

*Notes from our Pastor*

***May the Gift of Faith, the Blessing of Hope and  
the Peace of His Love be Yours always, in all ways. Amen!***

The lowly shepherds came to the manger scene from the fields, bearing no gifts other than themselves. The Gentile Persian astrologers / Magi / Three Kings came to worship the Child Jesus, and bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These gifts are symbolic, as they were given to kings or divinities in antiquity. *Gold* is a precious element representing kingship, *frankincense*, a perfumed incense burned at the temple as a sign of the presence of God, and *myrrh* a costly balm or ointment, which is mentioned later in the gospels surrounding Jesus' death (mixed with wine, which was offered to Jesus while hanging on the cross, and is among the perfumes and spices that Nicodemus brings to prepare Jesus' body for burial). These gifts given by the magi in some way represent or symbolize the best physical objects that humanity has to offer. This is really a story about who Jesus is and what his mission will be. Jesus is the best gift God has to offer us. These gifts proclaim Jesus *king, God* and *human*. More likely this visit happened when Jesus is about two years old, right before the Holy Family's Flight into Egypt to avoid Herod's slaughtering of the Holy Innocents. Herod became the first of many who will reject Jesus' presence, his light, his life and love. Let us give the gift of ourselves as faithful followers of Jesus.

Remember that **the Christmas Season** extends until January 13<sup>th</sup>, **the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**. It is appropriate to leave Christmas decorations up until that date.

***All God's Blessings always and in all ways for a  
Merry Christmas Season and Happy New Year!***

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*Mass  
Intentions*

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January 9 – January 13, 2019

**Wednesday, January 9, 9:30 am** – For All Members of the Church of the Resurrection

**Saturday, January 12, 4:00 pm** – In Loving Memory of Armenta & Dorothy Mae Burton

**Sunday, January 13, 10:00 am** – In Loving Memory of Marjorie Howell, Sister of Janie Allen-Blue

Remembering Loved Ones

*If you have someone you want to remember by offering a Mass Intention, please call the Parish Office*

**The Feast of the Epiphany**

As missionary disciples, our challenge is to preach the Gospel – to share the Good news. That occurs through the process of evangelization, the sharing of the Good News. The Feast of the Epiphany asks of us to reflect on the awesome task of evangelizing the world. This is the fundamental concern of the Church in every age: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19f).

However, evangelization is not a work of the past; nor is it the responsibility of a chosen few; evangelization is the obligation and privilege of every baptized Christian at all times and in all places.

On this Feast Day, the Magi bring the Infant Lord gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and I am sure these pleased the Heart of God. As many of us will set goals for this new year: Let us pray for and work with one lapsed Catholic to bring that person back to a vibrant practice of the faith; pray for and work with one person who has never been a believer to bring that person into the fullness of truth and life found only in Christ’s one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.



TITHES  
& OFFERINGS

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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Offertory Collections  
December 22 – 23, 2018

<i>Goal of Weekly Collection:</i>	<b>\$6,592.00</b>
<i>Current Weekly Average:</i>	<b>\$6,062.00</b>
<i>Regular Collection</i>	<b>\$7,053.05</b>
<i>Regular Outreach Min.</i>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<i>Religious Retirement Fund</i>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<b>\$1,325.00</b>
<i>Christmas Day</i>	<b>\$987.00</b>
<i>Calendars</i>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<i>Mass Intention</i>	<b>\$40.00</b>
<i>Martin Luther King</i>	<b>\$2,558.00</b>
<i>Campaign for Human Development</i>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<i>Other Income Music</i>	<b>\$293.50</b>
<i>Funeral</i>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<i>Christmas Flowers</i>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<i>School Rental</i>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<i>Entering The Doors of Faith</i>	<b>\$2,930.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b><i>\$15,683.55</i></b>

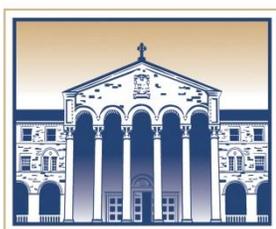
*We thank you for your generous donations to the Church of the Resurrection. May God continue to bless us as grateful and responsible stewards.*

**Liturgical Laundry Assistance**

We’re in need of volunteers who would assist in laundering the linen cloths [purificators, towels, server robes/albs] used during Mass. The frequency of rotation would be once a month. The linen cloths are picked up after Mass and returned by the next weekend Masses. If you will assist, please call the Parish Office and let us know. We thank those who have assisted over the years, your ministry has been essential for those who minister at the Altar of the Lord.

