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The Baptism  
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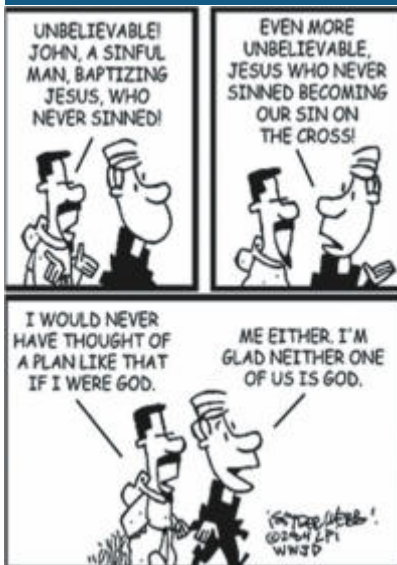
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## REPENT!

**“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. . .”** (Acts 2:38)

I know, I know. Today’s readings are about the coming of John the Baptist and his baptism of Jesus and not necessarily repenting. However, John the Baptist came **“preaching the baptism of repentance”** (Matt. 3:1-1, Mark 1:4, Acts 13:24) and that was always the focus of his message.

I know what you’re thinking. Jesus didn’t have anything to repent of, did He? And you’re right. Strange as it might sound, I think His baptism was more His “ordination” because His ministry didn’t begin until after He was baptized. Of course, at that point the Holy Spirit visibly descended on Him in the form of a dove, and God thundered from heaven “this is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 3:16-17). If ever there was an occasion for a viral video, that would be it.

All of this, according to Jesus, was done “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matt. 3:15). It was a physical manifestation of what happens spiritually to us at baptism. However, that is based on whether you have repented or not.

You see, there are three key elements to salvation. The very first one is to admit you are a sinner. In other words, repent – have shame and remorse about the wrong things you’ve done in your life. The second is to believe or have faith – you know that Jesus is the Son of God, and that salvation comes only through Him. The third is to confess or speak about your conversion to others.

The problem that arises is that anyone can “say” they believe in Christ and even talk about it to others. Joshua Harris, famous author of “I Kissed Dating Goodbye” and former pastor would be one of those. He denounced his faith recently, so in all those years, he was pretending. His faith wasn’t real. Rather than repent, he chose to walk away from God. There are a multitude of TV preachers who are equally guilty.

On the other hand, we have stunning examples of people who have repented from truly debauched lives evidenced by how they live. We have the late Chuck Colson of Watergate fame; David Berkowitz, who was serial killer Son of Sam, still in prison and teaching bible studies. And let us not forget the Apostle Paul, murderer of Christians. Some of the best preachers I know have the shadiest pasts.

So, we need to be cautious of John the Baptist’s demand that we repent. Repenting doesn’t mean to say “sorry”. It means to feel bitter remorse, actual shame about the things you’ve done and admit they were wrong. To see your sin through God’s eyes without any attempt to justify what you’ve done. It’s sin, it’s wrong and there is no justification in God’s eyes.

We love to remind you of 2 Chron. 7:14, **“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”**

God is calling the CHURCH (not the building but the individuals in it: clergy, lay ministers and the people in the pews) to repent (turn from their wicked ways). If you want to know why this country is literally going to hell, it is because the church has not repented. Rather, the church has embraced the world and all its sins, justifying them as “love” and “tolerance”. To preach the gospel in its purest form (meaning from scripture) is offensive and exclusive. Isaiah 8:14 says, **“And He will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense.”** John 14:6 says, **“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”** They are right and by saying so, fulfill these scriptures.

Today, God is calling every individual in the churches to truly repent and stand firm in the gospel as it was handed down by the apostles. Are you willing to do that or are you going to continue to justify your sin nature to please man? Time is short, repent while you still can.

