

Blessed Sacrament Church

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

Blessed Sacrament Parish Mission Statement

To nourish our love of God through Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Centered in the Eucharist, we are developing a faith community through prayer, education, worship and Christian fellowship. As stewards of God's love, we strive to share our gifts and talents for the service of God and all His people.

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FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The gospel today points to Jesus' humanity; like us He needed RECOGNITION ("You are my Son"), AFFECTION ("My Beloved Son") and AFFIRMATION ("With you I am well pleased."). In our families, it is easy to focus on irritating behaviors and take for granted all the positives. This New Year take a lesson from God the Father, be an AFFIRMER and not a BLAMER.

CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in loving memory of Mickey Metzger from his family.

CHAPEL SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in loving memory of the People of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat" (Isaiah 55:1) In these uncertain times, perhaps you are the one with no money. May your faith community feed you. If you are among those who have enough food, may your faith lead you to feed another. Talk with your beloved about how.

26th & GREENGARDEN PARKING LOT

Just a reminder if you attend our 8am Mass, the parking lot is closed from 7:45am until 8:10am so the school students can enter Door #2 off the parking lot. If you arrive early it is ok to park in the lot, otherwise you will have to park in the gravel lot North of the chapel. Sorry for the inconvenience, but we have to think of the students safety first.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 11—Weekday

8:00 +Joe Tssario / Family

Tuesday, January 12—Weekday

8:00 +All Souls

Wednesday, January 13—Weekday

8:00 +Bob Hughes / Wife

1:15 +Mary Pirrello / Children

Thursday, January 14—Weekday

8:00 +Jackie Passinelli / Bob & Mary Alice Haibach

Friday, January 15—Weekday

NO 8:00 MASS

Saturday, January 16—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 +Mary Lou Lewis / Renzi Family

Sunday, January 17—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 +Jean Santone / Family

11:00 *People of Blessed Sacrament Parish

7:30 +John Danowski / Jean & Alexa Gleason

* Living Daily Mass in the Church @ 8am

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass in the Church at 8am

Monday thru Thursday

and on the first Friday of the month

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

*Sunday: 8:30am**, 11:00am and 7:30pm***

****these Masses will be livestreamed on our parish website & Facebook page**

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00—3:45pm

and by appointment

LECTOR SCHEDULE

January 16 @ 4pm

Rich Moore

January 17 @ 8:30pm

Gerri Piecuch

January 17 @ 11:00pm

Jim Ackman

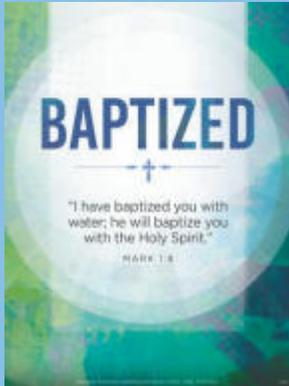
???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

Question for Children: Why does Baptism make you special?

Question for Youth: You were baptized as a member of the Christian community. What does it mean to you to belong to this community? How is it a support in your life?

Question for Adults: What meaning does your Baptism have for your everyday life?

From Our Pastor



The last feast of the Christmas Season reminds us of the desire of Jesus our Savior to be like us in all things. His baptism in the River Jordan of course was not necessary but is a sign to us of the start of Jesus' public ministry. In the same way the baptism of our children is a sign of the beginning of their relationship with God and the Christian Community, it signals to the child's family the need for them to perform their Christian parent ministry, teaching, and modeling for the child the ways of Jesus. This will allow the child to see first-hand a way of living that will lead to eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Our minds and hearts do not always match that of God, so we must deliberately strive for greater understanding of God and his ways. Let us call to mind the grace of our Baptism that adopted us as God's children.

Later this month three projects will come to completion that will help us worship better, especially during this time of the pandemic. First, the new keyboard will be purchased and installed to help our music ministers. Your generous contribution in November to the "I Give Catholic" Day of Giving has made this possible. Second, the installation of a projector and screen will happen; this will allow us to project the words of music and prayers especially since we do not have worship aids available during the pandemic. This will also be able to project short video clips for devotion and mediation. Finally, we will be able to improve the quality of our Live Streaming by purchasing new video equipment which will create a better picture and improve the sound to those who choose to watch our Mass at home. Both of these projects were made possible by the Erie County CARES grant we applied for in December. Grise Audio Visual will be doing the installation of the last two projects.

We have been very fortunate that we have qualified for the assistance and most blessed that you have been able to continue to support our parish in these difficult days. I never could have imagined the struggles and the need to adapt ministry so quickly because of this pandemic. Perhaps we are being taught the need for flexibility and to take advantage of ways to intensify our ministry to serve our community.