			
Mass	9:30 am Wed., Jan. 9	4:00 pm Sat., Jan. 12	10:00 am Sun., Jan. 13
Altar Servers		Demetrious Broyles	Michale Jones Laila Moussaoui Tonya Bishop-Gable
Readers	Kimberly Ware Pam Heydt	LaRita Aubespain Norm O'Connor	Patricia Roper Kimberly Ware
<b>Greeters</b>			Tess Wilfong Barbara Stumpf
<b>Ushers</b>		Purcell Davis Rita Nzinga Shirley Davis	Travonn Voner Dorothy Waller Rose Collins
Eucharistic Ministers	Phyllis Kelley	Lillie Jones Gary Walker	Richard Bedgood June Landrum Springer Elaine Berry Wilma Javey Ronald Berry Janice Bishop Mark Curnutte Phyllis Kelley
Sacristans		Pam Washington	Elaine Berry
Cantor		James Bond	Charles Hooten

### Athenaeum of Ohio Spring Semester Begins Soon!



Visit [Athenaeum.edu](http://Athenaeum.edu) to learn about our spring semester classes for lay students (Beginning in January.) Classes take place on weeknight evenings or Saturday mornings. This term we are offering classes in New Testament

Scriptures; Catechesis; Using Scripture in Parish Ministry; Ecclesiology; Domestic Church; RCIA & Sacramental Preparation; Contemporary Issues in Moral Theology and a few others. We offer classes at both the non-degree certificate level and the master's level. Graduate level classes take place at the main campus in Mt. Washington. The certificate classes take place at the Mt. Washington Campus and also at the Good Shepherd Parish in Montgomery. Contact us for more information: LPMP (Lay Pastoral Ministry Program Office), 513-231-1200 or [byoder@athenaeum.edu](mailto:byoder@athenaeum.edu) or [smcgurgan@athenaeum.edu](mailto:smcgurgan@athenaeum.edu).

### School Bus Driver Needed

The Summit Country Day School is in need of a part-time school bus driver. This position will drive an afternoon shuttle to our athletic complex on Red Bank Road and provide transportation to games for our athletic teams on a daily basis. The driver would also serve as a back-up for our regular morning and afternoon routes to the Mason area. It is anticipated that there will be a need for 20-25 hours of driver time per week during the school year only. If you are interested in this position, but do not have a commercial driver's license (CDL), the school will pay for your training. If interested, please contact Maria Hill, Human Resources Director, at 513-871-4700 ext. 277, or [Hill\\_m@summitcds.org](mailto:Hill_m@summitcds.org).

### Graduate Discernment Retreat

The Congregation of Holy Cross welcomes male college graduates to a discernment retreat at Moreau Seminary on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, January 11-13, 2019. Contact the Office of Vocations at [574-631-6385](tel:574-631-6385) or email us at [vocation@holycrossusa.org](mailto:vocation@holycrossusa.org) for more information.

# Weekly Events

<b>Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
10:00 am	Mass	Church
<b>Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup></b>		
6:30 pm	Bible Study	Classroom
<b>Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
12:00 pm	Rock of Ages	Parish Center
5:00 pm	Justice & Social Action	Parish Office
6:30 pm	Stewardship Council	Parish Center
<b>Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup></b>		
9:30 am	Mass	Church
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Food Pantry	Parish Center
6:00 pm	Fund Development	Parish Office
6:30 pm	Liturgy Commission	Parish Center
<b>Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup></b>		
10:30 am	Visitation Homebound Ministry	Parish Ofc.
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
<b>Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup></b>		
9:00 am	Joint Leadership Mtg.	Cafeteria
3:15-3:40 pm	Reconciliation	Church
4:00 pm	Mass	Church
<b>Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup></b>		
10:00 am	Mass	Church
1:00 pm	Stephen Ministry	Parish Office

## Be My Witness:

### Formation for Evangelization

Approximately 20 leaders in our parish have been gathering every month to discern and reflect on what it means to be a missionary disciple. The New Evangelization is a movement which encourages active Catholics learn to offer the Gospel, through word and example, to Catholics who have drifted away; and to those who have yet to respond to the voice of God.

Through our discernment, we hope to animate and bring a new vitality to our parish community; so that together we may spread the Gospel wherever we go.

### National Migration Week Event

Join Catholic Charities to hear how we can build communities of Welcome. Hear from those who have been separated from families, learn what life is like as a refugee and go forth with ideas of ways you can welcome your neighbors. The event will be held January 10, 2019 at Good Shepherd Parish, 8815 E. Kemper Rd. from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. For more information, please go to [www.ccswoh.org](http://www.ccswoh.org).

