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Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

Clergy Mass Schedule

All Mass Times 4:00 PM unless otherwise noted

January 6, 2019: The Epiphany of the Lord*	+Fr. Bob
January 13, 2019: Baptism of the Lord Mass Intention: Mike Kachurak of South Park, PA, who died on Christmas Eve	+Fr. Carl
January 20, 2019: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fr. Tom
January 27, 2019: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fr. Bill**

***Quarterly Healing Service at this Mass**

****Mass time on January 27, 2019 is 2:00 PM**

Scripture Reflections

Fr. Bill LaGrand, M.A.

January 1, 2019 – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God: Life can be hard. Mary's example as a disciple shows us a path of real-life discipleship in a suffering world, inspiring us to claim God's love and blessing, bringing it to the places most in need. (Luke 2: 16-21)

January 6, 2019 – Epiphany of the Lord: The magi are the first of many gentiles who will follow in their steps, including you and me. From the start of his life on earth, Jesus has come for all people. (Matthew 2: 1-12)

January 13, 2019 – Baptism of the Lord: Isaiah encourages his people to place their trust in God, not in earthly illusions. God's plan of salvation is for all the people of the earth. (Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7)

January 20, 2019 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: At Cana, Jesus performed the first of his miracles and, in doing so, revealed himself as a sign of God's presence in the world. (John 2: 1-11)

January 27, 2019 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: We often easily – but very mistakenly - disregard the reality and seriousness of our sins. An insight into them - a less than enjoyable "aha moment" - is a grace we ought to heed. (Luke 1: 1-14; 4: 14-21)



Within a few years after His resurrection, Jesus' disciples became known as "followers of the Way."

In the Gospel of John [14:6], Jesus referred to himself as "the way, the truth, and the life." In the Acts of the Apostles followers of Jesus are widely referred to as "belonging to the Way"; "living according to the Way"; and "having knowledge of the Way."

We, as Christians, are always on "the way" trying to live a life based on Christ's teaching of loving God and our neighbor. There are inspirations found in the writings of the Church Fathers, the lives of the saints, and today's spiritual writers who put their thoughts to paper for our reflection. This space will present each month a short reflective pericope as we proceed along the Way.

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*Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself,
your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses.
If he is your Christian neighbor
he is holy in almost the same way,
for in him also Christ is truly hidden --
the glorifier and the glorified, Glory himself, truly is hidden.*

C.S. Lewis (†1963) was a prolific Christian apologist.

Pastor's Corner

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M. Div., Pastor

Congratulations to our parishioners who celebrate special days this month:

Birthdays: 1/6 - Bob Catlett, Sr.

Sympathies: The parish extends its deepest sympathies to our parishioners who lost a loved one during December 2018:

Shirley Jacobi, Mother of parishioner, Dwight Jacobi, passed away on December 4, 2018.

Elease Edwards, Aunt of parishioner, Dr. Nathaniel Murdock, passed away on December 21, 2018, at the young age of 107.

John Venincasa, Cousin of parishioners Marie Harbers and +Fr. Bob Catlett, passed away on December 23, 2018.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!

Prayer Request: Please remember the following parishioners in your thoughts and prayers:

John Howard – as he continues to recuperate from surgery to repair a bleed on his brain suffered from a fall. John is now home and recovering nicely. He appreciates everyone's thoughts and prayers.

It's "Tax Time" Again: Annual Parishioner Donation Statements, as well as our Annual Parish Financial Statement, will be mailed the first week of January.

Mass Time Change: On Sunday, January 27, 2019, we will celebrate mass at **2:00 PM** due to a scheduling conflict.