BAPTISM OF THE LORD **JANUARY 10, 2021**

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From the Desk of Fr. Leo F. Arnone

A Brief Stint in Ordinary Time: For six short weeks we will observe a brief stint in Ordinary Time in our liturgical calendar before we enter the Lent and Easter Seasons. It's an opportunity to work off all those Christmas cookies and to actually engage all those New Year's resolutions we so boldly made just 10 days ago! To help get you started and to wind you up for Lent, I encourage you to reengage your old pious practices: Weekend and Daily Mass Attendance, Recitation of the Rosary a half hour before EVERY Mass, Thursdays and Saturdays Adoration and Reconciliation, and I hope very soon to reengage our Adult Faith Formation sessions. Come on folks! Get off that couch and off the side-lines and onto the regular and active practices of your Faith!

Hey, Buddy! Can you spare a pint? There will be a blood drive on Thur, Jan. 14 at SA hall. The need is always great - so if you remain untainted, consider donating a pint!

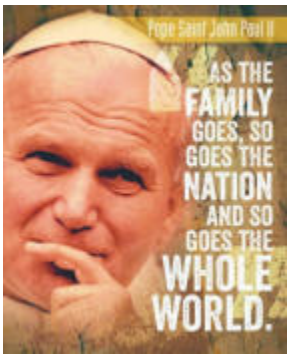
FX Capital Improvements: As part of our security evaluations on the parishes, I pleased to inform FX that we recently replaced all the emergency lights in the church building. A special thank you goes out to ***Bob Biter Electric*** who completed the work!

I also recently sign a contract with Best Window to replace the windows on the ground and first floors of the FX Church Office and All Saints Preschool building. I expect this work to be done in March. (We hope to complete the third floor next year.) This work was possible thanks to the success of our festival and CMD over goal donations this year.

Parish Census & Registration Updates: Our census records show that many families have not been attending for the past two years and more. It is necessary for me 1) to try to win them back, or 2) remove them from the census so that we are not assessed $260.00 for each family on our census but not in our pews.

Every inactive family will receive a letter inquiring of their current membership. If they do not respond within a reasonable time, I will remove their names from our census so that we are not assessed for them.

Thank You my Christmas Angels! In spite of all our covid limitations this year, I am so very thankful to all of you who helped decorate our churches and provide music and services for all our liturgies – all of it so very beautiful and meaningful! May God bless you for your courage to come forward with your service and with your worship in the very face of covid!



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I - FORMING A COMMUNITY OF PERSONS

The Elderly in the Family

27. There are cultures which manifest a unique veneration and great love for the elderly: far from being outcasts from the family or merely tolerated as a useless burden, they continue to be present and to take an active and responsible part in family life, though having to respect the autonomy of the new family; above all they carry out the important mission of being a witness to the past and a source of wisdom for the young and for the future.

Other cultures, however, especially in the wake of disordered industrial and urban development, have both in the past and in the present set the elderly aside in unacceptable ways. This causes acute suffering to them and spiritually impoverishes many families.

The pastoral activity of the Church must help everyone to discover and to make good use of the role of the elderly within the civil and ecclesial community, in particular within the family. In fact, "the life of the aging helps to clarify a scale of human values; it shows the continuity of generations and marvelously demonstrates the interdependence of God's people. The elderly often have the charism to bridge generation gaps before they are made: how many children have found understanding and love in the eyes and words and caresses of the aging! And how many old people have willingly subscribed to the inspired word that the 'crown of the aged is their children's children' (Prv. 17:6)!"

