



St. Robert Bellarmine Church



JANUARY 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

VISION

The loving community of St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church is a sanctuary for spiritual growth. We will continue to evolve as a family of faith, touching our parish family, our community and our world through God's love.

VALUES

Loving Community

- The people who make up St. Robert Bellarmine's Parish
- An atmosphere of welcoming acceptance and forgiveness
- A belief in sharing
- An ever present love, compassion and understanding

Spiritual Growth

- The presence of God in of our knowledge and understanding of our Catholic faith everything
- The continuing development
- The enhancement of faith, education and inspiration

Social Responsibility

- The respect and caring for all life
- The tolerance, generosity and compassion to the world community
- The pursuit of justice for people everywhere

MISSION

To use our Vision, Values and Planning Process as a guide to minister to the needs of our Parishioners and Global Community.

MASS SCHEDULE

September–April: Saturday: 5:30 p.m. • Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 12(noon)

May–August: Saturday: 5:30 p.m. • Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 p.m. (Eve before), 9:00 a.m. (on the day)

Christmas: Schedule inside bulletin

Weekdays: 9:00 a.m. (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday)

RECONCILIATION: Saturday, after 5:30 p.m. Mass and anytime by appointment. Communal celebrations are scheduled during Advent & Lent.

MARRIAGE: Notify the rectory six months in advance
Carol Swart, Wedding Consultant at 330-442-8583

BAPTISM: Contact the rectory for arrangements.

PRAYER CHAIN: For prayer requests please contact Jennifer Soloman at 330-637-3483 or e-mail Jennifer.soloman@championlocal.org

BULLETIN NEWS: Written & submitted by Monday at noon.

NEW MEMBERS: WELCOME!!! Call the rectory.

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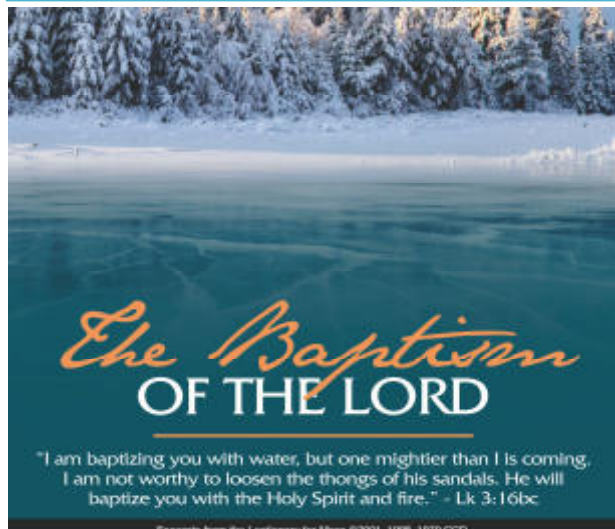
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 8
5:30pm Rita Remmick (Family)

Sunday, January 9
9:00am Lee Seiple (Parish Council)
12Noon Joe & Nellie Gesue (Sr. Rita Gesue)

Monday, January 10
9:00am Nancy Polkabla (Granchi Family)

Tuesday, January 11
9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, January 12
9:00am Susan Cibella (Jim & Terri Schaefer)

Thursday, January 13
9:00am No Mass

Friday, January 14
9:00am Madeline Gisewhite (Rich/ Nan Challenger)

Saturday, January 15
5:30pm Drew Remmick (Family)

Sunday, January 16
9:00am Loretta Kerns (Charlie & Roz Jackson)
12Noon Lee Seiple (Parish Council)

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE— The words in today's gospel, "This is my beloved, with Him I am pleased." are words every child needs to hear often. Affirmation is important to raise happy and confident children.

RCIA meets this Wednesday evening (Jan. 12th) at 6:30 pm in the parish hall.

NO CCD next Sunday, 1/16/22, because of Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration.

ST.ROBERT CHURCH WEBSITE

We hope you check out our new Website at strobertcortland.org. The Special Ministry schedule has been added. The schedule can also be printed with this link.

A THANK YOU LETTER was received to the parishioners of St. Robert Church from **GRAHN SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER** in Grahn, KY. The letter expressed their appreciation for the generosity of the parishioners of our church for the food that was delivered to them for their food pantry at the end of November. The food pantry is open 12 months per year, the need for food is a major concern. The food that was provided by St. Robert Church was a great help during their Christmas Family distribution. **Thank you to everyone for being so generous!**



Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for all your blessings. Be with us in our daily lives.

The Week Ahead

SUN 01/09 Mass: 9:00AM
CCD, K-8; 10:10-11:30AM

MON 01/10 Parish Council— 7:00PM

WED 01/12 Quilters-10AM-Noon
RCIA-6:30PM

SUN 01/16 Mass: 9:00AM and Noon
NO CCD, K-8; 10:10-11:30AM

PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, Holydays, December 26th \$ 14,637.00
Christmas.....\$ 15,955.00
Maintenance.....\$ 6,565.00
Sunday, Holydays, January 2nd.....\$ 4,905.00
Christmas.....\$ 545.00

Please help us to be more efficient in processing of the church collection envelopes ***by marking the monetary amount on the front of your envelopes.***

ATTENTION....If you choose to ****contribute monthly****. Use only on envelope for the month. It is not necessary to write a separate check for each week.

