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The Baptism of the Lord



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| Wed | 5:30 PM |
| Thur | 9:00 AM |
| Saturday | 5:30 PM |
| Sunday | 8:30, 10:30, 5:30 |

Excerpts from Every Heart an Altar



THE BAPTISMAL FONT

An uncle took his young niece and nephew out on the Niagara River in his powerboat, a few miles above the Falls. A few hundred yards above the brink, the boat hit a rock and overturned. The boy was swept over the edge, but purely by God's grace [survived] the plunge. Then man jumped into the river. While he held on to a friend with one hand, he grabbed the girl with his other hand, just as she swept past and he saved her life.

Now that's a true story. And each of us is that girl. We're all swept along, beaten up, and paralyzed by a river of sin—our own sins, the world's sinfulness, flowing down all the way from Adam and Eve. It's the river we call original sin. Yet no matter how strong a swimmer we may be, no matter how hard we may struggle, we can't do anything about it on our own. We can't save ourselves. Then a Savior jumps into the current and He pulls us to safety.

That's the nature of Baptism. Becoming a Christian begins in Baptism, with God intervening to save us. It's His free gift and His initiative. That's why Baptism is not just a pious family social event. It's literally a matter of life and death. Eternity hinges on it. Jesus said, unless a man be 'born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.' [John 3:5] The reason is simple: We're

born loved by God, but also estranged from him. We're born into that river of sin, and we are part of it. In Baptism, God pulls us out of the river and saves us from the ruin that lies just over the brink.

Sin is real. The power of Baptism is real. We find the proof of Baptism's power not just in the revealed Word of God but in the sacrament's effect. Despite all of our own mistakes, and all of the world's persecution, the faith still lives and grows. Holiness happens. Saints happen.

Two things happened to that girl [rescued from the Niagara River]. She was saved from death. Yet there's more. She was also delivered into a new life, a life she had no reason to expect. The similarity to Baptism is this: Baptism not only delivers us from death, it also delivers us into a new life, into a 'community of life,'—the Church. The Church grows, nourishes, reinforces, and deepens our relationship with God, the Author of life itself. Being saved from death is a pretty good deal. Yet, in a sense, the really interesting part is what we do with life afterward.

God saves us for a purpose. That purpose is love. He loves each of us infinitely and ardently. He loves us enough to share with us the mission of His Son, Jesus, the task of redeeming and sanctifying the world, and drawing all souls into His friendship. This means that each of us is a missionary, and we need to act like it. (Charles J. Chaput, OFM, Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia)

"We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Romans 6:4



St. Joan of Arc Parish Mission Statement

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church is a community gathered in Jesus Christ. We welcome all people and provide them opportunities to know God, grow in faith, and use their gifts to serve others. Through Word, Sacrament, Prayer, and Service, we honor our tradition as we extend our ministry to each new generation.

Welcome to St. Joan of Arc Church

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Mass Intentions

January 12-16

Wednesday, January 12

5:30 PM

Sister Mary Joseph, O.P.

Thursday, January 13

Mark Homrighausen

Saturday, January 15

The Parish of St. Joan of Arc

Sunday, January 16

Sherman McMurray

Ray Smith

Robin & James Vaughn, Jr.

Andrew Mitchel

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti
2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk
1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12S

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/
Jn 2:1-11

Observances for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

COMING UP AT SJOA

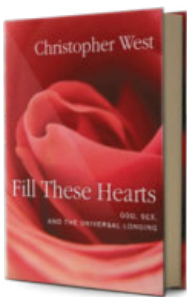


Please note that the 8:15 Thursday morning mass has been changed to 9:00 am on Tuesdays beginning this month.



