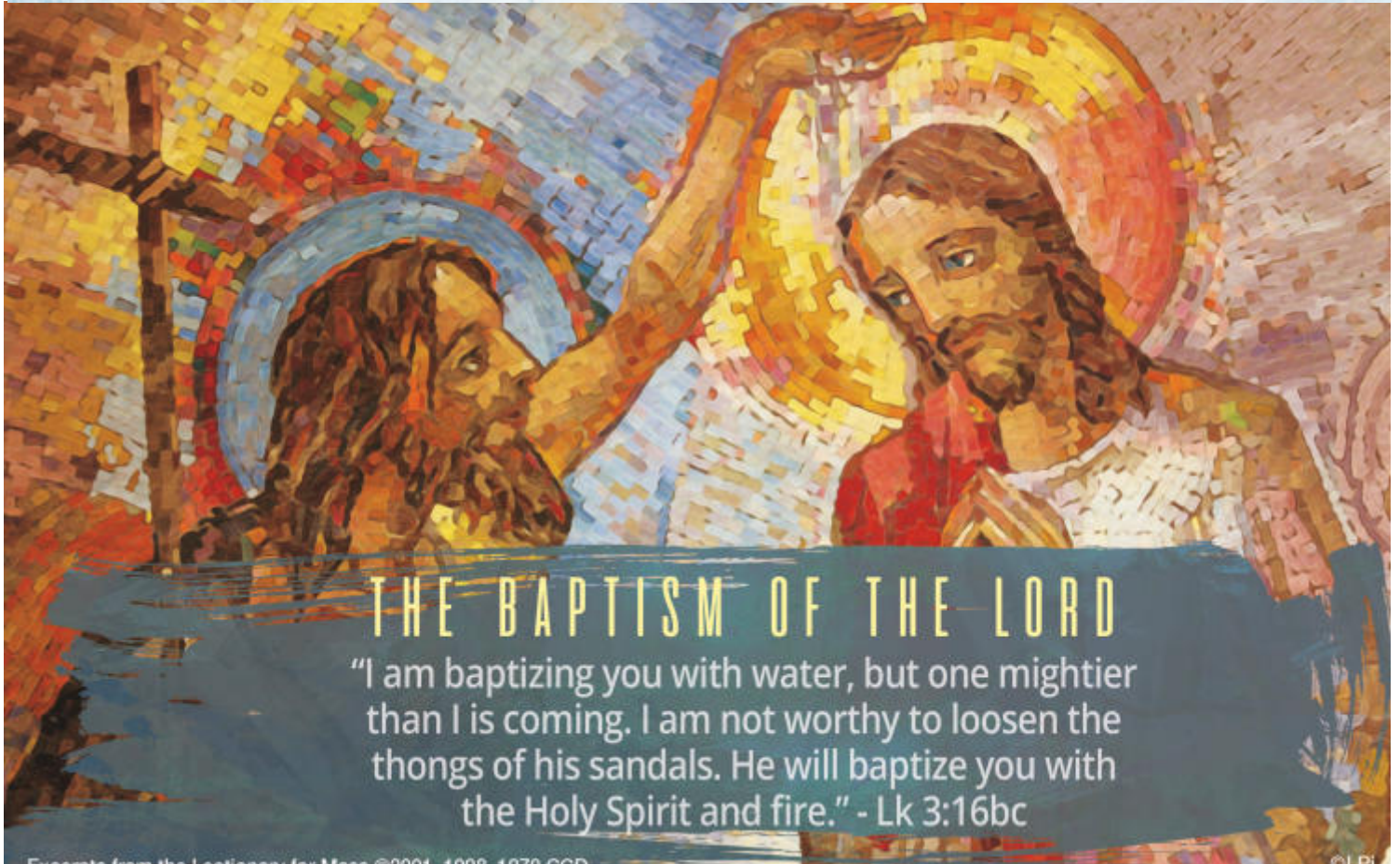


# EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 09, 2022 | LITURGICAL SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MASS INTENTIONS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE REQUESTS

If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention, or request the Sanctuary Candle, please call or visit the Parish Office.

You may also drop a clearly marked envelope with your request in the collection basket.

For Mass Intentions you will need: - Who and or what the Mass is for, whom the Mass is requested by, the date you would like the Mass, and a \$15 stipend per Mass.

For a Sanctuary Candle Request you will need: - Who and or what the Candle is being lit for, whom the candle is being requested by, the week you would like the candle lit (they are a 7 day devotional and begin on Sunday) and a \$10 stipend for each week requested.



