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**NOW I HAVE
SEEN AND
TESTIFIED
THAT HE IS
THE SON OF
GOD** JOHN 1:34

**JANUARY
19, 2020
SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

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Today's first reading reveals the Lord's super-sized heart. "It is too little," according to God, to protect and guide only the tribes of Jacob. The enormity of God's love cannot limit itself to one nation; divine love overflows, spilling liberally over all people everywhere. Isaiah, prophet of the long-suffering Israelites, might have been surprised to hear that the salvation of his people is not enough for God. But God always wants more than what we want. God's passion outstrips all of our deepest desires. We are merely creatures. Compared to the hugeness of our Creator's designs, we will always want too little, have too little, know too little, love too little. This littleness frustrates us throughout life. But exactly when we admit our littleness, we make room for Christ.

NEVER TOO LATE

John the Baptist models for us the grace of littleness. Twice in today's Gospel reading, John admits, "I did not know." Even though John has ordered his entire life toward the goal of preparing the world for the Messiah, he does not, on his own,

recognize Christ when he sees him. The Gospel insists John "did not know" Jesus; in his humility, John relies entirely on God for direction. John waits and waits—baptizing, praying, preaching—until, finally, the Holy Spirit reveals the Messiah.

John had waited his whole life for this confirmation from the Spirit. God's chosen people, the Israelites, had waited much, much longer. Surely many wondered if God would ever send the Messiah as promised. But God is never late. In our littleness, we cannot see the arc of all human history with God's clarity and love. Each of us aches deeply for some good thing: a cure, a resolution, a rest, a fair break. When we are made to wait for what seems obviously beneficial, we sometimes wonder if God is really as all-powerful and all-loving as people say. Today's readings invite us to trust.

Today's Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;
1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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JAN. 18 **SATURDAY**
4:00 P.M. **John & Dorothy Wayman†**
 (Bob & Margaret Shutler)

JAN. 19 **SUNDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Marilyn Neidhardt†**
 (Bob Neidhardt and Steve & Kim Starcovic and Family)

10:00 A.M. **Pat Kleinedler†**
 (Chuck & Mary Taskalines)

JAN. 20 **MONDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Geneva Lasure & Henry Richards†**
 (Andrea Farley)

JAN. 21 **TUESDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Deborah DePiero†**
 (Patricia Lucia)
Urban Klug†
 (Jane Klug)

JAN. 22 **WEDNESDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Stephanie Phillips Eddy†**
 (Board Family)

JAN. 23 **THURSDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Elizabeth A. Magnone†**
 (Libby G. Magnone)

JAN. 24 **FRIDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Joseph Mansfield†**
 (Patricia Lucia)

JAN. 25 **SATURDAY**
4:00 P.M. **Mary C. Patrello†**
 (Cathy & Roger Frame)

JAN. 26 **SUNDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Laura Ferrell†**
 (Bob and Margaret Shutler)
10:00 A.M. **Stephanie Phillips Eddy†**
 (Mary Ann Henderson)

COLLECTION: January 5, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 2508.00
Loose Offering	\$ 851.00
Xavier Hall	\$ 464.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1194.00
Memorial Offerings	\$ 160.00
Pennies for God	\$ 10.23
Attendance - 303	

Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen, pastor

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents.

Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (P.S.R.):

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

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

1/25 4:00 p.m. Dave Evans/ M. Taskalines
1/26 8:00 a.m. M. Hitt/ S. Kent
1/26 10:00 a.m. L. Niemiec/ J. Klug

Altar Servers:

1/25 4:00 p.m. Frizzell
1/26 8:00 a.m. Kent
1/26 10:00 a.m. Miller

Gift Bearers:

1/25 4:00 p.m. Kay Bosworth & Daunel Gump
1/26 8:00 a.m. Dan & Lori Laberde
1/26 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Gordon

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of January 20, 2020

Suzanne Artimez And Ellen McCormick

Greeters:

1/25 4:00 p.m. Yong Ae Lee Potts/Terri Porter
1/26 8:00 a.m. Paula Whitwam/Lottie Durbin
1/26 10:00 a.m. Susan Board / Rosemary Patrone

Bingo January 24, 2020

Raffle: Loretta Niemiec

Kitchen: Cindy Gunto



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Prayer Request: Mary Coffield, Jim Conner, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Diane Young, Joanne Potts, Tex Reynolds, Dave Williams, Bobby Kleinedler.

Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Rachel Kerekes. **Nursing Home:** Bill Tennant, Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Ron Jaworski.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 21 - Mass at Moundview Nursing Home

Jan. 22 - 6:30 p.m. Parish Council

Jan. 23 - Knights of Columbus Meeting

Jan. 24 - March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Jan. 30 - 11am: Italian Cooking Class

Feb. 6 - Mass at Cameron Nursing Home

Feb. 9 - Family Fun Afternoon

Feb. 18 - Mass at Moundview Nursing Home

Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday

Feb. 26 - Fish Fry (Ash Wednesday)

Feb. 28 - Fish Fry (Lenten Friday)

COOKING CLASS: ITALIAN CUISINE

Back by popular demand, Italian Cook Tony Polsenelli will lead our next cooking class. On the menu is Soft Biscotti and Antipasto. Please join Tony on Thursday, January 30 at 11am in Xavier Hall. All are Welcome!

COLD AND FLU SEASON

During the cold and flu season, we ask that everyone be mindful of others when attending Mass. If you are sick and believe you are contagious, stay home. The obligation to attend Mass is not required if you are ill. If you do have cold or flu like symptoms, do not feel that you have to exchange the Sign of Peace with others. Simply wave or nod your head to your neighbors. If you are in the habit of holding hands during the Lord's Prayer, parishioners who are ill may fold their hands in a prayerful posture. While it is the norm in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to receive the Eucharist under both sacred species, refrain from drinking from the chalice if you feel ill. You are still receiving the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Lord.

Please note that there will not be a Fish Fry the second week of February, but there will be a Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday and every Friday in Lent.



Our Parish offers prayers and condolences to the family of:

Joseph James Novel
"Jim"

May he rest in peace.

BISHOP BRENNAN VISITS US

168 people joined Bishop Brennan for 10:00 Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, the closing of the Christmas season. He began by ceremoniously blessing the congregation with Holy Water; after Communion he invoked prayers for expectant mothers for the wondrous joy of motherhood and for comfort from all anxiety as they prepare to welcome these children into their midst. **The Bishop offered Mass for all of our parishioner, whether they were present or not.**

Celebrations continued after Mass in Xavier Hall where more than 135 parishioners gathered for a delicious meal showcasing all the homemade dishes of our many talented cooks and bakers. The Bishop laughed and clapped at the light and lively entertainment. He eagerly doffed his jacket for a grey fleece – with our parish emblem - that the children presented to him. After lunch he posed for pictures, blessed rosaries, accepted prayer requests, staying so long that he only narrowly escaped being asked to do dishes.

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

In Celebration of St. Brigid of Kildare:

Relate to the spirituality of the Celtic saint using her poem prayers. Share music that connects that era with ours. Brigid is anything but primitive in her approach to spreading a solid and grounded spirituality. She taught by fashioning a cross from reeds found near the River Shannon. Light refreshments of Irish delight will follow.

Date: Thursday, January 30

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Mt. St. Joseph Chapel

Cost: Freewill donation

Call 304-8160 x112 to register or for more info.

Office of Safe Environment

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