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The Baptism of the Lord

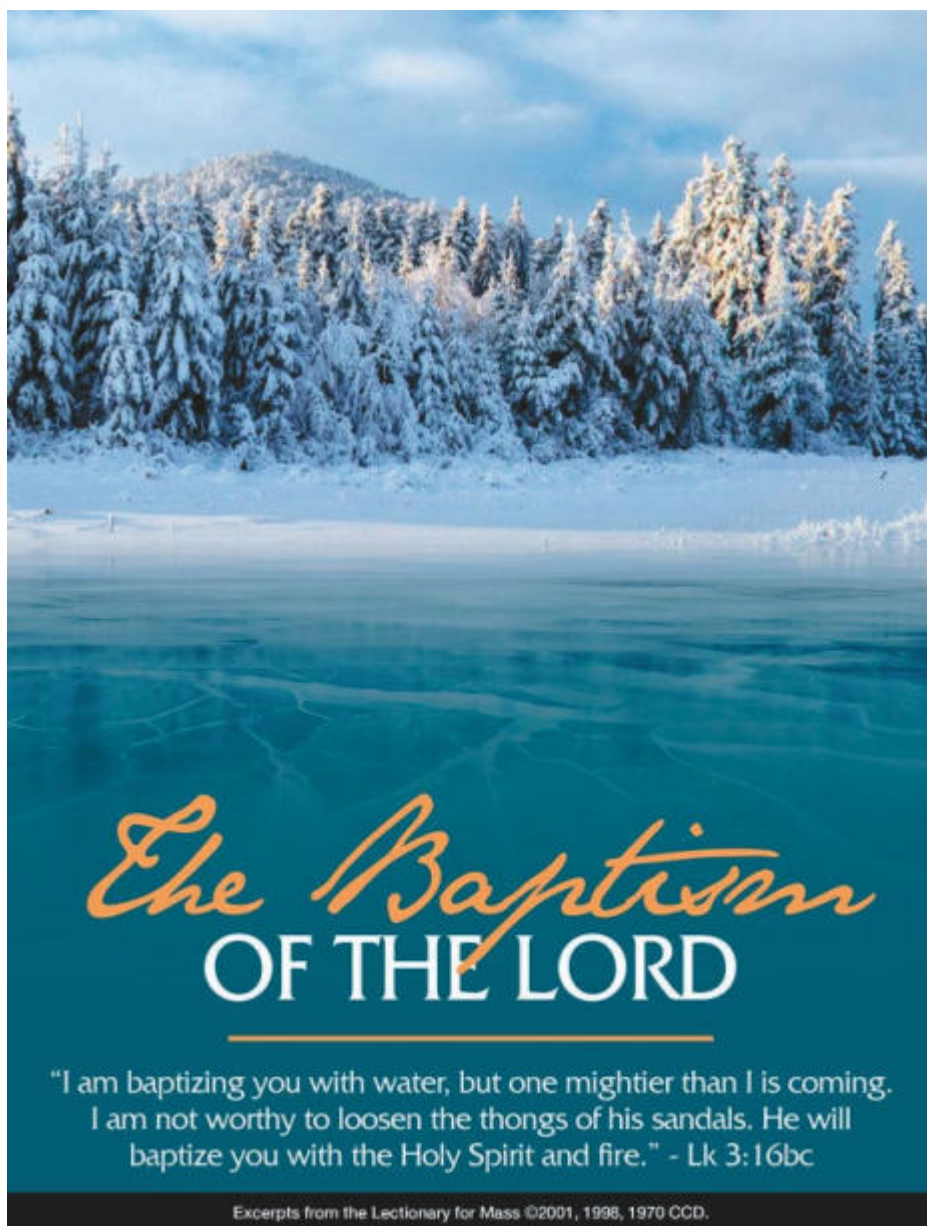
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Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

After 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. (Lk 3:22)



WELCOME TO ALL:

If you have moved to this area and wish to join our Parish Community, we invite you to become actively involved in our life and to support our efforts to be witnesses to Christ by sharing your Time, Talent and Treasure.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Roman Catholic parish of Saint Theresa of Lisieux is a community of believers that places the sacredness of the Eucharist at the center of our lives. Our mission is to inform, inspire, invite and involve people in the ongoing life of the Church. Our field of ministry includes residents of the greater South Hadley area. It is our desire to engage all who wish to join our community in the celebration of the life of Christ.

