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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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**Weekends:**

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

**Weekdays:**

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION: RECOGNIZE THE LIGHT

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ!

We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are stubborn, unconvinced, apprehensive, or all of the above.

There are many reasons for not wanting to admit struggling in darkness. But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth.

A simple birth teaches us about God's tender, wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe--the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes. It calls us to understand the sacredness of every human life

and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like indifference, suffering, and death.

We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Recognize the light and use it in all its wisdom and beauty to find what you are really looking for in this world.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 2

4:00 p.m. **Maiolo Family†**  
*Kathryn Wallington*

SUNDAY, JAN. 3

8:00 a.m. **Regina Gonchoff†**  
*John & Maryann Mysliwiec*

10:00 a.m. **Veronica DiCola†**  
*St. Francis Xavier Choir*

MONDAY, JAN. 4

8:00 a.m. **James Gardill†**  
*Tex & Theresa Reynolds*

TUESDAY, JAN. 5

8:00 a.m. **Theresa Myer†**  
*Jerry & Lottie Durbin*

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6

8:00 a.m. **Thomas Andrews†**  
*Barker & Thomas families*

THURSDAY, JAN. 7

8:00 a.m. **Amelia Rynkevitch†**  
*Carolyn Gordon*

FRIDAY, JAN. 8

8:00 a.m. **Victoria Matkovich†**  
*Jack Matkovich*

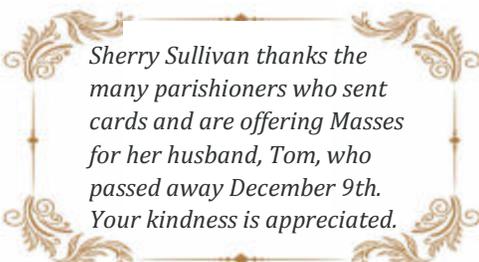
SATURDAY, JAN. 9

4:00 p.m. **Terry McDonald**  
*Chris McDonald*

SUNDAY, JAN. 10

8:00 a.m. **Michael Richmond & Mark Richmond†**  
*Carl & Eilene Richmond*

10:00 a.m. **Wallington Family†**  
*Kathryn Wallington*



AWARENESS

Solidarity Will Defeat Poverty, Says Francis

Poverty Awareness Month began Jan. 1st, and Pope Francis is calling on America to observe it through the lens of lost fraternity with the impoverished.



“Live in solidarity with the poor” and end the “globalization of indifference” toward them, says Francis. This is his challenge for Poverty Awareness Month in 2021.

Says Francis of poverty: “The many situations of inequality, poverty and injustice are signs not only of a profound lack of fraternity, but also of the absence of a culture of solidarity.” He adds: These inequalities will continue to “weaken social bonds” as long as “new ideologies, characterized by rampant individualism, egocentrism and materialistic consumerism” prevail in society.

Recall that before he was Pope Francis, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio lived humbly among the poor in a small apartment, using public transportation and cooking his own meals. Living humbly, Francis says, teaches us how much we really need and how much we have to share. Here in our own Appalachian backyard, we know this is true. Before pandemic, more than 296 thousand West Virginians, 16 percent, were living below the poverty line--an

estimated four thousand of those in Marshall County. The gaps created by our state’s culture of poverty weave throughout our community in a way that often only solidarity with the poor can detect. For those less removed from the gap he describes, Francis reminds us there is always more we can do to awake consciousness.

You can join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic community in the United States in taking up Francis’ call by visiting the page for Poverty Awareness Month through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Resources for all levels of outreach are available, including an invitation to join the USCCB public action advocacy network. An events calendar also is available for download and includes links for each day’s observance.

Visit [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) and type the phrase “poverty awareness month begins” in the search window at the top right of the page. **The first search result is the link to the Poverty Awareness 2021 site.** --Kathy Swift (resources: [usccb.org](http://usccb.org); [vatican.va](http://vatican.va); [census.gov](http://census.gov); [wvpolicy.org](http://wvpolicy.org))

*The Sanctuary Candle*  
beside the tabernacle burns  
this week for  
*Stephanie Eddy*  
from  
Norman and Barbara Vilkoski

Prayer REQUESTS

**Recently Sick:** Joseph Grampa, Eleanor Smith, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Sara Walters, Bill Fowkes, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch, Mike Morris, Sami Wilson, Bob Kleinedler, Kathryn Ferrera.

**Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro.

**Nursing Homes:** Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Betty Kerns, Marie Lohri, Bill Tennant, Ron Jaworski, Raymond Pennybacker, Helen Remke, Barb Meyer.

Names of those recently sick will appear for two months. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.

## NEWS & COMMUNITY

### Calendar of Events

<b>Sunday, Jan. 3 to Saturday, Feb. 6</b>	<b>Survey of Catholic Doctrine Course</b> jmckeets@dwc.org
<b>Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 6</b>	<b>Bible Study: The Prophets</b> 5:30 p.m. in the Church hall
<b>Sunday, Jan. 10</b>	<b>PSR Holiday Break Ends</b>

### LECTORS

<b>Jan. 9</b>	4:00 p.m.	<b>A. Wise</b>
<b>Jan. 10</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>R. Hess</b>
	10:00 a.m.	<b>C. McDonald</b>

### OFFERING DEC. 20, 2020

Envelopes	\$3,152.00
Loose Offering	\$248.00
Church Repair	\$145.00
Xavier Hall	\$10.00
Diocesan Collection	\$575.00
<b>Other Collections:</b>	
Christmas:	\$705.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$10.00
Giving Tuesday	\$4,500.00
Memorial	\$511.00
Pennies for God	\$26.50
Candles	\$6.00
Online Giving	\$25.40
Attendance	132



Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1803) was a Catholic convert known for her devoutness, compassion, and her desire to help others. She established the Sisters of Charity, who

continue her work tending the unmet needs of the impoverished. They also pray to her to cure others. As America's first saint, she is patron of Poverty Awareness Month. --Jan. 4 Feast Day

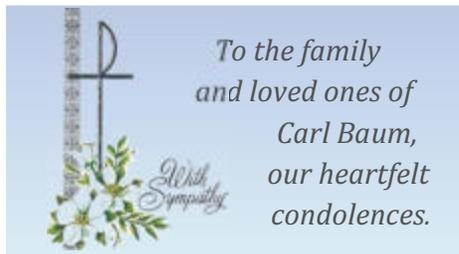
Report suspected child sexual abuse to law enforcement or Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. Report suspected cases by Diocese personnel to the Diocese at 888-434-6237.

**WE ARE GRATEFUL**  
*thank you* to the many people who were able to help deliver flowers

and gifts to those shut-ins, nursing home residents and other parishioners who were able to safely receive them during this time of health and safety restrictions. Thank you to Rose Hess, Bridget Scarbin, Diana Barker, Maddy Thomas, Barb Yost, Chuck and Mary Taskalines, Loretta Remke, Terry and Christine McDonald, Libby Magnone, and Latrisha, Braden, and Lilly Whitelatch. Many thanks also to those who donated to the project and to Loretta Remke and Mary Taskalines for their dedication to making sure this important holiday mission was not lost during pandemic.

**REVERSE ADVENT FOOD DRIVE** donations can still be dropped off at the church office. It is not too late! If you do not feel safe coming inside, leave your donations by the door and we will get them where they need to go.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this project sponsored by our Confirmation students. Donations benefit Feeding Body and Soul Community Kitchen.



#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or any other time upon request.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

**HAPPY★NEW★YEAR**

We wish everyone a happy new year and encourage those of you who can to get vaccinated. Please do this as a gesture of love and caring for your neighbors and for the common good.



#### THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

is offering a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land this Christmas season with its original documentary titled *Adventus*.

This special documentary allows Catholics all around the world to unite at the Holy Land during a time when we remain separated.

If you still haven't signed up for [formed.org](http://formed.org), why not do so to start the new year? It only takes a few minutes, and help is just a phone call away if you need it. There also are easy-to-follow instructions on our website, as well as a link to [formed.org](http://formed.org) to make it always easy to find. The sign-up instructions are in the FORMS menu.



#### A REMINDER THAT OUR PSR

is following Marshall County Schools and the state's weekly Covid-19 maps for safe learning. PSR resumes Jan. 10.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

#### REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



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