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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe For I was hungry and you gave me food . . .

Our greatness, if you will, lies in our ability to reach beyond ourselves to bring justice, peace and reconciliation into the lives of everyone . . .



WELCOME TO JESUS THE DIVINE WORD CHURCH!

We welcome those who are new to our faith community, those returning to the Catholic Church or those simply visiting with us this Sunday. We are blessed to have you with us and are glad you are here. If you would like to learn more about our parish or register as a parishioner, we invite you to contact our pastor, Fr. John Dakes at frjohn@jesusdivineword.org or any member of our parish staff at 410-414-8304. You may also go to our website

www.jesusdivineword.org to download our registration form or stop by our Welcome Table in the church entry to pick up a Welcome Folder.

~ Father John



Rev. John T. Dakes, Pastor

Rev. Michael Witczak, Weekend Clergy

Deacon Ron Burns

Daily Mass Schedule Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM Saturday 9:00 AM First Fridays 7:00 PM

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass) Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM,

and 12:00 Noon

Weekday Adoration

Monday-Friday

Weeknight Holy Hour Wednesday:7:00PM - 8:00PM

8:30AM- 9:30AM

First Friday

Adoration: 7:45 PM - 8:45 AM Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday & Thursday after 8:00 AM Mass

Wednesday: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Saturday: 4:00PM - 4:45PM Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and our Gospel presents us with the only description of the Last Judgment in any of the four Gospels.

The judgment scene is Jesus' last discourse recorded by Matthew before the events of His passion unfold. In the vision he presents today, Jesus is the king who sits in judgment "as a shepherd separates sheep from goats." Mercy and charity will be the standards for determining a person's entry into the future kingdom of God.

As you listened to the Gospel being read, did you notice that Jesus makes no mention of the sins we usually worry about as the basis for the Last Judgment? This doesn't mean that those things don't matter. But the emphasis here has to do with getting out there and responding to people who are really in need. Why? It's because Jesus has clearly and unequivocally identified himself with the poor. Our greatness, *if you will*, lies in our ability to reach beyond ourselves to bring justice, peace and reconciliation into the lives of everyone, especially those who hunger and thirst, who are strangers, who lack clothing or a place to lay their head, need health care and who are imprisoned.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta summarized today's Gospel theme well when she said: "At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by I was hungry and you gave me to eat . . . I was naked and you clothed me . . . I was homeless and you took me in. Hungry not only for bread -- but hungry for love; naked not only of clothing -- but naked of human dignity and respect; homeless not only for want of a room of bricks, but homeless because of rejection. This is Christ in distressing disguise."

Each and every one of us needs to choose areas of Jesus' teaching where we can be counted among the sheep. To say that we are Christians demands a clear, conscious decision by us to participate in His vision. His is a vision far from a quaint little story from the past, but a mandate for today. When we do these things for any others, ultimately we do them for Him.

Peace and blessings, *Father John*



FIRST FRIDAY THIS WEEK

This Friday, December 1st, is the First Friday of the Month.

First Friday Masses are celebrated at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Immediately following the evening Mass is Exposition and all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at 8:45 AM Saturday.

A sign-up sheet for Adoration is in the narthex of the church or you may go to www.jesusdivineword.org to sign-up.

Safe Nights at JDW: December 31st - January 7th *You Are Needed!*

The Sign-Up Genius for Safe Nights is up and running!

Once on signupgenius.com, click on "Find a Signup" on the top upper right, and then go to "Search by Email" and enter *jdwsafenights@gmail.com* as the requested email.



FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU FED ME; I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK. I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME; NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME... MATTHEW 25: 35-36

If you have any questions, please contact Terry DiGuiseppe by phone or text at 301-706-7018 or email tldiguiseppe@gmail.com

Let us all prepare our hearts for next Sunday's Mass by reflecting on the readings in advance.

The readings for next Sunday, December 3 are:
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7
Psalm 80
I Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37
"And the Word was made flesh . . . "





Cardinal Hickey Academy

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Bulletin Entry Deadlines Listed below are upcoming bulletin deadlines:

Bulletin Date
December 3
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Your cooperation with these deadlines is greatly appreciated.

bulletin@jesusdivineword.org

The month of November is dedicated to All Souls.





