

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

Little Sisters of the Poor :

The Little Sisters of the Poor will visit our parish on the weekend of February 10 & 11. The Little Sisters of the Poor care for the elderly poor in the spirit of humble service which they received from Jeanne Jugan. They welcome the elderly as they would Jesus Christ Himself and serve them with love and respect until death.

Daily Mass Cancellation

Daily mass is canceled when classes are canceled in the Dallas School District. If school is delayed, please call 570-696-1144, Extension 13, after 7:30 A.M., to find out if mass is canceled or not.

In icy or snowy conditions, please use the new parking lot and enter the Church through the lower level (ramp entrance). The front plaza and side entrances will be blocked off and should not be used until we are able to shovel and/or salt them.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated and necessary.

The Sign of Peace and the Distribution of the Eucharistic Wine

Due to the flu epidemic, it has been suggested that we dispense with shaking hands at the “Sign of Peace”, and with the distribution of the Eucharistic Wine. As soon as the epidemic ends, we will resume these liturgical practices.

Meanwhile, please note that Jesus is present, body, soul, and divinity, whole and entire, in the Eucharistic Bread.

Thank you for your acceptance and consideration of this matter.

Father Jim

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2018



Members of our 8th grade Confirmation Class will participate in this effort to glorify God and care for “the least of our brothers and sisters.” We ask that everyone give **One Dollar** as they leave mass on the weekend of the “big game” - **February 3rd & 4th**. All proceeds will benefit the Back Mountain Food Bank.



Calendar of Events

Monday	4:30pm	CCD Classes (JPPI Center)
	6:30pm	Social Justice Meeting (R)
Tuesday	5:45pm	CCD Classes (JPPI Center)
	7:30pm	Choir Practice (H)
Wednesday	6:30pm	Stewardship Meeting (R)
	6:45pm	CCD Classes (JPPI Center)
Thursday	2:00pm	Redcross Blood Drive (H)
Friday	6:30pm	Back Mt. Free Medical & Legal Clinic (65 Davis St.)
Sunday	11:00am	PreK/K
	11:00am	Baptisms

Community

CC Besecker Memorial Blood Drive

Thursday, January 11, 2018

2:00—7:00 PM

Father Sammons Hall

If you knew our CC, you know that she was happiest just being herself.

Being our best selves honors that part of her. Be your best you!

Give the gift of life to someone in need; give blood on January 11th at the CC Besecker Memorial Blood Drive.

Polka Dots and Pearls welcome!!

To make donating easy, go to redcrossblood.org. You can schedule your appointment and brush up on tips for making a successful donation. (We consider it a success when your iron levels are good and you don't feel funny. When you do it right it's really easy!) To make it even easier, on the day of the drive, (has to be that day) go to redcrossblood.org/RapidPass. You can do the reading and answer the questions prior to coming in! No sitting behind the screen! This could cut donation time down to as little as 15 minutes!

Hope to see you there!

Thanks, Terri Besecker

Volunteers Needed

Any M-F parishioner, 18 years of age or older, interested in serving at funeral masses, is asked to contact Fr. Jim for details and training information.

To assist you in your decision, most of our funerals are scheduled at 10:00 o'clock on weekday or Saturday mornings.

2018 Children's Envelopes

Children's offertory envelopes have been distributed but are still available by calling Terri at the Rectory office: 570-696-1144. Please recycle any unused 2017 envelopes. Thank you.



Dear CCD Students,

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Back Mountain Food Pantry for your donation of 173.5 pounds of food. Your support of the pantry is greatly appreciated. Our organization is able to help those in need because of people such as you. Thank you for helping the food pantry.

The pantry covers the Dallas and Lake Lehman School Districts and we have two hundred families registered. The need is growing and we will continue to look to the community for support.

Once again thank you!

Sincerely,
Carol A. Eyet, Manager
Back Mountain Food Pantry

Attention! All children age 5 and up!

MOVIE NIGHT

Featuring: **"CARS 3"**
Saturday, January 27th at 7:00pm
Father Sammons Hall

Adult Supervision is provided!

Parents may drop children off or stay and watch the movie too!

Bring your sleeping bag and pillow.

We'll supply the refreshments!!

**Children under (5) are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.*

Eucharistic Wine: In Memoriam

The altar wine blessed at our weekend liturgies is being offered as a memoriam for a loved one.

If you are interested in memorializing a family member or friend who has passed away, please call the rectory 570-696-1144 for information and details.

In Memoriam

The Eucharistic Wine consecrated at our masses on the weekend of January 6 & 7 is donated in loving memory of Grace & Matthew Sherin by Sherin Family.

