

JANUARY 9, 2022 | THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASS SCHEDULES

Saturday Anticipated Mass | 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass | 9:30 a.m. - Mass will be Live Streamed

Daily: Tuesday – Friday | 8:00 a.m. - Tuesday and Thursday Mass will be Live Streamed

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Six month notification required Baptism: By appointment

Confession: Available the Second & Fourth Weekends each month. Saturday: After 4:30 p.m. Mass Sunday: After 9:30 a.m. Mass

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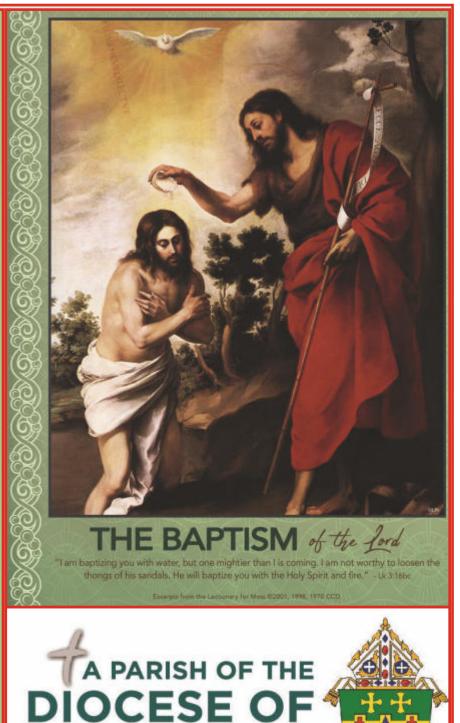
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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thursday - 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Friday - Office Closed



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PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR MASS

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. (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)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday:	
Thursday:	
Sunday:	

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

MEDITATIONS AFTER HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

At Mass, when you are invited by the priest to pause and call to mind your sins, do you? Have you committed any sins in the previous week? In your everyday life, do you ask yourself, is the Lord pleased with this?" What actions do you need to take to live a life more pleasing to the Lord? How do you live the grace of your Baptism?

"Lord Jesus, I am sorry for the times I offended you by my words and actions. As I hear the Father say that He is well pleased with You, I want Him to say that about me too. Through the grace of the Holy Eucharist I received, help me to live a life faithful to You and Your commandments."



"Baptism is the best gift we have received. Through it, we belong to God and we possess the joy of salvation." ~ Pope Francis January 13, 2019~

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTOR PAGE 3

Some Thoughts on Christmas

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This celebration brings us to the end of the Christmas Season. Over the past few days, I have reflected upon the Christmas celebrations here at Saint James. I am grateful to all those who have contributed to the beautiful celebrations of our liturgies. Your very presence at Mass adds much beauty to our celebrations. Our worship together is the lifeblood of our discipleship and pursuit of holiness. Each week, I anticipate with great excitement our Sunday Eucharistic celebration. It is the highlight of my week to gather with each of you for the Holy Celebration of Mass. When we gather in the church for Mass, we gather as Jesus did with His disciples as he offered them the greatest gift they could give them, His very body and blood. I am blessed to have this opportunity to gather with each of you as your priest to celebrate what Jesus left us, the Holy Mass.

Thank you for the kind Christmas cards and gifts that I received from so many of you. I am grateful for your thoughtfulness during this sacred time of the year.

This coming week I will be away on vacation. I am traveling to Colorado with two priest friends I studied with in the seminary for a week of skiing. Pray that God blesses us with fresh powdery snow, and of course protects us from injury. I will return late Friday night. There will be no daily Mass this week at Saint James.

Have a great week, and I will see you next weekend.

Father Bandura



SAINT JAMES NEWS MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022 | ANTICIPATED MASS - THE FEAST BAPTISM OF THE LORD

4:30 p.m. [†] Frank & Adaline Sundry (Son, Don Sundry)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022 | THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:30 a.m. † For the People

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022 | FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME - NO MORNING MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022 | WEEKDAY - NO MORNING MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022 | WEEKDAY - NO MORNING MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022 | WEEKDAY- NO MORNING MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022 | WEEKDAY - NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022 | ANTICIPATED MASS - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:30 p.m. † Ruth Metcalf (Friends & Colleagues)

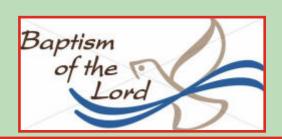
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022 | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9:30 a.m. † For the People



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.



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HOLY NAME SOCIETY & ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY WINTER BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022 8:00 A.M - 12:00 P.M.

ADULTS - \$10.00 CHILD - \$5.00 (AGES 6 TO 12) FREE TO CHILD UNDER AGE 6

Ham, Sausage, Pancakes, Eggs, Potatoes, Juice, Coffee, Tea





We commend to your prayers the soul of Mary Munson, sister of our parishioners Mr. Dominick Tagliati and sister-in-law to Mrs. Mary Tagliati, who died on **December 28th, 2021**. Mary lived in Medford, Oregon. We express our deepest sympathy to the entire Tagliati family.

