

**Preble County Catholics  
St. John, St. Mary and Visitation Churches**

**January 12, 2020**

**Mass Schedule for January 11th-19th**

Sat. 11th 5:00 p.m.	- Martha Copenhaver (Visn) (Fr. DD)
Sat. 11th 7:00 p.m.	- Holy Souls in Purgatory (St. J) (Fr. DD)
Sun. 12th 8:00a.m.	- David Deaton (St. M) (Fr. DD)
Sun. 12th 9:30a.m.	- Fr. Charles Caserta (St. J) (Fr. GV)
Sun. 12th 11:00a.m.	- Parishioners (Visn) (Fr. DD)
Mon. 13th 9:00a.m.	- Sick & Homebound of our Community (Visn)
Tues. 14th 9:00a.m.	- Private Intention (Visn)
Wed. 15th 12:00p.m.	- Parishioners (Visn)
Thurs. 16th 9:00a.m.	- Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life (Visn)
Fri. 17th 9:00 a.m.	- Fr. Angie Caserta (Visn)
Sat. 18th 5:00p.m.	- Marcella Homan (Visn) (Fr. DD)
Sat. 18th 7:00p.m.	- Parishioners (St. J) (Fr. DD)
Sun. 19th 8:00a.m.	- Pinky Broermann (St. M) (Fr. DD)
Sun. 19th 9:30a.m.	- Eileen Green (St. J) (Fr. GV)
Sun. 19th 11:00a.m.	- Jean DeRegnaucourt (Visn) (Fr. DD)

**Confessions heard 30 minutes before weekend Masses**

***Offertory 12/21-22***

	<b><i>Goal</i></b>
Visitation-	\$2,380.00
St. John-	\$1,262.00
St. Mary-	\$1,038.50

***Christmas Offertory***

Visitation-	\$4,231.00
St. John-	\$ 740.00
St. Mary-	\$ 885.00

***MEN, ARMOR UP! REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!***

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-e6-catholic-mens-conference-tickets-74532549863>

This year's conference features nationally renowned speakers Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Donald Calloway and Doug Barry. Be a part of one of the largest and most dynamic gatherings of Catholic men in the tri-state area

**Calendar Visitation:**

- Sun. Jan 12 RCIA 9:30 a.m.
- Tues. Jan 14 **Faith & Fitness class** 10 a.m.
- Wed. Jan 15 **CCD** 7 p.m.
- Thurs. Jan 16 **Faith & Fitness class** 10 a.m.
- Sun. Jan 19 **RCIA** 9:30 a.m.

**Calendar St. John:**

- Sun. Jan 12 Help will be needed after Mass to take down the Christmas decorations.
- Tues. Jan 14 **Recitation of the Rosary** at 5:30 p.m.

**Calendar St. Mary:**

- Sun. Jan 12 **Breakfast in the Basement** following Mass.
- Mon. Jan 13 **Parish Council** 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. Jan. 16 **Holy Hour** 6:30-8:00 p.m.

***Experience a new Lent Devotion  
No Greater Love***

Filmed in the Holy Land, "No Greater Love" is a Pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love as you draw closer to Jesus that you ever have before.

There will be six one and one half hour sessions. The sessions will be offered on Wednesday Mornings February 26th - April 1st at 9:30 a.m. and on Tuesday Evenings March 3rd- April 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the hall at Visitation.

The cost is \$20.00, which includes the book and online registration (this allows you to view the videos at home online).

Registration is due by January 27th. Please contact Dianna Metzger at 937-839-5735 or mmetzger16@woh.rr.com

***Offertory 12/28-29***

	<b><i>Goal</i></b>
Visitation-	\$ 2,820.00
St. John-	\$ 971.00
St. Mary-	\$ 827.00

***Offertory 1/4-5***

	<b><i>Goal</i></b>
Visitation-	\$ 4,157.00
St. John-	\$ 1,367.00
St. Mary-	\$ 1,453.00

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Dear Friends in Christ,

"The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the Church." This quote from "Amoris Laetitia" by Pope Francis is both prophetic and challenging in today's family context. Many people in today's world think that the church's stance on protecting and promoting family life and values is archaic. Pope Francis comments, "Many people feel that the Church's message on marriage and the family does not clearly reflect the preaching and attitudes of Jesus, who set forth a demanding ideal yet never failed to show compassion and closeness to the frailty of individuals like the Samaritan woman or the woman caught in adultery." As we are all called to be "perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48), we also look with hearts full of hope to the Gospel message as both good news that consoles and challenges us to be more like Christ. It would be foolish for us to think that family life and love is not worth our time because it is too demanding or that we don't have enough intellect, strength, etc. We are called in our weaknesses to continue to trust in the Lord and pray Psalm 85:10 "Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other." Only in the Lord can we both have justice and mercy fully present and accompanying both a person to greatness and a person in their greatest weakness. It is comparable to a Father or Mother at their child's greatest achievement and also standing there at their greatest failure with lessons of justice and merciful love. To sum it up in one figure in history, it is like the Blessed Mother of God, Mary, who rejoiced at the Incarnation and wept at the death of her Son, Jesus Christ. As Saint Paul reminds us, "My [God's] grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

The future of our life as a civilization is based on all of our example and witness to Christ's love in each of our homes and in our families. We should learn from the Lord and from one another what it truly means to have justice and peace embrace. To hold ourselves accountable to the great calling we have received from the Lord in being called the children of God. At the same time, we must be willing to forgive "seventy times seven" those who have wronged us and allow God's merciful love to accompany the sinner and hold them to justice. This justice and mercy does not end with our family bloodline, for as Christians we believe that, "The Church is a family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all those domestic churches." May justice and mercy embrace in our parishes and be carried into our homes and communities today.

God love you,

Fr David Doseck

**Visitation Parishioners Notice:** The location of the calendar for reserving the Church Hall at Visitation has now been moved to the parish offices. If you would like to reserve the hall for a special event or for recurring meetings/events, please contact the parish office. All events need the approval of Fr. David Doseck or Kay Hansen, our Business Manager. Appropriate Insurance forms must be completed for special events usage in the Church Hall. All events can be found online on our website for your planning purposes.

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:** Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus uses the occasion of John's baptizing as his own entrance into public life. The Father sends His Spirit on Jesus and proclaims for all to hear, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased'.



***Stewardship Moments from 'What Can I Do? 8 Ways to Help Build Community in Your Parish'***  
by Leisa Anslinger

"Invite people to join the family. It is not only parishioners who may benefit from an invitation. You may be called to invite family members, friends, and coworkers who are former or inactive Catholics, or those who with no previous faith experience to become acquainted with Jesus and your parish."

Remember the Book from Christmas? Fr. David Doseck would like to host six evenings of reflection on the book, Rediscovering the Saints. Each session is hosted on a Tuesday evening at 6:00pm-7:00pm at Visitation Church Hall (or Basement). Starts on Tues. - Jan. 21st thru Feb. 25th. No need to RSVP. It will be a great time spent together talking about our favorite saints and the thoughts provoked from reading the free Christmas book you received.