



Christ Our Light Parish

Saint Benedict Catholic Church & Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 31, 2017

BAPTISMS: Please contact the parish office to schedule instructions and date.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Information must be submitted in writing to by noon on Wednesdays.

FORMED.ORG: Parish Code - QARQ3C

HOSPITAL VISITATION: Due to national regulations, we may not know if you or a loved one is in the hospital. Please call immediately.

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NURSING HOMES AND HOSPITALS: If you or a loved one wishes to receive the Eucharist or have regular pastoral visits, please call the parish office.

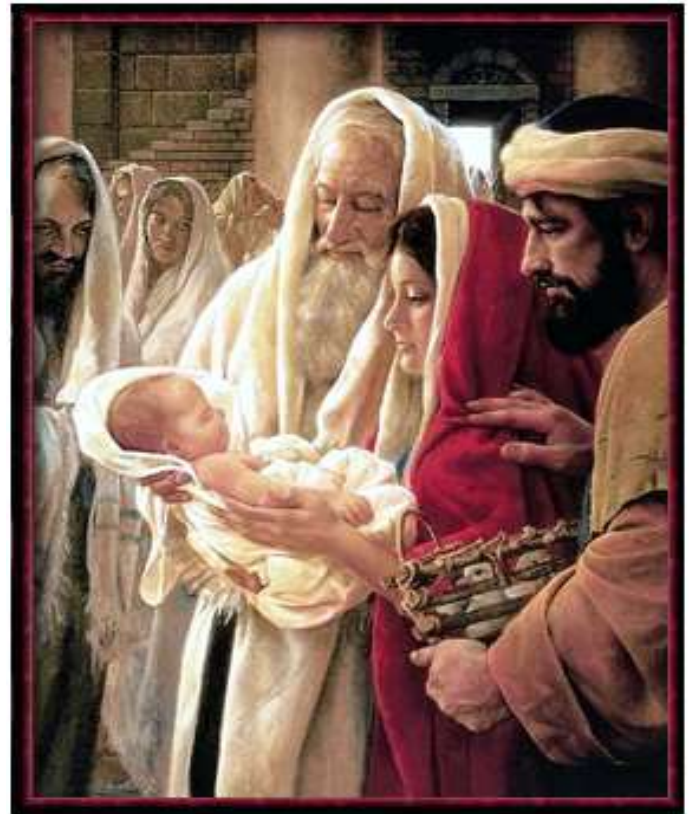
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:00 p.m. & by request

REGISTRATION: Registration forms can be found at the church, oratory or parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes for children in grades K through 12 are held Sunday mornings from September to May. It is the duty of parents to ensure their children's growth in faith and morals.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS: Anyone wishing to schedule Masses on special days, especially weekends, should do so at least 6 months in advance.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements must be made six months in advance.



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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

Sunday, December 31 (SB) 8:00am **People of Christ Our Light Parish**
 (SB) 10:30am † **Doris Stansbury** by Fr. Hrezo
 (SSPP) 12:15pm † **Tommy Duke** by George Yakubesin

Sunday December 31 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Vigil Mass)
 (SB) 5:00pm † **Tom George Sr.** by Kathi and Rock Santay

Monday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
 (SB) 10:30am † **George Leith** by Fr. Hrezo
 (SSPP) 10:30am † **Stella Mehler** by Don and Sally Mehler

Tuesday, January 2 (SB) 7:00am **Special Intentions** by Anita Cox
 (SB) 8:35am † **Bill Shively** by Fr. Hrezo
 Wednesday, January 3 (SB) 7:00am † **Fr. Larry Bruney** by Fr. Hrezo
 (SB) 8:35am † **Daniel Yurick** by Clara Becker
 Thursday, January 4 (SB) 8:35am † **Mike and Helen Mertus** (Birthdays) by Buddy and Donna Brill
 Friday, January 5 (SB) 7:00am † **Fred Warner** by Delores and Ruben Schafer
 (SB) 8:35am † **Marty Grimm** (Wedding Anniversary, January 4) by Jane and Family
 Saturday, January 6 (SB) 8:35am † **Art DeStephen** by Fr. Hrezo
 (SB) 5:00pm † **Geneva Tonnous** by Liz Lewis
 Sunday, January 7 (SB) 8:00am **People of Christ Our Light Parish**
 (SB) 10:30am † **Bob McCarty** by Linda Pawlowski
 (SSPP) 12:15pm † **Howard Nau** (Anniversary, January 4) by Eugene and Maria Duke

