

MASSES FOR THE WEEK January 07 2024
Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord

Please note that all daily masses will be held in the chapel unless otherwise noted. In the event of a funeral mass there will be NO (8:00 AM) daily mass.

Monday 8:00 AM: Gregory F. Will (Anniv) By: The Greg Will Family
Tuesday 7:00 PM: Claudine Plush By: The Plush Family
Wednesday 8:00 AM: Maria Theresa By: The Nu Ygen Family
Thursday 8:00 AM: Robert "Bob" Murphy By: Bonnie Murphy & Families
Friday 8:00 AM: Brian Joseph For Faith By: Carol Hranek

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday 6:00 PM: Living & Deceased Christian Mothers of St. Johns By: Christian Mothers of St. John's
Sunday 8:00 AM: Edward Wolfhope By: K of C #11083
Sunday 10:30 AM: For The People

Sanctuary Candle: For Peace
St. Peregrine Candle:

Mass Readings for the Week:

Monday: Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/PS Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (R/11b)/Mark 1:7-11
Isaiah 55:1-11 or 1 John 5:1-9/ PS Psalm Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mark 1:7-11

Tuesday: First Week In Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 1:9-20 (306) or 1 Samuel 1:1-8 (305) and 1 Samuel 1:9-20 (306)
PS Psalm 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd (R/cf.1)/Mark 1:21-28 (306) or Mark 1:14-20 (305)
Mark 1:21-28 (306)

Wednesday: Saint Gregory of Nyssa
1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20/PS Psalm 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: Blessed William Carter
1 Samuel 4:1-11/PS Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 (R/27b)/Mark 1:40-45

Friday: Memorial Of St. Bernard of Corleone, Capuchin Brother
1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a/PS Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19 (R/2)/Mark 2:1-12

Saturday : Optional Memorial Of St.. Hilary, Bishop And Doctor Of The Church
Optional Memorial Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/PS Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mark 2:13-17
1 John 2:18-25/PS Psalm 110:4b/Matthew 5:13-19

Sunday: Second Sunday Of Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19/PS Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/ 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42

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Mass Schedule:

Mon: 8:00 AM Tues: 7:00 PM Wed - Fri: 8:00 AM Sat: 6:00 PM (Vigil) Sun: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Secretary Office Hours:

Mon :8:00 AM-1:00PM Wed :8:00 AM-1:00PM Thurs :8:00 AM-3:00 PM Fri :8:00AM -1:00 PM

Baptism: Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

Confessions: Saturday 5:00 – 5:45 PM

Holy Communion:

Low Gluten hosts will be available for anyone with a low gluten tolerance. If you have a low gluten tolerance, please tell the priest before mass so a low gluten host can be placed in a pyx for you.

Matrimony: Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program

Rosary: Saturday Evenings beginning at 5:25 PM

Parish Mission Statement

St. John the Baptist Parish is a Catholic Christian Community centered in rural New Baltimore, Pennsylvania. As members of the Body of Christ, we seek to live as entrusted stewards using God's gifts responsibly, intelligently, prudently, and gratefully to bring about His kingdom. As stewards of our time, talents, possessions, and faith, we are called to put our lives in proper focus and to live in accord with one another giving love and caring support, to accept Christ's challenge as related in the Gospels- to serve one another.



St. John's News & Upcoming Events:

Solemnity Of The Epiphany of The Lord



The Epiphany of the Lord:

“Epiphany: this word indicates the manifestation of the Lord, who, as Saint Paul tells us in the second reading (cf. Eph 3:6), makes himself known to all the nations, today represented by the Magi. In this way, we see revealed the glory of a God who has come for everyone: every nation, language, and people is welcomed and loved by him. It is symbolized by the light, which penetrates and illuminates all things.”

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING:

It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk at the Masses for Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year. When the Wise Men or Magi became an important focus of the celebration of epiphany, the blessing of homes was a natural conclusion. The Wise Men came to bring gifts to honor the King of Kings; but when they entered the home at Bethlehem, he whom they came to bless blessed them! To dedicate our home to Christ is to gain untold blessings from him who manifested himself in glory to the world on Epiphany.

The home blessing can be done as follows:

Using the blessed chalk, mark the current year and the initials of the Maji above the outside doorways of your home. Place a cross between each of the letters. It should look something like this: **20+C+M+B+XX** (XX = the last two digits of current year) or **20 +C+M+B+24**. The markings over the doors should be left all year round as a sign that yours is a Christian home.

After completing the above markings, pray the following prayer:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord of all people, forever and ever. Amen.

Did You Know ?