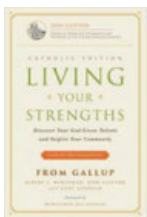
Holidays are extremely difficult for those who are grieving a loss of a loved one. Perhaps the

Tri-Parish Seasons of Hope group could help you or a friend of yours. The next six-week session of the tri-parish Seasons of Hope bereavement group will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11 here. We will meet each Tuesday through Feb. 15. Contact: Kyle Murphy at kmurphy@sjoa.org or Jeff Hutson at jeff@jeffhutson.com



Have you ever wanted to know what it means to be human? What is the purpose of being a human person? Come discover the answers to these questions and more about the human person by joining the book study over **Fill These Hearts** by Christopher West. Sessions will be

held on seven consecutive Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. beginning January 13 in the main floor conference room of the parish office. Please purchase this book ahead of time and be ready to discuss the first two chapters at the first meeting. The book can be purchased on Amazon. If you are interested in joining the study or if you have questions, please reach out to [Maria Cossell](mailto:maria.cossell@roncalli.org) at mcossell@roncalli.org



Jumpstart your understanding of your God-given strengths and begin to discover how to maximize them in everyday life - personally, professionally and spiritually. You will need to take the Strengthsfinder inventory. The **Taste of**

Strengths Workshop will be Saturday, January 22, 10 am-12. Contact Melinda at mrivelli@sjoa.org.

Weekly Prayer Petition



Heavenly Father, we ask that you bless our doctors and nurses and other first responders, who are working long hours and sacrificing so much in order to aid our ill; please hold them close to you and give them peace and comfort.

Please Pray For: Leslie Ashburn-Nardo; Anne Bedan; Adeline Beining; Sam Blandina; Kim Bourque (Kathy Caparo's Sister); Mable Brown; Beth Brockelman (Pam Laucella's sister); LeJean Buehler; Frederick Bullard; Katie Cleary; Marvin Colbert (brother-in-law of Yolanda Christie); David Colby; Kelly Colen; Ella Comer; Maureen Cox (d-i-l of Judy Cox); Ian Craig (son of Libby); Judd Cromer; Pat Dagon (mother of Matt), Ellie Davis; Lyla DeArmond; Mary Ellen Diemer; Gregg Dwyer; Dee Enrico-Janik; Jack Fife; Brian Gaddie; Rita Gatzemeyer; Donna Gesell-Stuart; Gail Gerlach; Pearl Gorski (grandmother of Sara Mitchell); Larry Grein; Owen Griffith; Marty Halal; Sara Hanlon; Betsy Harvey; Noreen Hazeur Williams; Jim Henn; Polly Henn; Susie Hoffman; Doris Hogan; Patty Hughes; many members of the Irwin Family; Harley Janssen; Dalaena Johnson; Judith Jones; Rod Kramer, Jim Laidlaw; Charlie Lane; Tom & Marie, (Catherine Hayes brother and sister); Kovan McCauley; Peggy McClellan (friend of Dee Enrico-Janik); JoAnn McDaniel; Sharon Montieth; Buffy Moosbrugger; Mark Morris; Kathleen Naghdi; Rev. Joseph Newton; Teresa O'Connel; Rob Ohlemiller; Valerie Parmer (mother of Sara Mitchell), Steve Pavicich; Sharon Pence; Angee Poe (friend of Margaret Graves); Mike M. Pointer; Barb Rainbolt; Charles Randall; Mary Roy; Devin Ryan; Beth Salmon; Beth Sellers; Frederick Selm; Helen Setmeyer; Christina Shedrick; Georgia Sosnowski; The Thornburg Family; Jeanetta Torence; Mary Strigari Vish; James Vodde; Joe Wainscott; Jerry Walker; Drake Williams (son of Kyle and Abby); Carole Williams; Jane & Gary Williams; Karen Williams: Karen Wilmering; Valorie Woods.



We grieve with Krissy Grosvenor over the loss of her brother-in-law, Bill Jehling, with Ed Pritchard over the passing of his mother-in-law, Joyce Geske, with the Mercho Family over the death of their father Jean Mercho, and with Martha Leavell over the loss of her brother, Kevin Beaty. May they rest in peace.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Sgt. Dylan Barnett; P.O. 2nd class Matthew Collier, P.O. 2nd Class James Fisher, LCDR Kurt E. Davis; Maj Rocknee Gardner; P.O. 2nd Class Eileen Grosvenor-Jarp, LCPL Jonah Hollis, P.O. 2nd Class Kyle McClelland, CPT Jon Mecker, GySgt. Tom Mitsch; Ssg Jeffrey Mitsch; Marine Jonathan Price, CPT Kevin Zander.