Poor Box Designation

For the month of
November,
donations will go to the
Carol Porto
Treatment Center in
Prince Frederick.

Thank you for your generosity.



COMMUNITY SUNDAY

The donations on the third Sunday of every month will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in conjunction with our parish's Community Sunday. Thank you for your continued generosity.





Serving the Lord with Joy:

December 2 & 3

Saturday 12/2 5 PM

EMHCs: Dot & Ed Spicka, Mary

Ann Silva, Gail Gordon

Readers: Need 2

Servers: Joseph & Caroline

Wojcieszek, Olivia & Vincent Snearly

Sunday 12/3 8 AM

EMHCs: Jenny LaBille, Denise

Waters

Readers: Paul Rhodes, Need 1

Servers: Maria & Joseph Rank,

Lucas & Hayden Belt

Sunday 12/3 10 AM

EMHCs: Craig & Dawn Jones,

Mary Anne Simard, Sharon Stallings, Cathy

& Gordon Pracht

Readers: Marianne Roberts,

Need 1

Servers: Timothy, Sarah & Noah

DeGrange, Daniel Esser

Sunday 12/3 12 Noon

EMHCs: Josh Buck, Ann Harper,

Cliff & Jane Scanlan

Readers: Priscilla Hammett,

Need 1

Servers: Frankie & Natalie

Greever, Tommy & Joey

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SCHEDULES & STEWARDSHIP

Mass Intentions for November 26 - December 3

Sunday, November 26 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 am - William Carter, Sr. (D)

10:00 am - Jim Peck (D)

12:00 pm - Parishioners

Tuesday - Saturday morning Masses throughout the month of November will be offered for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Friday, December 1 - First Friday

8:00 am - Jim Peck (D)

7:00 pm - Joan Voss (D)

Saturday, December 2

Upcoming

Events

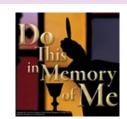
9:00 am - Joe Hayden (D)

5:00 pm - Parishioners

Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am - John Carpenter Sr. (D) 10:00 am - Patricia Cavenas (D)

12:00 pm - Rev. Dan Leary (D)



SAVE THE DATES

November 30.......Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 5:00 pm November 30......Little Flowers meeting 6:00 pm

December 1-3......High School Youth Retreat at West River

December 2......Run for Vocations Craft Fair
December 8......Feast of Immaculate Conception

December 9......St. Nick Party 6 pm

December 13......Grief Education Seminar 5:30 pm

December 15......IGNITE 6:30 pm Dec 31 - Jan 7......Safe Nights

January 19.....March for Life

January 27......Day Retreat for Women with Danielle Bean



Hospitality Schedule

November 26: Traci Peters, Joan Lotis, Dawn Jones **December 3:** Bernie & Lucy Schuler, Treva Kirby

December 10: Pellegrino Family



Special Second Collection

On the weekend of December 9 &10, there will be a special second collection for the *Retirement Fund for Religious*.



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

www.retiredreligious.org



LITURGY & PRAYER

Advent Wreath Lighting for December 2 & 3

Saturday 12/2 5 PM Bob & Paula Ohler Sunday 12/3 8 AM Teresa Erdman Sunday 12/3 10 AM Liz Calabrese Sunday 12/3 12 Noon Mixon Family



Mark your Calendars for the

Children's Christmas Pageant

During Christmas Eve Mass Sunday, December 24th at 5:00pm.



If your child would like to participate in the pageant, make plans <u>now</u> to attend our Thursday night rehearsals from 5:00-5:45pm, November 30th until December 21st.

Contact Colleen Thompson for information <u>Thompson2541@comcast.net</u> 301-518-4885

WELCOME RETURNING CATHOLICS

If you are a Catholic who for any reason has been away from the Church, know that we are praying for you and have been thinking about you. We are glad you're here with us today and invite you to be an active member of the Church again.

If you have questions, wish to simply talk or would like information on the sacraments or on our parish programs and ways you can become involved, please contact Fr. John Dakes – frjohn@jesusdivineword.org or 410-414-8304, x11 at the parish office.



The Knights of Columbus Council #14775 will be selling Christmas

ornaments in the narthex after each Sunday Mass through December 17th.



LITTLE BLUE ADVENT BOOKS Did you enjoy the Little Blue Book last Advent?



