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Tom & Aletha Pullen's Birthday: 1/11

Pete & Irene Helmueller's 24th Anniversary: 1/11

Robyn Trannel's Birthday: 1/11

Harvey & Blanche Radle's 63rd Anniversary: 1/11

Jeff Bechel's Birthday: 1/12

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY &



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IN THE SPIRIT OF A DOVE

Dear friends, still at the early hours of the New Year, the Church continues to set the stage to properly position us to plunge into the year with a renewed sense of direction. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which we celebrate this Sunday, prepares us to do exactly so. In this feast, the Church invites us to reflect on the day, when Jesus made a public appearance and presented himself to John for baptism. As St. Matthew would have it, he allowed himself to be baptized to fulfill all righteousness. In doing so he endorsed John's baptism as a righteous act. Celebrating Jesus' baptism allows us to reflect on our own baptisms. It affords us the occasion to deliberate on that day when God saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior so that we might be justified by his grace and become co-heirs with Christ in hope of eternal life. We celebrate that event which brought us out of darkness into God's own wonderful light. Having been tainted by the necessary sin of Adam, we celebrate our liberation from the bondage of sin and our triumphant journey into new life through the waters of baptism. We celebrate that special event which made of us a royal people, a holy nation, and a people set apart for the greater glory of God. Incidentally, not many of us know our baptismal date, neither do we celebrate this milestone event in our lives as such. Nevertheless, just as we celebrate our birthdays, it would be a great thing to attach a certain importance to our baptism, discover our baptismal dates, and to celebrate them religiously.

The baptism of Jesus is one of the few events of his life that all the evangelists recorded. Particularly, St. Luke, describing the said event stated that when all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased." Like the other evangelists, Luke's narration underscores certain salient incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism, viz. that Jesus prayed, that the heavens were opened, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove, and that a voice from heaven proclaimed Christ as the "Beloved Son" of the Father. Traditionally, Christ's baptism has also been considered as an episode of his manifestation. The obvious manifestation of Jesus in this event is seen in the declaration made by the voice from heaven. By the dictates of the voice, Christ is revealed as the Son of God in whom the Father is well pleased. Besides this, there are other not-so-obvious revelations made in this special event. One such revelation is found in the descending of the Spirit upon Jesus in the form of a dove.

By this descent, the Spirit reveals Jesus as meek, as gentle, and as an epitome of peace. He is that Prince of peace, who through his meekness would give peace to the world. Contrary to the forceful, hard, harsh, and stern imagery that Scripture attaches to John the Baptist, his mission and preaching, Jesus is presented as a dispenser of peace through gentleness and meekness. Though Jesus would preach the reality of heaven and hell, the need to take up one's cross and follow, his coming to set the earth on fire, and the need to proceed by the narrow gate to salvation, yet His message would be one of peace and love. He would carry out his ministry with a gentleness that was moving and convincing. In the spirit of the dove, he would attract people through his gentleness, compassion, and loving-kindness. The descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove was an expression of the fact that Jesus, who was formally beginning his public ministry at the time, would also cling to the meekness and gentleness with which he began his ministry until he would lay down his life. Thus, Jesus would manifest something of his nature as God, who manifested himself to Elijah not in the mighty wind, not in an earthquake or fire, but in a still small voice, in a gentle breeze (1Kings 19:11-12). He is therefore the paragon of strength as gentleness and of gentleness as a reflection of true strength. No wonder he would tell us, "Learn from me for I am meek and gentle of heart" (Mat. 11:29).

Friends, just as God is gentle with us, we have the vocation to be gentle with others. By our own baptism, we have the singular calling to see the dignity in others as God's children, created in God's image and likeness, and treat them with meekness, gentleness, and love. St. Francis de Sales once said that more flies are caught with a drop of honey than a barrel of vinegar. In the same vein, more souls are won with a drop of gentleness than a barrel full of arrogance. John Crowley was of the view that gentleness is the enemy of arrogance, which is the manifestation of pride and the natural reaction is to resist pride. Our day to day interactions with others would bear no fruits if they are seasoned with pride and arrogance. It is our meekness and gentleness which will muzzle our irascible appetite and subdue our outbursts of rage. Gentleness makes us approachable and grows us in strength. It makes us Christ-like. In our call to the New Evangelization, gentleness is an excellent tool. It attracts people to the source of gentleness, who presented himself to be baptized by John the Baptist.

