



Suddenly 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.”

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. HENRY

## WELCOME TO ST. HENRY'S

We extend a warm welcome to all new members of our parish. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith life will grow. Please introduce yourself after one of the Masses and do not forget to register. You may register on-line or by calling the parish office at the number below.

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### OFFICE HOURS

The parish office hours are:

**Monday—Thursday 9:00am—4:30pm**

**Friday 9:00am—2:00pm**

### STEWARDSHIP—TAKE A STEP

Our weekly donations need to average \$7500 to meet operating expenses. E-Giving is available online. Please contact the parish office to receive an email to help set it up .

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Instructional classes for parents prior to the Baptism of their children are held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm, at St. Henry's Church. Please call the parish office to register for classes. Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of the month during Mass and the fourth Sunday of the month following the 10:00am Mass.

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

St. Henry's Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation & First Communion will begin after completing at least (1) year of Faith Formation. This is the prerequisite to registration into the sacramental preparation classes. Participants will attend weekly classes, Mass and a retreat to further their faith education experience. For more information, please call the parish office.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament is conferred in Tenth grade. The diocese requires a two year preparation period. That takes place in grades 9 & 10 with a retreat and two day mandatory preparation.

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements for marriage should be made at least 6 months in advance. Kindly call the parish office for an appointment.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil ..... 4:00pm  
Sunday ..... 8:00am and 10:00am  
Weekdays..... 8:30am

### NO MORNING MASS ON THURSDAY

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday ..... 3:00 - 3:30pm

**WEEKEND OF January 1 & 2  
Attendance 254**

**Christmas Collection for December 24 & 25  
\$13,107.00 Includes E-Giving**

**Sunday Collection for December 26  
\$5,210.00 Includes E-Giving**



## CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVE HILL!

Looking back on 2021, we need to take time to wish Steve Hill congratulations and happy retirement. Steve retired after many years of service to St. Henry's Church and all of our parishioners. We thank you, Steve, and wish you many years of good health and enjoyment!

## WEGATHER DONOR MATCH PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who signed up for electronic giving. Fourteen families took advantage of the Match Program. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

### START A NEW

How often we wish for another chance

To make a fresh beginning.

A change to blot out our mistakes

And change failure into winning.

It does not take a special time

To make a brand-new start,

It only takes the deep desire

To try with all our heart.

To live a little better,

To always be forgiving.

To add a little sunshine,

In a world for which we're living.

Never give up in despair

Nor think you are through,

For there's always a tomorrow,

"A chance to start a new."

~Author Unknown

### PARKING

Please **DO NOT** park in the parking lot across the street. It is not church property. We also ask that you **DO NOT** park in the side driveway. It is for emergency vehicles only.

### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Please remember that if Averill Park Schools are closed or delayed due to inclement weather, St. Henry's will be closed and Mass will be canceled.

### RESPECT LIFE

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

## HOMEBOUND GIFT BAG EXTRAVAGANZA!

Last week we were able to provide 60 gift bags to our parishioners who are homebound or nursing home residents. Many hands went into the assembling of the bags. Bakers, chocolate makers, crafters, all contributed to each bag. Poinsettias and a spiritual themed ornament were included as well. There is a team of people who actually put the bags together and a team who deliver them! Many thanks to everyone who was a part of that effort!

## MISPLACE A GIFT CARD?

A gift card was found in the church just after Christmas. If you are missing a card, please call the office to describe and claim.

## MASS INTENTIONS

The calendar for Mass intentions for 2020 is now open. Diocesan guidelines ask that we limit the number of intentions per Mass. We would like to encourage you to plan ahead for 2022. The Mass Stipend is now \$15.00.

## OFFICE CLOSED

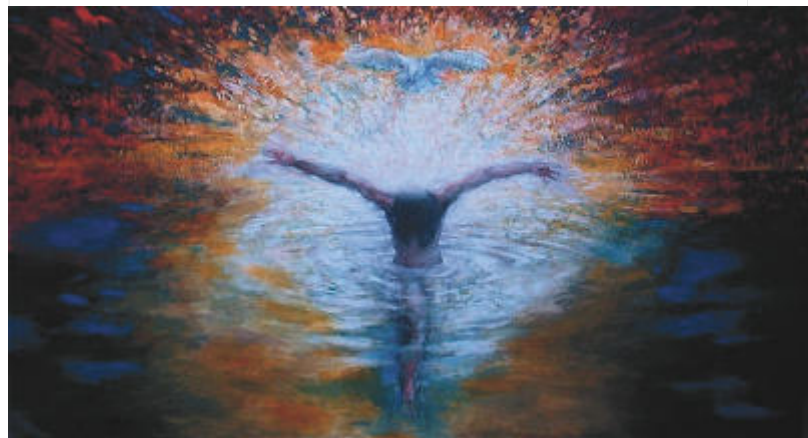
Please note the office will be closed Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

## TAX TIME

Tax statements for 2021 are available **upon request only**. You should receive a separate statement from the diocese acknowledging your Bishop's Appeal donation and your Capital Campaign pledge. If you do not receive them by the end of the month, please call the parish office at 518-674-3818.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Anyone who is frail, ill, facing surgery, or is in need of healing of body, mind or spirit is welcome to call the parish office to request an appointment with Fr. Tom to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. This is a beautiful sacrament of healing. Please do not hesitate to call if you are interested.



## DEACON BOB'S CORNER

Jan. 9, 2022: The Baptism of the Lord by Mary M. McGlone

Among the evangelists, John doesn't even mention Jesus' baptism, Mark openly depicts it, and Matthew qualifies the event by having John protest that Jesus should baptize him. Luke, our guide for this liturgical year, alludes to Jesus' baptism, then spotlights the descent of the Spirit and the divine voice that named Jesus as God's beloved son. For the early Christian community, Jesus' baptism was an embarrassing admission that Jesus began his ministry as one of John's disciples.

