

Our Lady of Fatima, 801 North DuPont Highway, New Castle, DE 19720

January 2018 Newsletter



Happy New Year to the parishioners and family of *Our Lady of Fatima!*

We pray that our new year brings us health, happiness and hope for the future.

Our trustee election was held and our trustees are Mike O'Neill & Charles Evans. Congratulations to both for their continued commitment to Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

The Holy Family: What was Jesus' last name? During Jesus' time, Jewish people had only a first name. They didn't have last names. A person would be distinguished from others with the same name by identifying the town they lived in. So, "Jesus" became "Jesus of Nazareth." If several men in Nazareth were names Jesus, they were further distinguished by identifying their father. Thus, Jesus would be called "Jesus, son of Joseph." In Aramaic, "son of" is "bar." So, "Jesus Bar-Joseph."



The Epiphany of the Lord – Celebrated on Sunday, January 7th – The Magi's visit and adoration of the newborn king. Gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and myrrh – symbolizing royalty, divinity and His suffering to come – are offered to the Christ-child. The passages from Isaiah and St. Paul further describe how the Good News is to be proclaimed to all people. Following the Magi's example, we, too, as Christian stewards strive to offer praise and glory to God and gratefully honor the Lord by returning to Him a generous portion of His many gifts to building the Kingdom of God.



Being raised in the traditions of the Church can sometimes feel like an unnecessary burden and inconvenience. We are reminded today, however, that even Christ adhered to His parent's traditions. Surely we cannot claim to know more than Christ. Our traditions are what strengthen our faith, and what brings us more than Christ, and what brings us closer to the Lord. We should be thankful that individuals like our parents have prioritized our faith in order to pass on these traditions, and the truths that they reveal. This week take a moment to thank those that have helped to raise you in the faith. Say a prayer to thank God for placing them in your life and blessing you with their guidance.





Thank you to all who helped this past Advent/Christmas Season. With the birth of Christ falling on a Monday, we had little time from Advent to Christmas to get things ready. What amazing work our volunteers accomplished by making it happen in less than a 3-hour window. Thank you all so much for your dedication and commitment to our parish and your continued volunteerism. Mary Lou did a wonderful job making our church look beautiful and our Midnight Mass exceptionally stunning. The choir did a magnificent job and the solo rendition of *O Holy Night* was outstanding. Next year, think about joining us for Midnight Mass, it is truly a wonderful experience. *Gratefully, Msgr. George*

Christmas Caps for Chemo: Thank you to all who helped with collecting bottle caps for Chemo patients. What an overwhelming response. Delivery will be made this week. Funds will help to pay for chemo treatments. Very much appreciated.

Just a reminder: We have had several parishioners ask about donating clothing and household items. We do not have the ability or facility to accept such items. It is recommended that you take these donations to Goodwill, The Salvation Army or the local Catholic thrift shop. Tax vouchers will be issued.



'SCRIP' RAFFLE: Our scrip raffle was held, and our winner of the \$100 gift card was Kathy Tyrrell. Congratulations!

2017 Contribution: We have available a list of Church contributions made during the 2017 year available. You may call the rectory for this figure from Monday thru Friday, 9AM – 2PM. Thank you.



Due to security issues, church side and back doors will be locked just after the Mass begins. If you are running late, please use the front entrance of church to enter God's house. Thank you.

Parish Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 20th after the 5PM Mass. Take out will also be available. Plan on joining us in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima by either dining with us or doing take out. Thank you.



Catholic Schools week will be held from January 28th through February 3rd. Look for more information in the upcoming bulletin to see what will be happening during the week.

Parish Census Forms: It's easy, convenient and right on the web. If you have not officially registered in our parish you may do so by printing out the census form on www.olfnewcastle.com and dropping it off either in the offertory basket during mass or at the rectory office Monday through Friday – 9AM – 3PM.



Save the Date: Our Annual Basket Bingo – **scheduled for April 15, 2018.** Please mark your calendar and more information will be in our upcoming bulletins.

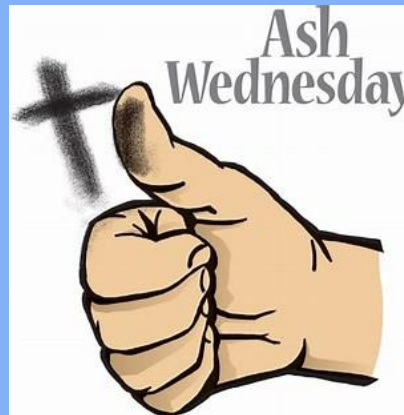
In Remembrance: What greater gift than the mass?

If you know someone who has died, or are interested in having a mass celebrated for a loved one, please call the parish office at 302-328-3431. We have masses available during the week and weekends. The candles burning over the tabernacle or flowers on the altar can also be in remembrance of a loved one.



Mark your Calendar

The weekend of February 3/4 is the celebration of the **Feast of St. Blaise.** Throats will be blessed after all the Masses that weekend.



Wednesday, February 14th is Ash Wednesday. Masses are scheduled for: 6:30AM; 8:30AM; Noon Liturgy of the Word; 5:00PM; 6:30PM; and 8:00PM Spanish Mass.



Upcoming Saints of the Week for January 22:

<http://olfnewcastle.com/wp-content/uploads/Saints-of-the-Week-of-January-21-2018.pdf>

February Calendar: <http://olfnewcastle.com/wp-content/uploads/updated-January-2018-Parish-Calendar.pdf>

Our Lady of Fatima will be having their annual Sodality Bake sale the weekend of **March 24/25 (Palm Sunday Weekend)** held in the Convent. Please mark your calendar for this once a year fundraiser for our Sodality members. Donations will be accepted for this event and more information will follow in the upcoming bulletins.