Our Church has many talented people and so many have given of their talents already. More of us will be called on in new ways. Let us pray that each of us be open to the direction the Holy Spirit will call us.

Make it a great week, be safe, peace,
Fr. Phil

GET VACCINATED FOR COVID-19

Below is a statement from Bishop Persico assuring us that getting the COVID-19 vaccine is a morally good thing to do, no matter which version of the vaccine is available to you. The Diocese of Erie reaffirms its complete commitment to the sanctity of all human life. We are called to honor, protect and nurture all human life from conception to natural death, including that of the most vulnerable, among whom are the unborn, the poor and the sick. In light of these sacred duties, as various vaccines for COVID-19 are made available to the public, the question of the ethical nature of those vaccines should not be ignored. When considering whether it is ethical to receive the Pfizer, Moderna or Novavax AB vaccines, a number of things must be taken into account:

- the gravity of the current pandemic,
- the urgency of protecting the public health,
- the current lack of a vaccine completely unconnected to abortion,
- the fact that these three vaccines have only a remote connection to morally compromised cell lines.

Given all of this, the reasons to accept the COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer, Moderna and Novavax AB are sufficiently serious to justify their use. What about individuals who do not have the opportunity to choose between these and other vaccines? Considering the gravity of the pandemic, and if no other options exist, individuals may choose to receive even other vaccines beyond these three, provided that one does so as an act of charity seeking to limit the spread of the virus and to protect the most vulnerable members of the community. The full text of Bishop Persico's statement can be found at:

[https://www.eriecd.org/images/sections/news/pdf/Statement on the ethical reception of COVID-19 vaccines2.pdf](https://www.eriecd.org/images/sections/news/pdf/Statement%20on%20the%20ethical%20reception%20of%20COVID-19%20vaccines2.pdf) **or go to our parish website www.bsparisherie.org**



USHERS' CORNER

Thank you to all the Ushers who covered the Christmas Masses to ensure that the Church would be open for celebration. Everyone who showed up for mass was able to enter and participate in person. As always, the teamwork of the Ushers with the Parish enabled Blessed Sacrament to achieve its goal of in person Christmas Masses.

I also want to thank all the Ushers who helped decorate the Church for Christmas. Your time allowed Judy Rosatti, Natalie Kreidinger, Renee Schlosser, Lisa Pianta and Mary Jo Meyer to make the Church look beautiful for Christmas. It took a lot of work but well worth it.

The next Usher meeting will be January 21 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually in the same manner as it was in December. It is an important meeting as it is the first of the year and will address the school reopening as well as the resumption of sports participation. Please join us as we prepare for the challenges in the upcoming year.

Here is to a healthy and happier New Year.

Pete Sala

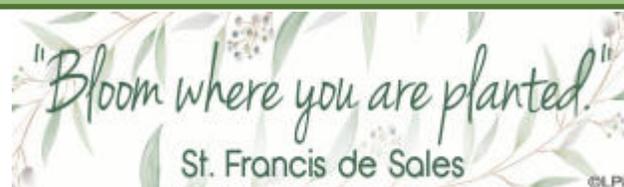


MARCH FOR LIFE 2021

Erie March for Life, sponsored by People for Life, will be held January 23 beginning at 11 a.m. Participants should gather at the pavilion in Perry Square by 10:45 a.m. The march will conclude with a brief program of speakers. The entire event will take approximately one hour.

March for Life Bus Trip

People for Life is sending one or more buses to the annual March for Life event in Washington, D.C., on January 29. Bus(es) will leave Erie at 11 p.m. on January 28, and return about 1:30 a.m. on January 30. Seats are \$55. Inquiries about financial sponsorship are welcome. For complete information and updates, visit www.peopleforlife.life/january2021, e-mail office@peopleforlife.org, or call 814-882-1333.



Sunday, January 10, 2021

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Do justice

We sometimes imagine it's about collecting sacraments. Or stockpiling mountains of prayers. Writing fat checks to charities. Or being nice to people we don't like. But the prophets relentlessly insist that what God desires from us is a just world. Where there's a privileged class, abominable wage gaps, racist systems, and deeply disproportionate outcomes for a nation's citizens, the peaceable reign of God can't gain a foothold. Contemplate categories of injustice—education, health care, employment opportunities, criminal justice—to name a few. Make one your special cause, learn all you can, and educate others about it.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 55:1-11 or Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; 1 John 5:1-9 or Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11 (21).* "A smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth."

