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## MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday 8:00 am

Vigil Mass: Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Wednesday Mass: 6:30 pm

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:00-3:30pm, Wednesdays at 5:45pm and by appointment

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday 8:30 am - Thursday 9:00 pm

## PARISH STAFF

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Martin F. Gallagher	Ext. 415
<b>Pastor Emeritus</b>	Msgr. Robert K. Golombek	
<b>In Residence (Retired)</b>	Rev. Msgr. Leo F. McCarthy	Ext. 404
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<b>Food Pantry Director</b>	Judy Carter	
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<b>Youth Ministry K-11 CRE</b>	Carolyn Prefontaine	
<b>RCIA Coordinator</b>	Marguerite Mullins	

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Celebrated upon appointment through the parish office. A baptismal class is required before an infant's baptism is scheduled. Call the parish office.

**MARRIAGE:** Engaged couples need to meet with a priest before a Wedding date is set.

**ANOINTING:** Communal anointing offered twice a year, any time by appointment.

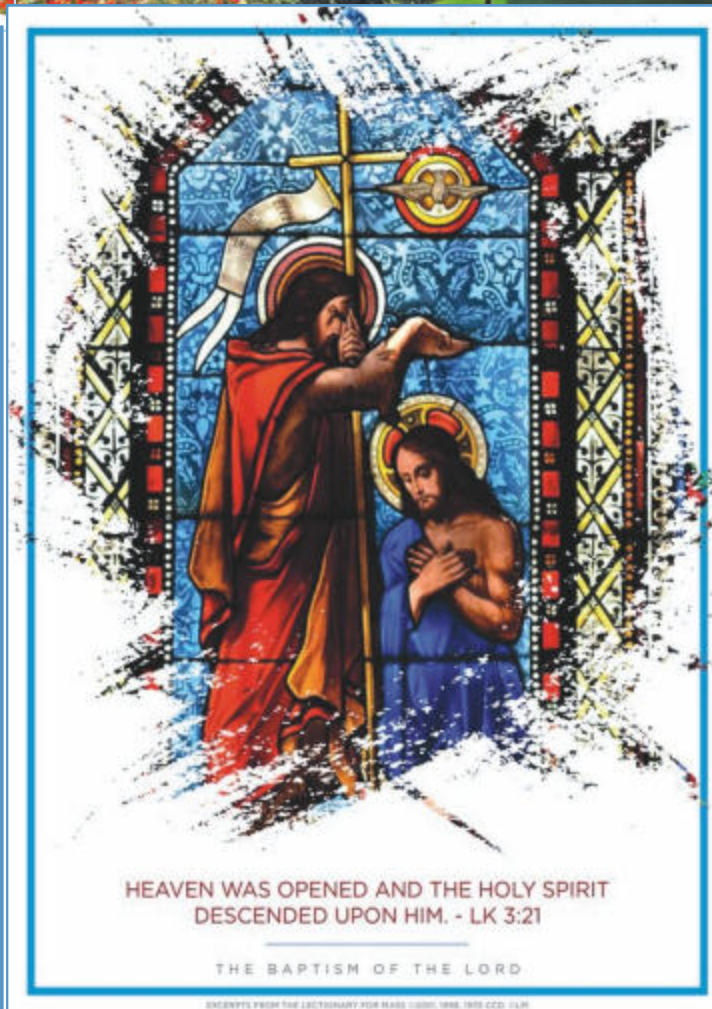
**COMMUNION TO THE SICK:** By appointment with a priest. Frequent Spiritual Communion is strongly encouraged.

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

To be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, individuals must fulfill the responsibilities and obligations that Church Canon Law requires:

- 1) Have received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- 2) If married, marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church.
- 3) Attend Mass and receive communion regularly.
- 4) Be an active parishioner for at least the past three months.

*NOTE: An active parishioner is one who is enrolled on the parish census files and supports the Sunday offertory.*



## PARISH OFFICE HOURS in Father Cotter Hall

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00am - 12:00pm & 12:30 pm - 3:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am - 1:00pm

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION Office** 834 - 4282

**ST. FAUSTINA'S GATE - FOOD PANTRY**

Open - Tues. & Thur. 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 837-2544

## NON - PARISH GROUPS:

**Blessed Sacrament Athletic Club (BSAC):** 871-0595

**Kids' Kampus Child Care Center:** 831- 9900

## SOME THOUGHTS TO PONDER

### The Baptism of the Lord

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth. Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

*Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**Masks are Required!**

Daily Mass is at 8:00 am. Eucharistic Adoration begins on Wednesday at 8:30 am through Thursday at 9:00 pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 8

