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Solemnity of The Baptism of The Lord January 9, 2022

Reverend Charles A. Sabella, Pastor

Deacon Lawrence D'Andrea

St. Rose of Lima Mass Schedule

85 Academy St. Oxford, NJ
Sunday: 9:30am

St. Patrick Mass Schedule

327 Greenwich St. Belvidere, NJ
Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am and 11:00am
Weekday: Mon-Sat. 9:00am
Confessions: Saturday from 3:00-3:30pm

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday
9:30am-2:30pm
Thursdays from 9:30am- 12:30pm
(908) 475-2559



Adoration and Devotions

Daily Rosary:

St. Patrick Church: 8:15 am Mon-Sat., Sun 7:20am

St. Rose of Lima Church: Sun 8:45am

Eucharistic Adoration First Fridays: 9:30am-5:30pm

First Friday Purgatorial Masses: St. Patrick Church

You may enroll at any time during the year. Masses will run for one year from the date of enrollment. Donation is \$25 for 12 Masses

To arrange for; Baptism, Marriage or R.C.I.A. Please call (908) 475-2559 ext. 0

Religious Education Office please email: thelisms@gmail.com



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Mass Intentions

Week of January 9, 2022

Saturday 8

(SP) 9:00AM †Florence Mazurczyk, r/Teresa Rogers

(SP)4:00PM †Ray Cooper, r/The English Family

Sunday 9 Feast of The Baptism of The Lord

(SP) 8:00 AM †Thaddeus Wheeler, r/Matthew Marciano

(SRL) 9:30 AM †Ralph Tuttle, r/Ken and Willa Berkes

(SP) 11:00 AM †Frank DeStefano, r/his wife Mary

Monday 10

(SP) 9:00 AM †Florence Mazurczyk, r/Catherine Taplier

Tuesday 11

(SP) 9:00 AM †Florence Mazurczyk, r/Kathryn and Bruce Hassler

Wednesday 12

(SP) 9:00 AM †Charles Smith, r/The English Family

Thursday 13

(SP) 9:00 AM †Jerry Langley, r/Virginia Walton

Friday 14

(SP) 9:00 AM †For Souls in Purgatory, r/The English Family

Saturday 15

(SP) 9:00AM Intentions of Greg English, r/The English Family

(SP)4:00PM †Wanda Zibowich, r/her daughter Joan

Sunday 16

(SP) 8:00 AM †Flo Mazurczyk, r/Rena and Bill Clift

(SRL) 9:30 AM †Ralph Tuttle, r/Terry Reczka

(SP) 11:00 AM †Parishioners of St. Patrick and St. Rose of Lima Church

Mass Celebrants for Sunday Masses
January 2022

Jan 2nd: 8:00am (SP) Father Michael
9:30am (SRL) Father Charles
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

Jan 9th: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles
9:30am (SRL) Father Michael
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

Jan 16th: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles
9:30am (SRL) Father Charles
11:00am (SP) Father Michael

Jan 23rd: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles
9:30am (SRL) Father Michael
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

Jan 30th: 8:00am (SP) Father Michael
9:30am (SRL) Father Charles
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

Holy Hour

St. Patrick Church
every Thursday evening from
7:00pm-8:00pm
There will be a Reflection
by Father Charles
as well as an opportunity
for confession



Stewardship of Treasure

January 1st and 2nd, 2022

St. Patrick: \$6,261

St. Rose: \$2,603

Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish

Daily Rosary

St. Patrick Church:
Monday-Saturday at 8:15am
Sunday at 7:20am

St. Rose of Lima Church:
Sunday at 8:45am

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Patrick Church:

First the Friday of every Month:
Eucharistic Adoration from: 9:30am-5:30pm

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.
This process leads one, who chooses to become Catholic, into full membership in the Church.
Contact the Parish Office at 908-475-2559

For Religious Education

please email Michele Beha at
thelisms@gmail.com

Please visit our website
www.stpatrickrose.org

for additional information about events,
teachings, social ministry, prayer groups, etc.
Announcements from our bishop, Bishop James
Checchio and from the diocese.

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday
9:30am-2:30pm
Thursdays from 9:30am– 12:30pm



The Sacrament of Marriage

Couples contemplating marriage should contact the parish office to make arrangements to meet with our pastor, Father Charles.

Either the bride or the groom should be registered at either St. Patrick or St. Rose of Lima Church. If you live in our area and have not yet registered, you may call and register with Kathleen.