## Keep the Dream Alive

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. “Keep the Dream Alive” award ceremony will be held on here at the Church of the Resurrection on Monday, January 21, 2019. This much anticipated Cincinnati event was founded by Bro. Hugh Henderson, C.P.P.S. to honor individuals who have served our local community by demonstrating the qualities of Dr. King. The 2019 Honorees are; Anzora Adkins, Jeffrey G. Brewster, Edward D. Brown, Mary Washington Campbell, Henrietta Hill, Mary L. Shelton and Rev. George B. Wilson, S.J. Cynthia O. Booth is the Keynote Speaker this year. We look forward to hearing Mrs. Booth’s perspective on the theme: *We Are One: Worker’s Rights, Civil Rights and Human Rights*. Curtis Fuller will be our Master of Ceremony.

All are encouraged to observe this day as not just a day off work, but also a “Day of Service” to others with appropriate civic, community, and service projects.

## CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE

The 2019 Calendars are available. Please take one per household. Additional calendars are \$2.00 each.



God of all heaven and earth, from the breath of your love came the creation of the world. We are amazed at the vast beauty of the night sky and at the intimate nature of the love you have for us your children.

Be our daily star, guiding our lives to search for kingdom love. May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do. Forever trusting, hoping and believing in your word. Lift our eyes to see your eternal life shining brightly. Amen.



***“If anyone among us is sick the church should pray over them. Our Church of the Resurrection family is encouraged to send cards or call our sick and shut in members.”***

***Homebound, Nursing Homes & Hospitals***

Maurice Adams, Ted Banks, Helen Bennett, Ashley Burns, Chris Carr, Annette Chriszt, Gregory Donaldson, Norma Kahn, Cornelius A. Lindsey, Pedro Nival, Yvette Patterson, Lucille Railey, Kenneth Riley, Alberta (Bonnie) Scott, Lisa Smith, Patricia Hisako Tevis and Herbert Wilson.

***In Need of Prayer***

Alice Adams, Marcia Allen, Thomas Joseph Allen, Jr., Michael Allison, Henry Bailey, Theresa Barnes, Dexter Bedgood, Richard G. Bedgood, Jr., James Bishop, Sr., James Bishop, II, Mary Boggs, James Bond, Tiffany Bosley, Alberta William Brown, Dolores (Dee) Bruggeman, Albert Burgin, Kwasi Burgin, Stacey Burnam, John E. Burns, Bush Family, Yttria Carter, Aux. Bishop Fernand Cheri, Louise Cole, Joyce Coleman, Milt Coleman, Gail Collier, The Cross Family, Mark Curnutte, Ruth Davis, Purcell Davis, Renee Davis, Yvonne Davis, Marlene DeBrossard, Noel Dueno, Charlie Dunn, Rashon Dukes, Linda Edington, Micah French, Eugenia Gardner, Constance Goldsby, Barbara Hawkins, Pam Heydt, Lucy Hill, Kathy Holmes, Michelle Isome, John J. Jackson, Wakita Jackson, Wilma Javey, The Jeff Family, Marie Jenkins, Michelle Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Steve Joiner, George Jones, Jr., James Jones, Lee Jones Sr., Mary Alice Jones, Melia Kelley, Donald Kincaid, Sandra Kinley, June Landrum-Springer, Paul Leitzinger, Fr. Dave Lemkuhl, Margie Lemkuhl, Diane Lemkuhl, David Lett, Cindy Losey, John Lovett, Stephanie Mayweather, Phyllis Minniefield, Killis Moxley, Jeanette Murphy, Mary Murphy, Norm O’Connor, Sondra Parsons, Norma Payne Richardson, Regina Payne, Odell Pearl, Verneda Phillips, Mary Pittocco, Sandra Cross Porter, Clyde Richard, Kathleen Richards, Ronald Richardson, Margaret Riley, Marie Robinson, Richard Schaefer, Danielle Smith, Cecil Solomon, Mary Solomon, Andrew Springer, Cecil Stewart, Gina Stewart, Mary Stewart, James Thompson, Marian Thompson, Doretha Thurman, Miriam Tucker, Tracey Tucker, Collinda Tye, Geraldine Ullett, Lynda Valines, Joan Van Skaik, Gary Walker, Ronald Walker, Savoy Walker, Dina Washington, Erin M. Wilfong, Ted Wilfong, Tess Wilfong, Fr. George Wilson, Patricia Woods and Cheryl Yarborough.

