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SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9th, 2022



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and

impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin. Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas, site Catholic Culture

SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST JOHN NEUMANN

Presentation of the Lord / Candle Mass
February 2nd, 6:45 pm
Mass accompanied by Amici Cantare

Men's Retreat
February 12th

Souper Bowl /Soup Collection
February 12 & 13

Senior Luncheon
February 23, 2022

* Further details to follow regarding all events.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKEND MASS JAN 8- JAN 9

Saturday

4:00pm.....Dominic Rutti

Sunday

8:30amJosefine Valencia & Lina Valencia-Castro

10:00am.....Wanda Eland

11:30amBrycen Gray

5:00pm.....Arthur Scislo

WEEKDAY MASS JAN 10- JAN 14

Monday

9:00am.....Leo Potonic

Tuesday

9:00am.....Amy McEntee

Wednesday

9:00amNancy Collins

Thursday

9:00am.....Janet Armbruster

Friday

9:00am.....Patrick Reagan

WEEKEND MASS JAN 15- JAN 16

Saturday

9:00am.....Leo Potonic

Sunday

8:30am.....Ada Fay Shainoff

10:00am.....Patricia Masuga

11:30amAlice Dehil

5:00pm.....James Lavelle

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NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome! Please stop by the parish office during our regular business hours to register. Registration forms can also be found on our website, sjnohio.com. We look forward to meeting you.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00AM

WEEKEND

SATURDAY

4:00PM VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY

8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM, AND 5:00PM (LIFETEEN)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 5:15PM- 6:00PM

SATURDAY 9:00AM- 10:00AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:00am -5:00pm

Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

WEEKLY & CHRISTMAS OFFERING



December 19th, 2021 \$ 10,053.00

December 26th, 2021 \$ 10,475.00

Christmas 2021 \$ 39,969.00

January 2nd, 2022 \$ 9,809.00



REST IN PEACE....PRAY FOR SISTER HELEN ANN BROWN

May her soul be in peace and jubilation with the angels and saints and her family feel God's healing comfort and love.



Please keep these individuals in your thoughts and prayers.

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**THEOLOGY • ON • THE •
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Monday, January 10 – 7:00pm
NEW LOCATION: LACENTRE
Speaker: Fr. Adam Zajac,
Pastor at St. Mark's & St. Mel's



Our topic this month is The Sacraments & Mysticism- the mystical action of Christ in the sacraments and how we experience Him. It's been awhile since many of us have gone through preparation to receive

one of the sacraments and we'd be hard pressed to explain them to anyone else. Fr. Zajac is going to help us understand how we experience Christ through the sacraments. We are now meeting at **LaCentre**(next to Houlihan's) 25777 Detroit Rd. in Westlake- right off of the Columbia Rd Exit off I90. Cost is \$15 per person- includes light appetizer - Cash bar. Pay online or at the door- Be sure to RSVP either way. **Register in advance at: www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west**

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Wedding Banns
The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." (Genesis 2:18)

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ALEX KRAWEC*



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Young Catholic Professionals of Cleveland invites young adults in their 20s & 30s to get involved in our ministry focused on *Working in Witness for Christ*.
We'd love to see you at one of our upcoming events!

Upcoming Events

January 11: Networking Happy Hour - Come connect with like-minded individuals, clergy, and businesspeople! (Old River Tap and Social, Rocky River, 5:30pm-7:30pm)

February 8: Executive Speaker Series: Scott and Gayle Oboy - Scott, Executive VP/CFO at the Westfield Group, and Gayle, Certified Financial Planner, discuss topics ranging from work life to the sacrifices of raising a family (St. Ambrose, Brunswick, Time TBA)

More details can be found on Facebook and Instagram (@ycpcleveland)

Register for **free** at ycpcleveland.org/events. Stay tuned for upcoming Monthly Masses and Seasonal Activities.

Join Our Leadership Team!

Looking to get more involved? Consider joining our dynamic Leadership Team! Applications are now open. Email info@ycpcleveland.org for more information.



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FRIDAY, JANUARY 28TH | 7-10PM

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2022 Cleveland March for Life Saturday, January 15th @ 12pm

Join Cleveland Right to Life for their annual **Cleveland March for Life** to witness to the dignity of every human person. The right to life is a human right and we march on (or near) the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling, which legalized abortion in all 50 states. We march to honor, celebrate, value, and protect human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

We will be marching from the gates outside Benedictine High School to Preterm and back. **Pastor Walter Moss** will lead us in prayer. The indoor portion of our program features our keynote speaker, Catholic author and theologian **David L. Gray**.

Parking is available at Benedictine High School off M.L.King Jr. Dr. Please note that only the large parking lot on the other side of the gymnasium will be available. The temporary entrance to the school building is now from the corner of that large parking lot, up a ramp, to the side of the main building. This is due to construction in our smaller parking lot. Further details at Cleveland Right to Life website.



**THE VIKING VOICE NOTABLE NEWS
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Mark your calendars!!!
Sunday, January 30, 2022
SJJ will hold an Open House for
New Families from 1:00 - 2:30pm.
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**2022-2023 SJJ
PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

Sts. Joseph and John Preschool is accepting enrollment applications for the 2022-2023 school year. At this time, there are openings in both the 3 and 4-year-old programs. The 3-year-old program meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 am-10:30 am (morning session) and 11:15am-1:45 pm (afternoon session). The 3-year-old children must be age three by August 31, 2022, as well as potty trained. The 4-year-old children must be age four by August 31, 2022, as well as potty trained. The 4-year-old program meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00 am-10:30 am (morning session) and 11:15 am-1:45 pm (afternoon session).

Please go to our website sjschool.org to submit an application. Go to the Admissions tab and choose Register Now to create your account. Please contact Leah Armstrong atlarmstrong@sjschool.org or at 440-238-4877 ext. 14 with any questions.

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a **Charismatic Mass** on **Friday, January 28th, at 7:00 p.m.**, at St. Peter Parish, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville 44039. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 and the liturgy will start at 7:30. Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer, and there will also be a social after mass. For more information, please contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. Come and bring a friend! This will be a time to truly encounter the Lord.

Contribution Statements for 2021.

If you would like a copy of your contribution statement for the 2021 tax year please fill out the form below and return via collection basket or mail to the parish office c/o Kristen. Please indicate if you would like your statement mailed or emailed. Completed requests will be mailed or emailed to you no later than January 31, 2022

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