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HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 \$3,462.00
 Offertory from December 20 thru December 31. . . . \$5,106.00
 Offertory from January 1 thru January 3, 2022 . . . \$2,593.00
 CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal. \$33,199.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged \$21,380.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received \$20,600.00

Thank you for continual support to St. Joseph Church



“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.



2022 Pro Life Rosary Rally!

St. Joseph Church in Force will have a Rosary to Our Blessed Mother *for the legal protection and the ending of abortion of the unborn.* The Rosary will be prayed in the Church at Noon on Saturday, January 22. Come join us as we pray to the Blessed Mother for Her Intercession for these innocent babies.

St. Joseph “Prayer Chain”

If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 814-787-7593.

“Care & Concern” Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note? Call 814-787-4151 #3

Your prayers are requested for the soul of **Minnie (Carpin) Hiding** who passed away December 28. May she rest in she rest in peace. Amen.



Classes for K -10 Faith Formation students and the Confirmation Class will resume after Sunday Mass, January 16.

St. Sebastian Novena

Novena Starts: January 11th
 Feast day: January 20th
 Patron saint of soldiers, athletes, difficult trials, and those who desire a holy death

Intro Prayer

Glorious Sebastian, martyr and saint, I call on your strength and courage to help me through my difficult trials. Your faith was so deep, a multitude of arrows could not finish you. I ask for your intercession in the trials I face, and for this intention (mention request here...) Amen.

Concluding Prayer

Our Father
 Hail Mary
 Glory Be

St Sebastian, pray for us!



The Season for Giving Continues at the Food Bank. Non-perishable food donations may be placed in the vestibule in the church or at the church office. **Thank you** for your generous and ongoing donations in your support to the Christian Food Bank. You are helping many others during these struggling times.



Cemetery Reminder

Please remember the deadline to remove all items except for the solar lighting will be by Tuesday, February 1, 2022.



**Jesus’s Plan for Us
 As Lived out in Our Baptism**

My brothers and sisters, we have just celebrated God’s eternal plan of salvation for all the human race until the end of time in the birth of His Son Our Lord Jesus Christ during the Christmas Season.

This weekend as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we hear about God’s further plan lived out in Jesus as He is baptized in the River Jordan and filled with the Holy Spirit. It is at this time that Jesus begins His public ministry. This Baptism was to prepare Jesus to preach about the Kingdom of God and to bring about the miracles and healings to people in greatest need. He performs His first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana that we will hear about at Mass next weekend.

Our Lord Jesus gave each of us a plan to be lived out as a result of our Baptism — mainly to be a disciple of Christ that leads us to eternal life. Literally, a disciple is one who is a disciplined learner about reading the Bible and understanding the teachings of the Catholic Church. A disciple of Christ is one who spends time in prayer each day and loves his neighbor.

In conclusion, be a disciplined learner in following our Lord Jesus Christ and He will show you the path for your personal life and “in His Presence is the fullness of joy.” (Psalm 16:11)

Parish Events Calendar for 2022

As we have reflected briefly on Jesus’s gift and plan for us in our Baptism, let us take a look at some events that are being planned for us to participate here at our Parish.

Winter/Spring Months

- ◇ Adult Faith Formation
- ◇ Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners
- ◇ Holy Week-Easter Vigil
- ◇ First Eucharist Celebration
- ◇ Mother’s Day Breakfast
- ◇ Father’s Day Breakfast

Summer Months

- ◇ Combined bus trip to St. Anthony’s Chapel in Pittsburgh and St. Vincent in Latrobe
- ◇ Parish Picnic
- ◇ Women’s Bash
- ◇ Golf Tournament

Autumn Months

- ◇ Fall Fish/Shrimp Dinners
 - ◇ Confirmation Celebration
 - ◇ 150th Anniversary Celebration of the Catholic Church in Bennetts Valley
- God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, January 10, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Minnie Hidingier	Marlene	Weekday	1 Sm 1:1-8 Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday, January 11, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Robert J Cortina, Sr. (birthday)	Robert Cortina, Jr	Weekday	1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 No Mass			Weekday	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39
Thursday, January 13, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Ken Mitchell	Leno and Gale Serafini	Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45
Friday, January 14, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Angelina Cheslock	David Sweed- grandson	Weekday	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12
Saturday, January 15, 2022 No Mass			Weekday	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1 Mk 2:13-17
Saturday, January 15, 2022 5:30 p.m.	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, January 16, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass	Maria Calliari	Leo Calliari Family	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

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STAFF

Rev. Mark J. Mastrian..... Pastor
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Church Hours

St. Joseph Church: Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Wed. 8 am — 4 pm; Sat. 9:00 am — 7 pm

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m; Sunday: 9:15 a.m; Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m; Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m, No Mass Wednesday

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

Eucharist – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

Confirmation – High School youth who are entering the 11th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

Priesthood/Permanent Deaconate – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Deaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

Matrimony – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick—Celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available upon request.

Reconciliation – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m, or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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