



The Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
January 20, 2019

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mary's/
St. Patrick's, and St. Peter's Cathedral:

Today's Gospel recounts Jesus' changing of water into wine at the marriage feast in Cana of Galilee, a small town not too far from Nazareth. It is described by the Evangelist John as the first of his "signs." John's Gospel consistently uses this term to describe the miracles of Jesus. They are signs because they indicate who he is; they point to him. The signs reveal him as Son of God and Messiah.

Jesus' first miracle, as I mentioned last week, is consistently celebrated as one of the aspects of the Epiphany along with the coming of the wise men and the baptism of the Lord. Each in its own way is an early indicator of Jesus as the Christ; each is a sign.

The signs that Jesus performs also serve an important symbolic function in John's Gospel. All told, he chooses only seven miracles to report, and the number seven in Jewish usage has a meaning of perfection. The last two signs, the healing of the man born blind and the resurrection of Lazarus, remind us that Jesus is the light and life of the world. John's Gospel uses those terms for Jesus already in the opening prologue.

Also, there are powerful sacramental implications in the changing of water into wine, namely the water and the wine. These remind us of the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist. This first miracle corresponds to the time of his death, when the soldier pierces the Lord's side with a spear and water and blood pour out. And at that moment, as at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, the mother of Jesus is there.

We also see in today's Gospel the abundance of God's mercy – in this case in the very large quantity of water changed into wine. And when the steward of the feast says that the best wine has been saved till last, he unknowingly states that Jesus is like the best wine and is the fulfillment of God's promises.

So it is that the first miracle of Jesus in John's Gospel is a sign of all that is to come and of all that God is doing in Christ.

In Christ,

Fr. Klein
Rector

Pray for the Sick

Darlene Bargelski, Facenda Burton, Michael Dineen, Helen Dugan, Cal Fuhrmann, Jaxon Gardner, Valencia Giannantonio, Ann Hagan, David Kidd, Kathy Kingsley, Fr. Leonard Klein, Rita Lynam, Bill Marshall, Barbara Mondzelewski, Francesca Olivere, Alice Goetz O'Neill, Teresa Rodriguez, Earlene Roles, Howard Scott, Cheryl Smith and Olga Yapo.

Contribution Report

If you need a copy of your contribution report for your 2018 tax return, please call the Parish Office. Contribution reports are only sent upon request.

Schedule

Please note that Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Monday, January 21, Martin Luther King Day; there will be no 12:10 PM Mass.

Birthday Wishes

Prayers and warm wishes for the following parishioners who have birthdays this week: **January 20:** Nathan Zebrowski, Gregory Zebrowski; **January 21:** Flossie Skirvin, Lori Demanczyk, Monica Edgar, **January 22:** Bud Blackwelder; **January 23:** Darrell Minott, Michael O'Rourke

Masses/Services for the Week

Saturday, Jan. 19	
4:00 PM	George Callahan
Sunday, Jan. 20	(Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
9:00 AM	Parishioners
11:00 AM	Josephine Gianattasio and Michael Vincze
Monday, Jan. 21	(M, Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr)
9:00 AM	Bertha Birmingham
Tuesday, Jan. 22	
12:10 PM	John Sarnecky
Wednesday, Jan. 23	(m, Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin)
12:10 PM	Irene Hannas
Thursday, Jan. 24	(M, Saint Francis deSales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)
12:10 PM	John Sarnecky
Friday, Jan. 25	(F, The Conversion of Saint Paul, The Apostle)
12:10 PM	Anthony Sliwkowski
Saturday, Jan. 26	
4:00 PM	Mary C. Blackwelder
Sunday, Jan. 27	(Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)
8:00 AM	Parishioners
11:00 AM	Eugene Gronboldt

Mass at the Shrine of Saint Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier Shrine (Old Bohemia), the mother church of the Diocese of Wilmington, is participating in the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington 150th Anniversary Historic Churches Pilgrimage. The final Pilgrimage Mass at the historic church will be offered on Saturday, February 2 at 11 AM. Fr. Lance Martin will be the celebrant. Guided tours of the church and rectory will be conducted at 9 AM, 9:30 AM and 10 AM. The rectory museum and historic graveyard will be accessible for individual inspection and study. For more information, call OBHS President Marji Matyniak at (302) .328.4803, visit www.stfrancisxavershrine.com, or email OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com. The church is also available for tours, group retreats and weddings. A video about the mission can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFGICsNM6gk>. The GPS location of the Bohemia Mission is 1699 Bohemia Church Road, Warwick, MD 21912.

Catholic Forum

Listen to *Catholic Forum* anytime at www.cdown.org/Catholic-Forum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. Next Sunday, January 27, tune in to hear Fr. John Bartunek discuss his book, *Answers: Catholic Advice for Your Spiritual Questions*.

Word of Life

"We are created to walk with and support one another; we don't need to fear reaching out in love. Help your friend experience the strength of God's message that resounds throughout time: 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10)."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "What to Do When a Friend Is Considering Abortion", www.usccb.org/1-o-v-e NABRE ©2010 CCD. Used with permission.

Marriage Help

Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. The next program begins on the weekend of February 8-10 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be held in April and August. For more information or to register for one of the weekend programs, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

S.A.C.R.E.D.

The Salesianum Adult Christian Religious Education Day will be held on Saturday, February 23 at Salesianum School from 8 AM to 3 PM. Celebrate the Catholic faith with a day of spiritual renewal. The price includes coffee, a light breakfast, a hot Italian lunch and all day beverages with over 15 courses in adult religious education. Reconciliation is offered at 8 AM and 3 PM. The cost is \$45 and discounted to \$40 if paid by Tuesday, January 31. Register online at <http://sacred.salesianum.org>

Vocation Reflection

He wants your unique combination of gifts. St. Paul reminds us that there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit. All the baptized share in that same Spirit, and, from among them, God calls some to serve as priests, deacons and religious. If you believe God might be calling you to the priesthood, to the diaconate, or to religious life, call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302) 573-3113, vocations@cdow.org. Be sure to visit our website: www.cdown.org/vocations/

Book of Sacred Liturgy

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Readings/Responsorial Psalm Pg. 495

All The Earth #945

Christ Be Our Light #958

God We Praise You #948