



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO FR. BINOY MONDAY, DECEMBER 3.
RECEPTION AFTER RETREAT ON SUNDAY EVENING.**

Congratulations to parishioner Norman Launi for winning the \$100 gift certificate from Flying W Restaurant. The Proceeds were \$425.00 and went to Catholic Charities in Romney. Margaret & Rick Woodworth donated the gift certificate.

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.

LADIES GUILD UPDATE

Ladies Guild will be planning their 2nd annual Christmas Dinner on December 8 at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. All Parishioners that want to participate get your tickets by Call Kathy at the Parish Office For Tickets @ 304-788-2488. Ladies Guild member will be selling tickets after all masses this weekend December 1 & 2.

CHOIR MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Music Committee on December 6th at 6:30pm in the church. The Committee is opening this meeting to the parish for comments, ideas, and suggestions on options for moving the choir downstairs. Anyone wanting to attend this meeting is welcome and encouraged to do so.

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a float in the annual Christmas Parade again this year and invite all parish youth to participate. The parade is scheduled to take place on Friday December 7th at 7:00 pm. For those interested, we will be lining up and meeting near the intersection of Virginia and Main Streets. The float will be available to board by approximately 6:15 pm. Be sure to bundle up and bring a blanket to keep warm. If your child wishes to throw candy please send a bag or two. A small amount of candy will be available to throw but we always run out too fast! After the parade is complete, the children will be transported straight to St. Mary's Hall for pizza and drinks and can be picked up there as well. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks. Mike Stanislawczyk



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. 1st: 4 pm: Kenny Brant & Mike Landis; **(L)** Charlie Junkins, Alan Taylor, Bob Yowler **(EM)** Dean Alt & Howard Barrick **(AS)**

Dec. 2nd: 8 am: Sally Maybury; **(L)** Alan Taylor, Mike Landis, Tillie Selders; **(EM)** Olyvia Hardman & Rosie Landis; **(AS)**

Dec. 2nd: 1:30 am: Derek Stephen; **(L)** Nancy Starcher, Beverley Iser, Amy Rice; **(EM)** Jerrod & Kylee McGann; **(AS)**

Thursday / December 6th

7:30 am - Rosary

8:00 am - Kate Rigglesman +

8:30 am - Miraculous Medal Devotion

1st Friday / December 7th

12 Noon - Jim & Jesse Taylor +

The Immaculate Conception of the BVM

6:00 pm Vigil - Ginny Newlin +

Sat. Morning / December 8th / Holy Day

9:00 am - Bob Dorsey +

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

10:30 am - Tom Harbaugh +

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil / December 1st

3-3:45—Confession

4:00 pm - Julia Balassone +

Sunday Morning / December 2nd

8:00 am - Mary Jane & Quentin Sayers, Sr. +

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

10:30 am - People of the Parish

Tuesday / December 4th

12 noon - Herman Wise +

Wednesday / December 5th

8 am - Dec'd Melody, Tenney, & Spencer Fam

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPAGHETTI!

DINNER - 4 PM TO 6:30 PM

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**

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 **Christmas Social & Dinner on Saturday, December 8, 5:30 pm Social, 6:15 pm Dinner Buffet. Tickets are still available call Kathy at the Parish Office at 304-788-2488.**

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. 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, Charlotte Delilo; **(EM)** Alan Taylor & Eric Hatfield; **(AS)**

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

Retirement Fund for Religious for aging religious needs our help. Senior Catholic Sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little pay to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to the second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

A Message from Fr. Thomas Anatharackal CST

1st Sunday of Advent

Making the beginning of the Church's liturgical year, the four weeks of Advent lead us to the celebration of Christmas. Advent's familiar sights and sounds stir in us a readiness to receive our savior, while sharpening our sense of the world's need for redemption and of the great mystery of God's becoming human for us. Advent is a season of wonder. And nothing surprises us more than God's extravagant giving of gifts. Without even asking, God has given us the gift of life, bestowed on us our unique bodies and minds, our families and situations in which we slowly but surely make our way back to God from whom we have come. But perhaps the biggest surprise of all is the gift God has given us in Jesus, who is God become human. This most surprising gift is the one we concentrate on during our Advent preparation for Christmas.

Advent is a *Latin* word meaning *the coming* or *arrival*. The season of Advent is a time to prepare to celebrate the three arrivals of Christ: His lowly birth in the past, his mysterious coming to the Christian community in the present, and his promised return as our judge at the end of time. Advent was originally celebrated as a kind of "Lent" during the forty days before the feast of Christmas. Gradually, Advent developed its own distinctive character, retaining a slight penitential dimension but emphasizing our joy-filled hope in the coming of the Lord. Today, these two aspects continue side by side. During the first part of Advent, the prophecies of Isaiah and John the Baptist remind us that we are waiting for God's coming and need to prepare. During the latter part of the season the focus shifts more directly on the events leading up to Jesus' birth. These twin perspectives give richness to our observance of Advent, leading us to introspection and renewal, and to the exuberant joy and celebration of Christmas. I wish you all a blessed and a graceful Advent season.