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A Place to Grow in the Love and Knowledge of Jesus Christ

January 9, 2022 · The Baptism of the Lord

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Church Hours

Saturday Vigil

4 p.m.

* Interpreted Mass for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

Live-Streamed

Parish website, Facebook or YouTube. 4 p.m. and/or 10:30 a.m.

Weekday

7:00 a.m. M-W-F

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Noon to 1 p.m. Saturday in the Day Chapel

Private Prayer Schedule

The church is open Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Access limited to Gathering Space and Devotional Area

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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.

(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)



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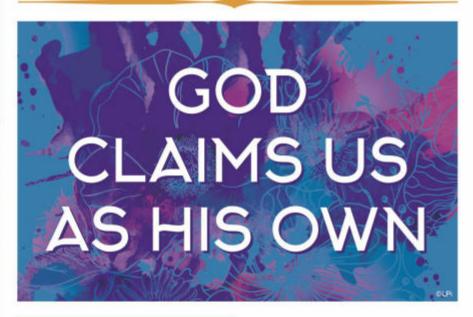
After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit

descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

4:00 p.m. Paula Steele

by Pat & Chris Cepullio

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 a.m. Peggy Bell

by Thomas

10:30 a.m. Donald Dlugos

by Jim & Darlene Evans

6:00 p.m. Parishioners of Our Lady of Grace &

Saint Benedict churches

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 a.m. Dorothy & Robert Obringer &

Sally Haas

by Jim & Sue Obringer

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00 a.m. Chuck & Helen Teacher

by Chuck & Carol Teacher

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00 a.m. Joseph T. Pacek, Jr.

by family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

4:00 p.m. Tom & Helen Kissell

by Tom & Annette Rusnock

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 a.m. Charles Cunningham

by family

10:30 a.m. Joseph Marturano

by Paul & Michele DeFloria

6:00 p.m. Enricketta DeNunzio

by Joe & Francine Quicquero

VISITS TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Monthly visits to the sick & homebound by a lay minister of communion are resuming. Homebound ministers may contact Fr. Ignatius at the parish office with any questions.

Fr. Ignatius and Fr. Dan will provide Anointing of the Sick or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, if requested. If you or your loved one are in need of this spiritual care, please contact the parish office.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Jim Ahearn
Gary Bailey
Marc Bryan
Lois Colligan
Estelle Dannhardt
Karen Davis
Flora Fannerella
Jerry Feret

Pat Feret Norma Japalucci George F. Moreland II Joan Ross Donny Sabol Linda Santone Phil Sinclair Shawn Teamann

PRAYER REQUESTS

Family members may add loved ones to the prayer list by contacting the parish office. Names will be removed after one month, unless you notify the office.

PRAYERS FOR OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

Jake LeJeune - Marines
John Petrucci - AF
Baylee Gardner - AF
CPO Cole Terrell - USN
Peyton Smith - Nat. Guard
Lt. Col. Thomas Naughton - AF
Capt. Thomas Shine - AF
CPO Eric Cain - USN

Sean Bialecki - AF Tara McGuire - Nat. Guard Zachary Daigle - Army Nathan Daigle - Nat. Guard Ryan Daigle - Army WO Andrew Couchenour - Nat. Guard

Staff Sgt. Nicholas Baker - AF

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

C. Suzanne Demoise

Richard Sackett father of Vicki Sackett Hassall

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, continue their journey to new life in the presence of God in the heavenly kingdom.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle is burning this week in loving memory of deceased members of the Music Ministry by Marisa Cazden.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Parish Support — January 2, 2022

Offertory (from mail & collection basket): \$ 4,855.00 (2021 donations) 7,282.00 (2022 donations)

Online Giving: <u>7,046.00</u>

\$ 19,183.00

Solemnity of Mary, January 1, 2022: \$1,386.00 Thank you for your continued faithful support of our parish!

MASS BOOK OPEN

Our parish office has opened the Mass Book for 2022. Mass Request forms are available in the Gathering Area of the church and also on the parish's web page. Intentions must be submitted in writing using the Request Form and must include the Mass stipend of \$10 per Mass. PLEASE READ THE GUIDELINES printed on the back of the form. No Mass requests will be accepted over the phone.

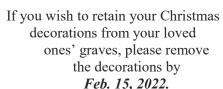
2022 Lenten Fish Fry

A general information meeting is scheduled in Shepherds Hall on Thursday, Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m., to discuss the upcoming Fish Fry. *The meeting is open to all parishioners*. This is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer, make new friends and provide your valuable input. Please mark your calendars to attend!



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 asked 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.

