

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9TH AND 10TH

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-12pm

Tuesdays and Thursday: 9am-12pm and 2pm-4pm

Please call the office if you need to make an appointment outside of Office Hours.

Saturday Vigil Mass- 4:00pm

Sunday Masses— 8:30am & 11:00am

Daily Mass: 8:30am

Monday-Friday and First Saturdays

CONFESSIONS

Every Day after each Mass and by appointment (703-4066).
Please speak with Father if you would like to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

To listen to Mass on the Radio from the Church Parking Lot:
88.5FM

PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Mitch Byeck (703-4066)

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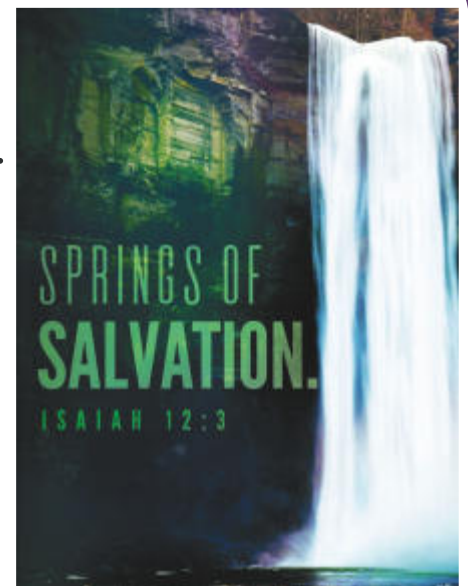
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Bereavement Contact Parish Office, 337-2686

PARISH HALL RENTAL: To reserve the hall for a function, please contact Mary Gattie at 337-3150.

For Information on Baptisms, Weddings, Faith Formation, Parish Registration, and other Church Activities, please call the Parish Office.

May our lives always reflect the powerful grace of our baptism. God reveals the sacrament of baptism with dynamic power. The heavens are torn. The Spirit descends; the Father's voice is heard. Two brief verses paint a vivid picture depicting the unity of the Holy Trinity. Through our baptism, we are joined to the family of God and welcomed into the intimacy of the Trinity. Take hold of this gift.



**Mass Intentions
For the Week of January 10th
(C) Church**

- Sat., Jan. 9th** *Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord*
4:00pm (C) +Chuck Richmond
By Janet Eimiller and Ben Hintz
- Sun, Jan. 10th:** *The Baptism of the Lord*
8:30am (C) +Betty Dole
By Pete & Cindy Renaldo
11:00am (C) +Rick Jemison
By Roger and Kathy Powenski
- Monday, Jan. 11th:** *Weekday*
8:30am (C) For All Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners
By Fr. Mitch Byeck
- Tues, Jan. 12th:** *Weekday*
8:30am (C) +Peter Muehlbauer
By Carol Wittmeyer
- Wed, Jan. 13th:** *Weekday*
8:30am (C) + All Souls
By Parish All Souls Intentions
- Thur. Jan. 14th:** *Weekday*
8:30am (C) +Members of the Avery Family: Harry, Agnes, Angela
By Avery Family
- Friday, Jan. 15th:** *Weekday*
8:30am (C) +Roy Hornberger
By Betty Hornberger and Family
- Sat, Jan. 16th:** *Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
4:00pm (C) +Otto Werneth
By Hilde Werneth
- Sun, Jan. 17th:** *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:30am (C) +Edwin Gabel
By Lucy Blaszc-Beiter
11:00am (C) +Rod Utley Sr.
By John and Annette Noto

*The Sanctuary Candle in the Church is lit this week for Otto Werneth as requested by Hilde Werneth.
The Sanctuary Candle in the Rectory Chapel is lit this week for All those in need of healing in our Parish.*

Readings for the Week of January 10th

- Sunday: Is 55:1-11/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17



Weekly Collection (01/04): \$3,862.00
Collection Total for this Fiscal Year: \$45,354.60

2021 Collection Envelopes

The 2021 Collection Envelopes are available in the back of Church. If you do not currently receive collection envelopes and would like to, please contact the Parish Office.