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 4:00p
Sunday 8:00a | 10:30a

WEEKDAY MASSES - CHAPEL

Monday - Friday 8:00a

HOLY DAY MASSES

(Day of Obligation) 8:00a | 6:30p

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30p – 3:45p or by appointment.

Adoration

Friday 8:30a – 6:00p

Baptism

To schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage

Please arrange one year in advance.

Hospital Visitations

Please let us know if a parishioner is ill or in the hospital.

COUNSELING & SUPPORT SERVICES

Pregnancy Counseling Services

Bethlehem House of Easthampton (413) 527-2861

Divorce Support Ministry

Bob Nell (413) 575-5177
St. Mary's Parish, Longmeadow MA

To Report an Incident of Church Related Sexual Misconduct

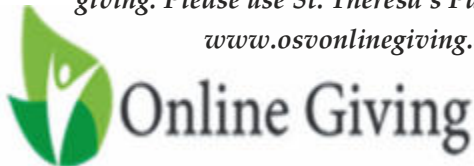
Confidential Hotline (800) 842-9055



WEEKLY DONATIONS

Please continue to support the Parish by mailing in your weekly donations if you are not able to attend a Mass. Or consider making your contributions through online giving. Please use St. Theresa's Parish ID# 1596.

www.osvonlinegiving.com



In Remembrance

Our weekly mass schedule for the remainder of the year is booking up very quickly. If you are planning to reserve a mass time, you should call the Parish Office at (413) 532-3228 on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 9:00a to noon. Also, you may wish to plan ahead and reserve those special dates for your loved ones for 2022..

Parish Office Hours

Parish office hours have changed to be every Monday through Thursday from 9:00-12:30 a.m. If you would like to meet with Fr. Michael or Patricia it is by appointment only. Please call Carol to schedule an appointment at (413) 532-3228 x120.

MASSt INTENTIONS

Saturday January 8th

8:00 am Spiritual Life of the Church by Risa Teall
10:30 am Richard Fleury by Richard's wife Ann

Sunday January 9th

8:00 am † Alfred and Blanche Cormier Family by
Daughter Bea
10:30 am † Wladyslawa Mruk by Children
and Families

Monday January 10th

8:00 am Prayers for those Sick and Living in Poverty

Tuesday January 11th

8:00 am Prayers for all First Responders

Wednesday January 12th

8:00 am † Reginald Henry D'Almeida by George and
Judy Wilson

Thursday January 13th

8:00 am † Souls in Purgatory by Friends

Friday January 14th

4:00 pm Prayers for the Parishioners of St. Theresa's

Saturday January 15th

4:00 pm † John Piechota by Debbie and Ed Giles

Sunday January 16th

8:00 am † Lynn Ann Baker by Spiritual Life Group
10:30 am † Eva Spychalla by David, Amy and Grace

BULLETIN POSTINGS

Please submit any requests/inquiries you have for the weekly bulletin directly to **Rebecca Smith** at sttheresamedia@gmail.com. Requests to be included in the bulletin must be submitted by Saturday the week prior to your desired bulletin date..

ILL PARISHIONERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS

The parish pastoral staff asks: Do you know of any parishioners or family members that are ill, in nursing homes, hospitals, the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, Leeds VA Hospital or homebound? If so, please contact **Patricia Smith** at (413) 532-3228 ext. 116 so that pastoral visits may be scheduled with them.



Weekly Readings

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
2:1-12

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



If you or someone you know from our parish is unable to attend Mass on Sunday due to illness or disability and would like to receive communion please call **George Wilson** at (413) 533-8710 prior to 8:00 a.m. on that Sunday morning.



