

Cathedral Surpasses CSA Goal

2016 CSA Goal: \$19,795.00
Amount Raised: \$52,645
% of Goal: 266%

The Cathedral of St. Joseph has once again surpassed its goal for the 2016 Catholic Sharing Appeal. Through the generosity of the parishioners, the parish raised \$52,645. The parish goal was \$19,795. Msgr. Kevin said, "year after year, the Cathedral of St. Joseph is able to not only meet, but also exceed the goal that is set for it in the Catholic Sharing Appeal. I cannot adequately express my appreciation for your generosity and for your concern for the poor in our state and the education of our young people. Your contribution to the Catholic Sharing Appeal not only benefits our parish but so many others

and I thank you on behalf of all of those who are served by your kindness." The Cathedral raised 266 percent of its goal, one of the highest percentage in the state. Fifty percent of the funds raised will support diocesan services and programs throughout the state. Catholic education and diocesan ministries will each receive 15 percent of appeal funds; 13 percent of funds will support Catholic Charities West Virginia; and the remaining 7 percent of the funds will cover the cost of the appeal. Thank you again for supporting this important mission of the Church in West Virginia.

Celebrate World Marriage Day

Join St. Vincent de Paul parishioners Saturday, Feb. 11, for an evening of celebrating your love and the blessing of your marriage. Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m., followed by a wine and cheese social. A candlelit dinner will follow.

Cost is \$ 45 per couple. Reservations are required and must be made no later than Feb. 8. For more information, contact the Beiter's at (304) 238-4904 or the Reed's at (304) 242-8156.

The Baptism of the Lord

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (LK 3:15-16, 21-22)

In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary—not for Him, but for us.

Many of the Fathers of the Church, as well as the medieval Scholastics, saw Christ's Baptism as the institution of the sacrament. His Flesh blessed the water, and the descent of the Holy Spirit (in the form of a dove) and the voice of God the Father announcing that this was His Son, in Whom He was well pleased, marked the beginning of Christ's public ministry.

Women's Faith Gathering

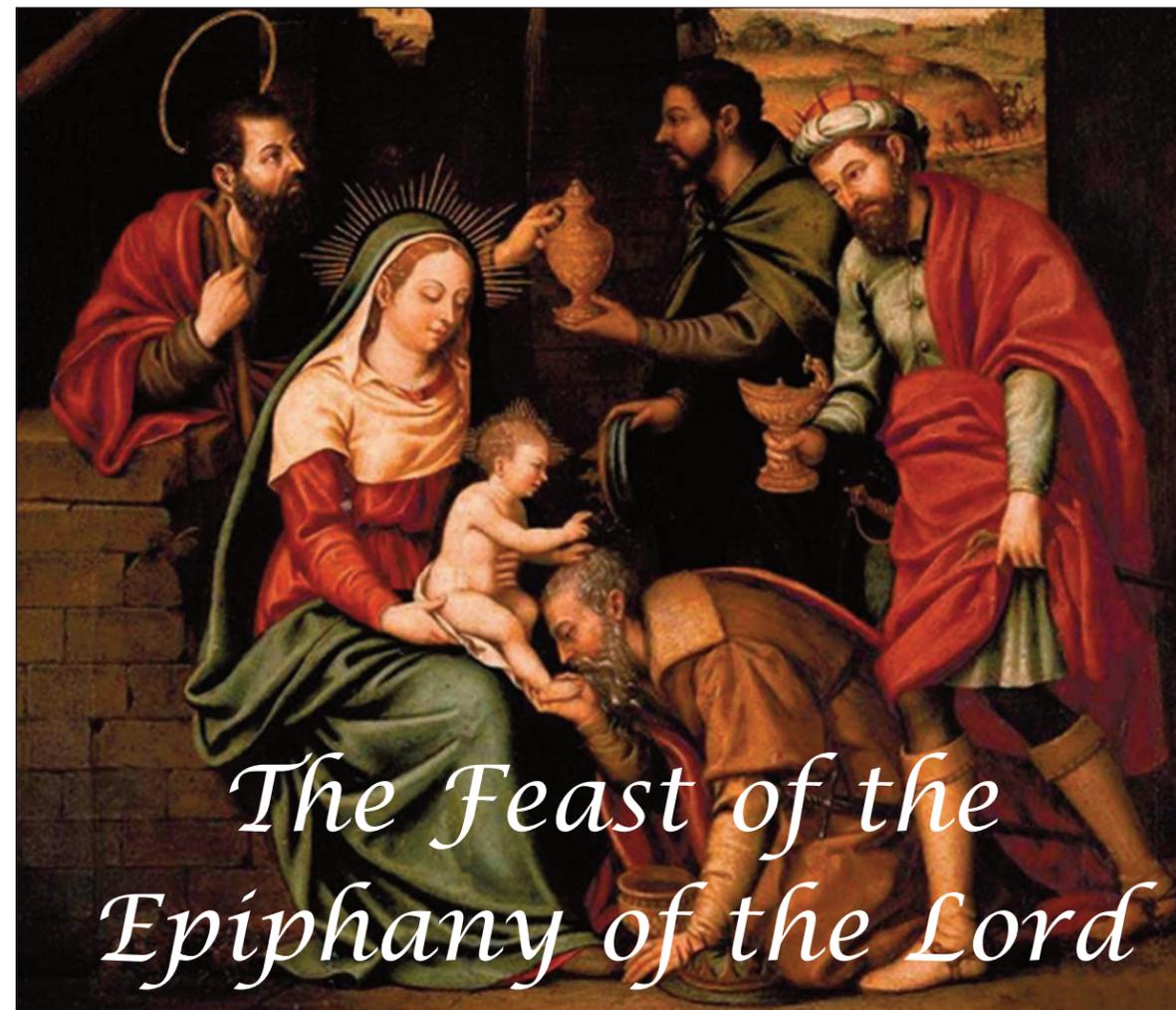
To start off the New Year our Women's Faith Sharing gathering will be Friday, January 13, in the parish office, at 1:00 pm following the noon liturgy and The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. If you have any questions concerning our group, special prayer requests or are interested in learning what we are all about we encourage and welcome you to stop by and spend some time with us. Due to unpredictable weather this time of year if schools are delayed or canceled our meeting will be canceled and rescheduled. (Call Diane 304-233-8574).