The legendary names of the three Maji are: Casper, Melchoir, and Balthasar. The initials **C+B+M** also stand for their Latin words, “Christus Mansionem Benedicat” which means: “**May Christ bless this dwelling.**”

Offertory Envelopes: The 2024 Offertory Envelopes can now be picked up in the church basement.

2024 Calendars:

The 2024 Calendars are **FINALLY HERE HOT OFF THE PRESS!** They are available in the basement of the church. Thank You for your patience and understanding as there was a delay at the printers.



Just A Friendly Reminder . . . As we are still battling Coronavirus, RSV and many new respiratory illnesses and entering into the heart of cold and flu season now is a good time to remind everyone that if you are ill to please stay **HOME!** Staying home when you are ill shows concern for the other person. It is an act of Charity for our brothers and sisters to keep them safe. Watch the televised live Mass from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on WATM ABC 23 or the rebroadcast every Sunday at 9:00 P.M. on Atlantic Broadband channel 9.

Empty Egg Cartons Needed:

Harry Fochtman a parishioner is looking for empty egg carton containers and is asking the parish for our help. If anyone has any empty egg cartons they wish to give please place them in the back of the Church in the Food Pantry Bins or in the plastic bags provided. Thank You for your generosity!

PRAYER LIST

Abby Barnes, Debbie Brady, Cindy (Miller) Bearer, Fr. Mark Begly, Jane Beyer, Ed Boyer, Tonya Brown, Mark Bruck, Carol Burcaw, Macy Burke, Doug Burkett, Kara Bussard, Randy Clites, Denis Crum, Andrew Davenport, Sara Davenport, Michael Davis, Larry DeArmitt, Thomas DeArmitt, Joyce Dively, Tara Dively, Lisa Easter, George Faidley III, Tabitha Flick, Bradley Fochtman, Harry Fochtman, Myrna Fries, Debbie Foor, Carol Ann Gallagher, Jarrett Gowatty, Paisley Goetzl, Donald Grasser, Helen Greenway, Kelsey Grove, Grayson Gumbert, Pam Habinyak, Sam Hall, Ron Hagens, Eugene Hankinson, Phyllis Harris, Mary Jo Harrington, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Sandra Herzing, George Hickey, Ida Mae Hillegass, Missy Hillegass, Tara Hillegass, Todd Hillegass, David Hinson, Amy Jo Hoffman, Phyllis Hoppert, Tina Hoover, Ernest Imgrund, Mary Janachowski, Pam Kach, Martha (Lewis) Kalbach, Matt Karns, David Krieie, Fr. Robert Kaylor, Todd Kline, Jerry Kochinski, Virginia Lambert, Teresa Lamens, Tim Landis, Kelly Legarski, Bruce Leonard, Linda Leonard, Carol Leppert, Gordon Leppert, Katie Lewis, Barry Leydig, Barlow Luhn, Don Lynch, John Lynch, Jane McGregor, Toots Maddy, Martha Marker, Justin Martin, Tim Martin, George Maser, Declan McCahan, Tony and Janet Miele, Micki McCahan, Linda McCahan, Shirley McVicker, Virginia Meslovich, Betty Meslovich, Terry Metevier, Mary Meyers, Erica Miller, Ray & June Miller, Tara Miller, Mike Montreal, Reed Morgan, Tracey Mowry, Bonnie Murphy, Doug Murphy, Kai Musselman, John Myers, Ashley Nail, Eugene Nickelow, Charlene Norris, Laird Ober, James O'Bryon, Shannon Plush, Michael Price, Fr. Gavin Quinn, Sabina Restly, Cindy Robb, Katherine Rosenbaum, Nancy Schrock, Roberta & Steve Sontus, Barb Sarver, Paula Saunders, Shirley Sechler, Greg Seeley, Jordon Seville, Rodney Shaffer, Sandra Shaffer, Terry Shaffer, Harold Shannon, Tom Shippy, Daniel Smith, Eddie Smith, JoAnne Smith, Marie Smith, Merdith Speicher, Michelle Speicher, Margaret Ann Stevens, Tommy Stiffler, Pat Stoe, Jim Suhrie, Leo Suhrie, Toni Suhrie, Gary Tataleba, Carol Taylor, Mary Jane Thomas, Michael Valentine, Gail Wade, Anna Lee Wambaugh, Tom Warren, Jr., Aaron Weiss, Bonnie Welsh, Dee Werline, Bob & Mereada Werner, John & Doris Werner, Christina Whetstone, Logan Weyand, Charlotte Will, George Will, Jan Will, Pat Will, Tracy Williams, Larry & Alice Winegardner, Nicholas Winegardner, Angie Wolfhope, Ron Wolfhope, Steve Wolfhope, John Wolfhope, Shirley Varchetti, Fr. Allen Zeth

If you added a person's name to the prayer list and they have since recovered, please call to remove their name from our prayer list.

