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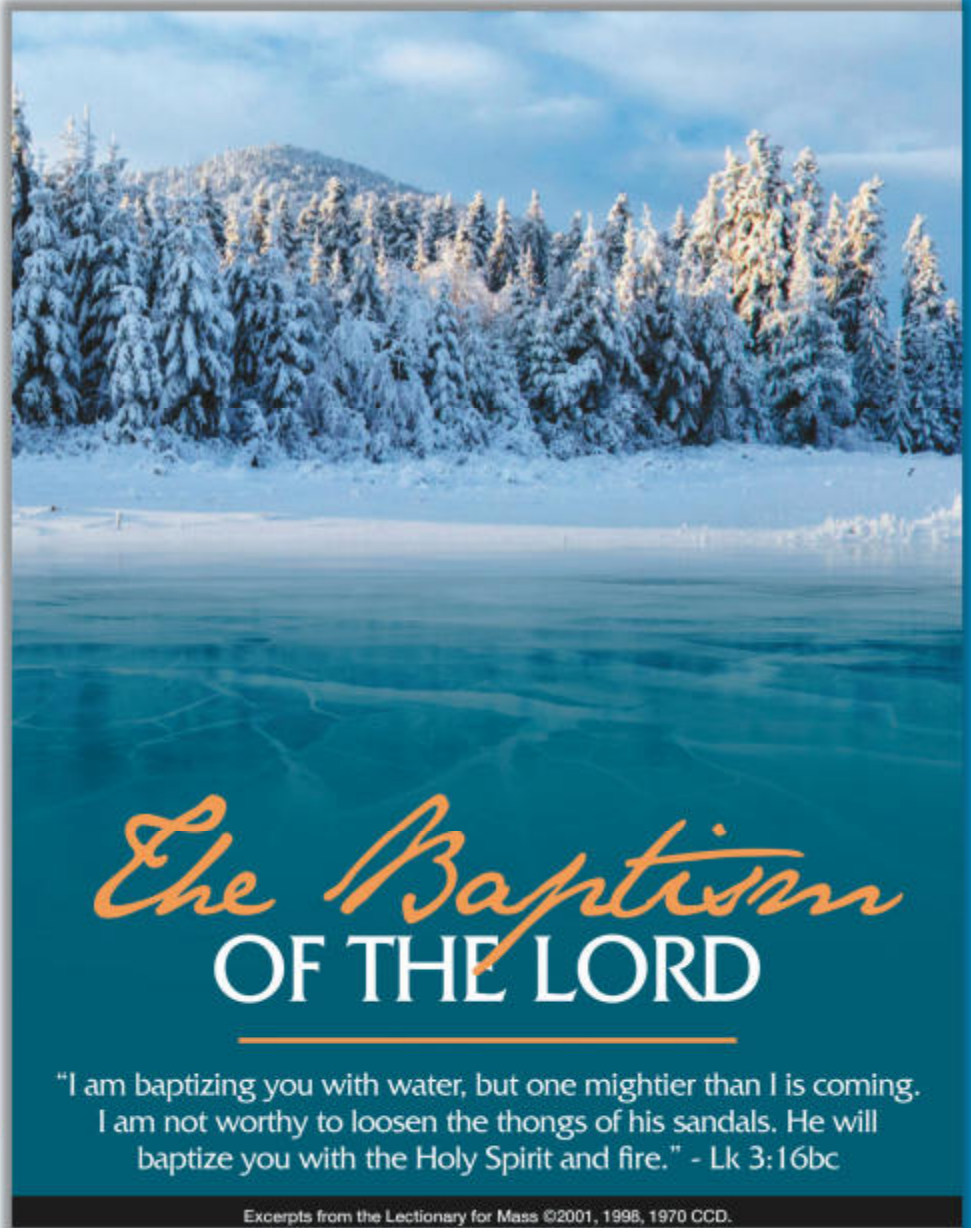
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# The Baptism OF THE LORD

"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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## Our Mission:

"Energized by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, we the parishioners of St. Agnes, St. Paul of the Cross and St. Rose, in joyful unity embrace our baptismal call to worship God, spread the good news of Jesus Christ, build up a welcoming community of faith and hope, and lovingly serve and comfort those in need."



