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The Nativity of the Lord
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In Nativitate Domini

Titus 2 11-15; Ps 109:3; 109:1; Luke 2:1-14

From the Pastor

We celebrate the Lord's birth with Him, truly present here at Mass, in the gift of the Holy Eucharist which makes our church another "Bethlehem", a "house of Bread". For those who will not be at Mass tomorrow, included with this bulletin is the "Happy Birthday, Jesus" prayer for the family to say together before the meal.

As another year draws to a close we express thanks to all of our families, both recently joined and longtime members, for your time, talent and treasure, and most of all your prayers, offered so generously to build up the Kingdom of God for His greater glory and the salvation of souls.

Hodie Christus natus est! Merry Christmas!

Fabric for Advent/All Souls paraments: \$300.00
Downpayment church/hall oil tanks: \$5,840.00
Lights and ballasts for hall/rectory tank: PAID

To designate a gift please place your check or cash in a plain envelope labeled with your offertory number or your name, the amount enclosed, and which expense you are designating. If using a check, please also include your offertory number and the designated expense in the memo line. Thank you!

Annual Statistical Report

Highlights: 105 families registered, 94 men, 89 women, 77 children. Numbers do not reflect unregistered weekly attendees.

Tabernacle Vigil Lamp In Honor of Richard Scott Dean

A \$25 contribution dedicates the lamp each week to the memory of, or request prayer for, a family member or loved one. Contributions will help to defray the cost of altar and votive candles.

Sanctuary Beautification Progress Report

You can see the beautifully shined gates displayed near the giving tree in church. The marble craftsman visited last week to discuss plans with our team for repositioning the communion rail to restore the normal configuration prior to installing the gates. The side altars are nearly finished and our team picked up the gradines and predellas Saturday. All components are purchased by benefactors.

"O Generation of Vipers, Who Warned You From the Wrath to Come?"

"John said unto the multitude, that came forth to be baptised of him: "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

"The wrath to come in one sense signifieth the great vengeance of the Latter Day the sinner that repenteth not of his sin now, will have no mean whereby to flee from punishment then.

"Let us remark that addressing evil children copying the example of evil parents, the Baptist calleth them a generation of vipers in that they were envious at the righteous, and persecuted them; that they repaid evil for evil; that they hunted out ways of harming their neighbours, in all these things following the pattern of carnal parents, the prophet likeneth them to a venomous brood hatched from a venomous stock."

- Homily by Pope St. Gregory (the Great)

"Blessed art thou among women." - Lk 1:39-45

"Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus." After the angel's greeting, we make Elizabeth's greeting our own. "Filled with the Holy Spirit," Elizabeth is the first in the long succession of generations who have called Mary "blessed." "Blessed is she who believed. . . . " Mary is "blessed among women" because she believed in the fulfillment of the Lord's word. Abraham, because of his faith, became a blessing for all the nations of the earth. Mary, because of her faith, became the mother of believers, through whom all nations of the earth receive him who is God's own blessing: Jesus, the "fruit of thy womb." - CCC 2676

"Happy Birthday, Jesus!" Prayer for Christmas Day

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Happy Birthday, Jesus. We are happy because today we celebrate your birth in Bethlehem many years ago. You have a birthday today, just like we each have our own birthdays.

We thank you that you came from heaven to earth to be born just for us. Thank you for all you did for us when you were here with us. You taught us how to love God our Father in heaven and to obey His will. You taught us to love each other: help us to remember to be more loving. You taught us how to do the right thing: remind us that you are with us, even when we think no one is looking.