The early community's embarrassment about Jesus' relationship to John helps us understand Jesus in his own context. Luke tells us that John's preaching left people filled with expectation. John preached radical conversion. He had set up camp along the Jordan River, a site with enough water for his ceremonies and near a well-traveled trade route that assured a steady flow of people could hear his preaching. Most of all, the site was near Jericho, the place where Joshua had first entered the Promised Land. John preached and baptized from a desert spot from where his converts could cross the river and enter renewed into the life God offered them. John's baptismal rite, unlike people's ordinary ritual washings, had to be received — people did not do it for themselves. This established a unique relationship between John and the baptized, symbolizing their acceptance of his call to radical conversion. Baptism was a public proclamation of commitment.

After the infancy narratives, this is Jesus' first appearance in the Gospel. Jesus' baptism signaled a life-changing decision. If we read the Gospels without imposing later teachings on them, we see that they depict Jesus as a thoroughly human man whose goal was to discern and do God's will and to bring others along with him. We assume that until this time, Jesus had lived as an ordinary craftsman, one more among the inhabitants of Nazareth. Then one day, he joined the tax collectors, soldiers and throngs of ordinary folk going to John. He identified himself with their hopes and needs rather than with the righteous who felt no need for major changes. This, Jesus' first public act, declared his loyalty: He would stand with the people who desired a radical return to God for themselves and their world.

After allowing himself to be baptized, Jesus heard the divine voice say, "You are my beloved Son." Whatever it had taken to get him to that moment, whatever the options he had discarded and doubts he had to overcome, Jesus had received not just a baptism, but an affirmation and a naming. When Luke describes the Spirit and the voice that came to Jesus, the background music is that of the Servant Song of Isaiah 42 in which God says, "Here is my servant, my chosen one upon whom I have put my spirit." That song about God's servant reaffirmed Jesus' choices and set him on a path to serve the neediest of God's people.

We noted that Jesus' followers were reticent to admit that he had been baptized by John. As he continued his mission, some would continue to be embarrassed and even scandalized by the way he enjoyed the company of sinners and portrayed God as always kind and merciful. The people had been full of expectation, but he was not exactly what they expected. The day of Jesus' baptism might be compared to the day a couple marries, a priest or deacon is ordained, or a woman or man religious pronounces their vows. Each of those is an extension of our baptismal call and grace. As on the day of our baptism, we have precious little idea about all that these commitments will call forth, except that they will call us to live radically, losing ourselves in love and serving others in the manner of Jesus.

Today is a good day to renew our baptism and the commitments that have flowed from it. It is always risky to make commitments about an unknown future, but like our Lord, we can trust that the Spirit will lead us to where God will say, "You are my beloved in whom I am well pleased."



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# Mass Intentions

## Monday, January 10

8:30AM Michael Esposito—The Colvin Family

## Tuesday, January 11

8:30AM For the People

## Wednesday, January 12

8:30AM For the People

## Thursday, January 13

8:30AM NO MASS

## Friday, January 14

8:30 AM All Souls in Purgatory

## Saturday, January 15

4:00 PM Florence M. Smeland—Fr., Tom & Staff  
Art Mardon—Bette & Ken Teal  
Catherine Reichard—John & Marilyn Reichard  
Stephanie Gannon—Family

## Sunday, January 16

8:00 AM Paul Yonkers—Your Brothers of the Knights  
of Columbus

10:00 AM Glasser/Santora Family—Family  
Agnes & Jack Flavin—Ann Flavin Ahlborn  
Jim Hankle—Ann Flavin Ahlborn  
Frank Nocella & Family—Gail Lindeman

## Monday, January 17

8:30AM No Mass Martin Luther King Day

## Tuesday, January 18

8:30AM Paula DeFrancisco—Husband  
Fredrick & Helen DeChristopher—Linda Coffey

## Wednesday, January 19

8:30 AM For the People

## Thursday, January 20

10:00am NO MASS

## Friday, January 21

8:30AM All Souls in Purgatory

## Saturday, January 22

4:00 PM Arthur L. Mardon Jr.—Gail Lindeman  
Ernest Scoville—Ruth Ann Swartz  
Marjorie Bassett

## Sunday, January 23

8:00 AM Walter Lane—Wife  
10:00 AM Andrea Scanu—Rita Evans  
Robert Peake—Sara Duncan



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 1/15 & 1/16

1. Isaiah 62:1-5
2. Corinthians 12:4-11
3. John 2:1-11

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 01/22 & 01/23

1. Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
2. Corinthians 12:12-30
3. Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 1/29 & 1/30

1. Jeremiah 1:4-5,, 17-19
2. Corinthians 12:31-13:13
3. Luke 4:21-30



Saturday, January 15  
4:00pm

Altar Servers  
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Sunday, January 16  
8:00am

Altar Servers  
Lectors Ruth McGlew and Jim Colton  
Counters

10:00am

Altar Servers  
Lectors Mike Hayes and  
Counters

January 22  
4:00pm

Altar Servers  
Lectors Bill Petley and  
Counters

Sunday, January 23  
8:00am

Altar Servers  
Lectors John Morley and Mary Sapp  
Counters

10:00am

Altar Servers  
Lectors Gretchen Schulz and MaryK Lettko  
Counters

## Calendar of Events

Prayer Group meets every Tuesday 1:00pm in the Blue Room  
Rosary Group meets every Tuesday 6:00pm in the Chapel  
Mens Scripture Group meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm

1/15 1st Reconciliation Retreat 2:00pm to 4:00pm

1/17 Office Closed (Martin Luther King Day)



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