OFFERTORY

Sunday Loose: \$758.00	Sunday Adults: \$2532.00	Total Sunday: \$3290.00
Christmas: \$385.00	Mary Mother Of God: \$524.00	Local Needs: \$30.00

We're always collecting non-perishable food items for our local foodbanks. Items can be placed in the bins in the back of church.

Epiphany Of The Lord - A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

The Pope's Prayer Intention For January:

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



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“Let Us Imitate The Magi: Looking Upwards, Setting out, and Freely offering our Gifts.”

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ - CCD RETREAT INFORMATION:

All **Diocesan Required Retreats** for our **9th, 10th and 11th grade students** will be held virtually this year. All Students are required to attend these retreats as part of the formation process for confirmation. Please review dates of the actual retreat and the deadlines to register by with the parish office.

Virtual Confirmation Retreat Discipleship (5 Zoom Sessions)

11th Grade Students Only

Sunday, Wednesday, Sunday Wednesday 8:00pm, Sunday 7:00 PM

February 18, 21, 25, 28, and March 4 Register at parish office no later than Friday January 29 2024

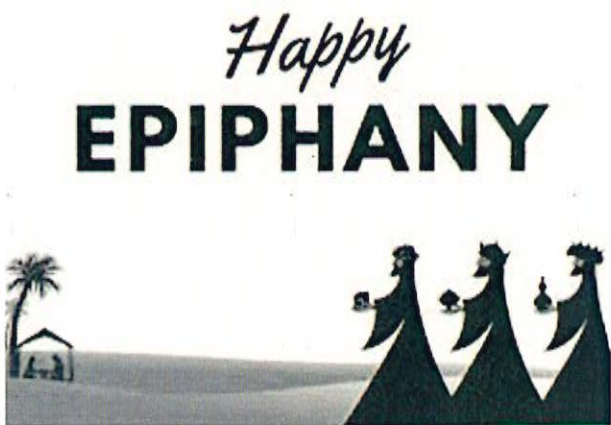
March 10, 13, 17, 20, 24 Register at parish office no later than Monday February 19 2024

Explore the role of the Disciple and the connection of Baptism and Confirmation through the reflection on the baptismal prayer of being anointed to be priest, prophet and king. Emphasis is made on the springboard of moving forward in one's faith journey of being a priest, a prophet, and a king in our church and culture today. There are three opportunities to choose from.

Final registration needs to be sent from the parish office at least **2 weeks** before retreat begins to Sr. Suzanne Thiabault. There is no cost to the student as it will be covered by the parish. All retreats are conducted via Zoom by Sr. Suzanne Thibault of Bethany Youth Retreat Center. Sr. Suzanne Thibault has been presenting youth retreats since 1986. She is best known for the ability to engage students and adults on retreat. The Virtual Retreat format includes live presentations on the Zoom Platform. Each session is 30-45 minutes in length and includes breakout rooms with small group sharing. Each session is followed with discussion and reflection work for the student and sponsor to take a deeper look into the presented material. The reflection work is returned to the presenter before the next zoom session. Make Up Sessions Must Be Arranged by the Candidate directly with Sr. Suzanne. This Virtual Retreat would be presented in as an 8-10 hour in-person retreat with large group, small group and one-on-one sharing between student and sponsor. For more information or questions please contact Sr. Suzanne at the Bethany Youth Retreat Center: Bethanyyouthcenter@gmail.com or srsuzanneth@bethanyministries.org or by phone at (814) 263-4177.

FAMILY EVENT- SNOW TUBING AT BLUE KNOB SKI RESORT:

Please join us for a day of snowtubing on **Sunday February 4th from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM** at Blue Knob Ski Resort in Claysburg, PA. This is open to the students of our religious education program and their families and friends. Minimum age for snowtubing is 5 years old. Ages 5-9 must be under adult supervision and able to ride in a tube by themselves. Transportation will be provided for our students and will be leaving the Church at **1:30 PM**. **The cost is \$22.00 per person** with a **\$10.00 deposit** required at time of registration. For more information or to sign up please contact Brian Leonard at (814) 434-1342.



