

The Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord

January 12, 2025

Mass Intentions

January	13	8:00 AM	NO MASS
January	14	8:00 AM	Don & June Shaeffer requested by Kathy Heller
January	15	8:00 AM	I/O Patricia Kodz requested by The Fordyce Family
January	16	8:00 AM	I/O Jerry & Karen Kupris requested by Deacon Robinson
January	17	8:00 AM	Charlotte Smith
January	18	5:00 PM	Rosemary Anderson requested by The Haag Family
January	19	8:00 AM	Mike Landis requested by Kathy Landis
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries January 18-19

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Gwen Pray	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	David Pray	Scott Dunkelberger	Anna & Julia Sheaffer Christopher Harlan
10:30 AM	Nancy Stanton	Bill Davies	Jacob Innerst Austin Hoffman

Schmidt Center Cleaning

January 19

Tonya Sands

January 26

Robin & Mike Chiccini

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: See the bulletin next week!

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$6,780.00

The December Parish Contingency amounted to: \$2,012.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 12th (Baptism of the Lord)

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM
Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM
CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, January 13th

No Mass

Tuesday, January 14th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, January 15th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, January 16th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, January 17th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, January 18th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM
Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, January 19th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM
Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM
CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**“YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON;
WITH YOU I AM WELL
PLEASED.”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

In many renditions of the Baptism of Jesus, artists connect the scene at the Jordan River with Jesus' death. A withered tree, for example, reminds us of the cross, or a mountain points to Mount Calvary. These connections show a real



relationship between Jesus' baptism and his passion: his baptism marks the acceptance and beginning of his mission, which would ultimately lead to his crucifixion. For us, too, baptism is a decisive moment which

destines us for – you guessed it – death! Not physical death (which will happen regardless), but a death to everything that is not of God. By making us part of God's family as his adopted

children, our baptism summons us to “die” to our old life of sin and take on new life in Christ. This means turning away each day from sin so we can become increasingly fit to spend eternity with God. Like Jesus who rose both from the baptismal waters and from the tomb, we are meant, by our daily efforts to be faithful – to “rise” with him in the new life he won for us.

After Jesus is baptized, two important events occur immediately: the Holy Spirit descends upon him while God the Father proclaims his delight in his Son: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Here we see the profound meaning of our own baptism and its effects. In addition to cleansing us from the stain of original sin, baptism: 1) gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit; and 2) welcomes us into God's family as his adopted children. Armed with the Holy Spirit and the assurance of God's fatherly care, we are equipped to engage in the daily struggle of dying-and-rising in Christ. We can always call on the Holy Spirit for strength when we face temptations or difficult decisions. Likewise, when we are discouraged or we confront our own weaknesses, we can look to the Father for help. Recall the words which the Father spoke to Jesus, and which he says to us in our baptism (and he doesn't take them back!): You are my beloved son. You are my beloved daughter. With you I am well pleased.

You can celebrate and honor the Lord's baptism in a very practical way. Find the date (or approximate date) of your baptism and the baptismal dates of your immediate family members. Make a list of the dates and spend time thanking God for his fatherly care for you. Then, when someone's baptismal anniversary comes around, make sure to celebrate!

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Tara Smith, Dennis Haag, Louise Kline, Frances Kute, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Online Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website (www.stbernardsnbpa.org).

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or deacon.robinson@analogyapologetics.com.

Parish Contribution Statement for your church contributions will be available in early January. If you would like to have a statement emailed to you, please contact the parish office (info@stbernardsnbpa.org) and request one. Paper statements will also be available upon request.

Parish Pastoral Council: Our Parish Pastoral Council will next meet on Monday, January 20th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. If you have any commendations/recommendations for Council, please call Bill Davies (717-582-0191) to include them on the agenda.

Update Your Parish: If your address, email, or telephone numbers have changed in the past few months, could you please call the parish office and update your records. This is important so our records are correct when we try to contact you! Also, please contact the parish office if you are going into the hospital, so a pastoral visit can be made.

Eucharistic Reflection: "Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart."



"During Eucharistic adoration, it is not only we who behold Christ,

but it is also He who beholds us." (Archbishop Joseph Augustine DiNoia, while Secretary of the Congregation For Divine Worship)

Thank you, fellow Parishioners: The Parish is indebted to the many parishioners who helped clean and decorate the Church for the Christmas holidays. So often we do not think about the work and the hours that must be expended to make our parish home a beautiful place to worship and pray. May God bless and reward them for all they do for our parish family!

Rest in Peace: In your charity and prayers remember the soul of *Rosemary Anderson*, our

oldest parishioner. Rosemary would have been 100 years old on January 14. She has resided for the past few years in Massachusetts to be near her daughter. The Lord called her home on Saturday, December 21. Rosemary's funeral Mass will be celebrated in Massachusetts and her burial will be at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery on Friday, January 31st at 11:30AM. You are welcome to attend the service at the cemetery.

Confirmation Retreat: Our 8th Grade students who are being prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation are reminded of their retreat scheduled for *Saturday, February 8th from 9:00AM to 1:00PM* in the church hall. This retreat is mandatory for all confirmands. Bishop Senior will celebrate this sacrament with our parish youth on Sunday, March 9th at the 10:30AM Mass.

First Penance will be celebrated for our second graders on Saturday, March 1st at 10:00AM.

Soup Bowl Fundraiser: St. Bernard's Youth Ministry will be holding a Soup Bowl Fundraiser Saturday, February 8th, from 6:00-8:00pm in the Parish Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Interfaith Family Homeless Shelter in Harrisburg. Bowls cost \$15, Children 10 and under \$10.00, 2 and under \$5



and entitles you to unlimited soups, bread, salad, beverage, and dessert. Keep the bowl as a reminder to pray for the homeless. Participants are limited to 100, please sign up on the bulletin board. Donations also accepted. For more info contact Phyllis Krieger 717-379-1135.



Hospital Patients: If you or a family member are in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please call the parish office. Remember, some privacy rules prohibit hospitals from contacting pastors with any information concerning patients. Your pastor and parish would certainly like to remember you prayerfully in times of illness, so please let us know that you are hospitalized.

Pray the rosary this week for vocations!