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## **January 9, 2022**

### **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the people of Saint Andrew Parish are a Catholic community and disciples of Jesus Christ. We continue the work of Christ by teaching the word of God, celebrating the Eucharist together, welcoming and encouraging people to develop and share the relationship with God. We strive to be grateful, faithful stewards of God's resources, earthly and spiritual, by being Christ to each other, our neighborhood, our country, and the world.

#### **PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Milan Dimic, Pastor  
Rev. Hyginus Agu  
Rev. Msgr. Matthew Bernelli, in residence  
Deacon Alix Africot  
Deacon Roland J. Blier  
Jeannie Bisson, Pastoral Associate  
Catherine Pavlowski, Youth Minister  
Cheryl Camillo, Bookkeeper

#### **SAINT ANDREW ACADEMY**

Gene Holmes, Principal, 203-373-1552  
[standrew.catholicacademybridgeport.org](http://standrew.catholicacademybridgeport.org)

#### **MASSES**

Saturday vigil 4:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am  
Weekday 9:00am (Monday thru Friday)

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm

#### **ADORATION CHAPEL**

Open Monday through Friday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

#### **BAPTISM**

Call the parish office to schedule.

#### **MATRIMONY**

Make arrangements with a priest one year in advance. Dates or times can be arranged only after speaking with one of our parish clergy.

#### **SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

The Sacraments are available to those unable to come to church. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.



January 8—January 16, 2022

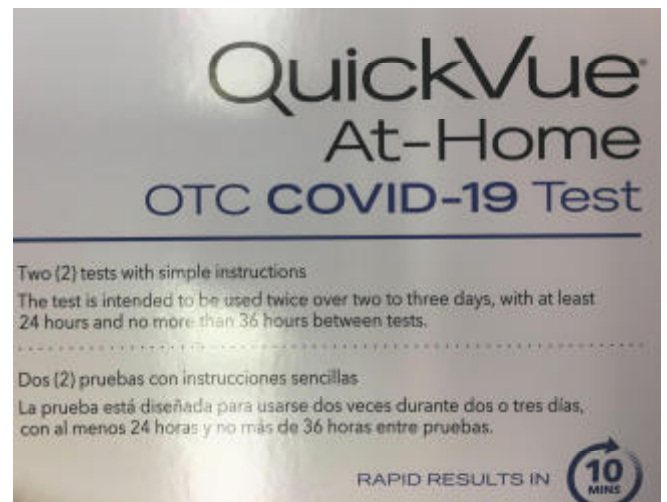
Sat. 8	4:00 PM	Constance Jarzynski
Sun. 9	9:00 AM	Nina Cirillo & Anthony Cirillo
	11:00 AM	Vincent Casa
Mon. 10	9:00 AM	The Visinski Family
Tue. 11	9:00 AM	The Visinski Family
Wed. 12	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Andrew
Thr. 13	9:00 AM	The Visinski Family
Fri. 14	9:00 AM	The Visinski Family
Sat. 15	4:00 PM	Gaetano & Antoinette Montaldi
Sun. 16	9:00 AM	Abalonia Minutolo
	11:00 AM	Domingos & Madalena Brum



The Saint Andrew Knights of Columbus, Cabrini Council, invites all eligible candidates to participate in the exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass on the First Sunday of each month

***Please come and see what it's all about!***

***Limited number of test kits are available in our parish office.***



***Please call the office if you would like to pick one up.***

***We also have some N95 face masks available.***



**The Sanctuary Light burns in memory of Ernest Rastelli.**



**FACE MASKS MANDATORY FOR MASS ATTENDANCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**

## FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### Week of December 26, 2021

Offertory — \$8179.37

On-line— \$1051.00

#### Week of January 2, 2022

Offertory — \$4936.55

On-line — \$892.00



If you would like to become an online giver and schedule your donations to the parish any day, any time by using your computer or smart device.

Please go to the parish website, [www.standrewchurchbpt.org](http://www.standrewchurchbpt.org) and click on-line giving.

### Credit Card Donations

Saint Andrew Parish can now accept credit cards for donations, Faith Formation tuition, Mass stipends, and fund raisers. Please call the parish office for more information.