### PASTORAL STAFF

#### Parish Clergy

**Fr. Mitch Byeck**

*In case of emergency call*  
(716)703-4066

**Deacon Roy Dibb**

Deacon

#### Parish Staff

Sarah Jo Schmitt- Business Manager  
Tracy Tremblay- Faith Formation  
Kim Rausch- Organist  
Anna Stark- Cantor  
Teri Powenski- One Voice  
Mary Ann Gabel- Facility Coordinator  
Roger Powenski- Buildings & Grounds  
Dan Gabel & Bonnie Hohman- Trustees

### MASS SCHEDULE **Weekend Mass**

#### Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday:  
8:30a.m. in Church

#### Confession

30 Minutes before Weekend  
Masses, & everyday after  
Mass, or by appointment.

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00am

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**Parish Hall Rental**

To reserve the hall for a function, please contact the Parish Office at 716-337-2686.

*For Information on Registration, Baptism, Weddings, and Faith Formation please call the Parish Office (716-337-2686).*

# Prayers and Reading

## WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

**Sunday January 9th**

*The Baptism of the Lord*

Readings- Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday January 10th**

*Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)*

Readings- 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday January 11th**

*Weekday*

Readings- 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday January 12th**

*Weekday*

Readings- 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday January 13th**

*Weekday*

Readings- 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday January 14th**

*Weekday*

Readings- 1 Sm 8:4-1, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday January 15th**

*Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Readings- 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Rebecca Allan, Vicky (Achtyl) Alessi, Lena Anzalone, Cindy Gabel Amacher, Ann Andzel, Paul Baker, Mary Bartz, Elaine Bauer, Carol Bloom, Ernest Bracikowski, Eileen Bunn, Mary Jane Butzer, Sharon Butzer, Don Caccioppo, Joey Crocker, Alyssa Cummings, Paula Czora, Norie Donhauser, John Duggan, Otto Duggan, Anne Edwards, Sandra Fellows, Laura Franchella, Mary Ann Gabel, Jason Gallaway, Frances Gardner, Olivia Gates, Mary Gattie, Phyllis George, Art Gernatt, Mike Gernatt, Patrick Grapes, Sylvia Grapes, Olivia Gullick, Bob Holbrook, Donna Holbrook, Jane Johnson, Tom Johnson, David Kerker, Susan Kester, Cindy Kohn, Rose Kohn, Daniel Kozub, Mark Kozub, Mary Linde, Irma Martin, Lou Marconi, Kathleen Marshall, Diane May, Bob Mc Nerney, Rob McNeight, Millie Muehlbauer, Dave Niefergold, Emily Niefergold, Marty Niefergold, Sue Niefergold, Jean Olsen, Dave and Connie Otteni, Jean Ott, Holly Pearce, Andrew Remero, Marland Schmitt, Wesley Schmitt, Ellen Schuster, Michael Spicola, Danielle Stark, Lorraine Stark, Ed Stemper, Donelle Thomas, Ron Timmons, Ed Urban, Gary Wentland, Mike Winter, Steffanie Wutz

# MASS INTENTIONS

## WEEK OF JANUARY 9TH

Sat, January 8th	4:00 p.m.	†Bob Mertle By Ralph and Wende Mertle
Sun, January 9th	8:30 a.m.	† Walter & Katy Geiger By The Family
Sun, January 9th	11:00 a.m.	† Rita Gabel By Norbert Gabel & Family
Mon, January 10th	8:30 a.m.	† Tony & Bertha Competillo By The Fera Family
Tue, January 11th	8:30 a.m.	All Epiphany Parishioners By Fr. Mitch Byeck
Wed, January 12th	8:30 a.m.	† Danny Johnson By Roger & Kathy Powenski
Thur, January 13th	8:30 a.m.	† Angelo & Marie Tomasello By The Fera Family
Fri, January 14th	8:30 a.m.	For All Mothers By Parish Intentions
Sat, January 15th	4:00pm	†Kathy Smith By Donelle Thomas
Sun, January 16th	8:30 a.m.	†Betty Geiger By John & Annette Noto
Sun, January 16th	11:00 a.m.	†Rick, Mickey, Digger, Werner, and Chuck <i>(2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)</i> By Bern Folts and Family

The Sanctuary Candle in Church is lit this week for all couples struggling to conceive and for an end to abortion.

The Sanctuary Candle in the Rectory Chapel is lit this week for all those on our Compassion Ministry Prayer List.

### STEWARDSHIP

#### WEEKLY OFFERING

Weekly Total (01/04/2022)- \$2,753.00

Fiscal Year Total- \$ 42,329.75

Fiscal Year Budget- \$140,000.00

***Thank you to everyone for continuing to follow the State Mask Mandate.***



### HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

To place someone on the prayer list, please complete and return a card available at the Church entrances, or call the Parish Office. Individuals will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the rectory is noticed otherwise. If someone on the list passes away, please let the parish office know.

