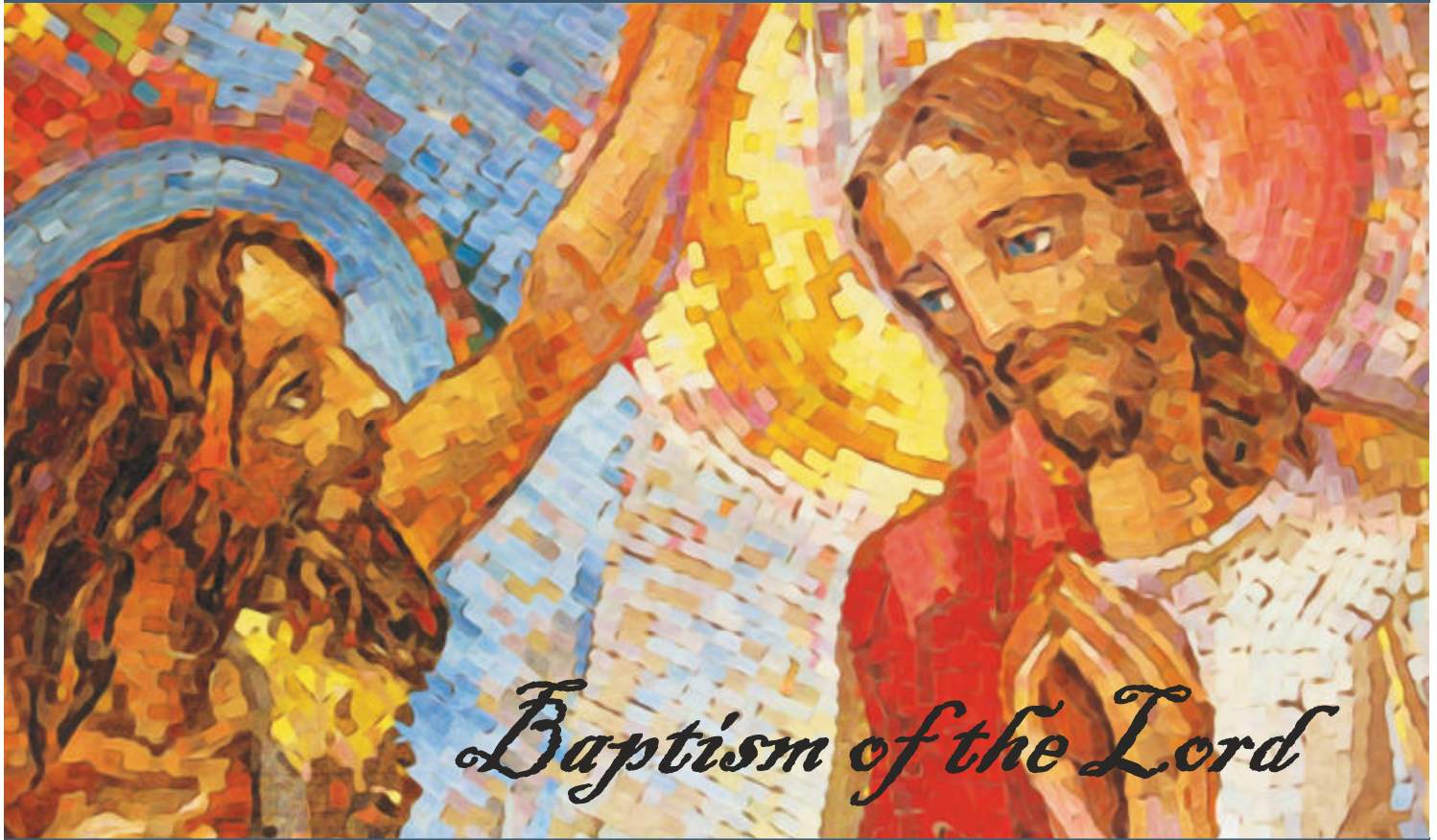


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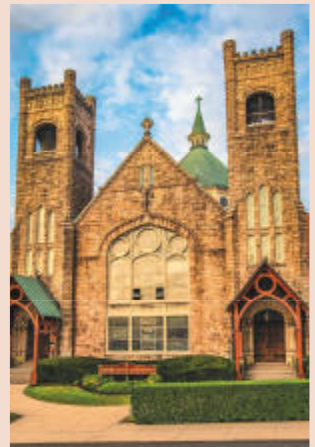
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New Life for a New Year!



