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“I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER; HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.” - MK 1:8

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

SATURDAY, January 9

- 4:00PM † Marguerite DonVito by Her Nieces Geri & Deana
 † John R. Dunne by Bob Mackin
 † Joseph LiPuma by The Duffy Family

SUNDAY, January 10

- 8:00AM † James Muscato (3rd Anniversary) by His wife & Family
 10:30AM † Jose Luis Prado by Susana & Antonio Hebert
 12:30PM (Latin) † Tina Gaetani by Margaret Purcell
 † Family members of Osorio Najera by Susana & Antonio Hebert

MONDAY, January 11

- 7:00AM Mario Osorio (Living) by Susana & Antonio Hebert

WEDNESDAY, January 13

- 7:00AM † Michael Tenor by Maritato Family

FRIDAY, January 15

- 7:00AM † Diana Mastropietro by The Koreman Family
 † Ann Maloy by By The Family

SATURDAY, January 16

- 4:00PM † Michael & Margaret Corazza by Tom & Pat Kelly
 † Beth Barker by Bob Mackin
 † Margaret Boegel by Bob Wolfgang
 † Angeline & Henry Newton by Carmella Hicks

SUNDAY, January 17

- 8:00AM † Gloria Emminger by The Emminger Family
 10:30AM † Donald J. Murray by Margaret Nicotina & Family
 † Andrew Stanislaus Cole by The Cole Family
 † Family members of Osorio Najera by Susana & Antonio Hebert
 † Jamie Joseph Hayes by The Hayes Family
 12:30PM (Latin) † Joseph Serafini by Margaret Purcell



MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Due to the CoVid Pandemic and the precautions we must take until the pandemic is over PLEASE do not come to the rectory to schedule mass intentions. Instead—please call the parish office or email Holly at holly.hayes@rcda.org to schedule your intentions. If you are in need of a mass card immediately, please call the office so that Holly can have the card ready for you to pick up. Thanks you for your understanding and cooperation.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

There is one event in Jesus' life that he has never forgotten, and that event is his baptism in the Jordan River.

This event set Jesus on his life's work of preaching the Word of God, curing the sick, comforting all those in need, accepting his death on the cross so as to rejoice in the glory of his resurrection. All that life of service began with the event we celebrate today. But this is one event we share with Jesus: our baptism in water and the Holy Spirit. As for Jesus so for each of us, our baptism sets us on the way of living God's life and doing God's will.

Jesus is about to begin the three-year span of his public ministry of preaching, teaching and healing, which will end in his death and resurrection. At this baptism, God the Father tells Jesus what kind of life to expect. Jesus would live and die as God's best servant, but his baptism was the event that empowered him for that living and dying.

Jesus came to his baptism freely. He identifies himself with sinners. He wasn't a sinner himself and wasn't acting as if he were one. Jesus was one of us in all things except sin. At his baptism, Jesus took upon himself our sinful human condition. Not only did Jesus take upon himself the sinfulness of all humanity, but he also took to himself the suffering and dying of all humankind.

Christ's baptism previews Calvary. God the Father speaks: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." This is the Son of God with whom the Father was pleased for all eternity, with whom the Father was pleased during Jesus' ministry, with whom the Father will be pleased forever in the glory of heaven. Such is the Father's promise to the beloved Son

As the baptism of Jesus was a preview of his life, it is also a preview of ours. Our baptism sets us on a path of following Christ in the newness of life. Our baptism makes us other Christs in the world. On our baptismal day, and every day, God the Father speaks to us: "You are my beloved child, with whom I am well pleased." As we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, can we see, feel and accept his Calvary as our own? And his resurrection, too?

ST MARY'S CALENDARS



Thanks to the McVeigh Funeral Home for donating our 2021 calendars. We are grateful for their generosity. Contact Holly Hayes if you would like to pick one up from our office.