If you are not coming to Mass and would still like your envelopes, please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements

Compassion Ministry

To place someone on the prayer list, please complete and return a card available at the entrances of the church, or call the rectory. Individuals will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the rectory is notified otherwise. *If you have a loved one on our list and they pass away, please let the parish office know.*

Vicky (Achtly) Alessi, Lena Anzalone, Cindy Gabel Amacher, Tony Andolina, Ann Andzel, Elaine Bauer, Romie Lee Bettinger, Ernest Brackowski, Christine Brown, Mary Jane Butzer, Joey Crocker, Paula Czora, Esther Dittenhofer, Norie Donhauser, John Duggan, Otto Duggan, Anne Edwards, Rita Gabel, Mary Gattie, Art Gernatt, Norm Grapes, Patrick Grapes, Sylvia Grapes, Mark Grugel, Ashley Haettich, Bob Holbrook, Robert Hogan, Jeanne Hutchings, Daniel Kozub, Rose Kohn, Irma Martin, Sara Mackey Dunn, Andrew Marconi, Lou Marconi, Diane May, Bob McNerney, Millie Muehlbauer, Marty Niefergold, Jean Ott, Holly Pearce, Andrew Remero, Pat Ricotta, Levi Rothfuss, Patricia and Wesley Schmitt, Kathy Smith, Sr. Lucina Stang, Danielle Stark, Lorraine Stark, Donelle Thomas, Trisha Weiss, Ed Urban, Gary Wentland, Mike Winter.



2021 Grand Raffle

Our 13th Annual Grand Raffle will take place on Tuesday, March 23rd 2021. Each ticket is \$20; there will be 30 winners and the prizes are:

- 1st Prize: \$4,000
2nd Prize: \$1,000 3rd Prize: \$1,000
4th-6th Prizes: \$500 7th-10th Prizes: \$250
11th-20th Prizes: \$100 21st-30th Prizes: \$50

Our goal is to sell 1,000 tickets to make the Grand Raffle a success. That means we need everyone to help. Tickets have been mailed out to all registered parishioners. If you need more tickets, they are available at Church or in the Rectory. They can make great gifts! Please return any tickets you are unable to sell.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will not be having the reception this year. We will draw the tickets with a small audience, possibly at a Pastoral Council Meeting, and all winners will be posted in the parish bulletin as well as on our Parish Facebook Page.

So Far 223 Have been sold!

Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candle Requests

To schedule a mass please contact the parish office!
A Mass is a sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, brought forward in time to the present. At Mass you could say that a "time warp" is opened in which the sacrifice of Jesus is mystically brought forward to be present to us. When we are present at a celebration of the Eucharist, we are not merely turning our attention to the past, we are actually bringing forward into the present the most pivotal moment of human history. Masses can be offered for a number of intentions: for the deceased, to invoke the Lord's special graces for a friend or loved one, for a successful surgery and recovery, or for an anniversary. A \$15 donation is asked for each Mass requested.

If you would like to request the Sanctuary Candle to be lit, please contact the Parish Office. A \$10 donation is asked per week of the Sanctuary Candle being lit.

Bishop Michael W. Fisher's Installation

Bishop Fisher's Installation into the Diocese of Buffalo will take place on Friday January 15th, 2021 at 2pm in St. Joseph's Cathedral.

The Installation will be live-streamed on the Cathedral's Page: <https://www.youtube.com/SaintJosephCathedral>



Youth Ministry Pizza Sale

It's that time of year again for our Youth Ministry Pizza Sale! Pizzas can be preordered before January 25th.

- Prices:
 One: \$8
 Two: \$15
 Three: \$23
 Four: \$30
 Five: \$37

Pre-ordered pizzas will be available for pick-up January 30th and 31st following Masses. There will be a limited number of pizza available that are not pre-ordered. Pre-payment is not required on pre-orders, but encouraged. To pre-order, contact the parish office, or fill out an order form located at the entrances of Church and from the Rectory.



*Thank you everyone for the Christmas cards, Birthday cards, gifts, and well wishes.
May you all have a Blessed New Year!
-Fr. Mitch*



Epiphany of Our Lord is looking for an individual to clean the Rectory once a week. If you, or someone you know, is interested please contact the Parish Office at 716-337-2686.