We thank you for growing up to be our Savior and dying on the Cross for our sins. We thank you that you rose again and ascended into heaven, opening the Way so that we can go there too, someday. Thank you for the gift of Your Church and for your Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. Thank you for our parents who love us so much and for all our family and friends. Amen † (Fr KM Cusick)

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REGULAR MONTHLY BILL AND OFFERTORY COMPARISON

OCTOBER 2019

ASSESSMENTS	\$926.53
HEALTH CARE	\$3460.00
PROPERTY INS/CATH STANDARD	\$769
FUEL OIL	\$719.00
WIFI HOTSPOT	\$114.16
INTERNET/PHONES	\$248.92
ELECTRIC STREETLIGHT	\$20.31
ELECT/AC HALL	\$152.13
ELECT/AC CHURCH	\$121.20
ELECT/AC RECTORY	\$134.58
SECURITY SYSTEM	\$164.92
PAYROLL	\$3077.05
PAYROLL TAXES	\$1289.80
RETIREMENT ADW MATCHING	\$312.60
PENSION/LIFE INS	\$1901.78
PRIEST FOOD	\$379.56
PASTOR RETREAT	\$400
ADW PRIEST CONVOCATION	\$700
MISC. PARISH/RECTORY EXP	\$1262.22
BANK FEES	\$74.17
WATER BILL	\$70.26
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$16,298.19
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$13,304.00

Pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound: Betsy Behne, Irving Chappellear, Mary Douglas, Harold Gardiner, Dorothy Hume, Linda Javorski, Ray Stublarec, Miles & Elizabeth Torreyson, Eleanor Vaughn, Rosemary Vendemia & Joyce Welch.

Please call the rectory at 301-274-3416 or contact Father Cusick at mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com to arrange for him to visit any homebound, ill or hospitalized parishioners or family members.

Rite of Christian Initiation - Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for adults seeking to enter the Church at Easter or be confirmed next Spring will be offered at the rectory on Wednesday evenings from 4:30-5:45 and from 7:30-8:45 pm.

Classes are also offered in partnership with Sacred Heart Parish in LaPlata every Tuesday from 7-8:30 pm.

Children's Faith Formation

Our Church teaches that parents are the first teachers in the ways of Faith for all of our young people. No one has more power or responsibility before God for witnessing to our children of the fact of the Lord's Resurrection and His presence through the Church in our lives. Those parents who wish to augment home school with parish faith formation are welcome to enroll children for classes at the hall on Sundays at 10 am. Email Donna at markboat55@yahoo.com.

Families must be attending Sunday Mass throughout the year before enrolling children.

Holy Sweepers for the Weeks of December 22 and 29

Scarлата Family

- We are seeking additional families to join the Holy Sweepers -

UPCOMING:

January 4 & 5: Second Collection for Archdiocese for Military Services, USA
January 6: Epiphany High Mass, 9 am

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sunday	22 Dec	9:00 am** <i>Pro pópulo</i>	Fourth Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am Benefactors	Dominica IV Adventus
Monday	23 Dec	7:00 pm †Poor Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday	24 Dec	5:30 pm †Margaret Welch	
Wednesday	25 Dec	Midnight Christmas Novena	Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord
		9:00 am †Dusty Welch	In Nativitatis Domini
		11:00 †David Welch	The Nativity of Our Lord
Thursday	26 Dec	9:00 am Christmas Novena	S Stephen
Friday	27 Dec	9:00 am Christmas Novena	S John, the Apostle and Evangelist
Saturday	28 Dec	9:00 am Christmas Novena	The Holy Innocents
		5:30 pm** Deployed military/families	Vigil
Sunday	29 Dec	9:00 am** <i>Pro pópulo</i>	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
		11:00 am Christmas Novena	Sunday within the Octave of Christmas

**** Mass in English *No public Mass; Father away**

If you would like to have a Mass offered, you may email mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com, stop by the parish office during regular business hours, drop a note in the collection basket or see Father after Mass. The customary offering for a Mass, per Archdiocesan guidelines, is \$10.00.

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MASS AND SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Sunday... 9:00am ** Traditional Latin 11:00am
Weekday Masses in Latin: See schedule in bulletin.
Saturday... 9:00am and Vigil of Sunday 5:30pm**
Holy Day Masses: 8:00am and 6:00pm**, 7:00pm
Confessions offered prior to all weekend Masses

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment 6 months in advance.
Bulletin Deadline: Two Thursdays prior to the date of publication. Send to braun.cait@gmail.com or call the rectory 301-274-3416. **New Parishioners: Welcome!** Please complete a registration form, available in the back of the church, and return it to Father or drop in the collection basket.