* * * * * Ministers of the Altar * * * * *							
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God				Saturday & Sunday, January 6-7, 2018			
	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
	5:00pm	10:30am	10:30am	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
	(SB)	(SB)	(SSPP)	(SB)	(SB)	(SB)	(SSPP)
Ministers of the Eucharist	J. Hahn (B) S. Miller J. Miller	J. Padden (B) D. Mingroni S. Fairchild	B. Duche' (B) Volunteer Volunteer	J. Davis (B) P. Farley J. Padden Volunteer F. McClure	P. Goggin (B) B. McCutcheon J. Bentz	J. Hahn (B) C. Schwartz R. Schwartz M. L. Klamut D. Mingroni	B. Duche' (B) P. Channell M. Duke
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Lectors	G. Mailot	T. Poulos	R. Ginnetti	P. Adams	J. Ricketts	W. Wells	J. Hahn
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Cantors				A. Kuklica	Sisters Jan & Carol	Choir	

First Communion Parent Meeting
 Please mark you calendars for Sunday, January 14, for a combined class of PSR and St. Benedict School students preparing for their First Holy Communion. Students will meet in the second grade classroom and parents will have a meeting with Fr. Paul in the social hall.

Grace Pantry is desperately in need of non-perishable food supplies. They request **spaghetti sauce, canned soup, cereal and peanut butter** for January. Together we can create a Table of Plenty.



Schedule for This Week

Sunday, December 31 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

Usual Sunday Masses

5:00pm Vigil Mass

Monday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary Mother of God)

10:30am Mass (SB)

10:30am Mass (SSPP)

Tuesday, January 2

9:00am Rosary

Wednesday, January 3

9:00am-9:00pm ... Eucharistic Adoration

3:00pm Girl Scouts (SB social hall)

4:30pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

9:00pm Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, January 4

8:35am School Mass

7:30pm Men's Prayer Group (Marian Room)

Friday, January 5

9:00am Rosary

Saturday, January 6

9:00am Rosary

4:00pm Confession

5:00pm Monthly Collection for Those in Need

6:00pm Scrip Sales (Marian Room)

6:15pm Calix Society (conference room)

Sunday, January 7 (Epiphany of the Lord (Parish Feast Day))

All Masses Monthly Collection for Those in Need

After Masses Scrip Sales (Marian Room)

9:15am Parish School of Religion

2:30-4:30pm Parish Feast Day Celebration (SB social hall)

Cambridge Knights of Columbus Receives and Gives

Cambridge Council 1641 received the Founders and Columbian Award at their recent Christmas Party. They also donated \$1,000 to St. Benedict School, \$1,000 to Christ Our Light Parish, \$1,000 to Habitat of Humanity, and \$3,500 in scholarships. Pictured (left) Grand Knight Steve Storch, presenting award is District Deputy Tony Offenberger.



Christ Our Light Parish Epiphany Feast Day Celebration

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

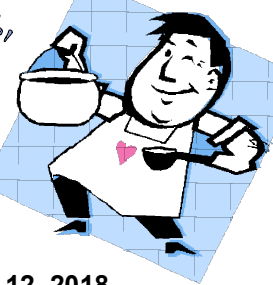
ST. BENEDICT CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

DINNER BUFFET AT 2:30 P.M.

SOUP LUNCHEON

Homemade soups,
breads and desserts,
plus beverages!

Take-out available!
Everyone welcome!



Friday, January 12, 2018

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

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- St. Benedict Church Social Hall
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PRAY FOR OUR

MILITARY

Please pray for the protection of our

troops: especially Chance Stoner, Jeff Glem, Carl Duch,

Travis Jackson, Michael Kuhns, Zach Williams, Luke High, Anthony Dye, Shawn Selmon, Steven Whaley, Ben Sebek, Josh McQuain, Phil Orzek, Alana Puzzuoli, Anthony Camarato, Daniel Melott, Jeff Bentz, Roger G. Applegate, Jeff McKnight, Marcus Waggoner, Jessie Walters, Millie Alford, Steven Barrows, Dan Sestina, Josh Norris, Nick Puzzuoli, Cody Huffman, Joel Wilson, Jason Williamson, Ryan McGough, Ethan Wray, J. C. Minarchek, Joshua Lucas, Scott Fearn, Phillip Cram, Keith Shipley

Please Pray For Our Priests

December 31 Rev. Wolfgang Seitz
 January 1 Our Holy Father
 January 2 Rev. Thomas Vennitti
 January 3 Rev. Thomas Nelson
 January 4 Rev. Thomas Graven
 January 5 Rev. Thomas Hamm
 January 6 Msgr. Robert Kawa
 January 7 Bishop Gilbert I. Sheldon

Many Thanks and Blessings

May the remembrance of the Child born in Bethlehem bless you and your family and may the coming year be filled with the awareness of the unconditional love God has for each of us.