## HOMILY

With today's feast, our Christmas season ends, and we begin the next chapter of our Church year. Moving through the liturgical year is like reading through the chapters of a book or watching the seasons of a television series. Season one is Advent, focused on eager anticipation for the Messiah. Season two is Christmas, focused on celebrating the Incarnation: God with us. Season three is Jesus' ministry and today is episode one: his baptism.

After Jesus had been baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove and a voice was heard affirming him as the beloved Son.

Jesus instituted baptism as a sacrament- an outward sign of inward grace. At baptisms now, we may not see the Holy Spirit descend like a dove, but we see the sacred chrism poured out, symbolizing the gift of the Holy Spirit. We may not hear the Father's voice from heaven, but we hear God's word spoken through Scripture. Jesus may not be there in person, but the ordained minister stands in his place, following his commission to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Through these words and actions of baptism, we are given the grace of salvation through the power of the Holy Trinity. We need this because we cannot save ourselves. Left to our own devices, we succumb to worldly desires and take up godless ways. Our only hope is for God in his kindness and mercy to save us by the Holy Spirit, poured out on us through Jesus our Savior. So, we are saved, not because of any righteous deeds we have done, but because of the mercy and love of God.

Sometimes Catholics are criticized for baptizing babies, who cannot speak for themselves. But infant baptism can be a powerful demonstration of the generosity and kindness of God's saving love. What sort of righteous deeds can an infant do to earn grace? How temperately and devoutly can a baby behave? None of that matters; they receive the grace of the sacrament all the same. Grace is not for those who can earn it, it is for those upon whom God bestows it, and often God prefers the most vulnerable, most humble, and most needy to bless.

On this feast, we give thanks for the saving grace of the sacrament and the generosity with which it is given. The next time we participate in a baptism, let us look to see the Holy Spirit, hear the voice of the Father, feel the presence of his beloved Son, and know how much we are blessed.

Don't delay your goals! If you're ready to earn your high school equivalency diploma or become career ready, contact Catholic Charities Department of Workforce and Education t 716-893-3500. Services offered for youths and adults in Erie and Niagara counties include tutoring, high school equivalency preparation instruction, basic skills upgrades, employment readiness preparation, post-secondary school education planning and more. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit [www.ccnyny.org](http://www.ccnyny.org).

## Upcoming Events

### Respect Life Display and Rosary

To celebrate human life at every age, we would like to display some photos of members of our own parish and community on our "Respect Life" bulletin board. Please send in photos of your family from all ages and stages of life. Some suggestions to consider... a photo with multiple generations of your family together, a photo from a birthday or wedding anniversary, a sonogram picture.

Please email your pictures to [michellekzemla@protonmail.com](mailto:michellekzemla@protonmail.com) with "Respect Life Photo" in the subject line, or leave your physical pictures at the rectory; I will make a copy for the bulletin board and you can get your original photo back. Photos will be displayed on the Respect Life Bulletin Board in the entrance to the Church along with information about resources in our local community and any upcoming events or pending legislation concerning life issues.

### The Men of the Challenge

We're a group of regular guys who, deep in our hearts, know we're not yet the boyfriends/husbands, fathers, or men that we know we can be.

We gather on the 2nd Saturday of each month to EAT, to LEARN more about our faith, & to be CHALLENGED to live as men of God each day.

Join us for our upcoming gathering: February 12th from 8am-9:15am in the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Hall  
RSVP to Deacon Jeff (call/text) 716-432-8717

### 2022 Grand Raffle

The 2022 Grand Raffle is under way! The Raffle tickets are available in the back of church, at the side door, or in the rectory during office hours. The early bird drawing for \$250 will take place on February 6th. The Grand Raffle drawing and Reception will take place Saturday March 19th. Over \$10,000 in prizes! Sellers have the chance to win as well!

1st Prize- \$4,000.00

2nd Prize- \$1,000.00

3rd Prize- \$1,000.00

4th-6th Prizes- \$500.00

7th-10th Prizes- \$250.00

11th-20th Prizes- \$100.00

21st-30th Prizes- \$50.00

Youth Ministry Pizza Sale January 29th & 30th  
(Pre-sale order forms are available in the back of Church and from the Rectory Office)

Frozen Pizzas from "Tim and Bonnies"

One Pizza: \$8 Two Pizzas: \$15

Three Pizzas: \$23

Four Pizzas: \$30

Five Pizzas: \$37

Ministry Schedule for January 15-16					<b>Ministry Schedules can be found in the back of Church. If you have any questions please contact Tina Kron.</b>
	EMOHC	Lector	Altar Server	Greeter	
4pm	Mary Ellen Skora	Mary Gattie	n/a	Mary Richmond	
8:30am	Bonnie Hohman	Judy Palleschi	n/a	Peg Sessanna	
11am	Peg Siegle	Mary Szeglowski	n/a	Cheryl Quiter	

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