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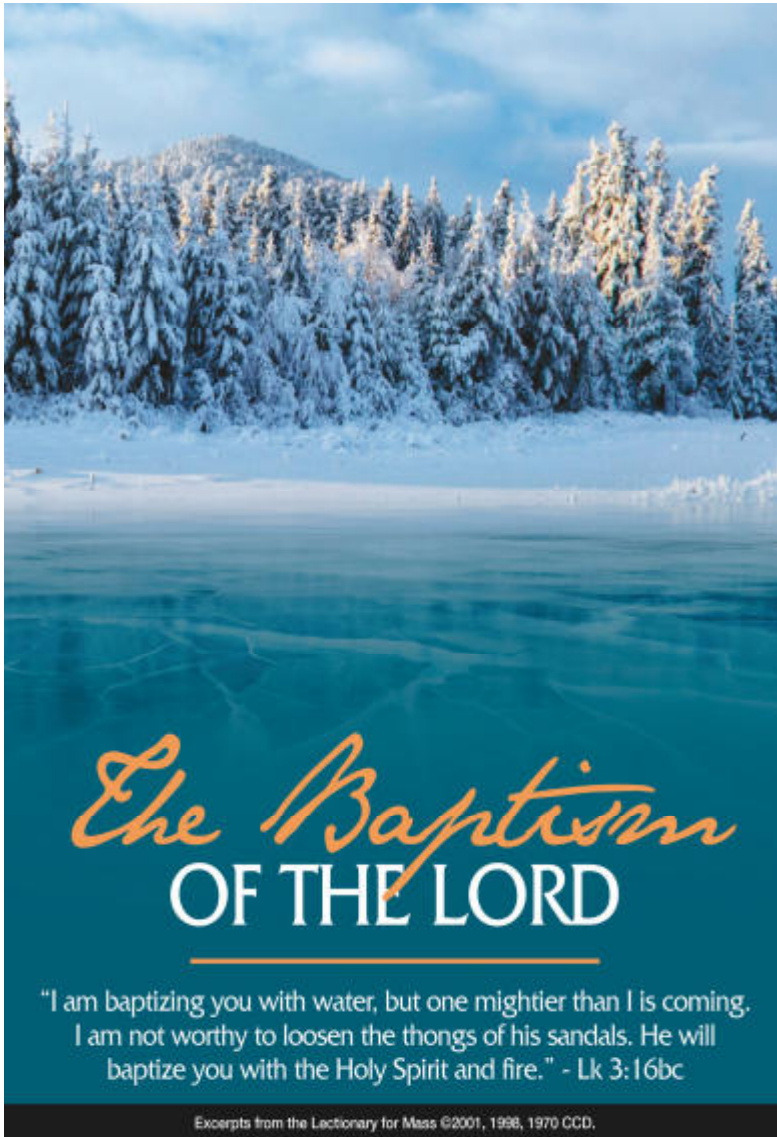
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JANUARY 9, 2022



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 thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MORNING PRAYER (Lauds)

Tuesday 8:15 a.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Holy Days: 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday: 9 - 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY

Engaged couples, one of whom must be an active, registered, parishioner, should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the intended wedding; a date should not be set before this contact. Pre-marriage formation is required to prepare for this serious, life-long commitment.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

First-time parents and typically those who last had a child baptized five or more years ago are expected to participate in an infant Baptism preparation session. Please contact the office to request Baptism.

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION



This weekend, January 8/9, and next weekend, January 15/16, there will be a regular collection only.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP



Acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament resident in the tabernacle is burning this week in loving memory of **Mary E. Kmetz** from Dave and Julie Kmetz. Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!



Keeping in our prayers and trusting that God will bring to her family comfort in the days ahead, we commend to your prayer the soul of **Donna Marie (Baraniak) Mikolich**, sister-in-law of Wanda and husband Larry Yokopenic. Know that the

Lord has welcomed our loved ones into the home of Heaven. Our parish community extends its deepest sympathies to her family and relatives on their loss.

ORDINARY TIME

This Monday, January 10, 2022, we will enter Ordinary Time on the liturgical calendar. That is not a very inspiring description of half of the Church's year where the color green dominates. It suggests the routine, average, ho hum. "Ordinary" is the translation of the Latin "ordinalis" which means "denoting an order of succession, ordinal, counted." That is why we number Sundays from the Second to the 33rd. It is that liturgical time when we explore the fullness of the mystery of Christ in addition to His birth (Advent/ Christmas), death and resurrection (Lent/Easter).

But, of course, there is nothing ordinary about our God!

Our "Quiet Room"

There is a new room in our church – the **Quiet Room!** It is the same room as used for the Sacrament of Confession, where a large pane of tinted glass has been installed in one of the doors.

The Quiet Room provides a place for people to go when a few minutes of quiet time are needed during Mass. The Quiet Room is not meant to be a place to go to attend the whole Mass, but rather a place to use for a short period of time during Mass.

It may be used by an adult or by a child accompanied by an adult. For example, a parent may find it useful to take their child there for a short time to attend to a particular need, or an adult who is experiencing strong emotions may want to use the room for a few minutes to recompose themselves.

So, please make use of our new Quiet Room during Mass whenever you believe a few minutes there will help you!

