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# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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**ST. MARY OF  
THE CATARACT**  
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## DIVINE MERCY

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: (Vigil) 4 PM  
Sunday: 10:30 AM  
Tuesday & Thursday: 8 AM  
Holy Day: Please consult  
bulletin.

### DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary: Before daily Masses  
Divine Mercy Chaplet:  
After daily Mass & 15 min. before  
weekend Masses  
Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament: Tuesdays after  
8 AM Mass until 10:00 AM & Every  
First Friday of the month 6-8 pm  
including confessions

### TRUSTEES

Mr. Al Frosolone  
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## THE BAPTISM of the Lord

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming; I am not worthy to loosen the things of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16c

Example from the Labyrinth for Holy Week, 1996, 1998 ©2011

## ST. MARY OF THE CATARACT

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: (Vigil) 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 7:15 AM, 9 AM, 12 & 7 PM  
Monday-Friday: 12:10 PM.  
Holy Day: Please consult bulletin

### DEVOTIONS

Novena to our Lady of the  
Miraculous Medal:  
Mondays 12 PM  
Novena to St. John Neumann:  
Thursdays after the 12:10  
PM Mass  
Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament: First Saturday of the  
month following 5:30 Mass until  
8:00 pm

TRUSTEES: Ms. Carmela Borgese  
& Mr. Frederick P. Caso, Jr.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

At Divine Mercy Parish, in the spirit of our Christian charity and Catholic faith, we dedicate ourselves to imitate the life and ministry of our Merciful Savior Jesus Christ, who lives in our midst. Through spiritual and corporal works of mercy, we share our faith, build up the community and extend a warm welcome to our friends and visitors. We strive to share our blessings and help the less fortunate.

### PASTOR

Rev. Jacek P. Mazur

### PERMANENT DEACONS

David P. Slish (DM)  
Benjamin R. Marino (SM)

### CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

#### COORDINATOR

Ms. Julie Belkota

### CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST

Gary A. Sage

We wish to welcome all visitors, members and children who are worshipping with us today. We pray that worshipping with us will give you a sense of fellowship with Christ and with us as God's people, as well as comfort and strength for all your needs. If you have no church of your own, we invite you to join us. But above all, we invite you to come worship with us at any time.

### MISSION STATEMENT

At St. Mary of the Cataract R.C. Parish, in the Spirit of St. John Neumann, our mission is to provide the local community and the faithful visiting the majestic Falls with the opportunity to experience the presence of Jesus in our midst and in the Sacraments. We dedicate ourselves to teach our Catholic Faith and how to live it daily. We strive to share our blessings and help the less fortunate.



**DIVINE MERCY  
MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, January 8 - The Baptism of the Lord**

4:00 PM +Melanie Wilson, req. by Napoleon Family  
For the Souls of All Faithful Departed & All the Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord**

10:30 AM +John & Helen McKean & Joseph Insana, req. by Mary Curylo  
For the Souls of All Faithful Departed & All the Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, January 11**

8:00 AM For the Souls of All Faithful Departed & All the Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, January 13 - St. Hilary**

8:00 AM +David S. Zaleski, req. by Tina Placek  
For the Souls of All Faithful Departed & All the Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, January 15 - 2nd Ordinary Sunday**

4:00 PM +Nicholas Greig, 17th Birthday Remembrance, req. by Andrea Greig  
+Sophie Hunt, req. by Joan & Brian Stanish

**Sunday, January 16 - 2nd Ordinary Sunday**

10:30 AM +Dorothy Thomason, req. by Frank & April Zajac  
+Karolina & Henry Wieczorek, req. by Brian & Joan Stanish



**This Week the Sanctuary  
Candle at Divine Mercy  
will burn in Loving  
Memory of:**

**John & Helen McKean**

**req. by Fr. Mazur  
& Parishioners**



**ST. MARY OF THE CATARACT  
MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, January 8 - The Baptism of the Lord**

5:30 PM Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary of the Cataract

**Sunday, January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord**

7:15 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners of Divine Mercy & St. Mary of the Cataract, req. by Fr. Mazur  
9:00 AM +Dominic Del Grosso, req. by Sister Marie  
12:00 PM +Dominick Milicia, req. by Lucy Andrew & Family  
7:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of Donald & Joanna Aldrich Family, req. by the Stender Family

**Monday, January 10**

12:00 PM Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal  
12:10 PM +Betty Augustyn, Birthday Remembrance, req. by Sandra Granieri & Family

**Tuesday, January 11**

12:10 PM +Annette Glonek

**Thursday, January 13 - St. Hilary**

12:10 PM +Frank Zymroz, req. by Jim & Louise Babcock & Family

**Friday, January 14**

12:10 PM +James Caprio, req. by Ellen

**Saturday, January 15 - 2nd Ordinary Sunday**

5:30 PM +Marcia Urbaniak, req. by Family

**Sunday, January 16 - 2nd Ordinary Sunday**

7:15 AM Kafas Stender, req. by Family  
9:00 AM +Annamarie Wojciechowski, Anniversary, req. by Joan Lee & Pat Peek  
12:00 PM +Dominick Milicia, req. by the Mater Families  
7:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of Henry & Dorothy Stender Family, req. by Family



**DIVINE MERCY PARISH NEWS:**

**The 21 members of our Divine Mercy Cenacle Group (E.A.D.M.) Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet daily for the intentions of the sick and dying. To request prayers for anyone call 297-2738, you may leave a message.**

Please join us to discuss the First Friday Devotions, Patriotic Rosary format / protocol.

