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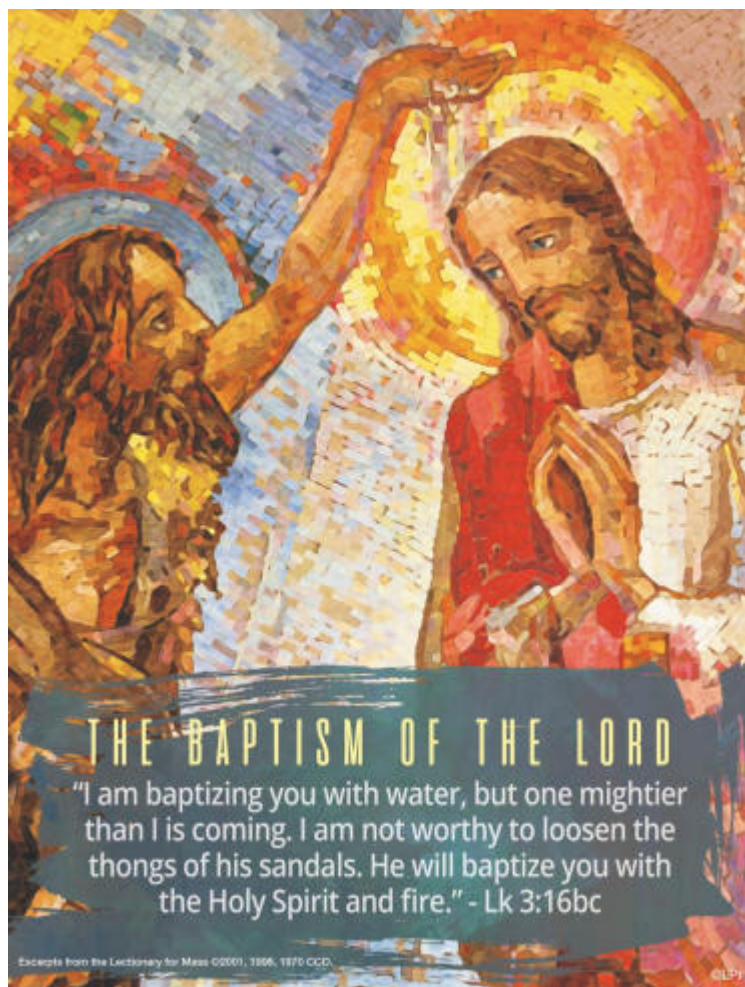


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January 9, 2022— The Baptism of the Lord



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

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Mass Times and Devotions

Daily Mass at OLV: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:15PM, Thursday at 8:30AM. No Monday Mass

Daily Monthly Mass at OLS: First Thursday of the Month at 12:15PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturdays from 3:00pm-4:00PM at OLV and Wednesdays after the 12:15PM Mass.

Weekend Mass Schedule at OLV:

Saturday 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Sunday 8:15AM and

11:15AM (Family Mass, live streamed)

Weekend Mass at OLS: Sunday, 9:45AM

Baptism: Call the Parish Office to arrange for infant baptisms which take place on the first Sunday of every month after the 11:15AM Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on Wednesdays until 5:00PM at OLV

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass on Thursdays at OLV

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Monday-Friday 9:00-2:00 PM



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From Father Tom:
The Baptism of the Lord
“O living water, flow over me!”

Today we celebrate **the Baptism of the Lord Jesus** in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. This baptism was not the same as Christian Baptism. John's baptism was simply a sign of repentance, a public gesture to signify the willingness to repent. Jesus had no need to be baptized as a sign of repentance or to remove sin since He is the sinless Son of God. Jesus was baptized to make holy the waters that would sanctify His people; to show His solidarity with sinners; to reveal His willingness to die for them; and to reveal His identity as the Messiah. I thought this would be an opportune time to review some facts concerning the meaning of the great gift of baptism which we have been blessed to receive. The following paragraphs are taken from the **Catechism of the Catholic Church**.

1210 Christ instituted the sacraments of the new law. there are seven: Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance, the , Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony

1213 Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as Sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word."

1250 Born with a fallen human nature and tainted by original sin, children also have need of the new birth in Baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and brought into the realm of the freedom of the children of God, to which all men are called. The sheer gratuitousness of the grace of salvation is particularly manifest in infant Baptism. The Church and the parents would deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth (within one month).