Monday, January 11, 2021

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Nothing ordinary about the reign of God

Today is the first weekday of Ordinary Time—that period in the church's liturgical year after the close of the Christmas season that stretches until Ash Wednesday (and then picks up after Pentecost until Advent begins again). This time after the holidays can indeed seem "ordinary," when all the commotion dies down and all the decorations are put away. Some people, especially those who live with long, cold winters, might even feel a little blue. But while sacred seasons are important, getting down to business is too. After all, there's a reign of God to help build. Think about everything Jesus did between the bookends of his life that we celebrate—and roll up your sleeves for some extraordinary work.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20 (305).* "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

The power of a name

The Holy Name of Jesus is a devotion that was championed by Saint Bernardino of Siena in the 1400s—with the Holy Name Society dating to the 1200s. As a feast day, it's been celebrated during the first week of January by various Christian denominations and by Catholic religious orders, most notably the Jesuits, who use a monogram of the name (IHS) as their emblem. For Catholics, the entire month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. Pray the of the Holy Name of Jesus today, recalling how even the unclean spirits of Jesus' day recognized his name.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28 (306).* "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Be gracious in your disagreements

Catholics of the 21st century profess the belief that Jesus is both human and divine every time we recite the Nicene Creed at Mass. However, that profession of faith was challenged mightily in the fourth century when followers of Arius argued that Jesus was a great man—but not God. The conflict involved bishops and emperors on both sides and it went on for years. Hilary of Poitiers converted to Christianity at the age of 35 and was elected a bishop three years later. Hilary was a friendly and courteous man who persistently championed belief in Jesus' divinity. Even exile did

not silence his voice. In our own times of conflict and division, Saint Hilary, guide us to God's grace.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39 (307).* "For this purpose have I come."

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Reach out and touch an outcast

Jesus heals a leper in today's gospel. Leprosy is relatively rare now in most regions of the world, so it's hard to understand the fear and revulsion that people with this disease triggered at one time. Even someone as close to God as Saint Francis struggled to be comfortable with touching a leper. Every age has its outcasts, and the Christian challenge has always been to learn to accept those others find unacceptable, love those others find unlovable. Prisoners, poor people, those with dark skin or foreign accents, the homeless—the list of modern lepers is long. Who do you avoid? Acknowledging your aversion is a step toward acceptance.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45 (308).* "He . . . touched the leper, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.'"

Friday, January 15, 2021

Color blind no more

Today in Guatemala, a major religious procession honors an image of Christ on the cross carved from dark wood and renowned throughout the region as the "Black Christ of Esquipulas." The statue was commissioned by Spanish colonial leaders looking to convert the indigenous people who worshipped a dark-skinned deity. Today the image affirms the fact that in Latin America there has been a certain "fluidity between races through inter-marriage and more blending of cultures and religions when compared to the experience of Native Americans and African Americans," as El Paso Bishop Mark J. Seitz wrote in a remarkable pastoral letter on the history of racism, *Night Will Be No More*. Today would be a good day to dip into this document for insights into the history and persistence of racism, regionwide. May the Black Christ be a symbol of hope!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12 (309).* "They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this.'"

Saturday, January 16, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Be present to the Presence

The great paradox of God's kingdom is often expressed in the teachings of Jesus: The blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the last are first, the dead live. The first and most profound paradox is that the Virgin conceives. Our Blessed Mother experienced the coming Kingdom in her own body. She shares that experience with us in our communion with the Lord. We carry the Real Presence of the Savior in our own bodies. The ongoing paradox is that the Lord calls us, who are sinners, to be the vessels of his presence in the world. Express that presence today by lifting up the lowly.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17 (310).* "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."



*Daily renewal for busy Catholics.
Invest just five minutes a day,
and your faith will deepen and grow
a day at a time.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

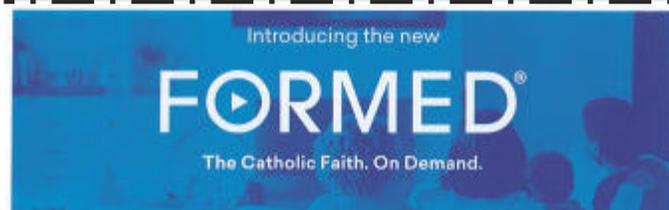
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Monday:	Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

IMPORTANT



Reminder: Face masks must be properly fitted and worn over both nose and mouth at all times in Blessed Sacrament buildings. Also, please remember to keep a six foot distance from those in households other than your own when seated for Mass. We want to keep all of you safe.

Comfort In God's Arms Prayer Shawl Ministry Please keep in mind that we have shawls available to take to your loved ones who need to feel the comfort of God's arms around them. If you or someone you know would like a prayer shawl or would like to join our group, please contact Linda at (814) 490-8022. There is no charge for the shawls. Our Ministry is glad to provide comfort and prayers for your loved ones in need.



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If you, a family member or friend are in need of prayers, please call the prayer line with your request (860-6211). If no one answers, leave a message with your prayer request. First names only are used when the request is passed through the prayer chain.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Why Hold Hands?

