

HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

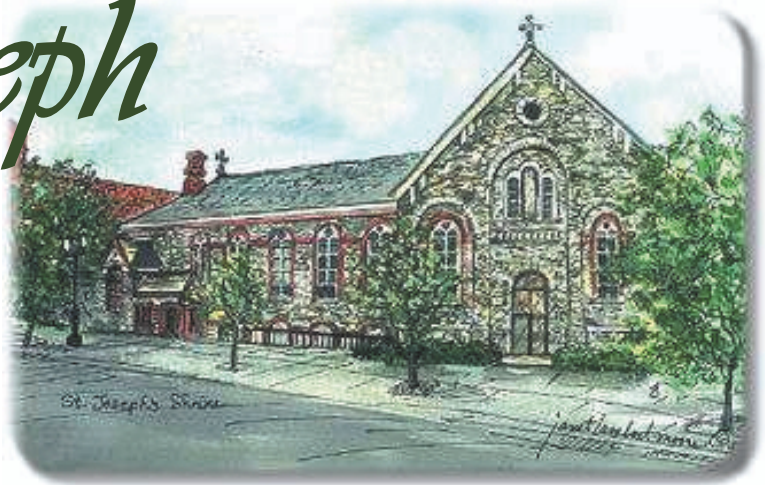
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

St. Joseph

The Worker Shrine

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Saint Joseph the Worker Shrine is a place of prayer, reflection, and social action undertaken in the spirit of Jesus Christ and Saint Eugene de Mazenod, founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Our mission is based on Matthew 11:28,

“Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.”

St. Joseph the Worker Shrine is a ministry of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, United States Province.

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Weekdays: 8 AM, 12 Noon & 5:30 PM
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Saturdays and each First Friday after the noon Mass (approx. 12:45 PM) and ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament before the evening Mass.

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Mass Intentions

January 8 - January 16, 2022

Saturday	January 8, 2022
8:00	Annamay Conserva - deceased
12:00	John Cole - deceased
4:00	St. Josephine Bakhita
Sunday	January 9, 2022
8:00	George & Marguerite Dziczek
10:00	Thomas Doherty & Louise Park
12:00	Jesus Heli Hernández
Monday	January 10, 2022
8:00	Fr. Augustus Tolton
12:00	William & Emilia Reagan
5:30	Friel & Felice Families - living & deceased
Tuesday	January 11, 2022
8:00	Fran Sargent - living
12:00	Louis Hoffman
5:30	In Thanks to St. Joseph
Wednesday	January 12, 2022
8:00	In Thanks to St. Joseph
12:00	Shrine Benefactors
5:30	Elisa M. Giallombardo
Thursday	January 13, 2022
8:00	Yahira Colon
12:00	Cherry Nutting - Intentions
5:30	Barbara Taylor - deceased
Friday	January 14, 2022
8:00	Robert G. Dufault - deceased
12:00	Poit & Puring Hogan - 50th wedding anniversary
5:30	Donna Tarrant - birthday
Saturday	January 15, 2022
8:00	Robert G. Dufault - deceased
12:00	Robert McDonald- deceased
4:00	Gladys Ortiz - 1st. Anniv. Deceased
Sunday	January 16, 2022
8:00	Hipolito & Luce Santiago
10:00	Australia Abreu - deceased
12:00	Blanche Szufnarowski

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you for your contributions!
We appreciate your generous support of St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, and the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Week Ending	December 26, 2021
Weekend Total:	\$2,333.71
Weekday Total:	\$1,540.95
Total Offertory:	\$3,874.66
We-Share Total:	\$485.00

Music For Sunday, January 9, 2022

CHOIR 8AM.

Entrance #111 When Jesus Comes to be Baptized
Offertory #649 Baptized in the Water
Communion #555 All the Ends of the Earth
Sending Forth #594 Shall We Gather at the River

4PM/10AM/12PM

Entrance #106 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
Offertory #414 Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring
Communion #527 God of Mercy
#45 A Voice Cries Out
Sending Forth #388 City of God

Readings for the week of January 9, 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 2:1-12

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

January's Eucharistic Saint

An Episcopalian with a burning desire for the Eucharist! We begin the last 6 months of the "Year of the Eucharist" with the story of a saint baptized and faithful in the Episcopal faith until converting to Catholicism. That woman, **Elizabeth Ann Seton**, was born on August 28, 1774, into a wealthy Episcopalian family of New York City. In 1794, Elizabeth married William Seton and they reared five children. When William contracted tuberculosis and needed a healthier climate, the family travelled to Leghorn, Italy where William died in quarantine. There Elizabeth became acquainted with Antonio Filicchi, William's business partner, who introduced her to Catholicism.