BE A PRAYER PARTNER TO POPE FRANCIS

For those who have made the commitment to pray every day for the monthly intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis: - for January he asks that we pray for: **For Human Fraternity** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

A Christmas Card Psalm

O you who showered sacred stars
 on the tiny town of Bethlehem,
 I thank you for guiding artists' brushes
 to create cards of beauty,
 bursting with blessings,
 and filled with love and greetings from friends.

I lift up my heart in gratitude
 for these beautiful yearly bridges
 that bind us together in love,
 we who are often too busy
 for keeping up with friendships' needs.

My cards of Christmas past are now precious relics,
 and like bones of saints
 they would hold great power,
 and so I hate to bury them
 or see them burn.

Opened Christmas cards
 hum to me the hymn of love
 and teach me the sacrament of correspondence.
 Tie about the finger of my mind, Beloved One
 a reminder that without reminders
 friendship fades from the failure
 to express words of love and appreciation
 to one another

May these wonderful days of Christmas
 inspire me to celebrate
 the un-holidays of the year,
 the feasts of no-occasions,
 with love notes to friends who are far away.

Sacred season of the days of Christmas,
 gift me with the power to stop the clock,
 so as to keep God above within the world.
 For if God is love, then God may be found
 in the mystery of love exchanged.

May I be a holy messenger of that mystery.

THANK YOU THANK YOU

Just as we welcomed the coming of our Savior into our hearts this Christmas we in St Mary's Outreach want to thank you for all that you do to help us welcome Jesus in the people we meet each day in your Food Pantry, A special thank you is in order for our volunteers - those who staff the pantry each day, and those who respond to our emergency calls for help. Thank you for your donations. Remember - every dollar you donate to the Regional Food Bank on behalf of St Mary's purchases seven times the amount food we could purchase otherwise. (You can either mail a check directly to the Food Bank or drop a check made out to the Food Bank in our collection and it will be sent directly to the Food Bank.) Thank you and may you have a blessed New Year.

A Simple Request

Please wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose at all times when you are in church. Follow the ushers directions!

St. Mary's Senior Program

Please call our Parish Office if you know of a Parishioner who is sick, hospitalized or has moved to an assisted living facility or nursing home. Our Senior Program seeks to bring communion to the homebound or in health care facilities. They also have a telephone committee that checks in on the homebound as well as a committee that sends cards to these parishioners.

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to all who continue to make their donations. It is a HUGE help. Please do what you can to assist the parish financially during this pandemic crisis. Over the past 6 months our collections are down significantly. Please do whatever you can to assist. Even though some cannot meet on a weekly basis at church, the bills must be paid and payroll must be met. Your contributions may be sent to the parish office or you may participate by using our "on-line" giving program (located on our parish website: www.histmarys.org). Your help is greatly appreciated!

THIS YEAR'S BISHOP'S APPEAL IS DIFFERENT



What stays the same is our participation. Every parish continues to have a target goal (an assessment). Therefore we count on your generous participation to help us meet our goal. Every bit of your donation will

help St. Mary's since we must make up the difference at the end of the campaign. Please do your best to give what you did in past years. If you can do more- please do so, since a number of our parishioners have suffered financial loss and difficulties because of the pandemic. Parishioners should have received an appeal request. **We need your help—our goal is over \$143,000 and so far our donations total \$44,460.**

TAX STATEMENTS FOR 2020

Tax statements for 2020 will be mailed out in January. If you wish to receive a tax statement please contact Holly Hayes at 518-462-4254 ext 102 or email her at holly.hayes@rcda.org. Your tax statement will reflect exactly the amount you have indicated on your weekly envelopes. It does not reflect items like candle donations, mass intentions or sacramental stipends which cannot be used for tax purposes.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL— HAS OPENINGS

Blessed Sacrament School has immediate openings available for their 5 day in-person learning for grades Nursery through 8 Full day program 7:15am-3pm.—Aftercare to 5:25 Free breakfast & lunch—financial aid— call 518-438-5854.

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