Intercessions

Please keep in your prayers: Celeste Barton, Margaret Scheiblehood, 1st Lieutenant Zachery Basich (US Marines), Dallas Disbro, David A. Kress, Jr., Edward Fanning, Kathy Cooley, Barb Mazzocca, Rick South, Eva Wood, Mary Alice Florio, James Midcap, Lukie Brown, Hines Rotriga, Patricia Kalisz, Janie, Jim and Dee, Judy Pack, Milissa Rose, Michael DeBlasis, Liam Manning, Mary Ann Fowler, Henry Vogler, Dustin Ronevich, Bob Jones, Frank Davis, Jimmy Hocking, Susan Graff, Brogan Gallentine, Richard Simon, Mark Davis, James Benner, Susan Schulte, Margaret Stocke, Thomas Griffith, Julia Sheets, William Schultz, Jean and Chuck Schultz, R. J. Stocke, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Milly Burke, Norma Bosold, Stephanie Bugaj, Arthur Danehart, Jon-Michael Lasher, Shawn Thomas, Thelma Pearson, Kermit Klosterman, Mary K. Schlosser, Anne Sobota, Susan Mize, Rick Burgy, Betty Teater, Sarah Sargent, Sally Jochum, Martha Yocum, Father Joseph Wilhelm, Mary Walicki, George Kirchner, Shirley DeCaria, Haley Carter, Caleb Hlebiczi, Bob Armstrong, Austin Cook, Ron Hickman, Stanley Kyrk, Annie Midcap, Charles Heizer, Gail Koch, Pete Mack, Nancy Witzberger, Fred Herink, the Children of the Youth Services System, Chuck Fair, Darleen Williams and Mona Wurtzbacher

Il Corriere del Duomo

Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph



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Sunday Masses: 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Weekday Mass: 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound: Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

Christian Awareness

By Alex J. Nagem

Arms raised above my head, my face turned toward the sky, I cried out that I am angry with God. He didn't answer my prayers, my novenas, and my cries for help. What more does God want from me? How many more trials must one face? I've read stories of miraculous endings for those who prayed. Where is mine? I pray each day. Why are my cries for help ignored? Does this sound familiar? For some, these words were spoken only a short time ago. I read somewhere, in the not too distant past, that I should praise God to avoid getting angry with him. As someone with dry humor, I want to say thank you God for the loss of a job, depleting hard earned savings while unemployed, or failing health, really? Humor aside, the reading of Romans 8 can provide some relief. "We know that in everything God Works for the good of those who love him. These are the people God chose, because that was his plan. God knew them before he made the world. And he decided that they would be like his Son." So, I suspect, if we continue to pray as did Christ, be thankful for what is provided as did Christ, and give praise to God as did Christ, there will be a good outcome in all we face? God, I hope so.

"Do you trust me?" I believe God asks this question every morning to each of us. Do we trust God in all that we are to

face? We know he will not lead us into temptations or harm, though this may come from our free will and poor judgment. He is with us with each step we take. I remember when our daughters were very young, a storm knocked out the electric line to our home. Our daughters were frightened by the storm. The sudden darkness in the room escalated their fear. They wanted to walk with me to the laundry room where the flashlights were stored. As they held my hands and arms, I smiled down on them and asked that they trust me as we walked through the dark rooms feeling our way. The darkness ended with only a couple bumps on the leg from running into furniture. When the flashlights were turned on, laughter and howls overcame the feeling of fear. It was a short distance to the laundry room from the living room in the dark. The short trip was made by our daughters because they trusted me. They knew that I was with them. Even after a few bumps to their little legs, they knew mom and dad would kiss them and make everything better. Even though we may be angry with God, it can be short lived by trusting his judgment and plan for us, and by giving praise to God for all we have. At least that thought provides comfort to the sufferings of the mind and body, much better than the feeling of anger.