Reflection: Allow me a trip down memory lane…

My dad's dad (known to me as "Papa") came from Sicily at age 17. After a few years working in our coal mines, he was able to buy his shoe shop which he worked for 53 years in Johnstown. In my junior year of high school (1980 -81, I turned 17 that summer) his eye sight was failing. Every day after school I went to his shop - just a block away from my home - to do what I could to help. He taught me how to do everything to shine and repair shoes except how to sow a new sole onto the shoe. That machine had one speed and you had to keep pace or risk damaging the shoe - I never did master it! Come summer he could no longer come to the shop so I would open it, do what repairs I could, and then take whatever money came in to his home - ten blocks away (talk about shoe-leather express)! Papa passed that summer and it was decided to sale everything to another Cobbler - an end of a family era. While I'd not become a ***mender of soles,*** I remain forever thankful for the heritage of Faith - from my Papa - that has called me to be a ***saver of souls!*** Love and miss you, Papa!

ST ALOYSIUS PARISH

Catholic	Parish Target	$ 24,262.00	
Ministries	Total Pledges	$ (% of target)	
Drive	No of Gifts	126/369	(34%)
2020	Actual Rec'd	$ 26,424.00	(109%)
M/M A Nelen	D Baker	M/M J Bossler	

Collection 12/25/2020: Adults $2251; Children $19.50; Christmas $835; holy days $40; candles $142; utilities $25; Angel fund $25; loose $27; retirement religious $21 **Total deposit $3385.50** Development $17; flowers $50

Collection 12/27/2020: Adults $2890; children $55; loose $106; holy days $244; Candles $5; Christmas $1215; Utilities $40; angel fund $10; Retirement- religious $30 **Total deposit $4595** Development $65; St. Vincent de Paul $5

Collection 1/1/2021: (New Year's Day) adults $385; children $6; loose $118; angel fund $1; retirement – religious $1 **Total deposit $511**

Collection 1/3/2020: Adults $4373; children $27; loose $288; holy days $353; candles $186; Christmas $1142; transfer of Mass stipends $220; Utilities $10 **Total deposit $6599**

SA Christmas Decorations: The St. Aloysius Church Christmas decorations will be taken down at 9:00 am, Monday, January 11. We welcome all help.

SA Financial Statements: If you would like a financial statement for 2020, please contact Ann @ 814 886-2235 or staloysiuschurch@dioceseaj.org

Bloodmobile: A bloodmobile will be held on Thursday, January 14, at St. Aloysius Faith & Education Center. The Red Cross will be here from 1:30pm – 7:00pm. Please consider giving the gift of life.

Stewardship Reflection for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The US bishops' stewardship pastoral letter reminds us about "a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism: that the people place their gifts, their resources, and themselves at God's service in and through the Church . . . by proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying." (*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response,* USCCB, 1992)

Can you say that you are fulfilling the obligation to be a servant king in your baptismal role as Jesus did?

We're on Facebook! "Saint Aloysius Catholic Church"and St. Francis Xavier Parrishes join our groups to stay connected, share pictures, parish events and news.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Catholic	Parish Target	$21,067.50	
Ministries	Total Pledges	$44,441.00	(211%)
Drive	No. of Gifts	124/358	(35%)
2020	Actual Rec'd	$43,076.00	(204%)
M/M M Hoover	L Madonna	C Zack	

Collection 12/25/2020--12/27/2020: Adults $3071.32; Loose $206; Children $67; Holy Days$25; Christmas $2604.; Energy $5; Angel Fund $15; Christmas flowers $25; Candles $9 Christmas Candles $6; Christmas Masses $165; Religious Retirement $10; **Total Deposit $6208.32** Church Improvement $77:

Collection 01/01/2021--01/03/2021: Adults $2257.00: Loose $143.25; Children $38; Holy Day $10; Mary Mother of God $668.20; Christmas $625; Energy $19; Initial Env $5; Angel Fund $5; Candles $3; Religious Retire $10; **Total Deposit $3783.45:** Cemetery $10; Church Improvement $17;

FX Financial Statements: If you would like a financial statement for 2020, please contact Sr. Nancy @ 814-886-2374 Ext. 1 or fxparish@dioceseaj.org.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will meet Thur. Jan 14 from 5:45 to 6:45 at SA Blessed Mother's meeting room, Topic is Two Sacraments of Initiation Baptism and Confirmation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE
CLASSES HELD
9:15 TO 10:45 am

Virtual CCD Classes will continue through January.