We want to know if parishioners are ill, homebound or in a nursing home and who ***would like to be visited***. Please contact the Church office.

If you or a family member are scheduled for a medical procedure and ***would like to be anointed***, please notify the Church office in advance.

**Prayer for Peace from Pope Francis**

*The following prayer was offered by Pope Francis on July 31, 2016.*

O almighty and merciful God, Lord of the universe and of history.

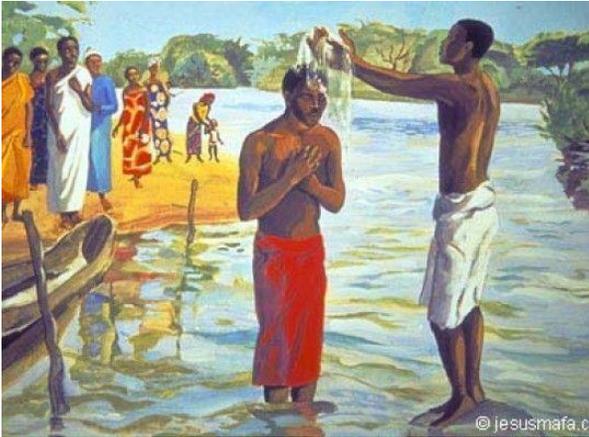
All that You have created is good and your compassion for the mistakes of mankind knows no limits.

We come to You today to ask You to keep in peace the world and its people, to keep far away from it the devastating wave of terrorism, to restore friendship and instill in the hearts of Your creatures the gift of trust and of readiness to forgive.

O Giver of life, we pray to You also for all those who have died as victims of brutal terrorist attacks. Grant them their eternal reward. May they intercede for the world that is torn apart by conflicts and disagreements.

O Jesus, Prince of Peace, we pray to You for the ones who have been wounded in these acts of inhuman violence: children and young people, old people and innocent people accidentally involved in evil. Heal their bodies and hearts; console them with Your strength and, at the same time, take away any hatred and a desire for revenge.

Holy Spirit Consoler, visit the families of the victims of terrorism, families that suffer through no fault of their own. Wrap them in the mantle of Your divine mercy. Make them find again in You and in themselves the strength and courage to continue to be brothers and sisters for others, above all for immigrants, giving witness to Your love by their lives.



## **The Baptism of the Lord**

**January 13, 2019**

**Isaiah 42: 1 – 4, 6 - 7**

**Psalms 29: 1 – 4, 9 - 10**

**Acts 10: 34 - 38**

**Luke 3: 15 – 16, 21 - 22**

When we gather to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within the Mass, we profess our baptismal covenant, “Do you believe in God the Father? Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?” What we believe about God is the first and foundational part of our Baptismal Covenant. It is God who initiates the covenant, and it is His faithfulness, His steadfastness, and His reliability that ensures its validity. Our participation in the Sacrament of Baptism is to accept God’s promise and then to receive His grace. He purifies our soul; He washes us from all our sins; He makes us His sons and daughters; He gives us His Holy Spirit.

We believe that God is exclusive. “The Lord our God, the Lord is one” (Dt. 6:4). “You shall have no other gods before me” (Ex. 20:3). “I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (Jn. 14:6).

Once we’ve received basic faith, the beginning of Christian life is our participation in the life of the Church. We sit at the feet of the apostles and those to whom their mantle has been passed, learning about the Lord from those who have seen His body and heard His voice, who have touched Him and been touched by Him.

In the “breaking of the bread” “we proclaim his death, we profess his resurrection, and we await his coming in glory.” In this shared Eucharistic meal, we have intimate union with Christ, He in us and we in Him, and we share of the one loaf with one another. Breaking bread is the tie that binds together, all members of the Church of the Resurrection family, and us to the cathedral, and the Archdiocese to the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

In Baptism, God wipes out our past debts, and lets us rejoin life with Him, things we could never do on our own. As we baptize our children and our children’s children, we are called to repent and return to the Lord. Having believed in God, joined in the life of the Church, and made some progress in resisting evil, we then reach outside and proclaim the Good News of God in the world.

Let us strive to see past the letter of the law—past the outward signs of the covenant—and attempt to comprehend its underlying truth and meaning. Our Baptismal Covenant is about being reconciled to God and becoming ambassadors of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:20). The Father wants all of His children to come home to Him. This is the heart of the covenant. This is the Good News.