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Office Hours: Thursday ONLY: 9am—4pm

MISSION STATEMENT

We, The Church of the Beloved Disciple, Are Called By Our
Baptism to Worship God through Liturgy and the Sacraments,
to Serve Others by Ministering to the Community
and to Actively Spread the Gospel.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses:

4:30pm Saturday Evening

8:00am Sunday Morning

11:00am Sunday Morning

Daily Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday — 8:00am

Thursday — 6:00pm

Adoration: First Friday of the month following morning Mass

Holy Day Masses: As scheduled in the bulletin

Confessions: Saturday — 3:30-4:15pm or by appointment

The Church is open Monday — Thursday,

9am — 4pm for private prayer



Our facilities are entirely handicap accessible.

Mass Schedule for the Week**Monday, January 10****8:00am Angelus Iwanczyk —****Dorothy Constantine**

1 SM 1: 1-8, MK 1: 14-20

Tuesday, January 11**8:00am Leo Schlecht, Jr. —****Brian and Sally Kearney**

1 SM 1: 9-20, MK 1: 21-28

Wednesday, January 12**8:00am Rev. Robert Mangiello —****Henry and Jacques**

1 SM 3: 1-10; 19-20, MK 1: 29-39

Thursday, January 13**6:00pm Marguriete Hassel —****Sam and Angel Trinch**

1 SM 4: 1-11, MK 1: 40-45

Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday, January 14**8:00am Robert Snyderwine — The Allison Family**

1 SM 8: 4-7; 10-22, MK 2: 1-12

Saturday, January 15**Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time****4:30pm (MM) Mary Lou Leigh —****Daniel and Kathleen Vukich**

1 SM 9: 1-4; 17-19; 10: 1, MK 2: 13-17

Sunday, January 16**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

IS 62: 1-5, 1 COR 12: 4-11, JN 2: 1-11

8:00am (MM) Joseph Alessio —**M/M Ernie Obman****11:00am For the Living and Deceased****Members of Our Parish****LIFT classes have been cancelled for
January 9th & 11th****Please be reminded of Bishop Persico's guidelines for attending Mass.**

- Please sanitize your hands before receiving Communion.
- Bishop Persico's words at the Town Hall Meeting: 'I really, really encourage you to receive Communion in the hand, out of consideration for people at this moment it would be best to receive Communion in the hand. This is about charity.'

A Message from Deacon Owen and Victoria: Thank for the many cards, gifts and prayer in this Christmas season. We are blessed by the thoughtfulness of so many. May each of you be blessed in this year with God's never-ending mercy and goodness.

*Beloved Disciple Youth Group***WINTER
OLYMPICS** **Middle School • Friday, Jan. 28 • 6:30-8:30 PM****High School • Sunday, Jan. 30 • 6-8 PM**

Join us for an evening of Winter Olympic fun with dinner, an opening ceremony, fun games and the awarding of medals! Feel free to bring a friend! This night will take place at Beloved Disciple and is FREE, but you must RSVP:

BelovedDiscipleYM@gmail.com

LIFT 2021-2022 Schedule

January 9/11	Teaching Session
January 23/25	Intergenerational
February 6/8	Teaching Session
February 20/22	Intergenerational

**Theme: The Creed—I Believe in God**

March 6/8	Teaching Session
March 20/22	Intergenerational
April 3/5	Teaching Session
April 24/26	Intergenerational

“One Sacred Community” by Mary Southard, CSJ,
courtesy of www.MinistryOfTheArts.org

Questions of the Week — First Reading: The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God’s presence? **Second Reading:** Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called “to live temperately, justly, and devoutly.” How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard? **Gospel:** We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God’s words from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God? ©LPi

Sunday’s Readings — First Reading: Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (IS 40:5) **Psalm:** O bless the Lord, my soul. (PS 104) **Second Reading:** He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (TI 3:5) **Gospel:** After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (LK 3:22)

Saint of the Week**Examples of our Faith****St. Hilary of Poitiers / January 13**

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ’s divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

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Marriage Moment 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

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

Seventh Annual 138 Women’s Conference

Say Yes! to the 7th Annual 138 Women’s Conference. The conference will be held from 8:30-12:30 on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This year’s conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch. Visit our website at www.138women.com for more information and to register."