FUTURE EVENTS

Jan 10,24,31 Virtual Classes
Jan 17 NO CLASS Martin Luther King, Jr.

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1) Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity! (Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta)
2) The spiritual lives of our families are strengthened through our Holy Hour. (St. John Paul II)
3) The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship. (Archbishop Fulton Sheen)
4) Perpetual Adoration extends its influence far beyond the individual adorers, touching their homes and families and reaching out to the parish community and beyond. (Pope Paul VI)
5) Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you. (St. Josemaria Escriva)
6) Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace. (St.Alphonsus Ligouri)
7) St. Vincent de Paul would make a Holy Hour asking the Lord blessings on important business transactions and, afterwards, returned to thank the Lord. (St. Vincent de Paul)
8) By being faithful to a Holy Hour of Adoration you can teach by example. “The young should be taught the value of Eucharistic Adoration.” (St. John Paul II)
9) The love of God and neighbor, the greatest commandment, is expressed in, and the fruit of, Eucharistic worship. (St. John Paul II)
10) Do you want the Lord to give you many graces? Visit Him often. Do you want Him to give you few graces? Visit Him rarely. Do you want the devil to attack you? Visit Jesus rarely in the Blessed Sacrament. Do you want him to flee from you? Visit Jesus often! (St. John Bosco)
11) Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them. (St. Peter of Alcantara)
12) A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory. (St. Padre Pio)
13) It is our duty to adore the Blessed Sacrament. No one receives the Blessed Sacrament unless he adores it…and not only do we not sin by adoring, we do sin by not adoring. (St. Augustine)
14) The faithful are to hold the Eucharist in highest honor… worshiping it with supreme adoration. (Code of Canon Law – #898)
15) You must propagate veneration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with all your might, for the devotion to the Holy Eucharist is the queen of all devotions. (Pope Benedict XV)
16) Jesus Himself is calling you to spend one special specific hour with Him each week. (St. John Paul II)
17) A Holy Hour brings Heavens choicest blessings on those who are faithful to their Hour. (Pope Paul VI)
18) I encourage Christians regularly to visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God. (St. John Paul II)
19) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament consoles a soul far beyond what the world can offer. (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)

FX Sanctuary Lamp-- None Listed
SA Sanctuary Lamp –MSGR. PRZYBOCKI
(Cresson Divine Will group)

Mass Schedule JAN 11 TO JAN 17
JPII NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

MON - JANUARY 11
8:00am FX NO MASS

TUE - JANUARY 12
8:00am SA LORELLEI ZABANAL &
SHALIMAR VERABOR [b'days]
(M/M D Trexler)

WED - JANUARY 13
8:00am FX ROBERT MENTO SR.
(B Mento & family)

THURS - JANUARY 14
8:00am SA PHILIP HORTON
(Dr./M Sunseri)
8:30am ALL DAY ADORATION
7:00pm Holy Hour
8:00pm Confessions

FRI. - JANUARY 15
9:00am FX NANCY ARNONE (Philip Arnone)

SAT JANUARY 16
11:00am Confession @ SA
11:00am Conf/Adoration @ FX

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3:30pm SA ROSARY
4:00pm SA PEOPLE OF SA AND FX PARISHES

SUN JANUARY 17
7:30am FX ROSARY
8:00am FX JULIA HOWE
(LuAnn & Mike McGough)

10:30am SA ROSARY
11:00am SA MARY ZABINSKY (R.Smith)

Dustbusters: SA J Clossin, S Sloan, S Sunseri
FX GOTTSHALL

Want to learn some interesting facts about the Popes or study the Catechism a little closer? Here is a simple way to do that.

Popes in a Year and Catechism in a Year.

It has already started but you can catch up. Goto:flocknotes/popes or flocknotes/catechism. It will take you to the page to subscribe to whichever you wish to study and it is FREE. Enjoy!! Any questions call Sr. Nancy at 886-2374

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