1254 For all the baptized, children or adults, faith must grow after Baptism.

1255 For the grace of Baptism to unfold, the parents' help is important. So too is the role of the godfather and godmother, who must be firm believers, able and ready to help the newly baptized - child or adult - on the road of Christian life. Canon#874

To be admitted to undertake the office of sponsor (godparent), a person must:

1. *Be not less than 16 years of age;*
2. *Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the Blessed Eucharist, and who lives; a life of faith which befits the role undertaken;*
3. *Not be either the father or the mother of the person to be baptized. One sponsor, male or female is sufficient; but there may be two, one of each sex. (Canon 873) (A baptized person who is not catholic may be admitted only in company with a catholic sponsor, and then simply as a witness to the baptism)*

1257 The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation. He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to baptize them. Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and, who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament. The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are "reborn of water and the Spirit." God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments.

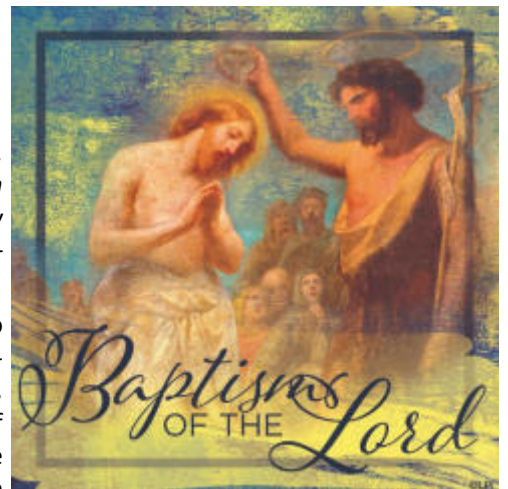
1258 The Church has always held the firm conviction that those who suffer death for the sake of the faith without having received Baptism are baptized by their death for and with Christ. This Baptism of blood, like the desire for Baptism, brings about the fruits of Baptism without being a sacrament.

1260 "Since Christ died for all, and since all men are in fact called to one and the same destiny, which is divine, we must hold that the Holy Spirit offers to all the possibility of being made partakers, in a way known to God, of the Paschal mystery." Every man who is ignorant of the Gospel of Christ and of his Church, but seeks the truth and does the will of God in accordance with his understanding of it, can be saved. It may be supposed that such persons would have desired Baptism explicitly if they had known its necessity (Baptism by desire).

1261 As regards children who have died without Baptism, the Church can only entrust them to the mercy of God as she does in funeral rites for them. Indeed, the great mercy of God who desires that all men should be saved, and Jesus' tenderness toward children which caused him to say: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," allow us to hope that there is a way of salvation for children, who have died without Baptism. All the more urgent is the Church's call not to prevent little children coming to Christ through the gift of holy Baptism.

1263 By Baptism all sins are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, as well as all punishment for sin.

1264 Yet certain temporal consequences of sin remain in the baptized, such as suffering, illness, death, and such frailties inherent in life as weaknesses of character, and so on, as well as an *inclination to sin* that Tradition calls *concupiscence*, or metaphorically, "the tinder for sin"; since concupiscence "is left for us to wrestle with, it cannot harm those who do not consent but manfully resist it by the grace of Jesus Christ." Indeed, "an athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules."



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“...Baptism” continued:

1266 The Most Holy Trinity gives the baptized sanctifying grace, the grace of justification: - enabling them to believe in God, to hope in him, and to love him through the theological virtues; giving them the power to live and act under the prompting of the Holy Spirit through the gifts of the Holy Spirit; - allowing them to grow in goodness through the moral virtues.

1269 Having become a member of the Church, the person baptized belongs no longer to himself, but to him who died and rose for us. From now on, he is called to be subject to others, to serve them in the communion of the Church, and to "obey and submit" to the Church's leaders, holding them in respect and affection. Just as Baptism is the source of responsibilities and duties, the baptized person also enjoys rights within the Church: to receive the sacraments, to be nourished with the Word of God and to be sustained by the other spiritual helps of the Church.

1270 "Reborn as sons of God, [the baptized] must profess before men the faith they have received from God through the Church" and participate in the apostolic and missionary activity of the People, of God.

1272 Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, the person baptized is configured to Christ. Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark (character) of his belonging to Christ. No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation. Given once for all, Baptism cannot be repeated.

1274 "Baptism indeed is the seal of eternal life." The faithful Christian who has "kept the seal" until the end; remaining faithful to the demands of his Baptism, will be able to depart this life "marked with the sign of faith," with his baptismal faith, in expectation of the blessed vision of God (Heaven) - the consummation of faith - and in the hope of resurrection.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Our Lady of Victory

