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JANUARY 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 6:30 PM
Wednesday: 7:30 AM
Thursday: 7:30 AM
Friday: 7:30 AM
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM*

*Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered from September - May at this Mass.

BEREAVEMENT CARE AND CONCERN

Call Karen Edwards at 827-2658.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New parishioners are always welcome! Census forms are available at the Parish Office. Please contact our Administrative Secretary (ext. 2) in the event of an address or phone number change.

PRAYER CHAIN

To add a prayer concern to our list, contact Nancy Madden at 827-9774 (day) or 814-493-3841 (evening), Helen Quimby at 827-1437, or Darlene Aul at 827-7343.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Reverend Walter E. Packard
Deacon Assistant.....Deacon Kevin Harmon
Administrative Secretary.....Brenda Lytle
Religious Education Coordinator.....Kathleen Puleo
Music Ministers.....Anthony 'T.J.' Parks, Margaret Bernecky
Maintenance.....Greg Tress
St. Catharine's Cemetery.....Bob Beauchat

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment only.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM or by arrangement.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Please let us know when a family member or friend is ill, either at home, in the hospital, or at the nursing home.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made six months prior to the ceremony.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

If you are interested in R.C.I.A, please contact our pastor.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious instruction classes for youth take place at the Faith Formation Center on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM. Contact the Rel. Ed. Coordinator (ext. 4) to register.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Submissions for the bulletin must be dropped off at the Parish Office or sent via e-mail no later than 10:00 AM on Tuesday.

SOME THOUGHTS FROM FATHER PACKARD...

Haven't we been spared again? I was listening and watching the coverage of the freakish snow storm that occurred in Virginia this past Tuesday morning. All those people who were stranded for HOURS on Interstate 95. Some were there for almost twenty-four hours! Just imagine that. The serious thing was having enough gas in your car's tank to keep your car alive and heated – not to mention the lack of food that many encountered. And just before that, all those people stranded in airports and trying to return home after the Christmas holiday! I'll take Titusville anytime!

The Church's celebration of Christmas Time comes to an end this weekend as we celebrate the **Feast of the Lord's Baptism**. The manifestation of Christ that we celebrate at Christmas and the days up to now culminate with Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. On this last day of the Christmas season, may we think of how we will be open to allow Christ to be manifested in our lives. Let us resolve to consciously choose to follow Christ more closely and take seriously our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus.

Can I offer this suggestion to all of us? Try to search for the date of your baptism and, if the Church where you were baptized is nearby, visit the Church of your baptism. If the Church isn't nearby, try to find a picture of the Church – you might be able to find it online. Look to see if your photo albums have any pictures of your baptism. Try to identify who the people are who were present. If your godparents are still alive, contact them and thank them for the special role they played at this important time in your life. Include your children in the same project. You may even have the candle that was presented to you at baptism. Please take me up on my challenge!

As everyone is aware, our Church's Baptismal Font has undergone major repair and restoration since last spring. When we drained it last year at the beginning of Lent we discovered that a hidden leak had drastically deteriorated the structure of the font. Two different contractors said there was nothing that could be done to save it. And then all of a sudden, **Eugene Andrien** surfaced and asked if he could do what he could to restore and rebuild it. I wasn't going to stand in his way of his offer. What would we have to lose? After painstakingly disassembling the font, there appeared to be light at the end of the tunnel. But each step of the way had many questions. To make a long story even longer, we filled the font with water for a trial run. And **Eureka!** It held water and was as good as it was when it was first built – actually it is **BETTER** than it was when first built! We owe a debt of gratitude to Gene for all his time and labor and sacrifice to get our Baptismal Font where it is now.

And so this weekend, as we celebrate the **Feast of the Lord's Baptism**, it seems most appropriate that we re-dedicate this very important symbol of our faith and our Church's worship here at St. Titus Church!

But first I want to offer some credit to the parish's Worship Committee who saw the need for a Baptismal Font that would be one of the most important aspects of the Church Renovation that took place in 1998-1999, under the

direction of then pastor, Fr. James Gutting. And so I want to offer some thoughts for all of us on why our Baptismal Font is so important in the life of St. Titus Church.

The rites of Baptism, the first of the sacraments of Initiation, require a prominent place for celebration. Initiation into the Church is entrance into a Eucharistic community united in Jesus Christ. Because the rites of initiation of the Church begin with baptism and are completed by the reception of the Eucharist, the Baptismal Font and its location reflect the Christian's journey through the waters of Baptism to the altar. This integral relationship between the Baptismal Font and Altar is so important.

The location of the Baptismal Font, its design, and the materials used for its construction are important considerations in the planning and design of the Church. It is important to locate the Baptismal Font in a special area within the main body of the Church. Through the waters of Baptism the faithful enter the life of Christ. For this reason the Font should be visible and accessible to all who enter the Church.

Water is the key symbol of Baptism and the focal point of the Font. In this water believers die to sin and are reborn to new life in Christ. In designing the Font the parish will want to consider the traditional symbolism that has been the inspiration for the Font's design throughout history. The Font is a symbol of both tomb and womb. Its power is the power of the triumphant cross. And Baptism sets the Christian on the path to the life that will never end.

Let us be grateful for the saving waters of Baptism and for the Font in our Church that continues to remind us of the significance our Baptism is to us. May each time we bless ourselves with this holy water when we enter our Church remind us of the day of our Baptism into Christ Jesus!