***Thank you for your generosity!***



***Please pray for all the intentions in our parish prayer line book, especially for those in the hospital and nursing homes.***

### Benediction/Adoration



#### Sunday

January 9, 2022 11:00 AM

#### Saturday

January 15, 2022 4:00 PM

***No 9:00 AM Mass  
Benediction in January***

Please stay for a few extra minutes for some quiet time with Our Lord.



***"A half truth is a whole lie."***



If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Holy Eucharist at home, please contact the parish office at 203-374-6171.



Rosary Group

Monday evenings, 7:00  
Please join us!

# GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE C

## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Baptism of the Lord • Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

## PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN                      WATER                      HOLY SPIRIT  
MESSIAH                  POWERFUL                  FIRE  
BAPTIZING                  SANDALS                  CLOUD

A	J	T	U	A	R	B	Y	W	E	N
H	O	L	Y	S	P	I	R	I	T	O
E	H	A	I	T	O	S	U	F	A	M
J	N	E	G	Y	W	A	T	E	R	E
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S	O	B	A	P	T	I	Z	I	N	G

## MISSION

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.



## KID'S CORNER



### Listening Sessions

Tuesday, January 11, 7:30 PM  
Saturday & Sunday, January 22/23, after Masses



English

Questions for survey can be found here



Espanol

Pray how the Spirit is leading you to share your joys, your healings, your insights and dreams, your gifts of the Spirit, the journey together.



The Social Concerns Committee is in need of the following items to re-stock our food pantry. Items needed: oatmeal, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, coffee, tea, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, boxed potatoes, granola bars, crackers, juice boxes, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hand sanitizer, Lysol/Clorox wipes, toilet paper, boxed dessert mixes, Chef Boyardee, pancake mix, maple syrup, salt, pepper. Many thanks in advance for your support.

If any family in our parish and school community is in need of a food, please contact the parish office at 203-374-6171 or Janis at 203-610-1554.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

**January 9, 2022**

### **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.

## **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

**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



***Thank you,  
Marques, Tony, and Martin for helping us  
celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord  
on Sunday, January 2***



# Faith Formation

January, 2022

**Sunday, January 9**

Family Life: Unending Faith Formation (FLUFF)

10:00– 11:00 AM

This will be an at home class.  
Lesson emailed to all parents.

**Sunday, January 16**

First Holy Eucharist Program

10:00-11:00 AM

In the School

And

Junior High Youth Group

10:00-11:00 AM

In the Parish Hall

**Sunday, January 23**

Confirmation Program

10:00-11:00 AM

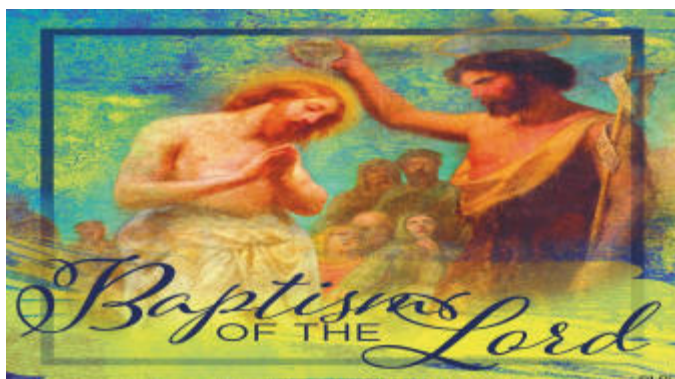
In the Parish Hall

**Sunday, January 30**

First Holy Eucharist Program

10:00-11:00 AM

In the School



**The Sacrament of Confirmation**

Will be celebrated on Saturday, March 19, 2022

2:00 PM in the Church

Please keep the 40 young parishioners in our Confirmation class as they continue their preparation for this special day!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Next meeting**

**Sunday, 16**

**10:00-11:00 AM**

**In the Parish Hall**



Please keep the two ladies entering into the Catechumenate phase of their preparation in your prayers:

**Christina Mauricin**

**Andrea Easter**

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Council #4096

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It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in a special ceremony of admission and advancement.

Please join us for the Exemplification of *Charity, Unity and Fraternity* immediately following the 11am Mass on the First Sunday of each month.

(men 18 or older)

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