9 Days for Life Novena:

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life*, beginning on **Tuesday, January 16th** and concludes on **Wednesday January 24th**. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by Signing up at 9daysforlife.com! Abbreviated versions of the novena have been placed on the table in the back of church for anyone wishing to **PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!**



Will you take a stand? Join us for the National March For Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday January 19, 2024. The Theme for this year is "With Every Woman, For Every Child." With the role of the states being more important, we are also growing a strong state march for life initiative quickly, however, we will continue to march every January at the national level until a culture of life is restored in the United States of America.



The Capuchin Friars at St. John the Baptist Friary want to say THANK YOU for all of the cards, cookies, gifts, and food for Christmas! We really appreciated it! We pray that everyone has a most Blessed New Year 2024.

Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the Church for the Christmas Season. Also, a huge thanks to our musicians and cantors who helped make the liturgies so beautiful for Christmas.

Diocesan News & Upcoming Events:

Echoes of a Polish Christmas :

All Saints Parish in Boswell (Somerset County) will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (known as Kolędy or Pastoralki) this **Sunday, January 7th, at 2:00 PM** at the church (325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell). The hymns will be sung by their Polish choir. Following the singing of hymns by the parish's Polish choir, there will be benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and refreshments. Kolędy help to capture some of the finest sentiments, values, and emotions of the Polish religious, national, and artistic heritage. Polish Christmas customs are very rich; whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience the time-honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ. For more information please call the parish office at 814-629-5551.

Healing Mass:

Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on **Tuesday January 9th, 2024, at 7 pm**, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 pm and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in anyway, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

Stewardship Reflection For Sunday January 07, 2024- Epiphany and Baptism Of The Lord:

Our Christmas season concludes with the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus was not baptized because He needed to repent – rather, He was revealing who He is and what He came to do. By submitting to the baptism of John, He affirmed His humanity, revealed His divinity as the Son of God, and signaled His mission to save man from sin. Although Jesus' baptism was just the beginning of His ministry, it revealed all that He came to accomplish. And it is from His mission that we can receive the Sacrament of Baptism – the moment we become adopted sons and daughters of God. From that moment, we belong to Christ – we become His stewards. Our lives should be a reflection of this relationship. The way we live and act should reveal Whose we are. Our readings today call us to reflect on what it means to be a Christian steward – to belong to Christ. As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord today, let us reflect on what it means to be a son or daughter of God. Let us resolve with conviction to make God the King of our hearts, live by His commands, and share with Him our time and gifts. Let us pray that our lives might be a reflection of our relationship with Christ.

Baptism of the Lord A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:

The gospel today points to Jesus' humanity; like us He needed **RECOGNITION** ("You are my Son"), **AFFECTION** ("My Beloved Son") and **AFFIRMATION** ("With you I am well pleased."). In our families it is easy to focus on irritating behaviors and take for granted all the positives. This New Year take a lesson from God the Father, be an **AFFIRMER** and not a **BLAMER**.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord:

This Monday January 8th, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord! The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. "He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake . . . to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water" (St. Gregory Nazianzen, Liturgy of the Hours, I, 634). Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin—Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God



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What is Baptism?

Baptism is the foundational sacrament by which a believer in Christ enters the community of the Church, as by various rites the Jewish child took their place in the community of Israel.

Baptism has two elements identified by Christ in John 3:1-6, water and the Holy Spirit. To the visible action of baptizing with water, already a purification ritual in Judaism, is added an invisible element that only Christ through His merits can give, the spiritual renewal of the individual through the Holy Spirit.

To be baptized, the Church teaches that water must flow on the body of the person (whether by immersion in water or by pouring water across the forehead), while the one baptizing, usually a priest or deacon, says, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt. 28:19).

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1263. By Baptism all sins are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, as well as all punishment for sin. In those who have been reborn nothing remains that would impede their entry into the Kingdom of God, neither Adam's sin, nor personal sin, nor the consequences of sin, the gravest of which is separation from God.

Further, the Catechism says,

Baptism not only purifies from all sins, but also makes the neophyte "a new creature," an adopted son of God, who has become a "partaker of the divine nature," member of Christ and coheir with him, and a temple of the Holy Spirit (paragraph 1265).

What is the importance of Baptism?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraphs 1257) states,

The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation. He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to baptize them. Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament. The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are "reborn of water and the Spirit." God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments.

Who can be baptized?

Baptism is given to those who having not yet been baptized, and who, having expressed faith in the Trinity and in Christ, desire to be baptized into Christ for the remission of their sins (Cf. Acts 2:38). The use of water and the Trinitarian formula with the proper intention accomplishes this even outside the Catholic Church. Thus, the Catholic Church does not rebaptize validly baptized Christians being received into the Church.

