



ECCE AGNUS DEI

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

# Mass Intentions

## January 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Monday, January 11	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	Joann Lapinski, by Anna & Pat Yerashuns
Tuesday, January 12	8:30 AM	St. Martha	For the People
Wednesday, January 13	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	The Sodak & Monchak Family, by Paulette
Thursday, January 14	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	NO MASS
Friday, January 15	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	Ed Raiewski, by The Selecky Family
Saturday, January 16	4:15 PM	St. Mary	Chester & Dora Baluta, by Children
Sunday, January 17	8:00 AM	St. Adalbert	Sophia Stapinski, by Rich Rutkowski
	9:45 AM	St. Martha	Regina Angeli, by Barb Simmons

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** At St. Martha every Tuesday after the 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass until 9:00 p.m. Assigned Eucharistic adorers and substitutes are needed for all hours. Please contact Rebecca at 570-256-7329 to sign up for a specific hour or to be a substitute. **HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS** on **January 19th**, 9 - 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to participate in this prayer ministry for the sanctity of priests and for an increase of holy vocations.

**HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP:** Meetings are held the First Monday of each month unless noted. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 1st**, at 1:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Please submit names of those suffering from serious illness who are homebound, in hospitals or in nursing homes to Gloria Handzelek 570-542-5694, Ann McElligott 570-864-2331 or Mary Lou Zaleski 570-736-6336. All members of Holy Spirit Parish are encouraged to pray for those whose names are on our Prayer List, to pray for Pope Francis and the healing of Holy Mother Church, and to attend our prayer meetings. The Scribe is Barbara Yacoboski 570-542-7447 and the Prayer Group Leader is Paulette Monchak 570-542-7242. Social distancing guidelines will be enforced.

### CANDLES/FLOWER REMEMBRANCE

**St. Adalbert Candle for Mary:** Health and Blessings for Fran Elcyna, by Family  
**St. Mary Sacred Heart Candle:** In Loving Memory of Angelo Panetta Sr., by Carol

**HOLY SPIRIT OFFERTORY—December 24-25, 2020 \$ 5,558.00 December 27, 2020 \$ 6,175.00**

Thank you to everyone who continues to send in their offertory weekly/monthly.

### HAPPENINGS

**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH,** There are still Lottery Calendars remaining to sell. Please consider purchasing another calendar for yourself. Each calendar is \$20.00 and good for 4 months, beginning January 2021.

**SMMA SCHOLARSHIP:** The SMMA 2020 "Memorial Scholarship Award" is available for eligible St. Martha students. Our Scholarship Selection Committee will accept applications (available in the Sacristy) from current year eligible students until January 31, 2021. The Committee will decide the winner(s) before our February meeting. The decision of the Committee is final. The scholarship checks for \$500.00 will be awarded no later than the graduation of the student(s). If you have any questions please see any member of the Selection Committee. Thank you to everyone who supports our SMMA fundraisers. Without your help we couldn't help these deserving young people of our Parish. If you would like to donate money to increase the scholarships, please see President Jim Howanitz.

**2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** & calendars are available in all 3 Worship Sites. If you see envelopes for someone you know can not make it to church, please be kind and deliver them for us. Please contact the parish office if there are any problems. We would like to thank The Mayo & George Strish Funeral Homes for donating the 2021 calendars.

**WEEKEND MASSES:** There are **Sunday** Masses available for 2021. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one on the weekend, (even if you already scheduled masses for 2021) please call the Parish Office. These masses will be on a first come first serve basis. Thank you!

**END OF THE YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** will be available after January 15, 2021. If you would like your statement for 2020, please call the parish office.

***Every donation counts!! If you have not yet pledged, please... Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal! (28000.00) OUR PARISH IS AT \$10,755.00 (\$17,245.00)*** We are grateful to the 91 parishioners who supported the 2020 Annual Appeal to date. If you have not yet given your support, please: 1) Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card. 2) Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or give online at [DioceseofScranton.org](http://DioceseofScranton.org). ***Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.***

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call him while he is near.  
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,  
and the wicked man his thoughts;  
Let him turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous in forgiving  
(Is 55:6-7)



## PSALM

You will draw water joyfully from the springs  
of salvation. (Is 12:3)



## SECOND READING

This is the one who came through  
water and blood,  
Jesus Christ,  
not by water alone, but by water and blood.  
(1 Jn 5:6)



## GOSPEL

And a voice came from the heavens,  
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am  
well pleased." (Mk 1:11)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

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