Dear Friends,

As our parishes continue to “move forward together in faith,” we delight in sharing the names of the eighty-six children who were baptized this past year.

May we all celebrate the gift of this New Year, grateful for the new lives in our midst. We pray that they inspire and challenge all of us to more fully live out our own baptismal promises!

United in Christ,

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9 January 2022 | The Baptism of the Lord

Reflecting on Today's Gospel...

The Baptism OF THE LORD



"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." - Lk 3:16bc

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 own 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!

9 January 2022 | Celebrating Mass Together

Opening Hymn | The God of All Grace

The God of all grace has blessed us this day, all of crea -
a - tion joins us in praise; lift - ing our voic - es, lift - ing our
hearts to the glo - ry of God for - ev - er!

VERSES

1. God of pow - er and might, come in - to our pres - ence this
2. God of mer - cy and truth, who brings us from night in - to
3. God of wan - drous love, com - pas - sion and glo - ry are
4b. God of wa - ter and birth, re - new - ing the face of the

1. day. Strength - en us now with a spir - it of
2. day, nour - ish our lives with a spir - it of
3. yours. Come fill our hearts with a spir - it of
4b. earth; heal - ing us now with the Spir - it of

1. faith; we gath - er in your name.
2. hope and shield us from all fear.
3. love: the joy we find in you.
4b. Christ, you cleanse us from our sins.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest.
And on earth peace to people of goodwill.
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.

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading

Isaiah 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 29



R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise, Give to the Lord the glory due his name; adore the Lord in holy attire. **(R)**
2. The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the Lord, over vast waters. The voice of the Lord is mighty; the voice of the Lord is majestic. **(R)**
3. The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The Lord is enthroned above the flood; the Lord is enthroned as king forever. **(R)**

Second Reading

Acts of the Apostles 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."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Luke 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 Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



9 January 2022

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
 our Lord, who was conceived
 by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 He descended into hell; on the third day
 He rose again from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God
 the Father Almighty,
 from there He will come
 to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the Resurrection of the body
 and life everlasting.

Amen.

Closing Hymn | Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord

1. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 2. Be Christ's hands, now reach - ing out to all.
 3. Live your life with care for the op - pressed.
 4. Strong in faith, we know the task a - head;

1. Go in peace: be - come the liv - ing Word!
 2. Be Christ's voice, in - vit - ing with his call.
 3. Strive for peace, that all are tru - ly blessed.
 4. hands must bake and serve the dai - ly bread.

1. Christ on our lips and Christ in our hearts, may we
 2. Filled with his joy, em - pow'ed with his strength, may we
 3. When times are hard and dark - ness sur - rounds, may we
 4. Us - ing our gifts, with joy in our hearts, may we

1. show God's love to the world, to the world,
 2. spread God's grace through the world, through the world,
 3. shine God's light on the world, on the world,
 4. be God's pres - ence in the world, in the world,

1. may we show God's love to the world.
 2. may we spread God's grace through the world.
 3. may we shine God's light on the world.
 4. may we be God's pres - ence in the world.