# CALENDAR

- SAT 1/8** 3- 3:45pm **SA** Confession  
4:00pm **SA** Deceased Members of the Decker Family
- SUN 1/9** 8:00am **SR** For the People of the Parish Cluster  
9:30-11:15am **SAS** Community Faith  
9:45am **SP** William & Marion Maloy  
- By Daughter, Patti & Granddaughter, Michelle  
11:30am **SA** Ellen Tarmino - By Sister-in-Law, Rosemary Bailey & Family
- MON 1/10** 9:00am **SP** Fred, Teresa & Steve Antonelli - By Anne Kuebel & Family
- TUE 1/11** 8:15am **SA** Orman, Fitzgerald & Craugh Families - By Joan  
9:30am **SP** Queen of Peace Prayer Group
- WED 1/12** 9:00am **SP** Sr. Yvonne Nadeau - By Brule Family  
4:30-6pm **SR** Adoration & Confession  
6-7:45pm **SP** Community Faith
- THR 1/13** 8:00am **SR** Bruce Mayer - By Ellie & Gabe Luhowy
- FRI 1/14** 8:15am **SA** Angie Fusco - By Kay Ferris
- SAT 1/15** 3-3:45pm **SA** Confession  
4:00pm **SA** Gerald Ford - By Family
- SUN 1/16** 8:00am **SR** Bob Reilly - By Jane & Steve Slattery  
9:45am **SP** For the People of the Parish Cluster  
11:30am **SA** Frank Matusak Sr. - By Charlene & Dan Babcock

\*Indicates Mass is for a living person.

## Readings

- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

## Observances

- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord
- Thursday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Sunday:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LPi

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased. ht new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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## A WORD FROM FATHER

### Born Again

Jesus' humble submission to His cousin's baptism in the waters of the River Jordan sanctified the waters of our Baptism. John's Gospel expounds on the importance of this sacrament. In the Prologue of Chapter 1 the Evangelist says that Our Lord "came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God." (John 1: 11-13) As Catholics, we don't often use or think of the term "Born Again" as many other Christian denominations do; but this is precisely what the Evangelist is talking about. In Chapter 3 of John's Gospel, during a discussion with Nicodemus, Jesus himself confirms this theological concept. "Jesus said to him, 'Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can a person once grown old be born again? Surely he cannot reenter his mother's womb and be born again, can he?' Jesus answered, 'Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.'"

Born again in spiritual life, we regain our rightful status as sons and daughters of God, children adopted by the merits of Jesus Christ. That which was lost in the disobedience of Adam is reclaimed via the obedience of Our Lord in His life, death and Resurrection. Oh, happy day! As we mature in our sacramental life we are called to follow in Christ's footsteps. In faith and good works, we bring the good news of his redemption to those we are privileged to encounter in the day-to-day routine of our lives. In particular we are to bring dignity to the poor, the lonely or sorrowful and those who live in anxiety or fear. To our spiritual brothers and sisters we are the presence of Christ "to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness" as Isaiah prophesied in the first reading. End of the Christmas season? Maybe, but "this could be the start of something big!"

Happy New Year,

*Father Michael Fowler*



**PRAY FOR**  
*Our Deceased*



Charles Rinere

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION

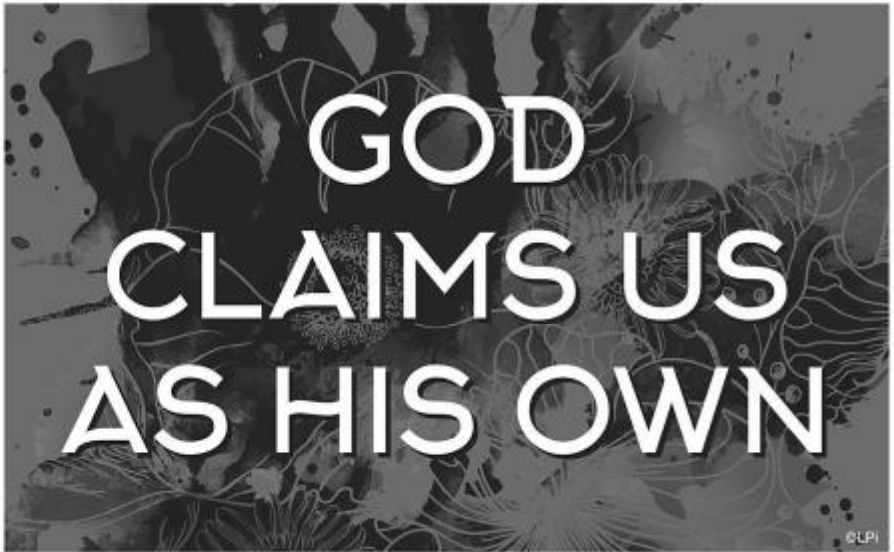
## 15th Annual Toiletry Collection for Bethany House

This year marks the 15th year that the Rosary Women have sponsored the collection of Toiletry items for Bethany House, a women's shelter in Rochester. Again this year, due to the virus, we are asking our parishioners in the cluster to decorate and fill their own bags at home. The Rosary Women will supply the "Packets" that will include a gift bag, decorations, tissue, ribbon and a list of 12 essential items needed in the bags. These "Packets" will be available on the tables in the back/front of church this weekend.

