

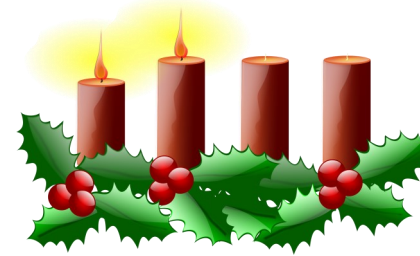
ANNUAL CCD CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Our CCD students will have their annual Christmas Program Sunday, December 9th, 6:00 pm in the church. At this time, a free will donation will be collected. All proceeds will go to Burlington United Methodist Family Services for Christmas presents for the children who live there. We invite all parishioners to come to the program and donate to this great cause. Reception follows after program.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone for their support and donations for the recent Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drive. In all, 57 shoeboxes were donated and will be shipped to needy children all over the world. Your contributions are appreciated more than you will know and you will certainly make a needy child's Christmas extra special this year. Thanks again for your support with this activity and for all you do to help our organization. Michael Stanislawczyk / K of C Youth Director

Fr. Rodolfo Coaquira Hilaje, a Peruvian Comboni Missionary, was ordained to the priesthood in 1992. After completing theological studies his first mission assignment was to Zambia where, in 1997, he became part of a team that was sent to start a new mission in a remote area of Luangwa Valley, among the Atumbuka people. After several years, he was called back to his home country to work as educator of candidates to the missionary priesthood. In 2010 he returned to Zambia and ministered in the rural parish of Kanyanga, located in the Eastern Province of Zambia, again among the Atumbuka people. In 2015 he was assigned to the North American Province and is currently serving as the pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Cincinnati, OH.

Funds collected during the Missionary Cooperative Plan go mostly into a "small mission projects fund" that sponsors people-related projects in Africa and Latin America. Currently many of these projects are directed to refugee resettlement in the Sudan (Darfur included), Uganda and Congo, AIDS prevention and AIDS orphans assistance, training of local missionaries both lay and religious, women's education at secondary level, establishing wells and other sources of safe water for desert dwellers in Ethiopia, Eritrea and Kenya.



Church of the Assumption

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Serving God by serving God's people

Sunday, December 9, 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent

Weekend Masses: 4 pm Saturday Vigil, 8 am & 10:30 am Sunday: CCD: 9:15 - 10:15 am

Weekday Mass: Tuesday, 12 noon; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:00 am

Office Hours: Monday—Tuesday, 9 am to 3:30 pm; Wednesday—Thursday, 9 am to 3:00 pm

Fr. Thomas Anatharackal CST - Administrator

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Dec. 8th - 4 pm: Anita Tetreault & Karen Yowler; **(L)** Carol Durst, Mitch Durst, Bob Yowler; **(EM)** Kerri Wittman, C.J. Fraley, Dean Alt; **(AS)**

Dec. 9th - 8 am: Paul Bogdan; **(L)** Mike Landis, Pam Williams, Alan Taylor; **(EM)** Alan Taylor & Eric Hatfield; **(AS)**

Dec. 9th - 10:30 am: Jada McGann; **(L)** Nancy Starcher, Julie Alt, Janet Corley; **(EM)** Alec & Jack Stanislawczyk; **(AS)**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil / December 8th

3-3:45—Confession

4:00 pm - Lena & Elden Landis +

Sunday Morning / December 9th

8:00 am - People of the Parish

9:15 - 10:15 am - CCD as Scheduled

10:30 am - Tom Harbaugh +

6:00 pm - CCD Children's Christmas Program

Tuesday / December 11th

12 noon - Dixie & Danny Taylor +

Wednesday / December 12th

8:00 am - Mildred E. Willis +

Thursday / December 13th

7:30 am - Rosary

8:00 am - Dec'd DeMasi & Panetta Family

8:30 am - Miraculous Medal Devotion

Friday / December 14th

8:00 am - John, Hilda, & Krista Taylor +

3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday Vigil / December 15th

3-3:45 - Confession

4:00 pm - Hazel Coffman +

Sunday Morning / December 16th

8:00 am - People of the Parish

9:15 - 10:15 am - CCD as Scheduled

10:30 am - John T. Dorsey +

Pray for our Sick and Shut-In

Wanda Bruno, Viola Huffman & Tom Rutherford - **Piney Valley Nrsg. Home**, 135 Southern Drive, Keyser, WV 26726, Elva Calemine, John Coffman, Ed Delilo, Jim DeMasi, Bobby Dorsey, Barbara Gratto, Sue and Mick Greco, Tom O'Connor, Sue Spotts, & Wilma Turner - **Home-Bound** - Carrie Barbarito - **Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown WV.**

Any Parishioner who has a relative or friend in the Hospital who would like Fr. Binoy to visit, please call the office at 304-788-2488. The Hospital is NOT permitted to notify Fr. Binoy unless permission is given. If there is no answer, please leave a message. Fr. Binoy can also be reached 24 hours a day at 304-703-8604. Also be aware that any parishioner who becomes homebound may have a Eucharistic Minister visit. All you have to do is notify the rectory and they will be scheduled.