You will be credited with the total amount the weekend you make the contribution. This will save you checks and save us time in our computer input.. Thank you.

STATEMENTS- If you would like to have a statement of your contributions for 2021, please mark the card that is included with your January/February monthly envelopes. **We will only be mailing year end contribution statements to those who request them. Please return the card to the church by Jan.16th.** If we do not receive a card from you, we will not mail you a statement.

The universal Church has been celebrating **WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE** since 1997. Most Rev. David J. Bonnar Bishop of Youngstown, invites our diocesan church to celebrate the gift of Consecrated Life with him and the religious of our Diocese on **Sunday, January 23, 2022** at St. Columba Cathedral at the 4:00PM liturgy. All are welcome. Please mark your calendars.

Please think of **St. Vincent de Paul Society** when you are replacing appliances for your home. They are in need of stoves, washers, dryers, and refrigerators. Call 330-369-4198 for free pick-up at your residence. Please help St. Vincent DePaul society help others. St. Vincent de Paul Society help others.

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today’s celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season for us. At his baptism, Christ was revealed as God’s beloved Son – though the revelation may have been primarily to Jesus himself. The celebration of the Baptism of the Lord is a most appropriate time for us to reflect on this foundational sacrament in our own lives. Jesus’ baptism was the time when he came to understand the scope and nature of his ministry. Our baptism also calls us to ministry, to carry on the work of Christ in the world today.

Today we are invited to recognize the dignity of our baptismal status. Just as Jesus was chosen by God, so, too, are we. We are God’s beloved sons and daughters, called and strengthened to live as the Christ Presence in the world today.

OUR BAPTISM- What can we take away from today’s celebration of the Baptism of the Lord? First, we can celebrate the reality that our baptism links us to Christ. Our baptismal certificate is our principal identity card for it tells us to whom we belong and to what we are called. Jesus’ response to his baptism reminds us that the ceremony is but one tiny moment, the meaning of which is determined by how we live it out. We realize that baptism does not give us a status but a mission. God will send fiery prophets like John into our lives and like Jesus, we will be drawn to prayer. Then, like Jesus, the first message we will hear is that we, too, are God’s beloved.

All four Gospels describe Jesus baptism by John as a powerful experience of God’s love and acceptance and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Him. His life was never the same after that.

Think more deeply what lasting effect your own baptism has on your life.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED- ST. VINCENT dePAUL dining hall Committee is looking for volunteers to help on an as needed basis. We serve from 9:00am-1:00pm on the third Friday each month and are occasionally short handed due to appointments, illness, or traveling plans.

The job includes helping to prepare and serve food into claim shells that will be handed out at a drive-thru. There is no contact with those we are serving. Other volunteers hand the meals out to the cars.

They serve about 400 meals per day so be prepared to roll up your sleeves and lend a hand! It is an ideal opportunity for individuals or couples to be involved in an important ministry.

If you are interested or for questions call Joanne 234-244-4045.

QUOTE – I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Maya Angelou

DOVE as a sign of peace.

The white dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit and baptism. The dove is a gentle bird, easily trained and domesticated. For Egyptians, the dove symbolized peace and long life. The early Greeks and Romans felt the bird represented love, devotion and care of the family. In 1949, artist Pablo Picasso was asked to create an image to represent peace for the First International Peace Conference in Paris. Inspired by a picture of a dove given to him by an artist friend. Picasso drew a dove holding flowering branches.

JOY ALL YEARLONG- Looking back on these pass 44 days of the Advent and Christmas Season, there has been a lot of joy. Maybe that experience of joy can teach me something about my life all through the year. Few lives are easy, without major problems. But underneath it all is a God, who loves us, cares for us, is with us 24 hours every day, and promises us a life that lasts forever. And within it all are people who connect with the same God-whether they know it or not- people who one way or another bring some joy into our life each day. Those joys are markers, treasures along the way. But in the hustle of it all, I can miss them. Maybe we should write these joys down to remember them!

“Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.” Fr. Henri J.M. Nouwen

FIFTY-FIVE PLUS SINGLES GROUP

will meet for lunch at the **Giorgio’s on Thurs., Jan.13th** at Noon. Singles are welcome!

SPECIAL MINISTRIES • JANUARY 16, 2021

	5:30PM	9:00AM	12Noon
Server	D. Gruber	S. Irwin	D. Flinner H. Flinner
Lector	E. Gruber M.A. Reynolds	M. Lattanzi S. Battison	J. Greco S. Bailey
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