Please return your filled bag by Valentine's Day. You may also use your own pretty bag (approx. 8" x 10" x 4"). The theme is "Love!"

Thank you so much for helping the women of Bethany House.

Questions: Call Sue @ 624-3119



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

*"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."*  
— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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**Bethany House Items:**

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Deodorant
- Body Lotion
- Body Wash
- Disposable Razor
- Shave Gel (small)
- Hair Brush
- Comb
- Chapstick
- Gum ~ Mints ~ Hard Candy

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### St. Agnes School ~ Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers interested in helping with hot lunch at the school beginning in February. Volunteers will be serving hot lunch from 10am to 12pm on Wednesdays. Please contact St. Agnes School for details on training including CASE, etc. 585-226-8500.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING to the Call

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

I Hope I Am Like Him

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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#### FINANCIAL UPDATE -- Collections July thru November 2021

	<u>21/22 Act</u>	<u>21/22 Bud</u>	<u>% Change</u>
St. Agnes	\$93,431	\$90,730	3%
St. Paul	\$40,910	\$52,088	- 21%
St. Rose	\$59,360	\$50,679	17%

#### Catholic Ministries Appeal 2021/22 Update~ as of 12/30/21

	<u>St. Agnes</u>	<u>St. Paul of the Cross</u>	<u>St. Rose</u>
Donations	\$26,372	\$21,780	\$14,465
Goal	\$35,646	\$22,418	\$13,722
%	73.98%	97.15%	105.41%
# of Givers	102	44	42

### Catholic Conversations: Death with True Dignity

The Finger Lakes Guild of the Catholic Medical Association invites you to attend:

"Catholic Conversations: Death with True Dignity" either in-person at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry or virtually via Zoom. This special event is geared towards community members, health care providers, hospice workers, and ministers and will highlight Catholic teaching on end-of-life care.

#### Topics will include:

- Advance directives
- Pain control
- Ventilators and morphine use
- Hospice vs. hospital vs. home care
- And more

Break-out discussion groups by topic interest will occur both on site and via Zoom. Registration is free, but advance registration is required.

Reserve your space now! Go to: <https://stbernards.regfox.com/catholic-conversations-death-with-true-dignity>

**When:** Saturday, Jan. 15th, 2022

**Where:** St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry, 120 French Road, Rochester, NY, 14618, or online via Zoom

#### Schedule:

- 7:30 AM Mass (in person only)
- 8:00 AM Registration
- 8:30 AM Greetings
- 8:45 AM Catholic Teaching
- 9:15 AM Advance Directives
- 9:45 AM Pain/Syx Control
- 10:15 AM Hospice and CCH
- 10:45 AM Breakout Session 1
- 11:45 AM Breakout Session 2
- 12:45 PM Lunch (in person only)





## 4000 Club Raffle

DONATION: \$30

Weekly Prize Drawings  
Begin Tuesday, 9 am | Nov. 9th, 2021  
at the Parish Office

### Week #8 Winners:

Carol Coyne & Debra Resch

### Week #9 Winners:

George Wiegand & Cheryl's Crochet Group

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is planned for January 14-16, 2022 at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY. Register online at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).

The WWME weekend teaches communication techniques such as active listening, listening with the heart and empathy towards your spouse's feelings. It is based on the sacrament of Holy Matrimony and expresses the importance of love in the union and encourages this love be taken out into the world in various ministries to serve God by strengthening the couples and families in the church.

The Marriage Encounter gives busy couples much needed time together to focus on each other and deepen their communication. After the Experience, couples often return to their life and families refreshed with renewed commitment to each other.

## Men's Retreat Weekend

Men's retreat weekend is back! The weekend of Feb. 4 - 6 will be an in person retreat at the Notre Dame Retreat House. The theme for the 2022 retreat year is "Eucharist, God's gift to His people". Registration will be limited to 50 people per retreat this year to allow for social distancing throughout the weekend. Register by email: [ndretreat@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ndretreat@rochester.rr.com) Or by phone: 585-394-5700. Or contact your parish leader. If you have questions, please contact Bob Cuffney at 585-503-9440.



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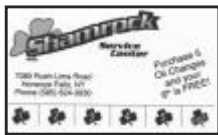
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