

Church of the ANNUNCIATION



JANUARY 9, 2022 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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MASSES

Daily Mass Monday-Friday 9:00am

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

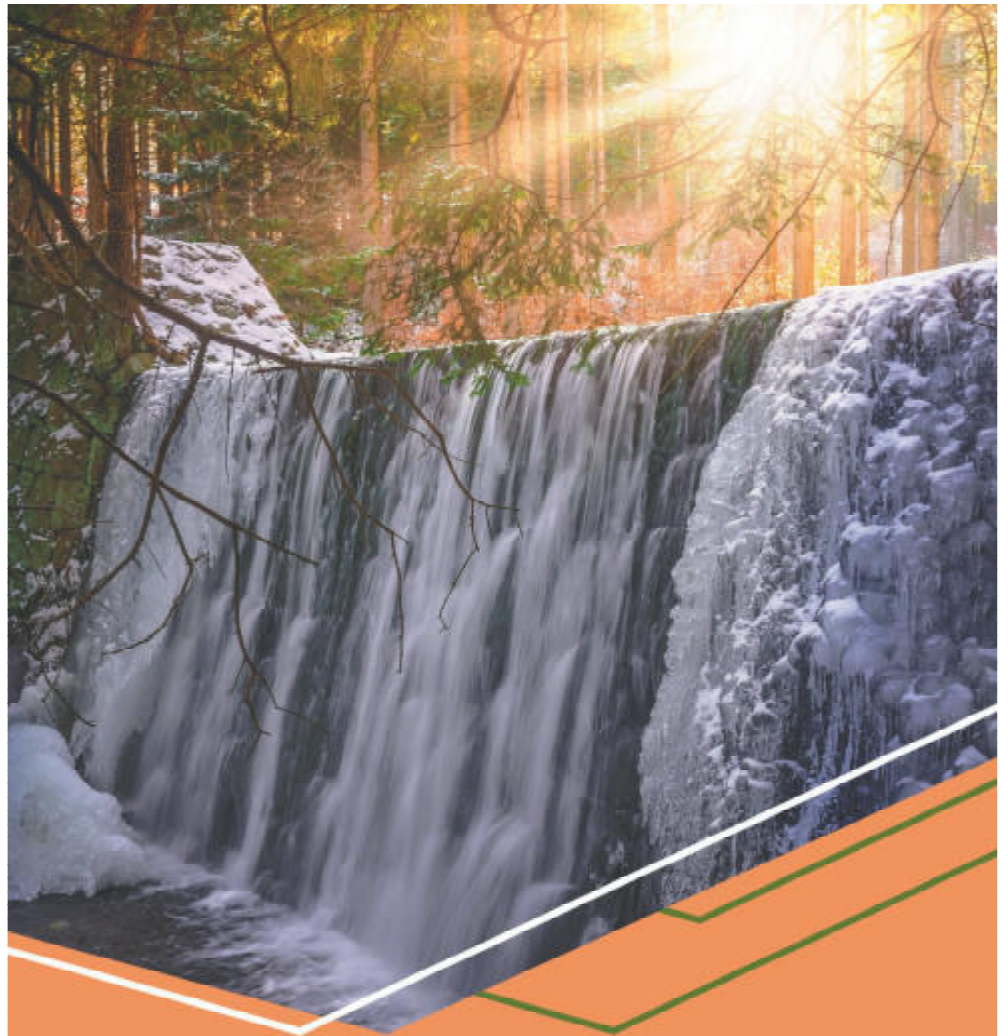
Sunday 8:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm

Holy Day of Obligation

check bulletin for times

RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard each Saturday
at 4:00pm or by appointment.



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

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OUR PARISH NAME IS OUR MISSION!

*With Mary, we joyfully announce: "God with us" in Jesus Christ.
Moved by the Holy Spirit, we strive to create a faith community of love and hope, of prayer,
welcome and service where others will discover in and with us that Christ is Life!*

PASTORAL STAFF

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Newcomers are invited to contact the Parish Office to register. Adult children need to be registered on their own.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters of Recommendation are issued to members of our parish who are registered at least three months, regularly attend Mass and receive the sacraments.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office to arrange to take part in the Baptism Preparation Program.