Priscilla DiLallo  
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS, THE UNBORN & ALL AFFECTED BY THE VIRUS**

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, please call Deacon Gary - 315-730-2770.**

**Stay up-to-date by visiting the diocesan website: [www.syrdio.org](http://www.syrdio.org)**

**Most Holy Rosary's website: [mostholyroary-maineny.org](http://mostholyroary-maineny.org)**

**Email: [mhrmaine@syrdio.org](mailto:mhrmaine@syrdio.org)**

**Daily Mass:** EWTN: 12am, 8am, 12pm, 7pm

Bishop Lucia live streamed/recorded at 12pm on [www.youtube.com/syrdio](http://www.youtube.com/syrdio)

**Sunday Mass:** EWTN: 12am, 8am, 12pm, 7pm / WBNG Channel 12: 6am

Pre-recorded diocesan Mass on [www.youtube.com/syrdio](http://www.youtube.com/syrdio)

MHR by 2pm on <https://www.youtube.com/c/MostHolyRosaryMaineNY>

**Parish Liturgies for the Week of January 9, 2022 (+ indicates deceased)**

**Monday - 1/10 - 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer**

**Tuesday - 1/11 - 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer**

**Wednesday - 1/12**

9:00 AM - +Pat Brooks / Req. by the Brooks Family

For the People of Most Holy Rosary Church and the Unborn

**Thursday - 1/13 - 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer**

**Friday - 1/14**

9:00 AM - John & Lisa Schlee - Healing / Req. by John & Jean Saltisiak

Ann Salerno - Healing / Req. by Renee

**Sunday - 1/16 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM - +Mark Stastny - Birthday Remembrance / Req. by Parents

+Dorothy Ludington - Anniversary / Req. by Denise Ludington

**New York State has instituted a mask mandate in all public places through February 1 as a safety precaution.**

**Bishop Lucia expects that all parishes in the Diocese of Syracuse will cooperate with this important public health matter and comply with the mask mandate.**

Therefore, Bishop Lucia expects us to wear masks during Mass and during any indoor, church-related event.

TRUST IN GOD ~ FAITH NOT FEAR

**As always, if you do not feel well, please do not enter the Church.**

**We continue to offer the right side of the Church for those who wish to continue to observe safe distancing.**

Inside the Church, the holy water dispenser is on the right, and hand sanitizer is available on the left.

**You may attend in your car.** Tune your FM radio to 93.5 to hear the Mass (or bring portable radio). Communion will be brought to you.

Please come to **9am daily Mass or Morning Prayer.**

There is plenty of room.

**Confession:** Fridays, 9:30am (or by appt in the Church)

**Church of the Holy Family's schedule:**

Mass: Tues. - Fri. - 9am (cancelled on the day of a funeral)

Saturday Vigil: 4pm / Sunday Mass: 8am & 11am

Confession: Saturday, 3pm

**Friendly Reminder:** Daily Mass & Morning Prayer are cancelled when Maine-Endwell schools are closed due to inclement weather.

**CALLING ALL MEN!** Please join the MHR Men's Group for our monthly meeting in the hall on Mon., 1/17, 7pm. Help strengthen fellow men and share in true Christian fellowship! All are welcome. Contact Jeff Felice with any questions 607-341-1336.

### **GETTING FORMAL**

**In about 1210, at the request of the Brothers of Our Blessed Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Albert formulated a rule for them that is essentially the same Rule that today governs the entire Carmelite family.**



*This is the 15<sup>th</sup> article in our series.*

**READ YOUR BIBLE AND  
HAVE A BLESSED DAY!**



## **Our Giving**

Weekly Goal: \$4,950.00

January 2: \$3,908.75

Online: \$ 606.00

***Thank you for your generosity!  
charity, and sacrifice!***

### **Mass & Candle intentions:**

Please email or call the office with your 2022 requests. Offerings can be dropped in the lockbox, in the Church collection or mailed. Thank you!

Bulletins, Holy Water & calendars are in the boxes hung on the rectory.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday  
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

### **Ministry Schedule for next weekend**

**Saturday, 4pm, Jan. 15 at Holy Family**

Lector - Matt Karp

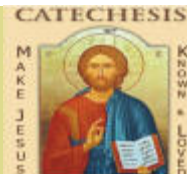
**Sunday, 9:30am, January 16**

- Sacristan - Doris Rovente
- Videographer - Killian Keesler
- Altar Server - Maddie Freeman
- Ushers - Jim Bishop, Bryan Takacs
- Lector - Karen Taylor
- EM - Dc. Gary, Tami Carl, Mike Decker

### **CATECHESIS:**

Meets today after Mass  
from 10:30-11:30.

All students and teachers  
will meet in the hall.



