



ST. MARY'S

ENGLISH-SPEAKING ROMAN CATHOLIC
PARISH RHEIN-MAIN-AREA

Church location:

Wachenheimer Str. 58
65835 Liederbach / Taunus

Sunday Mass: 5:00 pm



January 13th 2019

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



John said, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

EVANGELIZATION: Young People – That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the Lord.

The German Tradition of “Sternsingen”



At this time of year you may see children dressed as the 3 Wise Men – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar - going from door to door in your community. Each year at the beginning of January more than 500,000 children in all of Germany (“**Sternsinger**” = “**Star-Singers**”) visit families in their area in

order to raise money for needy children around the world. Their theme this year is “**Wir gehören zusammen**” (We Belong Together) and the money raised will go towards helping handicapped children in Peru.

The “Sternsinger” ring doorbells at households all across the land and when those doors are opened - it is considered bad luck to send the “Sternsinger” away without opening doors for them - the children then sing songs of faith at the doorsteps. A blessing is written in chalk by the on the front door of the household, marking the current year, together with the abbreviation of the blessing: “**Christus mansionem benedicat**”, which translates generally as “**May Christ Bless This House**”.



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The Baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own baptism and of the vocation that each and every one of us receive at our baptism – the vocation to be disciple of Jesus. This is the core vocation in the Church. Below a reflection by Flor McCarthy entitled “*Sharing in the Lord’s Ministry*”:

Lord Jesus, touch our eyes

so that we may see the signs of your presence in our live and in the world.

Touch our ears so that we may hear your word.

Touch our tongues so that we many profess our faith.

Touch our hands so that we may give and receive.

Touch our feet so that we may walk in your paths.

Touch our minds so that we may understand your ways.

Touch our wills so that they may be in tune with your will.

Touch our hearts so that we may bring your love to others

to the praise and glory of God. Amen

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Friday: 09:00 – 13:00

Baptisms arranged with one month notice
Weddings arranged with at least six months’ notice
Confession available on request
Spiritual Direction as arranged with the Parish Priest

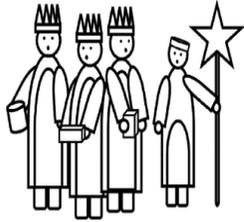
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



STERNSSINGER” AT ST. MARY’S – THIS SUNDAY (January 13th) St. Mary’s will be visited at Mass by a group of “Sternsinger” from our German sister-parish of St. Marien. The Sternsinger are groups of children dressed as the Magi, who go door to door during around the time of the Epiphany. They sing traditional songs, bless houses and collect donations for charity. **This year the Sternsinger Project is supporting handicapped children in Peru.** In order to show our parish’s support of this German-wide project, we will be offering a **special 2nd collection on January 13th** directly at the beginning of Mass while the Sternsinger are singing. Thank you for your generosity!

CHILI COOK-OFF 2019 – January 27, 2019 (directly after Mass) the new Year is almost upon us and it will once again be time for St. Mary’s Annual Chili Cook-Off! So dig out your most special chili recipes and get your taste buds ready! And please start thinking of an original name for your chili. Special prizes will be awarded in the categories “Hot-n-Spicy”, “Most Original Name” and “Best Overall Chili”.

MINISTRY SIGN-UP – Just a reminder for all Lay Ministers: please check the sign-up sheet at the back of the church regularly and sign up when you are available. Thanks!

NEW PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS – Dear Parishioners, due to new Diocesan regulations concerning data security, we ask **ALL PARISHIONERS** – whether you have already registered or not – to **please fill out a NEW registration form** (they are GREEN and will be handed out with the books and bulletins during the next few weeks) ... Completed forms can then be placed in the PURPLE BOX located at the back of the church. Or you can write to the parish office and register electronically. The information provided is solely for internal parish + Diocesan usage and will not be given to a 3rd party without your consent. All forms will be kept under lock and key at the office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2019

27 Chili Cook-Off

February 2019

3 „Giving Sunday“ + Mass with Confirmation Candidates

March 2019

3 “Giving Sunday”

6 Ash Wednesday (St. Leonhards)

April 2019

14 Palm Sunday

18 Holy Thursday at St. Leonhards – 6:30 pm

19 Good Friday at St. Leonhards - 12:00 noon

20 Easter Vigil at St. Leonhards - 8:30 pm

21 Easter Sunday Mass at St. Leo - 9:30 am

No Mass at St. Mary’s

28 First Communion at St. Marien **No Mass at St. Mary’s**

May 2019

5 “Giving Sunday”

11 Practice 1st Communion – 11.00 am

12 First Holy Communion **5:00 pm**

19 1st Communion Party after Mass

26 Confirmation **11:45 am** + Reception afterwards

June 2019

2 “Giving Sunday”

15 Farewell Party

23 Joint Parish Picnic with St. Leonhards at St. Georgen Frankfurt

JUNE 30 – AUGUST 4 == SUMMER BREAK

SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING – Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her

that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand

double for all her sins. A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill

be made low; the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall

be revealed, and all people shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,

lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Response: O Bless the Lord, my soul.

SECOND READING – Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Titus.

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. ... For when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

GOSPEL – Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the 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 Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."