Faith Formation January Calendar

- S 10 A** 9:40 – 10:50 AM **FFF Family Classes***
& All 9th and 10th Grade **Teens**
- M 11 Monday 4-6 PM CGS II (2nd & 3rd Grade)
- T 12 Tuesday 4-6 PM CGS II/III (4th – 6th Grade)
- S 17 B** 9:40 – 10:50 AM **FFF Family Classes***
& All 9th and 10th Grade **Teens**
- M 18 Monday 4-6 PM CGS II (2nd & 3rd Grade)
- T 19 Tuesday 4-6 PM CGS II/III (4th – 6th Grade)
- S 24 C** 9:40 – 10:50 AM **FFF Family Classes***
& All 9th and 10th Grade **Teens**
- M 25 Monday 4-6 PM CGS II (2nd & 3rd Grade)
- T 26 Tuesday 4-6 PM CGS II/III (4th – 6th Grade)
- S 31 A & C** 9:40 – 10:50 AM **FFF Family Classes***
& All 9th and 10th Grade **Teens**

Families with last name ending in:
A: A - H B: I - N C: O - Z

Contact Tracy Tremblay (870-3993) for information.



Cemetery Closure

As of November 12th, 2020, both St. Martin's and St. Mary's Cemeteries are closed to burials until approximately April 1st, 2021, dependent on the weather.

Any questions should be directed to the Parish Office.

Cemetery Roads are also closed to traffic. They will not be maintained during the Winter Months.

The Baptism of the Lord Homily

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and this particular feast marks the very end of our Christmas Season. Next weekend, with the exception of a few surviving poinsettias, all of our festive Christmas decorations will disappear from the church. Yes, the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas Season yet it also reflects it's very beginning.

On Christmas Day we joyfully celebrate God's becoming one of us, taking on our very human nature, and here on the Baptism of the Lord, we celebrate the public proclamation that Jesus is so much more than just being one of us. He not only has our human nature, but is also Divine.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is publicly proclaimed the Son of God, in whom the Father is well pleased! As we began our season's journey, we were told about John the Baptist, and in Luke's Gospel we heard the story of John's birth. Zechariah and Elizabeth were unable to have any children, and at that time, Elizabeth was well past her childbearing age.

If you remember, Zechariah had a vision in the temple. In that vision, the angel Gabriel told him that he and Elizabeth would have a son whom he would name John, and John would become a prophet like Elijah, one of the most revered of all the prophets of Israel.

You also remember how Gabriel then appeared to Mary, and told her about Elizabeth's pregnancy. Elizabeth was related to Mary, and Mary went to see, and to assist Elizabeth during her pregnancy. When she arrived, the baby inside of Elizabeth stirred, leapt within her womb, and immediately Elizabeth recognized that Mary's baby was indeed the Lord.

Today, the Gospel of Mark fast forwards our Christmas story by 30 years, and we come upon John, teaching and baptizing in the Jordan River. John is demanding an end to evil in the world and calling for people to accept his baptism in repentance for their sins. To join him in the fight for the Kingdom of God.

It is here that John also speaks about the one who is to come, joining his story to the Old Testament Book of Malachi, where it ends with the prophecy that Elijah would come again to prepare the world for the coming of the Messiah. John is this new Elijah, just as Gabriel had told Zechariah, his father. It is here, in the river Jordan, that Jesus chooses to be baptized by John, showing that he is one with all those who are fighting against evil and fighting for the Kingdom of God.

John tells us that he himself does not deserve to unfasten Jesus' sandals, but Jesus insists he be baptized. The people of the world who long for the Kingdom must see that their King is one of them. The voice of God the Father proclaims that Jesus is the Son of God. "This is my Son, my Beloved, in whom I am well pleased," and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descends upon him.

What does this mean to us? It means that our union, our baptism in Christ is our union with God. It means that Jesus was not just another man, not even another extraordinary man. He is God. He has a human nature given to him through Mary, and a divine nature eternally at one with the Father. The One who is our brother is also the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. We don't just give him the title "God". He is "God".

When we call upon Jesus to help us, we are praying to God. When we receive communion, we receive God within us. When we seek forgiveness, we are forgiven not by the priest, but by God himself. When you are married in the Church, Jesus unites His love to your love for each other in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. And when you bring the product of your love to the Church to be baptized, you are once again uniting your love to Christ's love, and promising to keep that love alive and well in the child you bore.

Jesus' baptism, as demonstrated by the symbol of a descending dove; the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity expresses Jesus' Divine Nature. Jesus' baptism is yet another Epiphany, another revelation of God in whom we too are baptized.

In Jesus' baptism, our sins are washed away, and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received, uniting us, making us beloved children of God. May all who have received Christ's baptism persevere in our sensitivity to the needs of others, may we be generous in our response to those needs. May we live lives devoted to the one who created us all.

Amen.

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