This week, therefore, let us strive to be meek, consciously making the effort to curb our own arrogance and anger. May we set a seal on our lips least we retort at an insult. May family members, husbands, and wives treat one another with meekness as they do the most they can to curb all harshness and meanness in any familial discourse. As soldiers of the Spirit, let us twist other people's meanness with our own gentleness. Two wrongs never make right. So, arrogance plus arrogance would always beget pride, whose natural response is resistance and eventual strife. May the Good Lord therefore grant us all the adequate graces we need to maintain our meekness and gentleness in all our endeavors. May the Spirit which descended on Jesus like the dove come down upon us and remain with us now, especially as we plunge into the new year and forever as we continue on our pilgrim journey into eternity.

Have a pleasant week.

Fr. Joseph Okine-Quarley

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION

January: Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

MASS SCHEDULE & DAILY READINGS

Monday: January 11

- No Mass
- Readings: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 & 2b, 6 & 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: January 12

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - Deceased Members of the Sagstetter Family
- Readings: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: January 13 - St. Hilary

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - † Clarence & Loretta Jilk
- Readings: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: January 14

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - † Eugene & Irma Helmueller
- Readings: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: January 15

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - Jerry & Verni Brunner
- Readings: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: January 16 - Blessed Virgin Mary

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - All Deceased Priests & Religious
- Mass: 4:00 p.m., St. Joseph - Doris Barber
- Readings: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: January 17 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Mass: 8:00 a.m., St. John the Baptist - St. John the Baptist & St. Joseph Parishioners
 - Mass: 10:15 a.m., St. John the Baptist - Ray, Jean, & Jeff Klein
- Readings: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

The Rosary is prayed before Mass

PRAYER WARRIORS

If you would like to offer prayers for those who are in need or are aware of someone who needs prayers please contact the Parish Office or send an email to prayer.warrior.st.john@gmail.com.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISHIONERS

Pastoral Council Meeting

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held via zoom on Wednesday, January 20th at 6:30 p.m..

Lost & Found

Are you missing a hat or a pair of mittens? We have quite the collection in a basket by the street entrance. Please check and see if any of these items may belong to you.

LITURGICAL ROLES: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Money Counting

- Wed., January 13, 9:00 a.m.
Denise Pelzel, Steve King,
& Terry Pelzel

Announcements & Lector

- Sun., January 17, 8:00 a.m.
Nadine Kannel
Sun., January 17, 10:15 a.m.
Jeff Bergmann

Extraordinary Minister

- Sun., January 17, 8:00 a.m.
Peggy Gilles
Sun., January 17, 10:15 a.m.
Denise Pelzel

Music

- Sun., January 17, 8:00 a.m.
Arleen Ebensperger &
Gwen Glaus
Sun., January 17, 10:15 a.m.
Arleen Ebensperger &
Crystal Books

Rosary

- Sun., January 17, 8:00 a.m.
Volunteer Needed
Sun., January 17, 10:15 a.m.
Holy Name Society

Servers

- Sun., January 17, 8:00 a.m.
Allyson Fleishauer
Sun., January 17, 10:15 a.m.
Gavin & Carolyn Trannel

Usher

- Sun., January 17, 8:00 a.m.
Pete Helmueller & Chad Steele
Sun., January 17, 10:15 a.m.
Terry Pelzel & Steve King



LITURGICAL ROLES: ST. JOSEPH

Announcements & Lector

- Sat., January 16, 4:00 p.m.
Terry Pelzel

Extraordinary Minister

- Sat., January 16, 4:00 p.m.
Dale Klein

Music

- Sat., January 16, 4:00 p.m.
Beth Pattison

INGREDIENTS

- 1-1½ lb ground beef
- ½ cup diced onion
- ¼ cup diced green pepper
- 2 cups diced celery
- ¾ cup rosa marina or other small pasta, such as orzo
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- 1-8 oz can sliced water chestnuts
- 1-10.5 oz can of cream of mushroom soup
- 1-4 oz can sliced mushrooms, drain & reserved liquid
- Salt & pepper
- French fried onions

ROSA MARINA CASSEROLE

DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350°F.
- Dilute reserved mushroom liquid to 2 cups. Set aside.
- Over medium-high heat, brown the ground beef with the onion and green pepper. Remove from heat.
- Add celery, pasta, soy sauce, water chestnuts, cream of mushroom soup, mushrooms, and diluted mushroom liquid. Stir to combine. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
- Transfer to a greased casserole dish. Bake for 45-60 minutes, until all the liquid is adsorbed. Top with French fried onions and serve.