When reading the life of saints, it appears they all suffered some affliction in life, but remained trust-

Angry with God

ing of God and his plans for them. In writing of her illness and suffering, St. Teresa of Ávila wrote, "Let me suffer or let me die." Fr. John Harden, S.J. wrote of his suffering, "We love only to the degree that we are willing to suffer." In the words of Padre Pio, "Anyone who wants to be a true Christian must mortify his flesh for no other reason than devotion to Jesus, who, for love of us, mortified His entire body on the cross." Saints teach that suffering is of greater merit than preaching, writing, or even works of miracles. St. Faustina through a vision of Christ wrote, "You will save more souls through prayer and suffering than will a missionary through his teachings and sermons alone." She also wrote, "If the angels were capable of envy, they would envy us for two things: one is the receiving of the Holy Communion, and the other is suffering." So, maybe our anger with God should be short lived for our sufferings. Was it the teachings of Christ that brought you here or was it his suffering and death on the cross that brought you to his teachings? Do you ever feel like our thoughts on our faith are like driving a car? We may sit in the car and realize we forgot the key. So we continue to sit wondering why the car is not moving. (Sounds like the opening of a Samuel Beckett play.) The same for our religion, we sit in the pew but without a better understanding of the sacrifice, suffering, and humbleness of Christ, and the trust in God, our faith does not grow. We

become angry when prayers and novenas are not answered as we would like. We continue to sit and wonder why our faith is not growing and become angry and discouraged. "Let them who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good." (1 Peter 4:19) I guess if we carry our crosses of suffering and not be angry with God, we share in the work of Christ. "My brothers and sisters, you will have many kinds of trouble. But this gives you a reason to be happy. You know that when your faith is tested, you learn to be patient in suffering. If you let that patience work in you, the end result will be good. You will be mature and complete. You will be all that God wants you to be...Keep control of your anger. Anger does not help you live the way God wants. So get rid of everything evil in your lives, every kind of wrong you do. Be humble and accept God's teaching that is planted in your hearts. This teaching can save you." (James 1)

My friends, we are all waiting in the same car. Let not our sufferings turn to anger toward God as we wait for someone to give us the keys. Maybe we just need to get out and walk. This makes it easier to carry our crosses, together.

My prayers are said with you in mind, as I hope to be remembered in yours.

"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"

Alex J. Nagem

Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—January 8th—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sat 6:00p Mass for the Parishioners
8:00a Mass for Larry Lenk
9:00a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices
RCIA, Rectory
10:30a Mass for Charles Delbrugge
RDGS: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
12:00p DE-SANTATIZING!

Monday—January 9th—THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12:05p Mass for Sophie Moses
RDGS: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 Mt 3:13-17
End of the Christmas Season

Tuesday—January 10th

12:05p Mass for John D'Aurora
RDGS: Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab, 5-9 Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday—January 11th

12:05p Mass for Mary Ann Gala
RDGS: Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Mk 1:29-39
6:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thursday—January 12th

12:05p Mass for Mary Lavern Monnes
RDGS: Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7, 8-11 Mk 1:40-45

Friday—January 13th—Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

11:15a Confession
12:05p Mass for Theresa Bonaventura
RDGS: Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8 Mk 2:1-12
Hilary of Poitiers, died 367; married and convert from paganism; leading opponent of Arianism in the West; most noted work: De Trinitate.

Saturday—January 14th

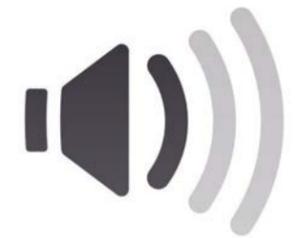
9:00a Mass for Chris Bayardi
Rosary
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Mass for Mary Lavern Monnes
RDGS: Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday—January 15th—SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Mass for The Parishioners
9:00a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices
RCIA, Rectory
10:30a Mass for Jean Huff
Marin Baptism
RDGS: Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34

Attention

Airport Limo will no longer be riding parishioners to Mass beginning Jan. 9. Please keep this in mind should you require transportation to liturgical services.



Hearing devices for mass are now available in the vestibule of the church before masses, just ask a greeter. Please return after use.

Christmas is over. Bummer.



De-SANTA-tizing the Cathedral January 8th at 12:00 Noon

We are taking down the Christmas decorations in the Cathedral and your help is needed. Come if you can!

Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$3,192 Loose: \$1,089.70

Online: \$253

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