8:00am Shirley Shaffer by Kris Shaffer-Noworwyta

4:00pm Michael J. Miliotto by Carol Campagna

### Sunday, January 9 Baptism of the Lord

9:00am Mary A. & Nick Patterson by Dick & Mary Patterson

11:00am John Fagley & Mary Laskowski

(Anniversary of Death) by Veronica Fagley

### Monday, January 10

8:00am Intentions of Randall Liebig & Kevin Songer by Family

### Tuesday, January 11

8:00am Donald & Grace Speinke by Daughter, Dona

### Wednesday, January 12

8:00am Francis Schaller by Mary Ann Schaller

6:30pm For the People of the Parish

### Thursday, January 13

8:00am Greg Blum by Kevin & Randy

### Friday, January 14

8:00am Angeline DeCarlo by Daughter, Gerry

### Saturday, January 15

8:00am Ceil Daniel (Anniversary of Death) by Family

4:00pm David Squitieri by Przepasniak Family

### Sunday, January 16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Jean Devereau by Marion Schultz

11:00am Felix & Mary Raimondo by Carol Raimondo

**The Sanctuary Candle will be lit from January 9 -15  
In Memory of the DeCarlo Family by Daughter, Gerry**

**Please pray for the sick:** Lisa Abbott, Joseph Agnello, Jeanne Barrett, Hannah Becker, Joan Boone, Joseph Brancato, Lisa Brancato, Theodora Brown, Caren Busch, Carol Carroll, John Carroll, Catherine Derrick, Renee Dzierzak, Magdalen Dukarm, Paul Dukarm, Elizabeth Easton, Joseph Fennell, Thomas Fischer, Mary Frank, Harold Gagnon, Pauline Gagnon, Joan Goetz, Joyce Goodell, Dawn Hanavan, Mary E. Hayes, Margaret Haywood, Pat Hedges, Jamie Herman, Becky Hinds, Mary Huffnagle, Marcy Kaminski, Virginia Kaprel, Keith Kolodziejczyk, Sue Mason, Msgr. Leo McCarthy, Joanne Menchetti, Betty Moran, Bridget O'Brien, Darlene O'Keeffe, Debra Pollina, Lorraine Pfohl, Darlene Rajczak, Dennis Rinesi, Sylvia Rinelli, Kristine Roper, Joseph Rumschik, Florian Rzepka, Carol Sajda, Pat Salemi, John Scime, Lucy Stanton, Peter Stawasz, Debbie Stearing, Judy Trometer, JoAnne Varney, John Washington.

**And for All the sick, especially those with COVID-19**

**Please pray for the deceased:** the holy Souls in Purgatory

# RESPECT LIFE



The Respect Life Committee of St. John the Baptist in Kenmore, will hold their 37th Annual Novena for Life beginning on Friday, January 14, 2022 and closing on Saturday, January 22nd, the 48th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision on abortion.

The novena consists of the Rosary and Mass that will be held in the St. John Neumann Chapel (Englewood and Belmont) beginning each evening at 7:00 p.m. Please note on the two Saturdays, January 15th and 22nd, the novena will take place in the Main Church. All are welcome.



## Mass Book Opening

The following dates in March are still available-

March  
5,7,8,12,15,17,20,  
22,24,27,28,

Reservations for Mass Intentions can be made for Masses for the entire 2022 year; please contact the Parish Office: 834 - 4282

Requests are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, to be fair to everyone. The Diocesan recommended stipend offering is \$15.

## Readings for Sunday, January 9th

### First Reading:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

### Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

### Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

### Gospel:

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.

## Yes We Can!



Our next Yes, We Can collection will be the weekend of **January 15-16**. We are requesting **CONDIMENTS**.

### Thank you!

May the New Year ahead be filled with God's abundant blessings and love.

*We couldn't do it without your generous support. Thank you for all you do!*

## Calendar Lottery Winners

Dec 22	001	Dec 27	474
Dec 23	603	Dec 28	891
Dec 24	038	Dec 29	075
Dec 25	109	Dec 30	982
Dec 26	280	Dec 31	280

*Winners determined by the PA Lottery Pick - 3 Evening Drawing*



## Divine Mercy from the Diary of St. Faustina

O my Jesus, despite the deep night that is all around me and the dark clouds which hide the horizon, I know that the sun never goes out. O Lord, though I cannot comprehend You and do not understand Your ways, I nevertheless trust in Your mercy. If it is Your will, Lord, I ask You only one thing, Jesus: do not allow me to offend You in any way. O my Jesus, You alone know the longings and the sufferings of my heart. I am glad I can suffer for You, however little. When I feel that the suffering is more than I can bear, I take refuge in the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and I speak to Him with profound silence. (Diary 73)

MY RESPONSE: St. Faustina, you give us such beneficial advice. Jesus know the longings and sufferings of my heart, too. Remind me that I can be glad to suffer for Him, also. When my suffering feels like it is more than I can bear, help me take refuge in the Blessed Sacrament and speak to Him in profound silence, as you did.

### STEWARDSHIP

Sunday January 2, 2022

Regular Sunday Envelopes.....	\$4,643
Loose Cash.....	\$ 198
EFT &/or PayPal Electronic Donations.....	\$1,272
Holy Days.....	\$ 413
Christmas.....	\$3,614
Flowers.....	\$ 50
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