If so, they're back. These books contain sixminute

daily reflections on the infancy narratives of the Gospel of Luke.

Copies are available beginning today in the narthex of the church. These books go quickly, so pick up the blue book today and be ready when Advent begins next Sunday.



SUNDAY AND DAILY MASS READINGS:

Interested in finding the texts for the Sunday and weekday Mass online?

 $\frac{Go \ to}{\frac{www.usccb.org/bible/}{readings/}}$

FINANCE COUNCIL



Parish Finance Council members are

reminded of their meeting this Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00 PM in the parish library.



Electronic giving is convenient for you and helps the parish better plan for programs and expenses. If you are giving electronically and have been considering an increase to your donation, forms are available from the office, in the church narthex, and on our parish

website under "Resources". If you are not giving electronically, please consider it as an option for your donations to the church. Simply fill out the form, submit it in a sealed envelope to the business office in care of Marcia Chaney and your contribution will be automatically transferred from your checking account to the church. You are able to specify the amount and whether you would like it to recur on a monthly or semi-monthly basis, change your electronic giving or discontinuation of this giving can occur at any time.

Parish Happenings

Attention Bakers

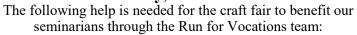
JDW's Liturgy committee has asked our youth ministry to host a special hospitality reception after evening Mass on Friday, December 8th for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. If you and your IGNITE or Upper Room youth would like to help with this event, you can choose from the following tasks:



- Bake two dozen cookies for the reception in Doran Hall
- * Make non-alcoholic Hot Toddy Drink (one crock pot full)
- * Help with setting up Doran Hall on Thursday night, December 7th at 7 p.m.
- * Help to serve during the Reception
- * Help to clean Doran Hall after Reception (about 8:30 p.m.)

Please sign up by emailing *youthministry@jesusdivineword.org* with your name and your choice from the list above. Let's celebrate this very special night together with our parish family.

Run for Vocations Craft Fair Saturday, December 2





- * Friday evening, December 1 help vendors unload cars 4 PM 7 PM
- * Saturday morning 7 8:30 AM help vendors unload in morning and load in afternoon
- * Help clean up Doran Hall beginning at 2:15 PM
- * Sell concessions. Give vendors breaks and food runners for vendors.
- * Service hours for any confirmation students or high school students in need of service hours.
- * Please watch your email for more ways to help by donating items for the concessions.
- * And of course.... come and shop.

Please contact Sue Stavely at 301-675-3413 for more information.



Parish Happenings



Be an Angel

Once again our parish is participating in the Calvert County Angel Tree Program, which helps to bring a bit of a Merry Christmas to the county's needlest children. As a parish family, let us help take care of our extended family in Calvert County.

When you take a tag, please be sure to write the tag number and your name and phone number on one of the sheets that will be on a clipboard on the table right by the tree. This is essential so that we can keep track of the gifts and help you if you happen to misplace your tag.

When you have purchased the gifts requested, please place the UNWRAPPED gifts in a plastic trash bag with a twist tie. Please make sure the Angel tag is securely taped to the OUTSIDE of the bag.

All gifts need to be returned to the narthex BY NOON ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10.

If you have any questions please call Patty O'Toole at 410-231-0482.

Thank you for your generous support!



Vocation Cross



Our Vocation Cross program will begin next weekend, December 2 & 3. If you signed up to participate in the program you will receive a phone call the week before you are scheduled to make sure you will be available for the Mass you indicated that you normally attend.

During the Mass you will be called up to the sanctuary to receive the cross. You will bring it home so that you can pray for vocations from our parish throughout the week. We ask that you return the cross to the parish office by 5 PM the following Friday.

St. Nicholas Party

Saturday, December 9th 6:00pm Doran Hall

Have your picture taken with St. Nick while you visit with him.

Make a visit to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born and practice writing your name in Hebrew.



There will also be cookie decorating, ornament making, face painting, games, pizza, hot chocolate and more!

Registration now open in the parish office! \$25 per family. Families of 5 or more, please add \$5.

Grief Education Seminar Wednesday, December 13

Tessa Washington, a Bereavement Coordinator from Calvert Hospice, will be the guest speaker at our December Bereavement Group meeting. Tessa will be providing our community with information and tools on how to grieve in healthy ways, learning what is "normal" and what is "complicated" grief. We will be meeting in the Chapel at 5:30pm. All are welcome!