Remembering Our Beloved at Mass | January 10 - 16

Monday, January 10 Weekday

8:00am/SPC **Betty Majaika** (*Savage Family*)

Tuesday, January 11 Weekday

8:00am/SPC **Donald Walsh Sr.** (*Marco & Teri Richione*)

Wednesday, January 12 Weekday

8:00am/SPC **Arelene Marhelski** (*Mary Ann & Stephen Voyt*)

Thursday, January 13 Weekday

8:00am/SPC **Kathryn Schiavi** (*Don McKeon*)

7:00pm/NAT **Marie Lunney** (*Agnes Cummings*)

Mass in Spanish

Friday, January 14 Weekday

8:00am/SPC **Thomas Redding** (*Wife and Family*)

Saturday, January 15

4:00pm / SPC **Chester Sopinski**
(*Wife, Joan and Family*)

4:30pm / NAT **Susan Powell**
(*O'Neill Family*)

Sunday, January 16

8:00am / SPC **Angeline Vergnetti**
(*Daniel & Paula DiAngelo*)

8:00am / HNJ **Arline Daffaro**
(*Francesca & Arnold Ligi*)

9:30am / NAT **Poppy M. Cumpson**
(*Joseph & Dorothy Marx*)

11:00am / SPC **John Wentland**
(*Wife & Children*)

1:00pm / NAT **All SJN Parishioners**
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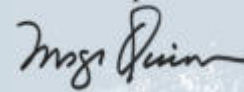
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Dear Friends in Christ,

On behalf of our entire staff, I extend heartfelt thanks to all those who were so generous and thoughtful with Christmas cards, baked goods, flowers, and gifts that were sent to our Parish Center during the past few weeks! We are so very grateful for and humbled by your kindness!

I would also like to thank all of those who, in any way, contributed to such a beautiful celebration of the Advent and Christmas seasons. All of their hard work and dedication to our parishes are true gifts and blessings for us all!




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As in years past, it will be sent to you by USPS or, if you supply us your email address, we can send it to you in that format.

Thank you for always being supportive of your parish!

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¡Felicidades por el nacimiento del nuevo miembro de la familia! Para prepararse para la celebración del bautismo, antes hay algunos requisitos que cumplir: Primero, los padres y padrinos deben asistir a dos charlas prebautismales, las cuales normalmente se ofrecen el primer y el segundo domingo de cada mes, después de la misa de 1:00 de la tarde, en la iglesia frente a la fuente bautismal.

También, los requisitos para servir como padrinos, se requiere que la persona tenga al menos 16 años de edad, que haya recibido los sacramentos de iniciación como: Bautismo, Eucaristía o primera comunión y Confirmación. Si es casado, que sea bajo el Sacramento del matrimonio por la iglesia Católica. Además, los padrinos deben ser personas activas en la Iglesia católica, que participa en la Eucaristía semanalmente y que se esfuercen en vivir su compromiso bautismal.

Para obtener más información sobre bautismo en nuestra iglesia, puedes llamar nuestro coordinador de bautismo, Wenceslao De La Cruz al 732-237-5324. Cuando haya completado las charlas, puedes llamar al P. Jonathan en la oficina para programar la fecha de la celebración del bautismo.

¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!

Queridos amigos,

¡De parte de todo nuestro personal, extiendo mi más sincero agradecimiento a todos aquellos que fueron tan generosos y atentos con las tarjetas de Navidad, los productos horneados, las flores y los regalos que se enviaron a nuestro Centro Parroquial durante las últimas semanas! ¡Estamos muy agradecidos y honrados por su maravillosa amabilidad!



También me gustaría agradecer a todos aquellos que de alguna manera contribuyeron a una celebración tan hermosa de las temporadas de Adviento y Navidad. ¡Todo su arduo trabajo y dedicación a la parroquia son verdaderos dones y ejemplos vibrantes para todos nosotros!

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El Miércoles, 15 de septiembre, tendremos nuestro próximo almuerzo mensual para mayores. Este mes vamos a tener almuerzo en Sacco's Restaurant, 208 Meadow Avenue, Scranton. Todos los miembros de la parroquia mayores de 55 años están invitados a asistir. Si quieres asistir, necesitas llamar la oficina a 570-344-6159 antes de lunes, 10 de enero, para hacer reservaciones. Todos pagan para su propia comida. El restaurante es accesible para discapacitados y hay mucho estacionamiento.

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Horario

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