Please reach out to the parish office if you have any questions.
(908) 475-2559

The Sacrament of Baptism

Please call (908) 475-2559 ext. 0 to make arrangements for the sacrament of baptism. Baptisms usually take place on Saturday morning. Please see our website for diocesan requirements regarding the choosing of Godparents.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

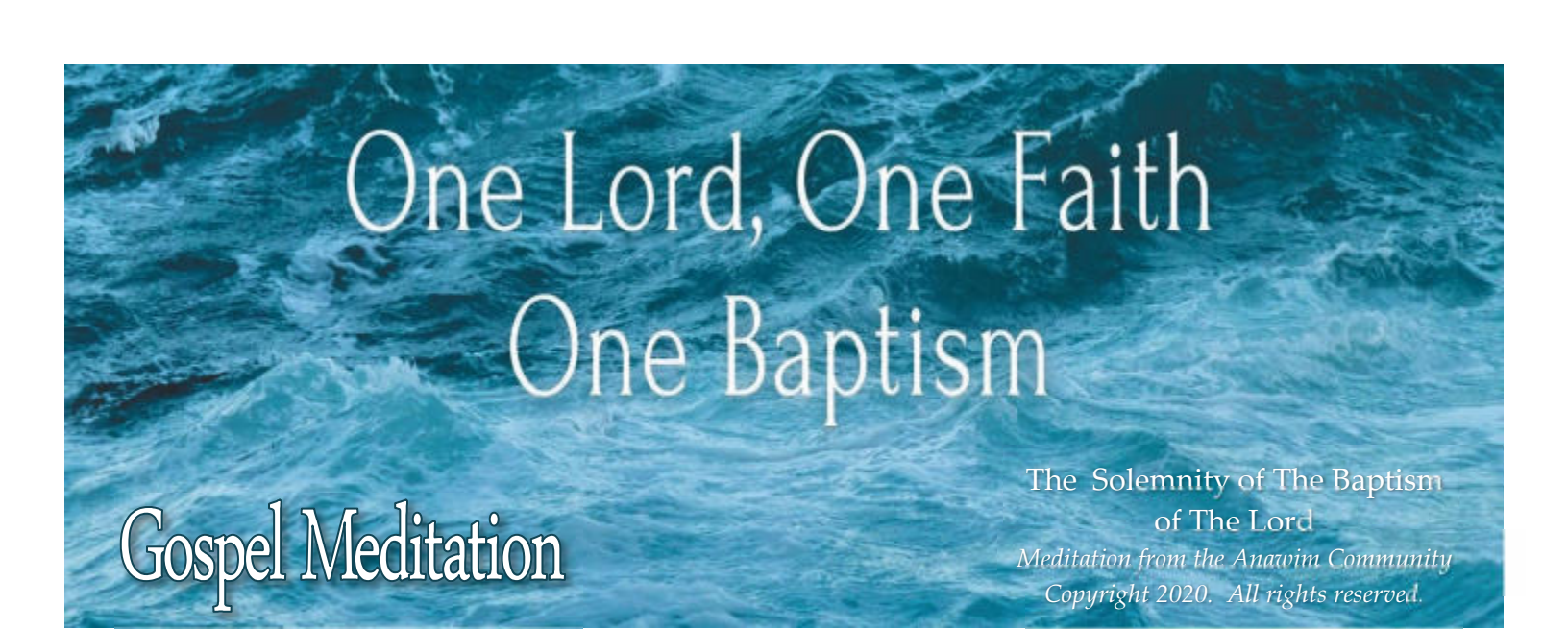
St. Patrick Church
on Saturday evenings at 3:00pm
or by calling
parish office to arrange a time.



First Friday Adoration will take place Friday, February 4, 2022 at St. Patrick Church following 9:00am Mass until 5:30pm. All are Welcome and encouraged to come and spend an hour with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

We Can with "one Can" Campaign !
January 9– January 15:
Soup/Stew and Crackers

All non-perishable food items are also joyfully accepted and can be at the parish office or on the back porch of Foley House



One Lord, One Faith One Baptism

Gospel Meditation

The Solemnity of The Baptism
of The Lord

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Our Gospel today, neatly presented in two paragraphs, describes for us two elements, one human and the other divine. The first sentence sets the scene: “The people were filled with expectation....”

This brief statement conjures up for us a sense of the excitement that is abuzz among the people. The focus of the excitement is John the Baptist. Prior to today’s passage, John had been calling the crowds to receive a “baptism of repentance.” He also powerfully challenged them to make radical changes in their lives. His striking witness and strong message moved the people to speculate: could John be the promised Messiah? Expectation that the Messiah would come soon had been brewing among the Jews for quite some time; now it is at a boiling point, triggered by the figure of John. The crowds are expecting God to make a powerful and decisive entry into human affairs.