DAY RETREAT FOR WOMEN



Saturday, January 27, 2018 at JDW

Join us for a day designed by author Danielle Bean to help you discover the life-changing truth about Jesus' unique and personal love for women.



MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR E-MAIL RECENTLY?

If so, please contact the Parish Office at 410-414-8304 with your name, new address, new e-mail address and/or telephone number.

I lift my eyes to you, oh God, enthroned in heaven. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

~ Psalm 123

Please pray for our sick:

Phil Ates, Ruth Baker, Carleton Berry, Jim Borell, Govena Boucher, Alyssa Bramble, Dcn James Brown, Rob Brown, Sandy Buchanan, Dolores R. Burbage, Fred Burns, Oscar Camacho, DJ Callender, Lill Caplins, Diane Chaney, Mark Chaplin, Shirley Clement, Regina Coakley, Lisa Coltrain, Allison Consoli, Jean Corcoran, Thomas Cullen, Zahira Davila, Jack DeGrange, Terri DeStefano, Tammie DiMichele, Linda Donaldson, Laveta Emory; Mary Ferrante, Anna Freeman, John Gatt, Reene Gawronski, Michelle Goodwin, Jeff Gott, Frank Grant, Charles Grimes, Barbara & Margaret Grofic, Doug Hansen, Brooke Heiston, Jeanne Hemmer, Hayden Hettel, Ann Hill, Denise Hilton, Norma Holmes, Connie Key, Stephen Killian, Micah Kirk, Casey Kwitkin, Ernie Lagimoniere Sr., Meagan Laughlin, William Lavin, Margaret Elizabeth Lee, Susan Lees, Melissa Lescinsky, Doris Lynch, Kim McGown, Michael McNamee, Sandy Manuel, Norma Melcher, Marita Moniger, Dcn John Montgomery, Bruce Mrowca, Pat Nahas, Michael Nestor, Mary Ellen Norris, Richard O'Dell, Kathy Pannebaker, Laura Peck, Michael Pellock, Rusty & Donna Perkins, Mark Pierce, Monica Haley-Pierson, Kathy Poole, Marilyn Quinn, Janet Reing, Milton & Kathleen Reuwer, Keely Reuwer, Fr. Jim Reynolds, Colin Ripple, Rafaela Rodriguez, Steve Rogers, Caroline Rutledge, Grace Rymer, Marie Samaha, Lucy Schuler, Jesse Schwenk, Theresa Sefcik, Joseph Seminara, Kay Siewertsen, Les & Mary Ann Silva, Thomas Sita, Laurie Smith, Mariann Stackpole, Shirley Talbot, Mary Tayman, Noah Thompson, Rebecca Triplet, Dcn Richard Walker, Katie Ward, Nathaniel Weiskircher, Sam Whedbee, Kay Whelan, Susie Wommack, Diane Wood, Wendy Zurenko.

Heal them, O Lord.

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



A PASTORAL LETTER BY CARDINAL DONALD WUERL **#UNITYINDIALOGUE**

Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, has issued a short pastoral letter entitled *The Challenge of Racism Today*. It invites us to reflect on our own responsibility and the responsibility of the Church to be agents of reconciliation and harmony. You can find a copy of the letter at adw.org and in the latest edition of the Catholic Standard located in the church narthex.

Cardinal Hickey Academy Open House

January 28, 2018 12:30-2pm

Mark your calendars for Cardinal Hickey Academy's open house! Get more information on how to start a faith based education for your children.



We are now enrolling PreK-8th grades. If you can't wait until then, visit our website at www.cardinalhickeyacademy.org or contact us at development@cardinalhickeyacademy.org



Bear Hugs For Healing

BEAR HUGS FOR HEALING is a program that delivers stuffed bears to hospitalized children during the holidays. To give a sick child a bear hug this Christmas, please drop off your donated bears by December 12 at Heavenly Presents, 22697 Washington Street (on the Square), Leonardtown, Maryland. Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday, or use the after hours drop box outside the store front door. Your tax-deductible monetary

donations will be used to purchase bears at a discounted price! Please make checks payable to the Bread of Life Center for Peace and mail them to: PO Box 338, Leonardtown, MD 20650. You may also purchase a bear or make donations through our website at www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org -- click on Bear Hugs Project. Due to health and safety concerns, donated bears must be newly purchased and delivered in their original packing with store tags attached. Sorry, used stuffed bears are not accepted by the hospitals. Bear Hugs was an inspiration received in thanksgiving for favors granted through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima and St. Jude. Please contact Patricia Disandro a 240-681-3606 for more details about how you can participate in this special outreach. Thank you for your continued generous support of Bear Hugs!