My personal prayers and thoughts are with all the members of Christ Our Light Parish and those who will be visiting during this holy season.

To those who have offered prayers and greetings, I am most grateful. Your thoughts, prayers and gift are most appreciated.

God bless you and I pray He will make His presence most certainly felt in your life and in those who you love, live, pray and work with.

With faith and hope in the Risen Lord, we pray for the eternal peace and happiness of:

Albert DeStephen
 (Father of Norma Longinie)

Bill Shively
 (Father of Joseph Shively)

Doris Stansbury
 (Mother of Dr. Stephen Stansbury)

Lan Smith
 (Uncle to Jennifer Bristar)



Please pray for all God's children who are ill, homebound or in nursing homes, and those who care for them. Also, all members of our military, and those who put themselves in harm's way to protect and serve others.

Dwight Albaugh, Clarence Apel, Megan Archer, Bob Baier, Bob Barlock, Larry Bell, Whitney Benson, Carl Bodner, Steve Bodner, Brinley Boyd, Chris Bradley, Theresa Buttress, David Callihan, Patti Cartner, Chesler Family, Monica Chicwak, James Chugg, Alexis Clark, Mike Cowgill, Anita Cox, Jennifer Cox, Anna Crock, Bob & Sue Crum, Peach Dalton, Linda Delik, Fred & Pat Dinapoli, Peggy Ditto, Angie Doerfler, Sister Miriam Dosch, Bill Edwards, Liam Elliott, Betty Fannin, Jen Fannin, Kathleen Feicht, William "Buzzy" Ferguson, Lowell Gesaman, Irene Feyko, Regina Gallagher, Rev. Virginia Geiger, Pat Graven, Terry Grywalski, Steve Hall, Robert Hart, Mary Ann Haynes, Boots Henry, Violes Henry, Sandra Honeywell, Payton Hubal, Laverne Ingles, Brenda Jenkins, Rachel Jirles, Brandi Jones, Sister Carol Juckem, Karen Kiggans, Ethel Kuklica, Christine Lackney, Dorothy Lackney, Amara Larrison, Agnes Lehotay, Mary Long, Roberta Longfellow, Emilee Loyd, Sherry MacDonald, Bill McCullouch, Janis McVicker, Nate McVicker, Esther Mehaffey, Jackson Merritt, Jim L. Miller, Tony Mingione, Don Moore, Leo George Moore, Hayley Morris, Marvin Orr, Tim Orr, Mary Ann Pachuta, Frances Pavlov, Carole Pekari, Mickey Philpott, Ed Porterfield, Jane Ranke, Linda Ridgley, Helena Robinson, Marie Rome, Don Ross, David Scholik, Debbie Scott, Rosemary Sebek, Joan Sikora, Carys Singler, Norma Smith, William Smith, Crystal Snider, Vernell Speckert, John Sprouse, Louie Stahovec, Mary Stoner, Ken Stump, Loran Stutz, Janice Miller Thomas, Hailey Titko, Mary Umbaugh, Lisa Urdak, Matthew Wentzel, Maria Whitis, Bill & Catherine Whitmire, Don Whitmore, Mary Ellen Wright, Helen Yakubik, Lillian Zeleznik, Stephen Zvolensky

March for Life Trip Washington D.C. January 18-19, 2018

**March with hundreds of thousands of
other Pro-life Warriors!**

WHO: You and your Pro-life friends and family!

WHAT: Trip to the Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

WHEN: Thursday and Friday, January 18-19

WHERE: To Washington, D.C. with pick-up locations in Cambridge, Caldwell, Marietta, Little Hocking, Pomeroy and Gallipolis OH

WHY: Because all life is precious and someone needs to speak for those who can't speak for themselves!

COST: \$100 per person.

INCLUDES: Round trip motor coach bus, snacks on the bus, one boxed lunch, hotel accommodations (4 per room), metro passes, prayer materials, dinner on the way home.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Can't attend yourself? Please consider a donation or sponsor another person.

For additional information, please contact John Spencer at 740-444-9632 or email JohnSpencer@kofc.org.

Registration forms can be picked up in the St. Benedict Marian Room or the back of Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory.



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Pastor's Letter

I hope you have been enjoying the graces of this year's beautiful Christmas celebrations. This week's letter is not as long due spending some extra time with family and to working on many "thank you" cards!

As we enter into the New Year, may the Lord guide our resolution-making this weekend. May our resolutions help us to be more open to Our Lord's saving graces.

Here are some suggested resources for the month of January that are available to all for free through our www.formed.org account. Again, you may register for free using our parish's access code: QARQ3C.

