you can make a cash or check donation using the *Share the Holidays* donation box in the Vestibule at church. Simply place your donation in one of the envelopes and leave it in the box.

If you have questions, or would like to place a food order for yourself, please call or email Lynn Robinson at 301-467-8550 or [Lynn@rwminc.com](mailto:Lynn@rwminc.com).

Accepting Christmas orders through December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Laura Cleary at 410-257-3810 ([secretary@ccjgs.org](mailto: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!*



**PLEASE JOIN CHA FOR A SPIRIT NIGHT AT PIRATES COVE IN GALESVILLE ON DEC 9 FROM 4PM - 9PM.** When you order a meal to Dine-In or Carry-Out from their 3-Course Dinner menu for \$25.00, \$10.00 will be donated to CHA!  
**Start with:** Garden or Caesar Salad

### Dinner Selections:

Fish & Chips, Hand-dipped wild cod served with tarter sauce, fries, and cole slaw

Cove Meatloaf served with champ mashed potatoes and steamed vegetables

Fried Chicken & Gravy, Boneless fried chicken served over grits topped with Chef Steve's own Bay gravy

Barbecue Shrimp & Grits Seared Shrimp with simmer sauce, tomatoes & chives

**End with dessert:** Homemade Bread Pudding or Beignets

Hope to see you at Pirates Cove! 4817 Riverside Drive Galesville, MD 20765; phone 410-867-2300

**THANK YOU**  
for your generosity



**SECOND COLLECTION, THIS WEEKEND DEC 5-6:** Have you benefitted from a Catholic education? Please consider "passing on" the gift of a Catholic school education by supporting the second collection at all Masses Dec 5-6. All income goes to the operating funds of our regional Catholic school, Cardinal Hickey Academy (CHA). Even in this current environment, CHA is providing a Catholic education to our students. Your gift can make a difference. **Please give generously to the CHA Second Collection, Dec 5-6 to support CHA. God bless you!**

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING** for the weekend of November 29, 2020:

Weekly Offertory \$ 4,299

We need \$7,000 weekly in the offertory to stay afloat

November Faith Direct offertory \$ 37,535

We need \$32,500 monthly in Faith Direct to stay afloat

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