**The Rosary is prayed before Mass each Sunday at 9am. Please join us! Group prayer is powerful!**

**The prayer & scripture hour is on Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm in the hall to watch the series, The CHOSEN. See Jesus through the eyes of those who know Him. **All are welcome to attend!****

**Please join us for the next Holy Hour/Benediction & Reflection on Tues, 1/18 at 6pm. The Rosary for the United States will also be prayed.**

**The more people we have praying with us, the more powerful it will be - please come!**

**We are excited to report that MHR has exceeded its 2021 HOPE Appeal goal of \$24,135.**

Thank you to all who have pledged their support to the ministries, programs and services that benefit so many throughout our diocese.

**You are the salt of the earth!**



**Changing Calendar ~ Unchanging God**

### THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

All who have the Coronavirus, those who are afraid, John & David Schlee, Elizabeth Moat, P, Krissy, S, MJ, Kyle & Patty Novitsky, Alfonso Longobardi, Anthony, Dominick & Charlotte, Brian, Theresa, Marguerite, Ann, Marie, Dolores, Esther & Carl, John & Gloria, Kyle, Kylie, Holly and children, Steve D., Matt & Autumn, Aaliyah, Jesse D., Ken Klawiter, Ken Raymond, David Younger, Dana, Michael Teeter, Irene Padbury, Emory & Franklin Gamache  
**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH ANY UPDATES – THANK YOU.**

### CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict, Bishop Douglas Lucia, Bishop Emeritus Robert J. Cunningham  
Father Clarence Rumble, Father Clarence Cerwonka and Deacons Gary, George & James  
All priests, deacons and employees in the diocese  
For churches to not close – to find an innovative way to stay open

### VOCATIONS

Rev. Jason Hage, seminarians & those considering the priesthood, diaconate, religious life

### PARISH FAMILY

**MHR Parishioners-especially those who are sick**, RCIA Candidates, Our Choir, MHR Men, K of C Council 11621  
The Sanctity of Life, Pregnant Women & the Unborn  
The Sanctity of Marriage, Married Couples, Homemakers  
Children, Teenagers, College Students and those who are confused about their identity  
Widows & Widowers / The sick and those in nursing homes  
Those who have left the faith  
That God would turn the hearts of people back to Him



### PUBLIC SERVICE

All elected to public office  
Military & Families, Broome Co. Law Enforcement, NYPD, Fire Fighters, Postal Workers,  
Sanitation Workers, Mechanics, Farmers, the Amish  
All Doctors, Nurses, EMTs & Caregivers  
Birthright of Binghamton; Life Choices Center; Women's Life Services, Vestal  
Mothers & Fathers of unexpected pregnancies – that their hearts be softened to receive the love of Christ  
Lourdes & UHS Hospitals - for the protection of all staff / for safe & efficient running of the hospitals & doctors' offices

### MISC.

Spiritual Revival in New York State / The Freedom from Religion Foundation / Peace in Jerusalem & Israel  
Those in prison or on probation  
Those considering suicide

**TUITION ASSISTANCE for Catholic Schools of Broome County: Apply Now For The 2022-2023 School Year.** To be considered for any Tuition Assistance, an application must be completed. The deadline to complete the application is 2/15. For more information and application information, contact the Office of Admissions at 607-231-4149. [csbsaints.org](http://csbsaints.org)

### March for Life! One-Day Pilgrimage for Adults and Families in Washington, DC, January 21, 2022 sponsored by the Syracuse Diocese Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry

**In honor of the late Michael McKilligan (one of MHR's biggest advocates for the unborn), parishioners of Most Holy Rosary Church who sign up for this diocesan, 24-hour bus trip to the March for Life will be paid for!**  
**Please forward to the office your registration confirmation email in order to be reimbursed. (mhrmaine@syrдио.org)**

The bus will pick you up in Binghamton at midnight on Friday, January 21 in the Cracker Barrel parking lot and drop you there at 9:30pm or so. The trip includes Mass with Bishop Lucia at the National Basilica, participation in the March for Life with the diocesan group, transportation, meals and a diocesan scarf.

**To register online: [march4lifesyracuse2022.eventbrite.com](http://march4lifesyracuse2022.eventbrite.com)**

For more information, contact Jennifer Brown at (315)472-6754, ext. 7 or email [familyrespectlife@syrдио.org](mailto:familyrespectlife@syrдио.org)

**\*\*\* Be A Voice for the Voiceless! \*\*\***



### A Family Perspective from the Office of Family Life Education:

In today's gospel, Jesus was publicly **AFFIRMED** by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents, we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed **AFFIRMATION** and so do our children.

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**Dorothy Ludington**  
at the request of  
**Denise Ludington**



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