Saturday, January 15, 2:00 pm at Divine Mercy Church community room, please use back door of the Food Pantry. All are welcome

**“St. Mary’s Center for Life”**

We Wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to the parishioners at Divine Mercy and St. Mary’s Parishes for their wonderful response to the “Angel Tree”. Even during these difficult times, everyone’s love, compassion, and generosity for the less fortunate mom’s and their children in Niagara County, mostly in Niagara Falls, was heartwarming! Because of everyone’s continued support and donations, we have been able to assist 201 children, and, some mom’s themselves for this past year of 2021! May God Bless all of you for your generosity, we truly appreciate it!

Thank you again,

Chuck & Mary Ann

Please remember our RCIA Candidates in your prayers

**DIVINE MERCY AND ST. MARY’S PARISHIONERS: IF YOU WOULD LIKE YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT, PLEASE WRITE: “SEND STATEMENT” AT THE FRONT (NEXT TO YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS) OF YOUR DONATION ENVELOPE.**

**THANK YOU**

**ST. MARY OF THE CATARACT NEWS:**

Please keep our Military in your prayers: Christopher Ganczewski, Roy David Collin, Peter Cali, Thomas Human, Maria Morinello, David Alvarez, Michael Ferrusi, Kathryn Mitchell,

Please pray for our sick Divine Mercy & St. Mary’s Parishioners: Ryan Cali, Rebecca Cali-Cuddahee, Cheryl Ryan, Loretta Dominick, Stephanie Borelis, Pauline Dempsey, Hugh Melan, Ginny Sukmanowski, Cindy Rodenas, Stanley & Sandy Krajkowski, Eugene Piotrowski, Jamison Hokanson, Donna Robbins, Peter Sinclair, Gabby Parisi, Lori Kozera, Julia Harrigan, Todd Schwartz, Lillian Nasca,



The Catechism Class wishes to thank those generous people who have donated the flat screen TV’s and Laptop computer, we will soon be able to have people participate via zoom for those who are unable to attend in person! If you would like to participate please call 716-297-2738, leave your full name, phone number and email address so we can get you connected. We are also in need of a small free will offering to cover cost of computer updating, hardware, etc.. Thank you!

**Thank you to everyone that helped decorate St. Mary’s Church for Christmas: Barbara Carter, Martha Bennett, Nancy L. Glass, Jewel Rebello, Maureen Trimmer, Cathleen Brown, Fred & Trey Caso, Kathy Fratello, Michelle Abel, Chuck Vacanti - Flowers, Ron & Sharon Harshman, Jim Pyra and Chester Andrzejczyk.**



**This Week the Sanctuary Candle at St. Mary’s will burn in Loving Memory of: MARCIA URBANIAK**

**req. by Family**

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.” — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.



**After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying,**

**"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."**

**- Mt 3:16-17**

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday & Sunday before each Mass and by appointment.

## BAPTISMS

Arrangements to be made in advance. A pre-baptismal instruction is required for all parents prior to the date of baptism. Call the parish office for application. Godparents must present a letter of recommendation.

## MARRIAGE

Congratulations! Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. Couples are required to attend a Pre-Cana Conference, or equivalent pre-marriage preparation program. A parish Pre-Cana program is available. Contact the parish office for information.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

You are welcome! Contact the parish office.

## VISITATION OF SICK/CARE FOR THE SICK

Parishioners who are in spiritual need may contact Fr. Mazur at 282-0059 or 284-6641. Please notify the parish office of parishioners confined to their home or hospital.

## RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We welcome those wishing information and instruction:

- ◆ Non - baptized persons desiring the Sacrament of Baptism for themselves or their children
    - ◆ Those seeking the fullness of faith as members of the Catholic Church
  - ◆ Those Catholics wishing to complete the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation
- Please call 946-1403 for more information

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Gladly given to those registered members of the parish (*at least 3 months*) who have received the 3 Sacraments of Initiation; practice their faith regularly and support the parish through their sharing of time, talents and treasures.

**Are you struggling with addiction of any kind and in need of a support system and/or just someone to talk with confidentially? Please call 284-6641 for more information.**

WLOF 101.7 FM You can listen to our pastor, Fr. Jacek Mazur on Tuesdays at 8:00pm or Sundays at 11:00am as he speaks about aspects of the message of Divine Mercy as revealed by Jesus to St. Maria Faustina. Or you can listen by logging to: [www.stationofthecross.com](http://www.stationofthecross.com), under: PODCASTS click: Divine Mercy in my Soul.

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