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE INFIRMED AND IN NEED OF PRAYER:



Gary Bailey
Don Bolby
Carole Bouchat
Dr. Steve Carter
Hudson Donahue
Fran Dott
Mary Karazsia
Sandy Kernicky
Daniel Kessler
Ray Keyser
Marlene Lauer
Chelsey Lowrey
Bill Lozier
Donna Mikolich
Joseph Mikolich
Ray Novotny
Betty Palinkas
Agnes Passmore
Lisa Guskiewicz Psimas
Sheila Ryan
Catherine Rocker
Donny Sabol
Linda Santone
Loreen Vigne
Phyllis Winchell
Cheri, Jerome, & Joel Yandrick
Roberta Yandrick
Hilary Yeskulsy



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

5:30 PM MASS - Saturday, January 15, 2022

TBA - Server
Kathy Poole - Lector
Peggy Pacek - Eucharistic Minister
Ed Kapelewski - Sacristan

9:30 AM MASS - Sunday, January 16, 2022

Vince & Aaron Gaskey - Server
Paula Aiello - Lector
Kim Yokopenic - Eucharistic Minister
Sue Kosker - Sacristan

SBC PRAYER COMMUNITY

Need Prayers? Your fellow parishioners would love to pray for you or a loved one who is facing an immediate, difficult event (upcoming surgery, illness, accident, stressful situation). Our SBC Prayer Community on the Flocknote website will be notified via email to begin praying. Privacy is respected. If you are requesting prayers for someone else, please get his/her permission to have us pray. Also ask if we are to use his/her name in the prayer. Your first name and last name initial will appear in the email. Send your request for prayer to parishioner Janey DeBacco at jodred@comcast.net or call her at 724.834.2217. Leave your name and phone number in the voice mail and Janey will get back to you.

January 9, 2022
The Baptism of the Lord

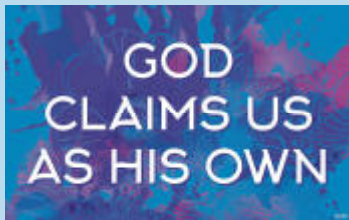
"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

— 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.



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NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE....

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDIES

Two virtual Bible studies are being offered over the Zoom platform: "The Acts of the Apostles," Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m., and "Samuel 1 and 2," Fridays from 9:30-10:45 a.m. There is no cost, but registration and a workbook are required. The studies are offered through Journeys Online Spiritual Ministry. For more information or to register, contact Mollie Vassar at 724-366-9552 or mollie.vassar@gmail.com.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The Catholic schools of the Diocese of Greensburg are accepting applications for substitute teachers.

Send current resume to the Office of Catholic Schools at CatholicSchools@dioceseofgreensburg.org. For more information, call 724-552-2594.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Christ Our Shepherd Center, the Diocese of Greensburg's conference center and adjacent priests' retirement home, is seeking a part-time cook (culinary school education or equivalent experience in quantity cooking is desired; hours are mostly daylight). Forward a resume or standard application form HR@dioceseofgreensburg.org or Human Resources, 723 E. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg, PA 15601. For information, call 724-834-7350.

**Saints & Special Observances
 For the Week of January 9, 2022**

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
 Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 8, 2022 - Christmas Weekday

5:30 p.m. +Mary & +George Yerina (Children)

Sunday, January 9, 2022 - The Baptism of the Lord

9:30 a.m. +Steve LoCascio (Kathy Milyak)

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 - Weekday

8:30 a.m. +Ron Knaus (Betsy Butler)

Thursday, January 13, 2022 - Weekday

8:30 a.m. +Jerry Gumbita (Helen, Marie, and Anesthesia Hruby)

Saturday, January 15, 2022 - Weekday

5:30 p.m. +Thomas Kissell, Sr. (Greg Kuhar)

Sunday, January 16, 2022 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Benedict & Our Lady of Grace Parishes

ONE TIME GIFT – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

You may notice from time to time that there is a line item in our weekly offertory report named “One Time Gift”. This indicates a special large financial gift that comes in from a person or family, perhaps a contribution for the entire year. We list such gifts on a separate line item in order not to give the impression that the regular Sunday offering for that week increased by significant amount.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS



Fiscal Year 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

Report for January 2, 2022

<i>Adult</i>	\$ 2,138.00
<i>On-Line-Giving</i>	\$ 851.00
<i>Loose</i>	\$ 140.00
<i>Automatic Withdrawal</i>	\$ 250.00
<i>Total Weekly Offertory</i>	\$ 3,379.00
<i>One Time Gift</i>	\$ 2,000.00
<i>Christmas - One Time Gift</i>	\$ 4,000.00
<i>Christmas - One Time Gift</i>	\$ 5,000.00
<i>Christmas - One Time Gift</i>	\$ 1,000.00
<i>Maintenance</i>	\$ 422.00
<i>Christmas</i>	\$ 864.00
<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	\$ 480.00
<i>Candles</i>	\$ 121.00

In order to meet our ordinary expenses entirely from our Sunday collection, St. Benedict needs approximately \$3,515.00 per week in the regular collection.

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Fr. Dan Blout, Jerry Davis, Rick Hoffman, Bill Mohler, Sue Leonard, Tim Rennie & Randy Strayer

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Fr. Dan Blout, Fr. Ignatius Camello, OSB, Paula Aiello, Jerry Davis, Tina Krivoniak, Lisa Hoffman, Gene Leonard, Renie & Jim Pregelman, Joyce Novotny-Prettiman, Aurelia Sabol & Jennifer Strayer

SANCTUARY LAMP

We are offering the opportunity to have the Sanctuary Lamp (the candle next to the Tabernacle indicating the Eucharistic Presence) burn in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion. The donation for memorializing the Sanctuary Lamp for a week is \$10.00. You may call the parish office to make arrangements.

Please remember in your prayers the men and women who have chosen to bravely risk their lives for others, including all healthcare workers, police officers, armed forces, first responders, their families and their loved ones.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Diet; Start Exercising; Get Organized; Read a book a week; Begin a new hobby, etc., etc., etc., All worthwhile.

Here is also one worth considering: **Give God fifteen minutes a day in prayer.**

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, 21-22or, 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

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