

January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord

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HOLY EUCHARIST (THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS)

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00 PM; Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:00 AM

Sunday and Holy Day Masses will continue to be livestreamed, along with the Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning Masses.

Holy Days of Obligation: As Announced in Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration: Will resume soon.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM and by appointment.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays, generally the first Sunday of the month.

MATRIMONY: Please contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance of desired date and prior to making any arrangements for the wedding reception. Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays.

CONFIRMATION: Please contact the Coordinator of Religious Education (410-208-2854) for information. Confirmation is conferred in the 8th Grade.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please inform the Parish Office about parishioners who need this sacrament as soon as their illness becomes serious.

HOLY ORDERS: If you believe you are being called by God to serve the Church as a Catholic priest, please contact Father Norman Carroll, Director of Vocations (302-573-3113) or speak to the Pastor; if you believe you are being called to the Diaconate, please call Rev. John Grasing (302-573-2390).

SACRAMENTALS: For the renewal of marriage vows and the blessing of homes, religious articles, automobiles, boats, and other appropriate items, please contact the Pastor.

Please take this bulletin home with you. Do not leave it in the pew. Thank You.

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I've lost track of how many people have told me how beautiful our church looked throughout Advent and the Christmas season. While we don't decorate in order to fish for compliments, it's nevertheless heartwarming to know that our environment helps people to focus their prayer during these holy seasons.

I want to thank those people whose hard work made everything so nice: Margaret Giacoponello, Judy Higgins, Elissa Mulligan and Cathy Russo. John Cosentino helped them while at the same time assembling our outdoor creche.

While we purchase beautiful poinsettias for the sanctuary each year, for many years now the largest and most beautiful of them have come as a gift to the parish from Mr. Kirk Burbage of the Burbage Funeral Home. We're grateful for his generosity and for the good care he provides for so many of our parishioners in their time of need.

Although we were not able to host our Tenth Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols *live* this year, Music Director Josie Cover and Coordinator of Religious Education Jamey Sturgill produced an online version of the event; if you haven't yet seen it, it's available at this link: https://youtu.be/YSfQQNaZ-QU. Thanks to both of them, along with those lectors and musical ministers who participated.

I've received many notes of thanks for the book we gave out at Christmas, *Life Is Messy* by Matthew Kelly. It seemed like the perfect Christmas gift after a very messy 2021. Choosing and ordering the book was very easy for me; it's a quick read, after all, and after deciding on it, a few clicks on the computer keyboard was all it took. The hard work – inserting my brief note and lovingly wrapping the books – was done by others: our crackerjack parish staff spent days on the project, and they received great help from Jane Piper, Jim and Ione Salzman, Barb Nichols and Sarah LaPointe (granddaughter of my assistant Marilyn Low). I'm grateful to all of them.

Thanks to our Deacons, Cantors, Servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for helping provide beautiful and reverent liturgies, and thanks to Connie Rutherford for making sure everything is in tip-top condition and where it's supposed to be when it's time to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries.

As we begin 2022, hoping that it will be a little less messy than 2021, let me assure you of my continued prayers for each of you. It's my happy privilege to be part of this parish family.

May God bless you, always!

Rev. Joseph MPR Cocucci, KHS

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Pastor

Masses for the Week

Saturday, 8 January

4:00 PM The Baine Family

Sunday, 9 January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 AM Joan Marie Carroll 11:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, 10 January 9:00 AM Harry Lindenhofen

Tuesday, 11 January

9:00 AM Bernadette Liberti Friday, 14 January

9:00 AM Mary DeVries Saturday, 15 January

4:00 PM People of the Parish SECOND SUNDAY IN

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9:00 AM Robert Lowe

11:00 AM Troopers of 101st Airborne, Pathfinder 160th Division

Don Ragsdale, Patrick Bohan, Ron Reynolds, Thomas Kukowski, Dave Winkle and Guy Fearn



Offertory Collection for Christmas Envelopes: \$9,323

Offertory Collection for the weekend of December 25/26 Envelopes: \$3,570

Offertory Collection for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:

Envelopes: \$4,828 Offertory Collection for the weekend of January 1/2

Envelopes: \$9,034

The Second Collection this weekend is for Parish Maintenance.