Several suggested resources for this month focus on conversions to the Church, which is appropriate since we observe the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul during the month of January.

Try the online book entitled, [Night's Bright Darkness](#), by British poet Sally Read, who chronicles her recent conversion from being a staunch atheist and deeply anti-Catholic feminist to Catholicism. As a gifted writer, she writes in "vividly poetic language."

A 65-minute audio CD by Jennifer Fulwiler entitled, [My Conversion Diary: From Atheism to Catholicism](#), is also available. She is a writer from Austin, Texas, who is a regular contributor to the weekly Catholic newspaper, [National Catholic Register](#).

And, also featured this month at formed.org is an hour-and-a-half video documentary entitled, [Convinced](#), that highlights the conversions of 21 different people including Abby Johnson, Jeff Cavins, Patrick Madrid, Mark Shea, Leah Libresco, Matthew Leonard, Taylor Marshall, *Scott Hahn(!)* and John Bergsma.

Formed.org also has a "Kids' Korner" with plenty of resources, including a children's story, [The Giant King](#). And, they have apps available for both Android and Apple smart phones to make viewing content on the go even more convenient.

May the Lord help us all to journey together both grateful for the gift of life in Jesus Christ and always ready for the gift of eternal life.

READING FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7, 2018

In our search for the Lord we need go no further than to behold the faces of our family, neighbors, and friends, for the presence of Christ dwells within the hearts of all God's faithful. As we prepare to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us turn to the Lord for mercy and pardon for the times we have not paid homage of the presence of Christ in the world.

The birth of Christ is the manifestation (epiphany) of God in the world. In Christ, salvation has come for everyone, Jew and Gentile alike.

The reading from **Isaiah** tells us that the light has come, a light for all to walk in. In the light, the glory of God shines forth. This light is the epiphany of God. The Gospel tells us that this light shone in the east and brought visitors from afar to see this manifestation of God's love. Christ is the One to whom all people will come, bringing gifts fit for a king. He is the "newborn King of the Jews" and, indeed, of all the earth. He reveals the limitlessness of God's love for all.

A key theme that unfolds throughout the Bible is that God established successive covenants with His special people in the Old Testament leading up to the covenant He made with and for us all through His Son, Jesus.

Those covenants, those "testaments," that God established were with successively larger groups of people, from Adam and Eve through King David. God promised Eve that one of her offspring would defeat the evil one. This promise – a covenant – was established between God and a couple. Other covenants are made with Noah, leader of a family, using the sign of the rainbow, with Abraham, the leader of a tribe, with Moses as leader of a nation, and with King David, who was the leader of a kingdom, which is a collection of nations under one king.

The final covenant God made with us – the New Testament – was made between God the Father and Jesus. Jesus represents the Church that God established as a universal community/kingdom. In Jesus, then, the Father established a universal covenant. The worldwide and even universal scope of the Church is at the heart of what is celebrated on the Epiphany. The visit and adoration of the Magi is to show that Jesus is the Messiah for the whole world – and even for the whole universe!

The adoration of the Magi has significance on several other levels as well. When St. Matthew says that, "They

Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!

- How have I experienced the presence of God in my life?

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

The Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body.

- Who in my life has become most difficult to see as Christ-like?

Matthew 2:1-12

They found the child with Mary his mother ... and did him homage.

- Do I truly do "homage" to the Lord? How faithful am I to the Lord?



prostrated themselves and did him homage," it indicates that they were, on one level, acknowledging Jesus as a king. Then, that they gave him a gift of incense indicates that they recognized him as having divine quality. Some astronomers report surprising movements of the planet Jupiter about the time of Jesus' birth. That could have spoken a message to the Magi. The planet Jupiter was commonly associated with the universal god, Zeus. Evidently a common religious view at that time was that each nation had its own god. So, with the Magi offering Jesus both homage and incense could indicate that they were surrendering worship of their own gods to worship Jesus instead. The Magi could have been acknowledging the universal quality of both Jesus' reign as king and his divinity.

The Magi also offered Jesus the gift of myrrh, which was used as a burial spice. This could be seen as a prophetic gift foreshadowing Jesus' death. Putting the three gifts together, furthermore, could be seen as foreshadowing of Jesus' kingly and priestly power over death as well.

May we benefit from the covenant – the secure promise – that Jesus established with the Father for us. May we benefit from his invitation to us to be gathered under the protection of his universal reign, which is both kingly and priestly. May we, like the Magi, acknowledge Jesus as our king, as our God and as the one who can and who wants to save us from sin and death.

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Change of Address Moving out of Parish New Phone Number

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____