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FRUITS OF OUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**December 19th through December 29th, 2020**

Adult Envelopes (66).....	\$	8,518.00
Offertory.....	\$	993.00
Building Restoration (3).....	\$	1,250.00
Utilities (1).....	\$	50.00
Works of Charity (1).....	\$	25.00
Christmas (44).....	\$	11,590.00
Flowers.....	\$	20.00
Retirement Fund for Religious (5).....	\$	1,220.00
Total Income.....	\$	23,666.00

FRUITS OF OUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOSEPH**December 19th through December 29th, 2020**

Adult Envelopes (24).....	\$	1835.00
Offertory.....	\$	23.00
Fuel (2).....	\$	150.00
Freezer.....	\$	50.00
Landscape Rock.....	\$	30.00
Christmas (21).....	\$	1,419.00
Flowers.....	\$	29.00
Retirement Fund for Religious (2).....	\$	170.00
Total Income.....	\$	3,706.00

CHRIST OUR CORNERSTONE

Today at all Masses, we are excited to announce the launch of our ***Christ Our Cornerstone*** campaign to restore the steeple and facilitate other restorations to our beloved St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. The impact of the Cathedral is diocesan wide and beyond and stands as the iconic cornerstone of our faith which radiates as a place of prayer and worship to all our people. This structure, our faith in stone, was gifted to us by the hard work and sacrifices of generations past. It is now our time, our turn to honor our faithful patron St. Joseph the Workman and preserve this historic and magnificent Cathedral.

In an unprecedented act of generosity, St. Ambrose Financial Services has offered to match \$2 for every \$1 generously pledged to this initiative up to \$3 million. That doesn't just double your gift to the Cathedral, it triples it!

Now is the time to act! All families within our Diocese are invited to participate. Please know that while one-time gifts are appreciated, we are encouraging everyone to consider making a pledge. There are several pledge plans available in the brochures available at the church or by visiting cathedralsjworkman.org/cornerstone. Pledges can be made online or by using the pledge cards found within the brochures provided at Mass today. We thank you for your kind assistance in this historic endeavor. It is only together as one that we can truly do great things!

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

ABOUT THE GOSPEL

Jesus was without sin. He did not need to be baptized, but He allowed John to baptize Him to show us how important this Sacrament is. The Blessed Trinity was fully revealed at Jesus' Baptism - God the Father says He is "well pleased" with His Son, Jesus. God the Holy Spirit comes down on Jesus like a dove.



IN CHURCH

Look for the Baptismal Font in Church. Say a prayer for all the people who were baptized at this font.

FAMILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank You for the gift of Baptism that makes us part of family. Help us to treat one another with love and respect. Amen.



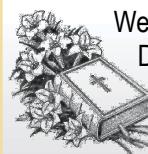
Imagine yourself at Jesus' Baptism.
What do you see and feel?



THE FIVE EFFECTS OF BAPTISM

	We are granted justification or sanctifying grace When we're baptised, our original sin is forgiven and, in the case of adults, personal sins.
	We receive the three theological virtues Faith, hope and charity, the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the other virtues are received.
	We receive the sacramental grace It offers the necessary help to live a Christian life. It makes us capable of believing in God, of waiting on Him and loving Him.
	A sacramental character is imprinted in us It is an indelible spiritual mark that is imprinted during Baptism. It makes us part of the Church, Body of Christ.
	It makes us part of the common priesthood of the faithful Participation is in two forms: active, through evangelization and sanctifying all temporal realities and passive, by receiving the other sacraments.

DALE GILLES



We regret to inform parishioners of the passing of Dale Gilles, which sad event occurred on Thursday, December 31st. We pray for the repose of his soul and the consolation of the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace.

THAT MAN IS YOU

"That Man Is You" Fall Semester finished on Friday, January 8th. We would like to thank all of men who participated, and also Father Joe's insight and answering our questions! The Spring Semester will start on Friday, January 22nd. Please contact Dan Wieser at (715) 279-2152 or Tom Pullen at (607) 244-3010 if you have any questions. More information is also available at: www.thatmanisyou.org. Thanks!



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Week 7 - When is the last time you read a book on marriage?



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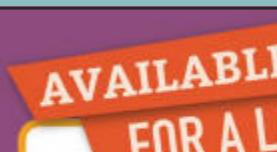
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