Saturday	January 8
4:00 PM	Joseph Piccirillo (Anniversary) <i>by Family</i> Thomas & Dorothy Ryan (6 yr Anniv) <i>by Daughters, Lynn and Sharon</i> Catherine Rocque <i>by Maggie Rutolo</i> Donald Stallmer <i>by Family</i>
Sunday	January 9 Baptism of the Lord
8:15 AM	Alison King
11:15 AM	James Magur <i>by wife, children</i> Judith Mack
Tuesday	January 11 12:15 PM
	James Bullis
Wednesday	January 12 12:15 PM
	Ken Purcell (8 yrs.) <i>by Jean Purcell</i>
Thursday	January 13 8:30 AM St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
	Beth Mooney (Birthday) <i>by Loving Friends</i>
Friday	January 14 12:15 PM
	Memory Garden Members
Saturday	January 15
4:00 PM	Jean C. and Frank Molloy <i>by Malloy Family</i> Catherine Rocque <i>by Marian & Jack LeMay</i> Esther Roche <i>by Lynick Family</i> Tony Doyle <i>by Liberty Family</i> Lena & John Manillo
Sunday	January 16
8:15 AM	Deceased Memorial Fund Members
11:15 AM	Anthony Doyle <i>by Joe Albarelli</i> Gladys Urquhart <i>by Mary Alice McVeigh</i>

Our Lady of the Snow

Sunday	Jan 16
9:45 AM	Peter & Anthony Ficalora <i>by Peter & Marilyn Ficalora</i>
Sunday	Jan 23
9:45 AM	The People of Our Lady of the Snow
Sunday	Jan 30
9:45 AM	The People of Our Lady of the Snow
Sunday	Feb 6
9:45 AM	The People of Our Lady of the Snow

Stewardship

Due to Early Bulletin Submissions we are showing stewardship for both December 25th & 26th and January 1st and 2nd

OLV & OLS Budgeted Weekly Offertory	\$8,461.00
Offertory Collection OLV	\$18,222.00
Offertory Collection OLS	\$4,242.00
E-Giving weekly amount	\$2,605.00
Total Collection	\$0.00
Over Budget	\$8,147.00
OLV & OLS Other Collections	
2nd Collections	\$798.00
Debt Reduction	\$95.00
Parish Needs	\$535.00
Evangelist	\$25.00
Maintenance & Grounds	\$38.00
Flowers (Christmas)	\$45.00
Total Other Collection	\$1,536.00
Candles and Poor Box \$405.00	
2021-2022 Diocesan Appeal Assessment	\$92,400
Total collected so far	TBA

So grateful for your generosity to our Christmas Appeal

I want to thank the many parishioners who sent in a special contribution to our Christmas Appeal Collection. So far, this collection has amounted to about \$13,000! I can't tell you how grateful I am personally for your gifts. As you may know, the pandemic caused a shortfall in collections and gifts to the parish. This Appeal was meant to raise funds to cover that shortfall. I am so happy that the funds we have received will, indeed, cover our deficit. Thank you for your continued generosity to our wonderful parish. I will be praying daily that God will bless you in some special way for your sacrifice. To those who were not able to contribute: we love you and we know that your prayers and support are with us. That, in the end, is what really matters. Thank you, too.

Our Beloved Dead...

Frank Carlino | Robert Abromitis | Donald Ray | James C. Bullis | Alison King | Judith Mack | Rosemary Flannery | Lorraine DeCristofaro | Deacon Philip Maroon |



OLV OLS FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

JANUARY

January 9 and 23rd

Grades K-6 Sessions 9:45- 10:45 AM

Grade 2 First Communion Prep Begins

Grades 7-10 Sessions 6:30 - 7:30 PM



Gr. 10 Confirmation Preparation

Wednesday, January 26

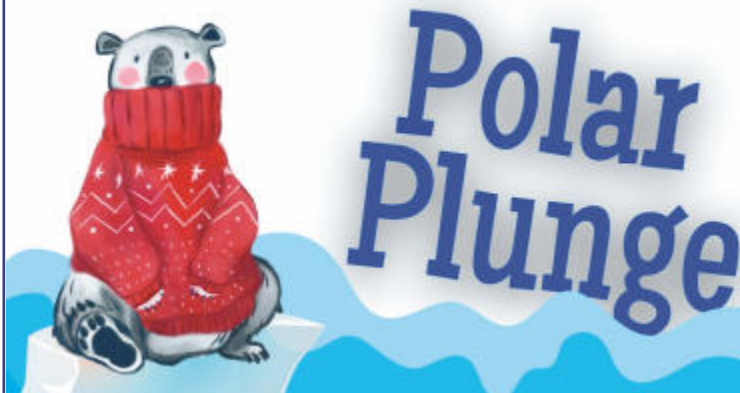
Confirmation Parent Meeting 7:00 – 8:15 pm

Parish Office Building

Sunday, January 30

Gr. 10 Rite of Blessing @11:15 am Mass

Candidates and Families OLV Church



K of C presents POLAR PLUNGE 2022!

