



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

MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

What Matters, What Does Not

The recent destruction from killer tornadoes across Kentucky and several other states has left even the most hardened news and weather professionals aghast at the scope of the devastation and the massive task of rebuilding.

It has been heartbreaking to hear the stories of lost loved ones; learn of businesses built over a lifetime destroyed in seconds; read about towns with a proud heritage dating back to the mid-1800s gone from the map as if they were toy towns on a game board knocked over by a petulant child.

Faced with such massive destruction, there's not much we can do as individuals beyond sending a check to our diocesan Catholic Charities to address some of the most pressing needs in these stricken communities. (319 W. Rayen Ave., Youngstown OH 44502). That's a good place to start.

But upon reflection, it seems clear that seeing such catastrophic destruction might also serve as an opportunity to stop and do some personal assessment of our lives. The survivors of these tornadoes certainly have had to do such soul-searching as they seek to move on. Watching them picking through rubble for so much as a cherished photo or some tiny memento of a lost family member leads one to think about what truly matters and what truly does not.

We pack our houses with possessions that, as these recent events have so clearly shown, can be lost in a moment. We see our homes as our fortress against the outside world, but in fact they are an imperfect shelter that can be lost in a matter of seconds. Our stores, our churches, our neighborhoods and our closets full of a lifetime of accumulation are likewise all ultimately here but for a moment in time.

In the long run, what matters begins with our Sunday morning worship. We gather to give praise to the God who gives us life and, for reasons we often cannot fathom this side of heaven, can take it away in an instant. We come together for the sustenance of hearing the Word and receiving the Eucharist to fortify us for whatever challenges life will bring us this week.

Individuals can rebuild bricks and mortar. Given enough resources, time and hard work, we can re-create most of our lost cities and towns. Beyond that, we cannot restore what matters most to the human heart.

— Lou Jacquet

Parish Life Soup Sale deadline is January 16, 2022. Pickup will be January 23, 2022 after Mass. For more info, call 330-881-1242.

Dominican Visits Home Parish



Dominican Brother Paul Marich, a son of St. Brendan's Parish, diaconated the Sunday Mass on Dec. 26 and preached the homily. Brother Paul, currently serving a pastoral year in a Columbus parish as a transitional deacon, will be ordained a priest for his order in May. With him at the Mass were his mother, Rosie, and his sister, Jamie of Howland.

Sunday, January 9

10:00 a.m. Ralph Ruggiero by Angela Ezzo

Wednesday, January 12

9:00 a.m. Joseph Nenadich

by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Boano

Sunday, January 16

10:00 a.m. Rita Flora

by Mr. & Mrs. William Miller

Please Pray For Our Sick

Bob & Lois Sletts, Fred Merlo, Catherine McCammon, Frank Modarelli, Jean Dascenzo, Christine Kalhoun, Lynn Osting, Blanche Ruggiero

Pray for the Faithful Departed, May They Rest from Their Labors

Mary Alyce Kinnick

The Baptism of the Lord

Nativity Scene Moved to Central Setting



The traditional St. Brendan nativity scene with a light over the birthplace of the Infant Jesus in the manger that had been located on the left (ambo) side of the church for many years was relocated this year to a more prominent place in front of the sanctuary on the steps. The beautiful human and animal figures, imported years ago from Italy, were funded by individual parishioners at the time and have continued to especially delight children who gather around it to look at the scene portrayed there. The creche was moved to the new location because the space in front of the side altar where it had been now contains the Tabernacle holding the Eucharist, the sanctuary light, candles and a kneeler and chair for those making a visit of Adoration before or after Mass.

St. John Neumann : Tireless Missionary to Immigrants

We don't hear much these days about St. John Nepomucene Neumann (1811-60), the saint the Church honors yearly on Jan. 5. But it is hard to imagine the Church in America as it developed if this man from Bohemia (now the Czech Republic) had not decided he wanted to "dedicate his life to the European immigrants in America who were deprived of spiritual support."

SAINT
JOHN NEUMANN
Pray For Us



surrounding Niagara Falls.

In 1842, he joined the Redemptorist order. As their website further notes, this tireless missionary "busied himself in ministering to German immigrants, first in Baltimore, then in Pittsburgh."

That's the wording from the website of the Redemptorist order, still proud of the priest and member of their order who became the first American bishop to be canonized. His remarkable story, not nearly as well known in much of our country as it deserves to be, began with him becoming a noted scholar as a layman in Prague. Then, deciding he wanted to become a missionary, he came to America, was ordained a priest in New York, and for four years did missionary work among German immigrants in a large area

In 1852, at age 41, he was consecrated the fourth bishop of Philadelphia.

Then began a segment of pastoral work done at a pace perhaps unequaled since in the Church in the United States. As bishop, he founded more than 50 parishes, built 89 churches, numerous hospitals and orphanages, all while establishing nearly 100 schools. He did so while caring ceaselessly for the poor and orphans. This incredible streak of activity in seven years ended, perhaps not surprisingly, with his death from a heart attack at 48 on a street in Philadelphia.



Homebound Ministry

St. Brendan's is updating its list of parishioners who are homebound, living in nursing homes, or residents in assisted living facilities.

Deb Zalovcik, coordinator for this ministry, asks parishioners who know of anyone in need of parish services, help and/or bulletins to send the person's name and phone number to her at 330-261-0718.

This important ministry keeps St. Brendan's in touch with parishioners we might otherwise be unaware were in need of contact from us. Thanks in advance to all who help the parish. update this important list.

St. John Neumann

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Bishop Neumann — not to be confused with John Cardinal Newman of England, the well-known preacher and convert from the Anglican faith — was beatified in 1963 and canonized in 1967 by Pope Paul VI. Today he is recalled as the patron of sick children and of immigrants. An active, staffed national shrine to his memory is located in Philadelphia. Incidentally, he is named after St. John Nepomucene, a 14th century Bohemian martyr. St. John Neumann, pray for us.

—Lou Jacquet

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Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

For January 2022 **\$29,440.00**

Week of January 3

Sunday Collection	\$2,871.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$235.00
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Mass 1/2 10 a.m. 89



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celebrating the sacraments
and loving our neighbor as ourselves.*

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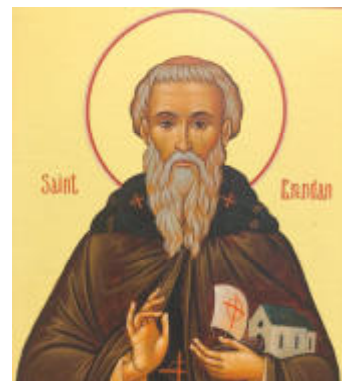
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Wednesday 9:00 am



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