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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Now I have seen and testified that he is
the Son of God.” - Jn 1:34

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JANUARY 15, 2023

Second Sunday
in ordinary time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends: Saturday - 4 p.m.

Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

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

Confessions: Saturdays at
3:30 p.m. or upon request.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, “The Lamb of God!” Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, **“Behold the lamb of God.”** His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God’s lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The

Baptist is saying in effect, “This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God’s people may be free from sin and united to God.”

It’s crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That’s why he is the Lamb of God.

— *Father John Muir*

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JAN. 14 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. The intention of Mary
Agnes Carroll

JAN. 15 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. The Davis Family
Mike Davis

10:00 a.m. Millie Mysliwiec†
*Bob, Mickey,
& Patrick Massey*

THERE ARE NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK.

*St. Jude in Glendale has weekday
masses at 8 a.m.*

JAN. 21 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Joy Curia†
Mary Curia

JAN. 22 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. The intention of Mary
Agnes Carroll

10:00 a.m. Kathy Swift†
*Barker & Thomas
Families*

Offering: January 1, 2023	
Envelopes	\$ 2921.00
Loose Offering	\$ 370.00
Church Repair	\$ 30.00
Developing World	\$ 10.00
Xavier Hall	\$ 641.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 40.00
Christmas	\$ 795.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 691.00
Online Giving	\$1048.95
Memorial Gifts	\$ 775.00
Pennies for God	\$ 5.42
Attendance	204

2023 March for Life

This year's annual March for Life will take place on Friday, January 20 in Washington, D.C. It will begin around 1 pm, starting between 12th and 14th Streets, up Constitution Avenue to the steps of the Capitol Building. If you are unable to attend, you may want to watch the **March for Life Rally** beginning at noon and live-streamed on its website: marchforlife.org, Facebook, and YouTube channel.

SCHEDULES

Jan. 14 & 15

4:00 p.m. Saturday

Lector: A. Wise

Eucharistic: J. Fecat

Servers: Please Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Lector: Rose Hess

Eucharistic: John Hess

Servers: Please Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Sunday

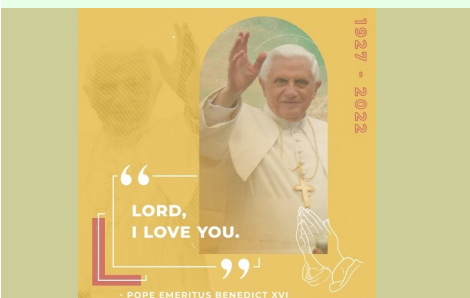
Lector: A. Taylor

Eucharistic: L. Yoho

Servers: Please Volunteer

Sacristy

S. Artinez; E. McCormick



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

passed away Saturday, December 31st at the age of 95 in his place of residence, the Vatican monastery. His last words, as recorded by his personal nurse, were "Lord, I love you!" He will be remembered for his selfless contributions to the Catholic community worldwide.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently sick: Sr. Jeanne Vidonic, Eleanor Smith, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Kathryn Ferrera, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Georgia Pettit, Lida Schellhase, Carmina Oakland, Joe Church, Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Jim Barker, Kathryn Helfer, Loretta Saporito, Earl Richards, Lewis Bee, Mike Rice. **Homebound:** Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado **Nursing Homes:** Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Mary Yanen, Suzy Lunau

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Today's special collection** benefits the Church in the Developing world, which includes work and missions throughout Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and Africa.
- ♦ **The next parish council** meeting is Wednesday, January 18 in the Church Hall
- ♦ **Father That Son is away.** In case of emergency, please call Fr. Doney: 1-681-404-2033
- ♦ **The video series,** "Catholicism", continues on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Church Hall
- ♦ **If you would like a report**
- ♦ **of your contributions for 2022,** please email the parish office: Statements will be mailed before January 31.
- ♦ **There is no 8 a.m. Mass** on Wednesday, January 18, but Eucharistic Adoration will still be held from 8:30 until 10am.
- ♦ **Please help us** take down and pack up the Christmas decorations in the church after 10 a.m. Mass today!
- ♦ **Our devoted and longtime** cantor, Karen Ali, has retired. If you are interested in being a cantor, please contact the office!

Novena To the Most Blessed Infant Jesus of Prague begins

Monday, January 30 at 7:00pm

for nine consecutive Mondays, ending 3/27
Guest Homilists - Special Intentions

Our Lady of Peace Parish

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Fr. Joseph M. Augustine, Pastor

Education Opportunities

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Ecclesiastes 7:12

For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money, and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it.

Even way, way, way back in time (around 300 BC) Ecclesiastes discerned the advantages of acquiring knowledge and concluded that wisdom protects and preserves the lives of those who possess it. As we begin this new year, our parish invites, encourages, implores us to spread THE good news (evangelization): to take up the challenge of imparting knowledge (and its offspring, wisdom) in all the ways we are able.

One specific way we can do this is by supporting a newly formed scholarship program for parish youth. The details are still being ironed out – but here are some of the ideas being discussed:

Eligibility:- The recipient/s will be a child or dependent of a registered parishioner

Requirements: The successful applicant will:

- ⇒ attend or be accepted into a 4 year accredited Catholic university or institution of higher education
- ⇒ be entering as a freshman or sophomore in 2023
- ⇒ have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher
- ⇒ complete an application with a deadline as yet to be determined. The application will be competitive – with much weight given to participation in parish life.

Please talk to Father or email the parish office if you are interested in supporting this effort in any way.



Our parish makes many children happy. Throughout our 100 + year history, your support has never stopped at our church walls. It ripples throughout our community. On any given day during the past few years more than 50 children can be found inhabiting classrooms in our school building, swarming the playground (or practicing for Christmas plays in Xavier Hall). Their ages range from 6 months to 12 years: 2 classrooms are filled with Marshall County pre-K students; the other rooms, with children in daycare and after school care.



Stella and her P.L.A.Y.S. staff deserve our thanks for their unending devotion to these children and their families.



Partnerships like this help our parish make profound differences in our community.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS): Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by apt.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instruction 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.