Question:

Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?

Answer:

The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that "all the faithful say the prayer" with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." And so, we're left to discern within ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer. ©LPi

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12/28 #014...#015...#013 *no winners*
 12/29 #054...#055...#053 *no winners*
 12/30 #296...#297...#295 *no winners*
 12/31 #030...#031...#029 *no winners*
 01/01 #141...#142...#140 *no winners*
 01/02 #185 *Dave & Maureen Decker \$50...*
 #186...#184 *no winners*
 01/03 #330...#331...#329 *no winners*
 01/04 #212...#213...#211 *no winners*

JANUARY TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE
\$5 per ticket 93 chances to win this month

If you want tickets, call Diane in the Parish Office (454-0171) or send an email dfisher@bserie.org and leave a message with your choice of lottery numbers and we will mail them to you. You can mail back your stubs and money or drop off at the office. We appreciate your support.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though you have already come. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. AMEN

**"KNIGHTS CORNER"**

Thank you to all parishioners who continue to support the Food Pantry with your generous donations. With your donations we were able to help our families have a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas too. The food is not only helping our Food Bank families but we have been helping families at a local Erie school whose families have been very hard hit by the economic impact of COVID. Thank you so much for your continued support and we hope you will continue your generosity in the coming months.

Erie Council 278 will pray the Rosary on the *first Sunday of each month* through Sunday March 3rd, 2021. Please plan to attend or participate online. This will be livestreamed on the parish website and facebook page followed by the 8:30am Mass. Please join us.

As always, we invite all practicing Catholic Men to join the Knights of Columbus.

31 CLUB
Pray for Vocations

January 11 -
date available...call the Parish Office if interested
 January 12 Mary Alice Haibach
 January 13 Mary Lou Schroeck
 January 14
date available...call the Parish Office if interested
 January 15 Patty George
 January 16 Jan Peck
 January 17 Kevin Kunik, Debbie Levesque

Members of the 31 Club agree to go to daily Mass and /or offer prayers on a particular day every month for an increase of vocations to the Church. One of the best ways to increase vocations is through prayers, and the greatest prayer we have is the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Please call the Parish Office if you want to be in the 31 Club and experience the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church.

Keep informed about what is going on in our parish

Text APP to 88202 to download our parish app to your cell phone. Select our parish after opening.

**Bulletins are also posted online on our parish website:
www.bsparisherie.org**



**"THE
 FUTURE
 STARTS
 TODAY,
 NOT
 TOMORROW."**

ST. JOHN PAUL II



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Baptism of the Lord

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so? ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT When God Whispers

"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for those in our Parish Family who are hospitalized, ill, homebound and in nursing facilities, as well as those who care for them.

Pray for all those suffering from COVID-19, the healthcare workers who are caring for them and all the service providers who are working everyday.

Pray for all members of the military.

Pray for those who have suffered the experience of abuse, may they find through Christ's presence, deep healing and peace.

PRAY FOR PEACE IN OUR COUNTRY



Congratulations to the following Mercyhurst Prep Students who earned honors for Term One

FIRST HONORS

Rachel Ciotti, Peyton DeForce, Zoe Angiolelli, Samuel Applebee, Kyle Bogdanski, Maria Piecuch, Nick Torok

SECOND HONORS

Dylan Warzynak, Cheyenne Farrell, Giovana Zonna

HONORABLE MENTION

Jacob Applebee, Agnes-Lynn Hosu, Corey Jones, Eve Wareham

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DID YOU KNOW? If you are visiting another parish in the Diocese for weekend Mass you can put your Blessed Sacrament envelope in their collection basket and they will forward the envelope to us. This is great for busy families, who may occasionally have to go to another church for a different Mass time.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

01/03/2021

Adult Offering:	\$ 6,072.00	142 [639]
Loose:	\$ 264.00	
Online:	\$ 1,488.00	59 [250]
Christmas:	\$ 480.00	
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 392.00	
Youth Offering:	\$ 12.00	2 [400]
Total:	\$ 8,708.00	

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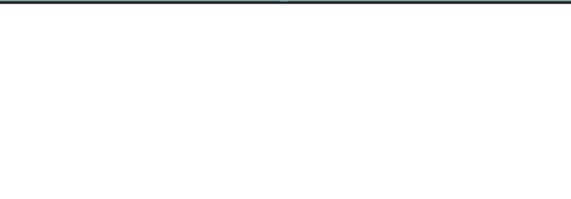
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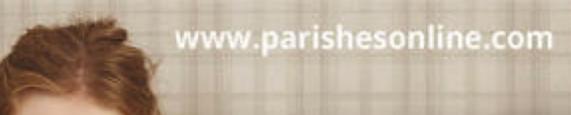
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