DECEMBER FAITH IN ACTION - Canned Vegetables, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Canned Milk.

POOR BOX COLLECTION: Poor Box collection on the two registers in the back of the church, please contribute your giving to the poor.

BAPTISMS please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment - 304-788-2488.

CONFESSIONS are heard everyday before Holy Mass and on Saturday from 3-3:45 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE Choir practice is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. If you have a interest in choir ALL ARE WELCOME!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #10545 meets on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7 pm at the council home. New members are welcome. Kenny Brant, is Grand Knight and Les Halapy serves as Deputy Grand Knight.

LADIES GUILD next meeting will be announced next year!

MARRIAGES please contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to the proposed marriage date - 304-788-2488

PARISH MEMBERSHIP if you are a new parishioner, please contact the parish office to register with the parish. You may also access the church website to complete a registration form. **Parish Members please update the parish office with any changes in addresses, phone numbers, and emails.**

ROSARY & MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA is prayed every Thursday at 8 am prior to and after the Mass. The Knights of Columbus lead the Rosary on the **first Saturday** of the month beginning at 3:30 pm prior to the 4:00 pm Mass.

LITURGICAL MINISTER'S

Dec. 15th - 4 pm: Alan Taylor; **(L)** Charlie Junkins, Mitch Durst, David Minnich; **(EM)** Karen & Bob Yowler; **(AS)**

Dec. 16th - 8 am: Mike Landis; **(L)** Mike Landis, Jakob Hardman, Charlotte Delilo; **(EM)** Rosie & Mike Landis; **(AS)**

Dec. 16th - 10:30 am: Youth Mass; **(L)** Beverley Iser, Mary Assumption, Kelley Kuhn; **(EM)** Abby Del Signore & Gwyneth Hatfield; **(AS)**

December 1 & 2

Attendance: 4 pm 87 8 am 77 10:30 am 103

Adult Envelopes: \$3,198 **Loose Money:** \$871 **Candles:** \$21 **Poor Box:** \$247

Christmas Flowers: \$542 **Total:** \$4,879.00

A Message from Fr. Thomas Anatharackal CST / 2nd Sunday of Advent

Do we recognize the voice of the Lord speaking to us when we listen to the word of God in Scripture? Luke the evangelist tells us that the "word of God came to John in the wilderness" (Luke 3:2). Who was John the Baptist and what is the significance of the word which he received and delivered to the people of his day? Luke tells us that John was the son of Zechariah, a priest who served in the temple at Jerusalem. John stood at a pivotal juncture in the history of God's dealing with his people. He bridged the Old and New Testaments, also known as the Old and New Covenants which God made with his people. How did John prepare for the coming of the Anointed (Messiah) King and Savior of the world? Luke tells us that "the word of God came to John" when he was dwelling in the wilderness of Judea (Luke 3:2). John was called from an early age to devote himself to prayer and to the word of God. John was led by the Spirit into a barren and lonely place away from the noise and distractions of everyday life. There God taught John in the solitude of the desert and prepared him for a prophetic ministry that would turn the hearts of his people to receive their long-awaited Messiah.

How can we, like John the Baptist, prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ - today and every day and when he comes again to bring us fully into his everlasting kingdom? John the Baptist tells us that the first step is conversion and repentance (Matthew 3:2). Conversion involves receiving God's word into our heart and mind and allowing his Word to change our attitudes and wrong ways of thinking and judging. Repentance is the deliberate turning away from sin and turning to God to receive his pardon, healing, and strength to do what is good and reject what is wrong. John saw from a distance what Jesus the Messiah would accomplish through his death and resurrection - pardon for our sins, healing and restoration, and eternal life for all who would believe in the Lord Jesus. Are we hungry for the Word of God and do we allow God's word to transform the way we think, speak, and live our life? "Let us pray: Lord Jesus, you are the Word of God and the Savior of the world. Help me to receive your Word with expectant faith, and to live it with confident hope, and to proclaim it joyfully with love and boldness to all I meet.