Worship

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Mon.	9:00AM	Joe Habersky; Nancy Mebane
Tue.	9:00AM	NO 9:00 AM MASS
Wed.	9:00AM	George J. Alles, Jr.; M/M William Alles
Thu.	9:00AM	Albert Jenkins; Myron, Vicki & John Stanishefski
Fri.	9:00AM	Grace & Matthew Sherin; Sherin Family
Sat.	5:00PM	Edward Kruska; Mother, Marie
Sun.	7:30AM	Elizabeth Matura; Hozempa Family
	9:00AM	Tony Leptuck; Marilyn & Dave
	11:00AM	Maureen Blihar-Piekara; Max & Carol Blaskiewicz

WEEKEND MASS CELEBRANTS

January 13-14, 2018

Saturday	5:00PM —Fr. Alco
Sunday	7:30AM —Fr. Paisley
	9:00AM —Fr. Paisley
	11:00AM —Fr. Paisley

Dear Father Jim & Parishioners,

On behalf of the McGlynn Center children, thank you for your very generous gifts to our children. Your kindness during this holy season has enabled us to give our children the gifts their parents can't afford. It is your thoughtful generosity and hard work that have made this Christmas a happy holiday for the children who live in Wilkes-Barre's public housing. We are deeply grateful. May God bless you with renewed faith and hope as you experience the wonder and beauty of God's mercy.

*Gratefully,
Sister Eleace King, IHM, Ed. D.*

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION: The next Baptismal Preparation Class for expectant parents will be held on Tuesday, **February 13th at 6:30 pm** in the Rectory Meeting Room. Most parents prefer to attend this mandatory session prior to the birth of their child. Please call the rectory office to register.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: To be considered for inclusion in the weekly bulletin, all items should be submitted by the Friday (10 days) prior to publication. Information can be mailed to St. Therese's Church, 64 Davis St., Shavertown, Pa. 18708, faxed to 570-696-1210 or **preferably** emailed to rfallon@stthereses-shavertown.com.



CANCELLATION INFORMATION

For information relative to the cancellation of Mass, Religious Education classes, or Parish meetings/activities due to inclement weather, kindly dial 570-696-1144 Extension 13.



10 Great Dates to ENERGIZE your Marriage (A program to help spark romance with memory making evenings)

Dates are held the fourth Saturday of each month, beginning **January 27th**. Topics do not build on each other. Therefore, you do not need to attend every month to benefit and you do not need to commit to all 10 dates.

Dates **start at 6:30 pm** in Father Sammons Hall. The night begins with a 15 minute DVD, before you leave for your personal date. Date ideas include dinner, taking a walk, taking a drive, etc. Anything that will allow discussion time with each other.

There is **no fee** to attend, and the Parish will provide the accompanying book for free.

Childcare will be available. When registering, ask Terri for a suggested list of Babysitters who will be happy to come to your home and look after the little ones.

“It's never too early or too late to start dating your spouse again”



Please RSVP by Monday, January 22nd
Terri Besecker, Parish Secretary at (570) 696-1144

Due to the Holiday schedule the figures for the Commitment of Treasure and the Stewardship of Faith will be printed in the January 14 bulletin.

Christmas Contributions

Your generosity to the Christmas collection is deeply appreciated and much needed this year. Rising expenses are challenging our parish's financial status at this time. Your “year-end” donation will help us to overcome this problem and face the New Year with optimism and stability. Thank you.

Christmas Memorial Contributions

Thank you to the many parishioners who made donations toward the decoration of the church and to those who sent contributions to the needy.

Your loved ones are remembered in prayer.



The Office for Parish Life/Family Life wishes to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2018 to a diocesan **Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, June 10th**. The event

includes a 2:30 PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through Fr. Jim before March 12.

Compassionate Care Hospice is in need of volunteers to provide emotional support and companionship to the terminally ill. Help is needed to assist families in residential settings, assisted living and nursing home facilities. Easy volunteer training is available. Please call 570-451-1031 for more information.

- Do you need someone to help with light housework?
- Need someone to run an errand, food shopping, doctor appointments, prepare light meals, attend church services, movies, go to lunch, or just give you a ride?
- Maybe you need someone to read to you...or just sit and talk

I would love to help you!!

Please call Pam at 570-825-0290

Hourly rate is only \$12.00.

BLESS YOUR DOOR ON EPIPHANY



The gospel tells us that the magi found Christ "on entering the house."

The door to your home is a holy threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing above the door in chalk: the first two numbers of the year +C+M+B+the last two numbers of the year.

20 + C + M + B + 18

Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Adolph Adam points out that it may also mean "Christus mansionem benedicat" or "May Christ bless this dwelling."

It's appropriate to bless your door in January—janua means "door" and the first month is the door to the new year.

After inscribing the doorway, say this prayer:

**God of Bethlehem and Cana,
God of Jordan's leaping waters,**

**in baptism you bring us
into your family.**

**You wed us and embrace us
as your beloved.**

**May we fill this place
with kindness to one another,
with hospitality to guests,
and with abundant care
for every stranger.**

**By the gentle light of a star,
guide home all who seek you
on paths of faith, hope and
love.**

**Then we will join the angels in
proclaiming your praise:**

**Glory in heaven and peace on
earth,**

now and for ever. Amen.

Then sing a Christmas carol.

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