

The Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord

January 9, 2022

Mass Intentions

January	10	8:00 AM	NO MASS
January	11	8:00 AM	Theresa Ward requested by Francis Pugh
January	12	8:00 AM	William Davies, Sr. requested by John & Mary Blair
January	13	8:00 AM	Joyce Punchur requested by Kathy Heller
January	14	8:00 AM	Crit Charlton requested by Mary Zimmerman
January	15	5:00 PM	Mary Philage requested by Linda Myers
January	16	8:00 AM	Elsie Segrist requested by Jim & Betty Magaro
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries January 15-16

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Karen Kupris	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Noah Jenkins	Scott Sheaffer	Owen Jenkins
10:30 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Bill Davies	Andrew Aldrich

Schmidt Center Cleaning

January 16

Robin Chiccini & Bill Seymore

January 23

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings

Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,069.96

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$6,251.00

May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 9th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, January 10th

No Mass

Parish Pastoral Council, 7:00PM

Tuesday, January 11th

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30PM

Wednesday, January 12th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, January 13th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, January 14th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, January 15th

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, January 16th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

“Jesus was also baptized and was praying, and the heavens opened... and a voice said, ‘You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.’”

without sin, Jesus’ baptism is a turning point in his life all the same. The Holy Spirit descends upon him and a voice from heaven cries out, “You are my beloved Son.” So begins the public ministry, in which Jesus would carry out his Father’s saving mission. Through our baptism, at any age, we, too, become God’s beloved sons and daughters. Through word and sacrament, Jesus invites us to share in his mission by turning our lives over to our Father as we embrace our Christian journey.

Baptism is often referred to as “the doorway to the Church” because through this sacrament, our sins are forgiven, and we are united to Christ and his Church. It is the door which gives access to all the other sacraments. (Cf., CCC 1213) At the conclusion, the celebrant asks God to continue to pour out his blessing upon those being baptized and send his peace to all who are gathered. As baptized Christians, we are now adopted children of God; we are disciples who are empowered, through the wisdom and strength of the Holy Spirit, to share the Good News and help build the kingdom of God on earth. Sound intimidating? It shouldn’t. Each day that we “put on Christ” and do his work, God is re-creating us and making us into something far better than we could ever be on our own. Embrace this faith you have been given and go out and share your gifts and talents with others, confident in the Spirit that guides you.

Think of something you have been told you are very good at by friends or coworkers – something for which you have been “anointed,” in a sense. In what way can you do something specific to lead others with care in this area, or perhaps do a very particular good yourself?

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Sharon Ford, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Cathy Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Judy Rich, Jeff Martzal, Jeanette Fasick, Jan Oakley, Ellen White and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson’s Contact Information: You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (717-

From the Pastor’s Desk

For cradle Catholics, baptism may be the most important step on the Christian journey that none of us actually remembers. Which is too bad! After



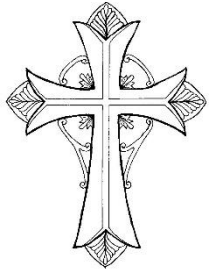
all, the Catechism of the Catholic Church instructs us that baptism is “the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to

life in the Spirit.” (#1213) Yes, baptism cleanses us of original sin, and baptism adds to that! We need only look to Jesus to see that. Though

602-6298) or through his email:
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Online Bulletin: www.stbernardsnbpa.org

March for Life January 2022: The St. Bernard Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring and subsidizing a bus down to Washington DC for the



annual March for Life. This year's march will be on Friday, January 21st. As in prior years, we will have Mass at 7:15 AM and then board the bus to depart St. Bernard by 8 AM. Please feel free to invite all pro-life people you know to

join us on the large 59 passenger bus. Let's fill the bus! Those not attending Mass should plan to arrive by 7:45 AM. The cost this year is \$20 per adult, and \$10 per youth 16 and under. Youth must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, January 10th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. If you have any commendations or recommendations for the life of our parish to share with the Council, please call Bill Davies or place them in the Suggestions Box in the narthex.

Be Considerate of Others: In consideration of parishioners listening to the readings from Sacred Scripture or to the homily, or if people are kneeling during the consecration of the Mass, please wait until the congregation stands to seat yourself. Walking down the aisle while everyone is seated and listening is very distracting. You may arrive late for Mass or leave early, so please take or leave your seat only when the congregation is standing. This will help eliminate distractions during Mass for parishioners and the celebrant.

The **Fran Hannon Educational Grant** is being offered by the parish Knights of Columbus to any senior graduating in the spring of 2022 and who will continue their education after high school. The grant is for \$500. To apply you must be a practicing member of the parish, and must



submit an essay of 500 words or less on the theme "What My Catholic Faith Means to Me." Deadline is March 27th. Applications are available at the bulletin board in the narthex.

Thank you from the Deacon Robinson Family: "On behalf of myself and my entire family I wanted to thank each one of you for your generosity this Christmas season. It is encouraging to all of us to know such good people. I want to thank you especially for your prayers. We are blessed to be at Saint Bernard's and thank God every day for that privilege. Blessings, Deacon Robinson

Christmastide is the name given to the Christmas season in the liturgical calendar. It begins on Christmas Eve and ends on the Sunday celebrating the Baptism of the Lord. This usually gives us a Christmas season of around 20 days or so. There is also an older tradition that ends Christmas on February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

A Hidden Life: If you want to watch a movie that challenges you to live your Catholic faith at a deeper level, you can do no better than to watch "*A Hidden Life*." It is perhaps the best cinematic evocation of both the Gospel and the inner drama of resisting totalitarianism as a clash of rival religions: Nazism and Catholicism. It is based on the true story of Franz Jagerstatter, an Austrian Catholic farmer who refuses to serve in the Nazi army because he will not swear loyalty to Adolf Hitler. For him, that would be an act of idolatry. The Nazis sent Jagerstatter to prison and executed him in 1943 for his treason. In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI beatified him as a martyr. It was Franz's strong Catholic faith that the source of his resistance. Like Franz, we too must stand again totalitarianism in all its forms. Let us continue to "see, judge, and act."

Some thoughts on cultivating the virtue of silence:

- In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends. ...
- Silence is a true friend who never betrays. ...
- We need to find God, and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness, but only in silence.
- He who does not understand your silence will probably not understand your words.
- God comes to us in the silence of our hearts.
- Never miss an opportunity to keep quiet.

**Pray the rosary for peace in our world
and for the end of abortion in our country!**