Prayer Opportunities On Line: Please look at schedule weekly in the Bulletin, website, Facebook and Parish App to keep current. Join us as you can for Evening Prayer. If you have question or concerns, please contact the Parish Secretary or Deacon Owen (ext. 110).

Topic: CBD Evening Prayer for the week of January 9th

January 10th, 12th & 13th 7:00pm

Meeting ID: 884 2402 3964 Passcode: 039911

Parish Book Club News:

Our first book of 2022 will be "Coach Wooden's Forgotten Teams" by Pat Williams with Jim Denney. Besides being one of the greatest college basketball coaches of all time, Coach Wooden ran scores of summer youth basketball camps. He imparted his coaching and teaching skill to thousands of athletes and impacted hundreds of camp counselors. His wisdom and life lessons are inspiring. This is a one-of-a-kind book. Join us by purchasing this book at most bookstores or online. We will meet January 19 at 11:00 AM on line. How to connect is below. Hope to see you.

You are invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: CBD Book Club

Time: Jan 19, 2022 11:00 AM

Meeting ID: 893 3603 3774 Passcode: 592101

Engaged Couples: Plan Ahead for a Happy, Healthy Marriage

The Marriage and Family Life Office is hosting an Engagement Encounter weekend this January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide engaged couples the tools for a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here's what folks have loved in the past: Time as a couple to focus on their relationship, a community that prays and has fun together, a non-judgmental atmosphere, the chance to set a good foundation for their marriage, and the opportunity to retreat from busy wedding details and enjoy each other. Learn more or register at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

I Hope I Am Like Him

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Gospel Meditation - Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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. ©LPi

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

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.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

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I am new in the parish and wish to register _____

Change of Address _____

Moving out of Parish _____

Joseph Bandi, ext. 113 *Director of Liturgical Music*

Mikey Bancroft, ext. 100 *Parish Secretary, Outreach*

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Sacramental Prep: 1st Eucharist, Reconciliation

Lisa Bablak, 115, *LIFT Secretary*

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Victoria Wagner, 116, *LIFT Team, Outreach*

Lorie Wizorek, 724-748-6868 *Little Disciples Pre School*

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Sacrificial Giving the Week of

Online Giving is Available

Call the office, we can help to set up your online contributions.

Families in Parish: 390 Envelopes Mailed: 333
 Envelopes Used: 81, 60 & 65 Online Givers: 27 & 36

Yearly Budget: 535,176.00

Weekly Budget: 11,149.50

Christmas 12/25: Total: 13,958.00

Christmas — 13,433.00 Loose—525.00

December 26 & January 2

Our Total —	4423.00	5439.00
Offertory —	3221.00	3538.00
Loose —	157.00	274.00
Monthly —	1020.00	1540.00
Sister Parish —	35.00	25.00
Capital Needs —	25.00	90.00

We have only met 40 & 48% of our budget!

Thank you so much for your continued generous support!

A Sincere Thank You to Cunningham Funeral Home of Grove City for donating our yearly calendars!



New to our Community? Join our Parish!

Welcome to our parish! Please contact the parish office for an appointment to register. We hope you will become a part of our parish family!

Mission of Friendship/Sister Parish For over thirty years, the Church of the Beloved Disciple has shared its resources with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Colonia, Mexico, which is located within the Archdiocese of Yucatan. We continue to offer them our heartfelt prayers and affection.

Sacramental Preparation For all Sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Penance, Marriage and Holy Orders; or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), please call the parish office for information and assistance.

Pastoral Care of the Sick We are pleased to visit the sick or home-bound and administer the sacraments. Please contact the parish office to make the staff aware of your need. NOTE: Due to privacy laws effecting hospitals and care facilities families are asked to make our parish office aware of an admission so we don't miss visiting the sick.

Stewardship We ask that all families commit to sharing their time, talent and treasure to express their love of the Lord and His Church. All parishioners have something to offer to our Church; every gift is valued and appreciated.





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