Marriage: Couples who are planning to marry need to contact the Pastor at least one year in advance of their wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: The sacrament is administered after the 5:00pm Mass on the first Saturday of the month. Persons who are homebound, in the hospital, or in nursing homes please contact the Parish Office for the Sacrament of Anointing.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Anyone who wishes to enter the Church or complete their sacraments please contact the Parish Office.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation are available for students in Kindergarten through Grade 10.

ANNUNCIATION STRONG START PRE-K

Pre-K 3 is a two or three-day program, offered on Tuesday/Thursday or Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday in the morning; Pre-K 4 is Monday-Friday mornings. For more information, contact cdattilio.annunciation@gmail.com

LITURGICAL LIFE

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends in Christ:

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas Carol.

The lyrics were first published in the late eighteenth century.

There are a number of melodies associated with the song, of which, the best known is derived from a 1909 arrangement of a traditional folk melody by English composer Frederic Austin.

The Twelve Day span begins on Christmas December 25 and runs to the Epiphany January 6 when the Church celebrates the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem. There is an ancient

custom (before printed calendars) of publicly announcing the date of Easter on the feast

of the Epiphany. Days and Seasons of the liturgical year depend on the dating of Easter.

The Epiphany Proclamation still has value as a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries

of faith which are celebrated during the year. If you missed hearing the public Epiphany Proclamation at Sunday Masses on January 2, 2022, you can read it below.



*Know, dear brothers and sisters,
that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Savior.*

*On the second day of March will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.
On the seventeenth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

On the twenty-sixth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the fifth day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

On the nineteenth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

*On the twenty-seventh day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord
Jesus Christ,*

to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

Today, **Sunday, January 9, 2022 is the Baptism of the Lord.** This feast closes the Christmas season. Monday, January 10, 2022 begins Ordinary Time. "Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on the first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday as a day of play and worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and forever. What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all Sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living." (Ordo page 34) Most of Jesus' life, from infancy to twelve years and from twelve to thirty-some when he was baptized, was ordinary and hidden. As we move from the Christmas season to ordinary time we need to remember that Jesus continues to walk with us in the daily routine of life which he has sanctified by his own life and abiding presence.

Fr. Gene Ulrich

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00am Cub Scout Pinewood Derby (Gym)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00am Holy Name Society Mass/Breakfast (Selbert Hall)

10:00am Family Faith Formation

5:00pm Y-Disciples A & B Enrollment Mass (Church)

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

9:30am Respect Life Rosary (Chapel)

10:00am Ladies of Annunciation (Meeting Room)

12:30pm Pinochle Club (Community Room)

6:30pm Y-Disciples A
Cub Scout Pack 325 (Gym)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

6:00pm Holy Name Pickle Ball (Gym)

7:00pm B.O.W. (Community Room)
Buildings & Grounds Committee (Meeting Room)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

6:00pm Boy Scout 325 (Community Room, Gym)

7:00pm Pastoral Council (Meeting Room)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00am St. Joseph Workers (Langley Hall)

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Meeting Room)

6:30pm Confirmation Prep (Langley Hall, School)

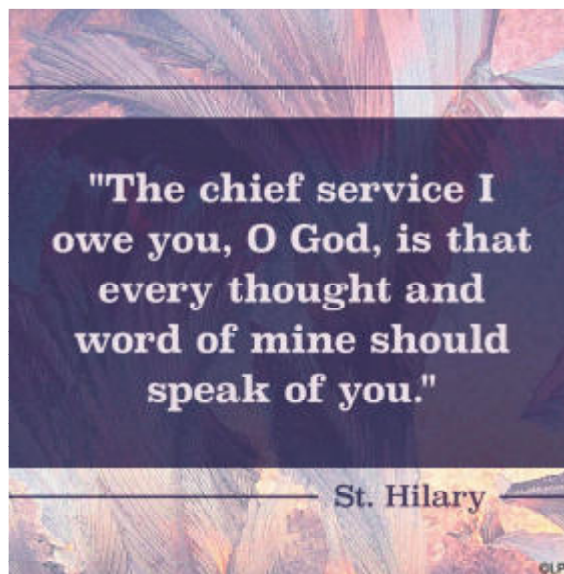
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00am Eucharistic Minister Training (Church)