RAFFLE WINNER

We congratulate Mrs. Hax of Berlin, MD who was the winner of \$200 on January 3, 2022.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed **Monday**, **January 17**, **2022** in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Daily Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.

WEEKLY READINGS

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

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Your Help Is Needed...

Has your mailing address or other contact information changed? Are you planning to move out of the Parish? Please help us to keep our parish records up-to-date by contacting the parish office with any changes. Thanks.

Prayer to My Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love entrusts me here, ever this day be at my side to light, to guard, to rule and guide.

Angel sent by God to guide me, be my light and walk beside me; be my guardian and protect me; on the path of life direct me.



Entrance Antiphon



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Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading: Is 42: 1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29 (28): 11b; $\sqrt[8]{}$ 1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10 *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-38

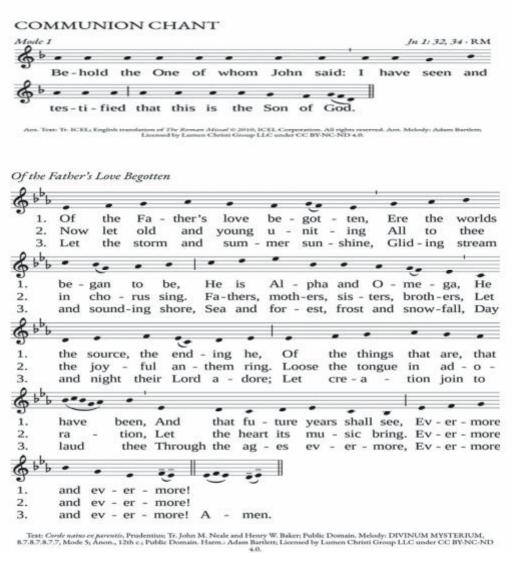
Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Gospel: Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." 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. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Profession of Faith:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.



An Act of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God cast into hell
Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl throughout the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

2022 50/50 RAFFLE 52 Chances to Win in 2022!

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets. Tickets can still be purchased at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Also, there are packets (12 tickets/packet) and individual tickets with return envelopes available in the gathering area.

Tickets are 1 for \$20, 3 for \$50, 7 for \$100 or 12 for \$150.

Drawings take place every Monday throughout the year. All proceeds benefit Parish Religious Education Programs. We are grateful for your support!

GOING SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?

Please notify the parish office if you will be traveling over the winter months and will not be at your local address. The post office will not forward your envelopes and they are returned to the parish office resulting in an extra expense for returned postage. We ask that you contact us to let us know that you will be away. Thanks.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND MASS

The best way to be informed about weather-related cancellations of Masses or other parish events is to sign up for St. John Neumann's "Remind.com" service. This allows the Pastor to send out important notifications by email or by text to everyone who participates. In the event of inclement weather, you can also call the main parish number (410-208-2956) and select Option 3 (Church Closing Due to Inclement Weather) to find out if Mass has been cancelled; a recorded message will alert you to that cancellation. In addition, you can check the parish website (www.stjohnneumannrcc.com).



First Reconciliation: There is no meeting in January .

Confirmation: Next meeting is January 9th after the 11:00 AM Mass at Most Blessed Sacrament School Library.



As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let us recall our own Baptism. We have all received the call to go and baptize all nations. Pray for those who are considering if they too are ready to renounce Satan and all his works and empty promises. If there is someone you think would like to

explore what Baptism in the Catholic faith means, ask him or her to contact Jamey Sturgill on 410-208-2854 or jsturgill@stjnrcc.com.

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: Joanne Lohrey, Bill Morgan, Bill Novy,

Frank Schaffer, Joanann Jackson-Swift, Jim Ward, Darlene Ward, Mary Weber, Mary Whitcomb and all those whose names appear on the *Parish List of the Sick*. If you would like someone added to the *Parish List of the Sick*, send your request to **sjnprayforus@gmail.com**. Privacy protocols require you to obtain permission before submitting a name other than your own.

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Please pray for the family and friends of Leonard Hodges who passed away. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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