Christmas Decoration Removal Greensburg Catholic Cemetery



Anything left in the cemetery past that date, as a courtesy to you, will be discarded by the cemetery staff.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Schedule Change



Saturday, Jan. 15, 4 p.m. Mass

WILL NOT BE INTERPRETED FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING OR LIVE-STREAMED

Sunday, Jan. 16, 10:30 a.m. Mass

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The Knights of Columbus Council 1480 Support Pro-Life Gathering

The Knights of Columbus Council 1480 will hold a pro-life gathering Friday, Jan. 21, 11

a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Westmoreland County Courthouse, Greensburg. This is in conjunction with the National March for Life in Washington, DC. This event is open to anyone, including families from the diocese who are unable to go to Washington. The rosary will be recited and the group will have signs to display. Participants do not need to be there for the full two hours. If you have some time, please attend the gathering to peacefully support life.

Please visit the local council's Knights of Columbus webpage, www.knights1480.com, for information, links to newsletters, publications, and local parishes.

Flowers on the Altar

If you would like to donate flowers to decorate the parish altar for a particular weekend in memory of someone or in honor of a special occasion, please call the Parish Office to make sure that the date is available and to give us the appropriate information. Your memorial or special occasion will be listed in the bulletin for that particular weekend.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Water is a scarce commodity for millions of people in southern Madagascar, as this region faces the



worst drought on record in 40 year. Catholic Relief Services is working with its partner, USAID, to increase access to this vital life source. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help! Thanks for your support!

"We cannot wait any longer to deal with the structural causes of poverty, in order to heal our society from an illness that can only lead to new crises." ~ Pope Francis

Liturgical Ministers Jan. 15-16

4 PM Mass

EM: Toni Herroscheck EM: Maria Kunkle

EM & Sacristan: Peg Mongelluzzo

Lector: Mary Pollins Servers: Needed Teen Server: Needed

8 AM Mass EM: Needed EM: Needed EM & Sacristan: Needed

Lector: Jim Obringer Servers: Needed Teen Server: Needed

10:30 AM Mass EM: Needed EM: Needed EM & Sacristan: Needed

Lector: David Whirlow Servers: Jason & Michael Eziagulu

Teen Server: Needed

6 PM Mass

EM: AnnaMarie Pacione EM & Sacristan: Katrina Coleman

Lector: Needed Servers: Needed Teen Server: Rachel Tinney

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

St. James Church, Winter Breakfast — St. James Church, New Alexandria, will host a Winter Breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 16, 8 a.m. to noon. Menu includes: ham, sausage, pancakes, eggs, potatoes, juice, coffee and tea. Price is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children ages 6-12; children under 6 are free. Breakfast sponsored by St. James Holy Name and Rosary Altar societies.

Positions available at Christ Our Shepherd Center — 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 to HR@dioceseofgreensburg.org or Human Resources, 723 E. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg, PA 15601. For information, call 724-834-7350.

Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill speakers available — The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill offer speaker programs to parishes and organizations. Topics include prayer, human trafficking, the pandemic and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. For topics or to schedule a speaker, contact Sister of Charity Colette Hanlon at 203-809-1574 or chanlon@scsh.org.

Always God's Children hosts monthly meetings in Latrobe — Meetings for Always God's Children, a ministry for LGBTQ Catholics and their families, are held in-person and virtually the second Thursday of every month from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe. For information, contact Kristina Davies, 724-539-8629, Ext. 19, or kristina.davies@stvincent.edu.

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Sun: 9 AM - 5 PM

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Preparation for Baptism

First-time parents and typically those who last had a child baptized five or more years ago are expected to participate in a Baptism preparation session. Due to covid-19, the prep session will be offered online. After contacting the office to request Baptism, you will be provided with the information to complete the online preparation. Both parents are expected to participate in the prep session.

Sacraments of Marriage

Prior to setting a wedding date, please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance so that all of the formation and paperwork can be completed.

January Children's Ministry

January 9 & 23

Grades 2nd-5th: 9-10:15 a.m.,

Shepherds Hall
Grades PK-1st: 10:15-11:30 a.m., Albanese Hall



Our Lady of Grace & St. Benedict Middle School and High School Youth Ministry

2022 UPDATED SCHEDULE

Sundays at Our Lady of Grace Upper Hall

Grades 9–12: 7 p.m. – 9p.m.

January

9th Youth Nite 16th Youth Nite 23rd Youth Nite 30th Youth Nite

February

6th Youth Nite 13th Youth Nite 20th NO YOUTH NITE- HS RETREAT 27th Youth Nite

March

6th Youth Nite
9th Candlelight Stations Practice (Wednesday)
10th CANDLELIGHT STATIONS @ OLG 7pm
13th Youth Nite
20th Youth Nite
27th Youth Nite

April:

3rd NO YOUTH NITE (King & Country Concert)
High School Teens Only
10th NO YOUTH NITE (Palm Sunday)
17th NO YOUTH NITE (Easter)
24th END OF YEAR FAMILY PICNIC

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