4:00pm Boy Scout Troop 325 Court of Honor (Selbert Hall)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

12:00pm Dress A Girl (School Room 104)



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 8

5:00pm Marie O'Mara
by Len & Rose Ciesla

Sunday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord

8:00am Deceased Members of
Annunciation Holy Name
Society

11:00am by Holy Name Society
Stanley Walczak
by Bill & Fran Suszka

5:00pm Hank & Edward Kwandrans
by Kathleen & John Monin

Monday, January 10

9:00am Marie O'Mara
by Ladies Sodality

Tuesday, January 11

9:00am Intentions of Annunciation
Parishioners

Wednesday, January 12

9:00am Ann Collura
by Robert & Julie
Gardner

Thursday, January 13

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor

9:00am Rita Walter
by Gail Buehlmann

Friday, January 14

9:00am Deacon Frank Zwack
by Tom & Mary Zwack

Saturday, January 15

5:00pm Robert Lucas
by Family

Sunday, January 16

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Great Aunt Mary Wieler
by Allison Smerka

11:00am Betty Wood
by Len & Rose Ciesla

5:00pm Stanley & Florence
Hojnacki
by Family

STEWARDSHIP

DATE	12.26.21
Collection	7,126.00
Electronic Giving	3,713.00
Preservation Fund	330.00
Picnic	2,250.00
Memorial Fund	200.00
Bequests/Wills	0.00
Youth Big Board	2,645.00
Total	16,264.00
DATE	1.2.22
Collection	7,709.00
Electronic Giving	2,043.00
Preservation Fund	776.00
Picnic	2,060.00
Memorial Fund	0.00
Bequests/Wills	0.00
Youth Big Board	4,225.00
Total	16,813.00

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Susan Alessandra, Judy Augustyn, Myrna Blizniak, Betsy Brown, Dawn Marie Buono, Eugene Burry, Carol Bus, Ron Bus, Greg Chatham, Janea Clark, Rose Marie Courtney, Stella (Barb) Craig, Ken Drzymala, Deanna Filipski, Lauren Forsy, Erica Friscaro-Pawlowski, A.C. Furtney, Eric G., Irene Garvey, Lucas Gryzbowski, Aurelia Hartloff, Carol Hasselback, Marilyn Kinmartin, Barb Komendat, Daniel Kubik, Patricia O'Brien, Bella Pellittieri, Zygfryd & Bernadette Pieczynski, Bob Pickup, Jeffrey Pieczynski, Judy Schaubel, Art Schmidt, Jim Schultz, Kathy & Marty Solecki, Donna Suidak, Jan Turnbull, Helene & Theodore Urban, Avery VanNortwick, Rachelle & Edson Walker, Ron Wenzel, Lillian Williams, Gina Williams, Mark Williams, John Young III, and Shirley Ziegler. **The safety of and quick return of those serving in the Armed Forces.**

REST IN PEACE

Thad Woronowicz
Ron Goodlander
Chris Duquin

FAITH FORMATION

FAMILY CONNECTION

Every family has a unique identity that is defined by the behaviors, attitudes, and expectations that govern a family's daily life. This identity is influenced by the family history of the parents, but each family's expression of this history is unique. In today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' behavior, attitudes, and expectations were governed by his identity as God's beloved Son. In our Baptism, we were made children of this same heavenly Father. This identity as members of the family of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus, also shapes our family's daily life.

As you gather as a family, identify some of the expectations and behaviors that govern your family life by answering the question, "What are some of the things that make our family life unique?" Celebrate these things about your family life. Read today's Gospel, Luke 3:15-16,21-22. Observe that Jesus' identity as the Beloved Son of the Father governed his behaviors, attitudes, and expectations. Recall that at our Baptism we were made children of this same heavenly Father. How does this identity as a member of the family of God govern and shape our family life? Conclude in prayer together that we will remain faithful to our baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.



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 THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM 7PM TO 9PM
 JAN. 20, 27, FEB. 3, 10 AND 17

Please detach form here - save the dates for your refrigerator!

NO GREATER LOVE Study Program Registration

One half of the cost of this program is underwritten by the parish for parishioners
 Please complete this form and return it to the Parish Offices (by mail or in the collection basket)
 along with your check.