Saturday, January 22nd

Registration on olvols.org under upcoming or at the link below.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO JUMP IN THE LAKE to participate in the POLAR PLUNGE you can give to the OLV-OLS food pantry by giving a donation to the Knights of Columbus polar plunge fundraiser by sending a check to "K of C Polar Plunge c/o R Dozois 210 Keefe Rd. Troy NY 12180" until Jan 22, 2022.

Check out the FB page --[search for] K of C council 14164 or web page for polar plunge:

<https://kofc-council-14164.org/polar-plunge/>



Thank You!

Christmas Gratitude

I want to take an opportunity to thank the many people who worked so hard to make our Christmas liturgies so beautiful this year.

Gratitude is offered to Michael Golden who decorated the church at OLV for the holidays. The church looked magnificent. Thanks are offered to Carolyn Gokie, Peter Crandall, Patrick Abrams, Gloria Kieber, Julie Darling and many others who worked so hard at Our Lady of the Snow. We thank our choirs and our music coordinators. Marjorie Voytko and Michael Crandall, and special gratitude go to our servers, ushers, lectors, and AV Ministers. All of you contributed to making this past Christmas a beautiful and meaningful experience for us all. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Priestly Gratitude

Father Nathaniel and I want to thank the many parishioners who sent us cards and goodies throughout the holiday season. The cookies were bountiful and delicious, as was the wonderful chocolate surprises. God bless you for your kindness to us and your generosity. Both of us feel so lucky to be among you!

Local Gratitude

12/21/2021

*"Dear Father Thomas
and Parishioners at OLV [OLS],*

Thank you for your generous donation of gift cards for the Shelter guests and residents at the Hill Street Inn. They will be under the tree on Christmas morning. Your gifts will help alleviate the stress endured during episodes of homelessness. Our tenants have a permanent home, but still suffer from anxiety and sadness from memories of not-so-merry holidays and some are estranged from family members. Your kindness and generosity will remind them that there are people who care.

We are so grateful for these gifts and for everything you do throughout the year.

*Sincerely,
Linda Buckley—Board Member
Joseph's House and Shelter"*

JANUARY 9, 2022 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Our Parish welcomes two new infants into our community of faith—

Evelyn Kerwin
and
Vivienne Edmonds,

who were baptized last Sunday in Our Lady of Victory Church. Congratulations to their families and godparents who brought them to the waters of life.

January 15th & 16th	Lector	Greeter	Altar Server	AV Minister	Ushers
Saturday 4:00 PM OLV	Jack Gallagher Ann Hansen	Donna Baker Pam Wobrock	Doug Billingham	Fred Wobrock	Ray Gagnon David Molloy
Sunday 8:15 AM OLV	Chuck Ciaccia Coleen Paratore	Laskey Family Maggie Rutolo	James Brennan	Maureen Cox	Thomas Borowiak Dick King
Sunday 9:45 AM OLS Mission	Roger Gentner Patti Kennedy	Deb Huskie Marguerite Roseburger	Noah Lowe		Joe Allain Toni Dolan Dave Huskie
Sunday 11:15 AM OLV	Chris Foley Peter Ogno, Jr	Jean Purcell Eliza Stewart	Brianna Gettings	Rick Taglieri	Darren Purcell Walt Talbot

10 Church Resolutions for the New Year

1. I will get settled in my pew at least five minutes before Mass begins and I'll leave Mass only after the priest has left the Church.
2. I'll turn off my cell phone before Mass and stop multi-tasking.
3. I will sit up closer to altar and listen more attentively to the prayers and Scripture readings.
4. I will speak quietly once I enter the church proper.
5. I will use the restroom before or after Mass (exceptions expected).
6. I'll sing the hymns at Church out loud and without fear.
7. I will spend quiet time in thanksgiving after receiving Holy Communion.
8. I'll bring my grandchildren to Mass when they are visiting.
9. I will attend Mass on Sundays even when I am away from the area.
10. I'll watch a live stream of the Mass when fear of contracting Covid19 forces me to stay home.

Courtesy Announcements

Good News and Cold Brews

Young Adult Happy Hour and presentation on interesting and relevant topics to help our faith journey.

Monday, January 10th, at 7:00 PM
St. Ambrose in Latham

Good News & Cold Brews guest presenter is Sr. Teresa Grace Baillargeon from the Sisters of the Resurrection. Topic: "Living a Joyful Life"

*Note: Snow date Monday, January 17th if weather impacts.



Charismatic Mass & Healing Service

Monthly Liturgy—2nd Wednesday of each month

January 12, 2022 ,

at 7:00 PM Prayer and Praise

7:30 PM Mass and Healing Service

Christ Our Light | 1 Maria Dr. Loudonville, NY

Celebrant: Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger, DD Bishop of Albany | Music By: Joyful Heart

All are welcome, bring a friend.

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