VOCATION EVENTS

CALVERT CATHOLIC - YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

An important aspect of being a part of a parish family is sharing your faith with others on the journey. One group to consider joining is the young adult group in Calvert County.

Calvert Catholic is a community of young adults who want to cultivate Catholic friendships and grow in their faith together. Join them for a meal, discussion, retreats, or service. They are always looking for new members and new ideas! They meet at least once a month in one of their homes for good food, prayer and discussion. Daycare is always provided for those with little ones.

Connect with them on Facebook, Instagram, or by e-mail to learn more! Email Anthony Esser at

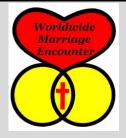


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Longest Married Couple

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is searching for the longest married couple. For the eighth year in a row the annual search for the Longest Married Couple (LMC) in the United States has begun. The project runs from Oct. 10, 2017 to Jan. 10, 2018 with the national winners named in February 2018.

One national winner and winners from each of the 50 states are recognized each year. This project is held to honor the commitment of married couples and to give hope and inspiration to younger couples that they too can have long and lasting marriages. Nominations must be received by January 10th, 2017. To nominate a couple you know, please visit us at http://wwme.org or contact us directly at 321-804-2310.



"I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD."

As we celebrate Christ the King, let us also learn to serve our spouses by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are April 20-22, 2018, November 2-4, 2018 in Gaithersburg, MD and August 3-5, 2018 in Hanover, MD.

Go to

welovematrimony.org to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up!

THE WEEK AHEAD AT JDW

Sunday November 26 Christ the King	Monday November 27	Tuesday November 28	Wednesday November 29	Thursday November 30 St. Andrew	Friday December 1 First Friday	Saturday December 2
8:00a Mass 8:30a RCIA 10:00a Mass and Children's Liturgy of the Word 12:00p Mass	I WILL WALK	7:20a Rosary & Morning Prayer 8:00a Mass and confessions	7:20a Rosary & Morning Prayer 8:00a Mass	7:20a Rosary & Morning Prayer 8:00a Mass and confessions	7:20a Rosary & Morning Prayer 8:00a Mass	7:30a Men's Group in Doran Hall 8:45a Benediction 9:00a Mass followed by Pro life rosary 9:00a RFV Craft Fair
5:00p Confirmation Class	BY F ITH	5:00p Children's Choir 6:00p Youth Choir 7:00p Adult Choir	7:00p Adoration and confessions	5:00p Christmas Pageant rehearsal	7:00p Mass followed by all-night Adoration 7:00p High School Youth Retreat	4:00p Confessions 5:00p Vigil Mass



Please pray for our Military:

Brian Antonio, Meghan Barrett, Jordon Clark, Nathan Cortes-Peck, Julia Croft, Ryan Croft, Nicholas Dakes, Robert Owen Danford, Joshua Daniels, Rebecca & Kevin Danis, James Devine, Billy Donovan, Tracy Farr, Kathleen Finnegan, Thomas George, AJ Gerdes, Kevin Gordon, Ben Hammett, Brian Haynes, Tanner Haynes, Catherine Hetmansky, Justin Hickman, Lucas Hornick. Matt Johnson. Craig Jones, Jordon LaBonte, Taylor Luskey, Joshua Matthews, Mark Matthews, Tom Moroney, Alex & Erich Muehleisen, Benjamin, Jacob & Christian Naumann, Jeremy Norris, Joshua Shandy, Ian Sloan, Austin Spaulding, Jimmy & Shane Tittinger, Stephen Woollen and for all servicemen & women protecting our freedom. Protect them, O Lord.

If you know of any names that should be added or removed from our sick or military prayer list, please email bulletin@ jesusdivineword.org
Thank you for helping to keep these lists

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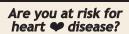
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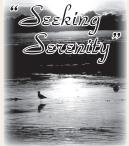


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