Parishioner rate - \$12.50 registration fee Non-Parishioner rate - \$25.00
Register by Jan. 13, 2022 - Please register early so that materials will be ready for you.

I wish to register for (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE): **WEDNESDAY MORNING** or **THURSDAY EVENING**

Name _____ Parish ID Envelope # _____

Address _____

City _____ Preferred phone number: _____

Email address: _____

NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

THANK YOU

I have completed my 6 month cancer treatments and now I am in remission. All the healing cards which I received was overwhelming. I thank you all. As for the prayers for which were offered for me, I am truly blessed. I want to thank you all. And thank you Jesus. -Dave Pelliteri

PINOCHLE CLUB

Why not start the New Year off with a bang. Put a little excitement into your life, form new friends. Join the Pinochle Club. We meet most Mondays at 12:45 PM in the Community Room in the school. For more information, call Bob or Karen at 716-652-2393.

RURAL TRANSIT SERVICE is looking for Volunteers and Riders

Rural Transit Service, a not-for-profit transportation service, is looking for volunteers to service seniors, disabled and low-income residents in rural Southern Erie County. Volunteer drivers need no special license to drive the RTS van and transport clients to medical appointments, grocery stores, senior centers and more. Dispatchers answer a one-line phone while scheduling appointments. RTS is open Monday - Friday; dispatch hours are 9 AM - 1 PM and van hours are 8 AM - 4 PM. Volunteers can choose a 4-hour shift, one day per week, or join as seasonal or back-up help. If you are an eligible resident who resides in the towns of Aurora, Brant, Boston, Colden, Collins, Concord, Eden, Elma, Evans, Holland, Marilla, Orchard Park, North Collins, Sardinia, Wales and would like free transportation, please call us today! Please call 716-472-6065 to volunteer or register for service.

ANNULMENT WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 5 from 9 - 11 AM at UB North Newman Center, 495 Skiddersville Rd., Amherst. The session will include information on the recent changes in the annulment process and step-by-step help in getting started. A nominal registration fee will cover the cost of materials. For additional information, contact Barbara at 716-633-7786 of BJWTR@aol.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

FISH OF EAST AURORA

In **JANUARY** our gift is **Baked Beans**. Please be mindful of expiration dates.

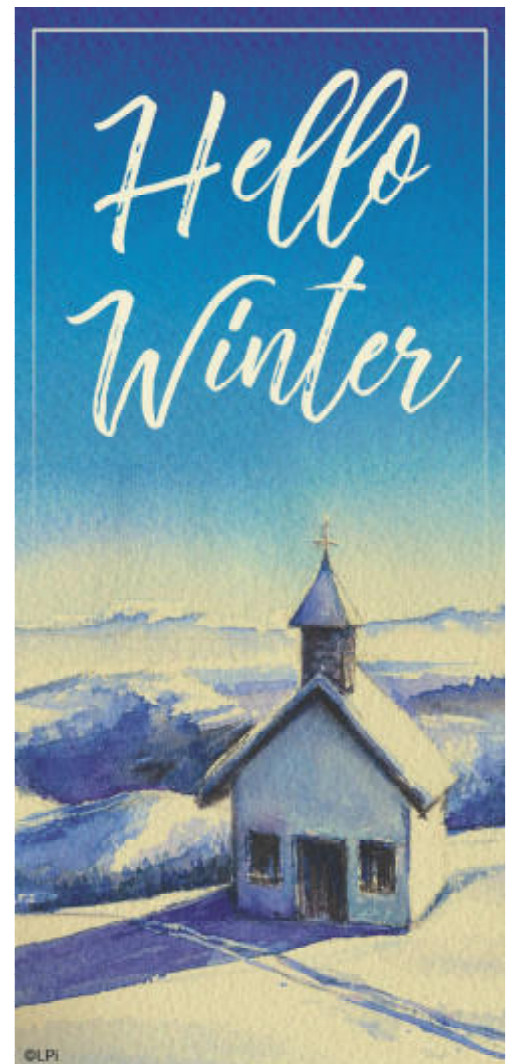
LIVE THE LITURGY - Inspiration for the Week

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. ©LPI



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