Please note the special insert in this weekend's bulletin. It is a letter from Bishop Persico informing us of the annual **Spread the Faith Collection** scheduled for the weekend of January 22-23. Please read the Bishop's letter and consider making a donation to this special appeal that helps to further strong communications with every Catholic in the Diocese of Erie.

I want to thank everyone for your continued support of the faith community of St. Titus and for your prayerful presence at our worship. Let us continue to be mindful of the continuing effects of the pandemic that still plagues us. Let us do our part in continuing to create a safe environment in our Church when we gather for worship. Please be good to yourself and to others by following the established protocols when entering our Church. May we continue to keep each other in prayer!

Have a good week!
Father Packard

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE**Mon. Jan. 10 Weekday**

8:30 AM Martha & William Lynch

Tues. Jan. 11 Weekday

6:30 PM Mary Alice Crawford (Len & Hazel Spoharski)

Wed. Jan. 12 Weekday

8:30 AM Robert Gray

Thurs. Jan. 13 St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Don English-Anniversary (JoAnn English)

Fri. Jan. 14 Weekday

8:30 AM Ron Hopwood (Bill & Kathy Adelman)

Sat. Jan. 15 Weekday

4:30 PM Eugene Wolski (Family)

Sun. Jan. 16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Carol Patterson (Kathy Roggenkamp)

10:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Titus Church

PRAYER LIST

For our Families and Friends: Pauline Milberger, Carreena Ewing, Teddy Muir, Nita Ashley, Brittany Johnson, Janet Anderson, Callie, Connie Phillips, Brother Timothy Waid, Pop DeMello, Paul Pennell, Rachel Knupp, Jean Spence, Gina Green, Todd Campbell, Ruth Goodwill, Clint, Clifford J. Kirvan, Jessica & Family, Rita Homer, Ricky Reed, Katelyn Dougherty, Ed Schneider, Colleen Hofmeister, Lori Crawford, Mary Haas, Donna Noel, Mary Anne Kopper, Frank & Cindy Ruppert, Maxine Gollehon, Tom Boyle, Ted Kubiak, Clifford Johnson, Bill See, Mary Perkins, Drake Fellows, Frank Tomaino, Charlotte Randall, Kyle Lukowich, Sherry Lynn Beach, Zach Thompson, Kathy Obert, Steven Gratkowski, Teresa F., Anna Bauer, Alex Kunz, Mike Wakefield, Jim Kocan, Linda Marsh, Sharon Wirkowski, Brud & Nancy Giffin, Lilly Bailey, Pat Maginnis, Loretto Parres, Bill & Robin Amore, Beth Davidson, Valerie Boyle, Margaret Collins, Bill Hensler, Bill Stumpf, Barb Gratkowski, Patrick J. Hynes, Jr., Nancy Prenatt, Patrick Cartney, II, Tom Hasbrouck, Mandy Hanely, Marian Adelman, Sara Master, Harriett Morris, Pat Schneider, Lucille Brown, Robert Caratelli, Mary Hall

Please call the Parish Office to add or remove anyone from the prayer list.

***For our Servicemen and Servicewomen:* Brock Benedict, James Moyer, Derek Baldwin, Andrew Baldwin, Casey Bargar, Destiny Nicol, Christopher Macko, Robert Macko, Mathew Longiotti, Luke English, Cory Bemis, Kayla Barrett, Dr. Joseph Shevchik, Travis Pearsall, Caden Mallory, Anna Bauer, Alex Kunz, Andy Ferguson, Michael Avallone, Matthew English, Kasey Sines**

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen

PRAY FOR PRIESTS: Rev. Matthew J. Ruyechan, Rev. Thomas L. Tyler, Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Rev. David A. Perry, Rev. Thomas M. Fialkowski, Rev. Michael Polinek

Ministry Schedule (January 15 & 16)

4:30 PMLector: Dolores Logan
Sacristan: Deacon Kevin Harmon**8:00 AM**Lector: Karen Metzgar
Sacristan: Melissa Singh**10:00 AM**Lector: Edith Olson
Sacristan: Neil & Sharen Romaniszyn**OFFERTORY REPORT 12/25/2021**

Envelopes	\$ 2270.00
Loose	\$ 365.00
Candles	\$ 55.00
Christmas	\$ 2018.00
Initial Offering	\$ 40.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 110.00
Religious Education	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 4868.00

OFFERTORY REPORT 12/26/2021

Envelopes	\$ 1578.00
Loose	\$ 116.00
Candles	\$ 15.00
Christmas	\$ 267.00
Initial Offering	\$ 40.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 10.00
Religious Education	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 2026.00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12


Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.


MARRIAGE MOMENTS—A new year has begun. Perhaps you've made a New Year's Resolution. Perhaps not. Today, just think about today! What kindness can you offer your beloved today.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments—Online Gaming: 72% of teens, both male and female (ages 13-17) play video games. More than half of those teens said they have made new friends online. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children analysis of Cyber Tipline reports has found that gaming platforms are more often used in the online enticement of young boys than any other group of children. It is important for parents to talk to their child about safety in online gaming. Some important questions to ask are: Have you ever been cyberbullied while gaming? Do you know what information is OK to share about yourself while gaming? Has anyone talked about sex while you were gaming or asked you to send pictures of yourself? If your child answers yes, report the matter to law enforcement. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ for additional resources.



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