PRAYER LINE

Please call **Louise Croll** to make a Request at (413)532-3228.

Barbara Jean Sexton

Denise O'Connor, Joe Nadeau

Bradlee Nadeau,

Hughie H.

Jacqueline Leduc

Conner McMahan, Quinn

McMahon

Joan Casavant

Edward J. Scanlon

Kathy Morin, George

Lusignan

Anna & Harold Williams

Patricia Salisbury

Michelle Hadley

Guido Schiappa,

Sandy DeSouza

Maurice Miner, Jackie Krass, Bella





Peace and Justice Call to Action!

Due to COVID-19 restrictions in the past, our peace and justice group has been unable to meet. Our work is important, so we feel it is time to revive the committee. We are planning on meeting the fourth Sunday of each month beginning on January 23rd at 11:30a.

All are welcome, please call Judy Wilson 533-8710 if you have any questions.



PRAYER LINE

“At the birth of a new year, let us pray for a world renewed in the peace of God” and for each other through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God and our Mother.

If you would like to pray for the intentions of others, please leave your name with the parish office.

Likewise, please contact the parish office with brief prayer requests, first name only or “special intention”.

Those who would like to participate in this work of mercy may offer prayer support in many ways. “Prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love embracing both trial and joy.”

-St. Theresa of Lisieux

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That’s exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.



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CARE: FOOD MINISTRY special collections throughout the holiday season. We’ve collected \$1749.00 which will provide meals for our clients over the next 2-3 months!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few parishioners to help with the weekly accounting of collections. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Watt at 413-532-8225.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 9 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”

— Pope Francis

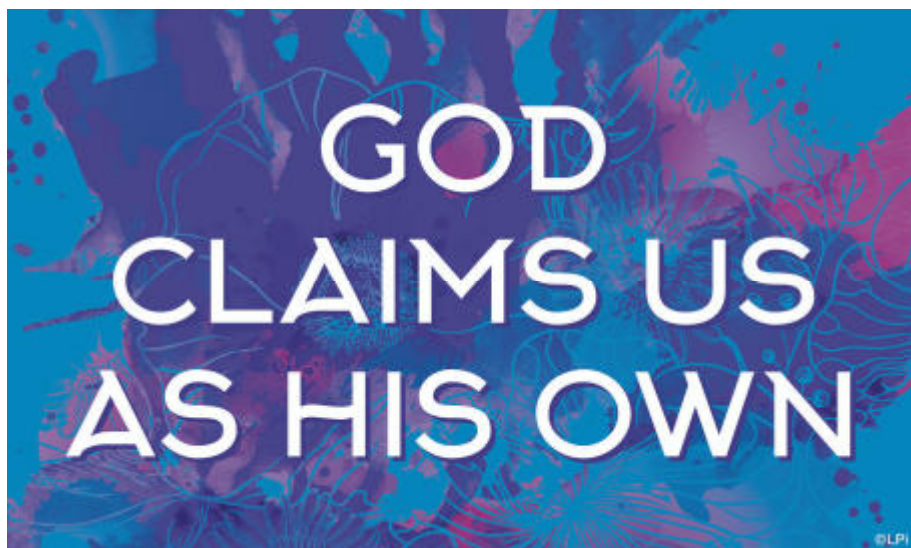
What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes.

Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us

as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.



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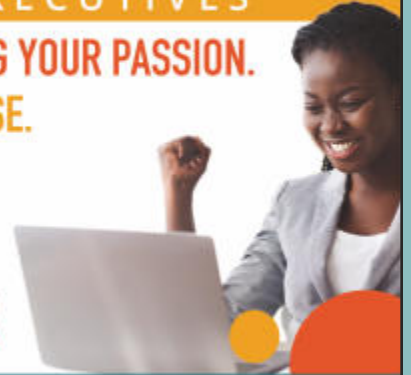


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