Having donned the traditional black bonnet and dress of an Italian widow, Elizabeth returned to America, with a burning desire. To her cousin she wrote, "*Amabilia, I have been to the Church of St. Peter with the Cross on top instead of a weathercock! When I turned the corner of the street it is in— Here, my God, I go! Heart all to You.*"



The widow Seton was received into the Catholic Church on March 14, 1805, by Fr. Matthew O'Brien, of St. Peter's, then New York City's only Catholic church.

A woman of **firsts**, Elizabeth Seton, wife, mother, educator and foundress would go on to establish in 1808, the **first** parochial school in Baltimore, MD, and in 1809, the **first** American congregation of nuns, the Sisters of Charity at Emmitsburg, MD. On September 14, 1975, in a ceremony in St. Peter's Square, Pope St. Paul VI declared, "*Elizabeth Ann Seton is a saint, and an American! All of us say this with special joy and with the intention of honoring the land and the nation from which she sprang forth as the first.*"

O God, who crowned with the gift of true faith, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's *burning zeal* to find you, grant by her intercession and example, that we may always seek you with diligent love and find you in daily service with sincere faith. Amen.



**JOSEPH MOST STRONG-
PRAY FOR US!**

~ **LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH**



During the various deadly cholera epidemics you risked your life to minister to the sick and dying, being prepared to die as a martyr of love in imitation of the Saviour.

- St. Eugene, guide us to the Savior in our time of need!

~ *Litany of St. Eugene de Mazenod*

Monthly Mass for the
Victims of Human Trafficking



Tomorrow evening, Monday, January 10th at 4:00pm, and monthly thereafter, there will be a Mass offered in honor of St. Josephine Bakhita. The intention of this Mass is for St. Josephine, that she help us to stop human trafficking. The Mass will be offered for those who are enslaved in this terrible social structure of sin.

Christmas Collection Update

We sincerely thank all of you who generously gave to our Christmas collection for the senior, retired and infirmed Oblates in Tewksbury. The donations received by mail or in person to date total **\$7,846.99**.



Thank you and may God bless you for your generous remembrance of the Oblates!

The Giving Tree

Many thanks to all who generously donated gifts for this year's Giving Tree. The agencies benefitting from this generosity are most grateful to you!



Thanks for all your generosity and support!!



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

We pray for all those who suffer from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity as brothers and sisters be recognized in the human family .

From the Director's Desk

January 9, 2022



We are the amazement of God, according to Charles Peguy (1873-1914). God is amazed when we hope in Him. "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased". The Father spoke these words after John baptized the Lord. At our baptism, the Father said the same to us.

I have been at the bedside of many sick people. They all struggled to say a good Act of Contrition. I came close to cashing in my chips 7 years ago. I did not have the strength to pray. The moral of the story; don't put off conversion. On the day of our baptism, we entered into a deep relationship with the Lord.

Repeated sins become habits, chains that are harder to break. With this in mind, we focus on that deep relationship with Christ. We never want it to go away. If we sin, we begin again. Jesus Christ is the friend of sinners. He finds the lost sheep. He places it on his shoulders and carries it home. He says, "You are mine". It is easier to hope in God, knowing who he is.

He calls us to be His friends. He has sought us out. He waits for us in heaven, and at the same time lives in our hearts. We are with Abraham, the patriarch who set out to live in a distant land, not knowing where he was going. His hope was wonderful. Do we wonder where life is leading us?

The Lord is our shepherd. Perhaps we made a good confession before Christmas. Soon, we'll make another one before Easter. Why do we confess? Because we want to be good friends with God. We don't want to put off our conversion, when evidence shows it won't be easy. We will live out our baptism. We will please God.

I remember you at Mass.

Flags of the Faithful Reminder

Please don't forget to remind us to fly the flag of the country of your ancestors. The next three flags schedule to fly are:

Lithuania---February 16 - Independence Day
Bosnia---March 1 - Independence Day
Ghana---March 6 - Independence Day

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9, 2022

Christ's Baptism Foreshadows Our Own:

Since the Catholic Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without sinning. Therefore, He had no need of the sacrament, as we do.



In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, however, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary--not for Him, but for us.

Many of the Fathers of the Church, as well as the medieval Scholastics, saw Christ's Baptism as the institution of the sacrament. His Flesh blessed the water, and the descent of the Holy Spirit (in the form of a dove) and the voice of God the Father announcing that this was His Son, in Whom He was well pleased, marked the beginning of Christ's public ministry.

The Baptism of the Lord brings a conclusion to the Christmas season.

Christmas Flower Memorials

In gratitude for the many floral donations given in memory of loved ones that graced our sanctuary during Christmastide:



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For Henry Saucier
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For Fr. Terry O'Connell, OMI, for Mr. & Mrs. James J. Cunningham, for the Schissel & McNeil families, for Lenny Scott, Mike & Ruth Cambray, Michael Cambray, Miriam D'Auteuil, Steve D'Auteuil, Charles Lefebvre, Paula Scott, Jim Conway, Tina Jablonski and Peggie Hajjar.

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