DECEMBER 25-26 COLLECTION

Weekly Budget: \$47,433.55
Weekly Contributions: \$17,489.70
Faith Direct \$25,273.33
Weekly Shortage: (\$4,670.52)
YTD Shortage (11,562.38)

JANUARY 1-2 COLLECTION

Weekly Budget: \$14,884.00
Weekly Contributions: \$11,992.00
Weekly Shortage: (\$2,892.00)
YTD Shortage (\$14,454.38)



Dear Parishioners and Guests,

It's hard to believe we have reached the halfway point of the school year by the publication of this bulletin. We have had many changes all around from personnel to programs to rolling with the latest COVID surge.

Teachers reported back to school on Monday for professional development, which we canceled due to other priorities that arose related to the safe return to school. Resiliency is an imperative mindset we try to instill in lessons with students and one that we ourselves are being forced to practice as well.

As the new semester begins, we ask for your prayers for our students, staff and families. We will be praying for you as well.

Happy New Year and may 2022 be a year of restorative health, prosperity and spirituality!

God Bless,

Janet Andriole

Principal



50/50 Club: Envelope #7161 was drawn and that household did not participate this week. The pot next week is \$514. ICG#2454

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PICK OF THE WEEK

WATCH

**REBORN - EPISODE 1:
A NEW CREATION**

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!

To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Faith Community Service

Faith



Our next **Baptism Class** will be held THIS AFTERNOON, January 9th at 1:30. If you are interested in having your child baptized at St. Joan of Arc and have never done a Baptism here, we

welcome you to attend a Baptism class. Please contact Kyle Murphy, kmurphy@sjoa.org, to register or for more information.



Monthly **Adoration** takes place on the first Friday of every month from noon until 5. In addition, weekly Adoration is available every Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 pm and ends just prior to the 5:30 Mass. Won't you consider

spending an hour with the Christ who loves us all so very much? Contact Dee Janik (deej1213@att.net) if you would like to have access to the Sign-up Genius to be on the First Friday schedule.

Community



Tonight, we invite 6th through 12th graders to join us for a night of faith, food and fun. We will

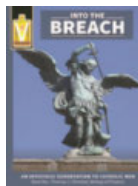
have dinner after the 5:30 Mass followed by a talk and small groups. We will close the night with the **Office Olympics**. Come ready to compete and win prizes. Contact Kyle Murphy if you have questions: kmurphy@sjoa.org.



Next week and beyond, we invite teens in our parish to continue joining us each week at 6:33 PM, after the

Sunday 5:30 PM Mass. Each week we will have a snack and some time to socialize and journey in our faith together. We hope to keep seeing you week after week. This is open to anyone in grades 6 through 12 and we will have small groups separated by age group. Kyle can help you with questions.

Community



Gentlemen of the parish, **Into the Breach Study for Men** will take place on January 22 at the Northside Events and Social Club. Contact Barry Pachciarz: parciarz@sbcglobal.net with questions.



The January **Catholic Business Exchange** will feature a Q&A with Congresswoman Susan Brooks, facilitated by Judge

David Certo. The Q&A will focus on the topics of hard work, mentoring and constituent services. The event is Friday, January 21, at the Northside Events and Social Club. Mass is offered at 7am. Register by January 18. Visit www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.

100 Opportunities for Service



Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are needed for the 5:30 PM Mass. If you are interested please see Mr. Mark Henry for requirements and training. mhenry@sjoa.org



Altar Servers are needed for 8:30 AM Mass. Baptized young parishioners who have received their First Communion are in Grade 3 or above are eligible for this privilege. Please have your child consider assisting at the Altar of our Lord's sacrifice. Contact Mr. Philip Jackey for requirements and training. pjackey@hotmail.com



The next **Operation Leftover** is January 13 at 6:30. Get over your January/Covid time blues by helping those who really need help. Meet at St. John's and be prepared to make a difference.

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Taste of Strengths

**Saturday, January 22
10 a.m.-noon
Parish Center Offices**

Contact Melinda Rivelli at 317-283-5508, ext. 1112 or mrivelli@sjoa.org to register.

You will need to take the Clifton Strengths Assessment at gallup.com and submit your Top 5 Strengths to mrivelli@sjoa.org by Wednesday, January 19



An integral part of our community and a unique opportunity for you!

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