By the end of today’s Gospel, we find their expectation directly affirmed by God himself. After Jesus is baptized, the Spirit descends upon him, and the Father speaks out from Heaven: Jesus is his beloved Son who is pleasing to him. The Jews had experienced God’s intervention throughout their history. Yet this time, his intervention is not a dramatic event like the parting of the Red Sea or a liberation from foreign rulers. God’s intervention is a Person, Jesus Christ, his own beloved Son. Humanity expects, God affirms – but in an altogether surprising way.

Jesus’ arrival and his Baptism by John come as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, specifically those of Isaiah, from whom today’s liturgy offers two optional readings, which both point prophetically to John the Baptist and Jesus. The selection from Isaiah 40 speaks of “a voice” crying out to “prepare the way of the LORD.” St. Luke quotes this very passage a few verses before today’s Gospel (cf. Lk 3:3-6). This voice was sent out in the dryness of the desert because God desires to give comfort to his people. It is a voice that, though forceful, speaks tenderly to Jerusalem, focusing on proclamation of good news and on expiation of guilt. John the Baptist’s message of repentance surely fulfills this prophetic promise.

The reading from Isaiah 42 prepares the way for us to hear the voice of the Father after Jesus is baptized. Through Isaiah, the Lord says, “Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased.” At the Jordan, he reveals that his chosen servant is his own “beloved Son.” We learn from the prophet that Jesus’ mission is one of gentleness and compassion; he is sent to bring forth the victory of justice to the nations, but he will do so gently.

Aside from the crowd's expectation, another human element that we can find in the first paragraph of today's Gospel is John's *humility*. While the crowd is excited about him and enamored by his teachings, this attention does not distract John from his mission. He recognizes that he is a mere precursor, tasked to prepare God's people to welcome the One to come, "one mightier than I." John knows the lowliness of his place before the One who is coming: "I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals." Such human abasement sets the stage for the fulfillment of God's plan. After John dutifully fulfills his mission, he sees his humble statement fulfilled. The One whose sandals he was not worthy to loosen is revealed, affirmed by the Holy Spirit descending upon him. While John baptized with mere natural water, Jesus "will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire." He will usher in a new creation. John's message of repentance will be perfected in Jesus' message of conversion and salvation. The former is human abasement, the latter, a divine fulfillment.

St. Peter proclaims the good news of the new creation in today's reading from Acts. He says that after the baptism of repentance that John preached, God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, affirming him to be the Messiah. He went about doing good: healing people and setting them free from the oppression of the devil. Repentance opens the way to deep conversion, freedom, and union with God. This two-stage process enables us "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age," as St. Paul says in his Letter to Titus. Because "the grace of God has appeared," we confidently "await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ." Because of him, we can "be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life."

This extraordinary gift is granted to us in Baptism. Built on the new order that Jesus established in his own Baptism, the Sacrament of Baptism inspires us with his Spirit and fills us with his life – marvelously connecting the human and the divine, the natural and the supernatural. The Gospel tells us that Jesus, after he had been baptized, "was praying." While he prays, his communion of love with the Holy Spirit and the Father is suddenly revealed. When we pray, because we have received the grace of Baptism, we too can rely on the Holy Spirit and be sure that the Father looks on us too as his beloved sons and daughters, with whom, in Christ, he is well pleased.

What does my Baptism mean to me?

How do I strive to live up to my baptismal promises?

How has repentance opened me to deep conversion, freedom, and union with God?

Mary, teach me to always rely on the Holy Spirit as He works in my daily life.

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Eucharistic Adoration

every Wednesday 3 pm - 8 pm

at the Anawim Community Center

354 Jonestown Rd., Oxford, NJ



All are welcome

Questions, please call (908) 453-3886 (908) 453-3561

The Sanctuary Candle

on the Altar for the Week:
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r./ The Hissim Family*



Christ said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12) Jesus Christ is that light. He is the light that shines for us in the midst this world of darkness. And anyone who follows Him needs not fear that darkness because we know that Christ will always shine for us, leading us in the Way to the Father. Each time we light a candle, we are called to remember that it is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who is the True Light and that He and only He will grant us True Life.

Prayer in Time of Suffering

Behold me, my beloved Jesus,
weighed down under the burden of my trials
and sufferings,

I cast myself at Your feet,
that You may renew my strength and my courage,
while I rest here in Your Presence.

Permit me to lay down my cross in Your Sacred Heart,
for only Your infinite goodness can sustain me;
only Your love can help me bear my cross;
only Your powerful hand can lighten its weight.

O Divine King, Jesus,
whose heart is so compassionate to the afflicted,
I wish to live in You; be my hope and my refuge.
Amen.

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MASS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES A Mass for Engaged Couples will be held on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi at 4pm. Fr. Timothy Christy will be the celebrant. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass. To register, please visit: diometuchen.org/engaged-couples-mass. If you have any questions, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org.



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 now
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