Please keep Mary and all her family in your prayers. May God receive her soul into His everlasting Kingdom and grant comfort and peace to her family and friends.



CHRISTMAS WINDOW CANDLE ADDITION

Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Danielle Frye

In honor of parents, Fran and Nance Disciascio

CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be choir practice on **Tuesday**, **January 11th at 6:30 p.m.** in the church. All members are asked to attend this important practice. New members are always welcome to join the choir or anyone that may be interested in cantoring is encouraged to attend. If you love music, this is the ministry for you!



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

BABY NEEDS COLLECTION

January 15th & 16th, 2022



The Saint James Rosary Altar Society Members are collecting baby items to donate to four clinics in the Diocese of Greensburg to help expecting mom's in need. Items being collected are all products needed to help take care of a baby, diapers, bottles, baby shampoo and bath products, baby blankets, bibs, pacifiers, etc. Boxes will be placed in the entrance of the church to collect all items. Monetary donations will also be taken - please place money in an envelope and mark the front for RAS - Baby Needs Collection checks should be made payable to the Rosary Altar Society and donations will be divided to the various shelters. Next weekend is the last weekend to donate. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

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MARIAN PRAYERS

Our Rosary Altar Society will sponsor our monthly devotions and Marian Prayers on **Wednesday**, **January 12th, 2022 from 1:30 - 3:15 p.m.** in the Church. Beginning at 1:30 p.m. all four mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed. There will then be a period of quiet time for private prayer. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3:00 p.m. with closing at 3:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us in this time of prayer as we pray for the intentions of the Church, our world and country along with your own private intentions.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY AND HOLY NAME SOCIETY BREAKFAST

On *Sunday, January 23rd* the Rosary Altar Society will be reciting the Rosary at 9:00 a.m. before morning Mass. Following Mass, the members will be having their monthly meeting. The hostesses for this meeting will be Mrs. Angel Gillott and Mrs. Martha Ebert.

After the meeting they will be having a shared breakfast with the members of the Holy Name Society. If any member of either society would like to attend the breakfast, please contact Mrs. Gillott or Mrs. Ebert so a complete count can be obtained for food preparation. New members are always welcome to attend.

leatines	<u>SAVE THE DATE!</u> Valentines Dinner & Dance Saturday, February 5th, 2022 6:00 p.m 9:00 p.m.	
Dinner & Dance	Menu includes: Chicken, rigatoni, parsley potatoes, vegetable, salad, dessert \$15.00 Adult/\$7.00 for age 12 and under Register by February 1st, 2022 Name: Number of Adults:Number of Children:	

REFLECTION MEDITATION

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:16)

Now that's a promise worth remembering: Jesus wants to baptize us with his own Holy Spirit! But what does this mean?

Let's look first at Jesus' experience of the Spirit! Luke tells us that at Jesus' baptism, *"the Holy Spirit descended upon"* him (3:22). On that day, Jesus received the Spirit in a new way—a gift from God that would empower him and set him on the path of ministry, service and ultimately death and resurrection. Though Jesus was already fully God, the Spirit of God still came upon him.

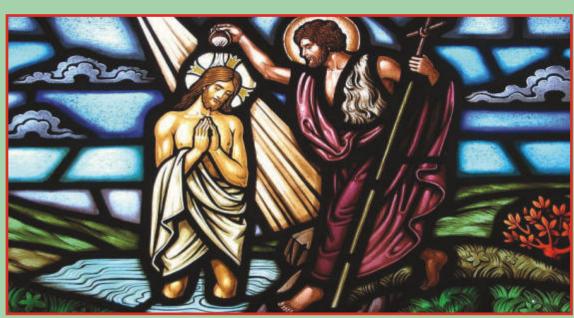
Luke includes a small but important detail in his account. As the Spirit descended on him, the Father called out, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22, emphasis added). He spoke directly to Jesus He told him how delighted he was in his Son's obedience, humility, and trust in him, Baptized, or immersed, in water, Jesus was also immersed in the Holy Spirit that day.

When you were baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon you, and God claimed you as his beloved child as well. He entered into a new, unbreakable relationship with you, and you became a new creation in Christ (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1279).

But God does not want to fill you with his Spirit only at your baptism. He wants to baptize you—immerse you—in his Spirit again and again so that you can be filled with his love and equipped for the work God has for you. Again and again, he wants to tell you, "You are my beloved child. I love you. I am pleased to have you in my family."

Even if it has been decades since you were baptized, God still wants to fill you with his Spirit. So do not be afraid to ask for more: more of his love, and more of his power in your life.

"Jesus, fill me with your Spirit. Let me know you love in a new way today!"



Reference: The Word Among Us January 2022

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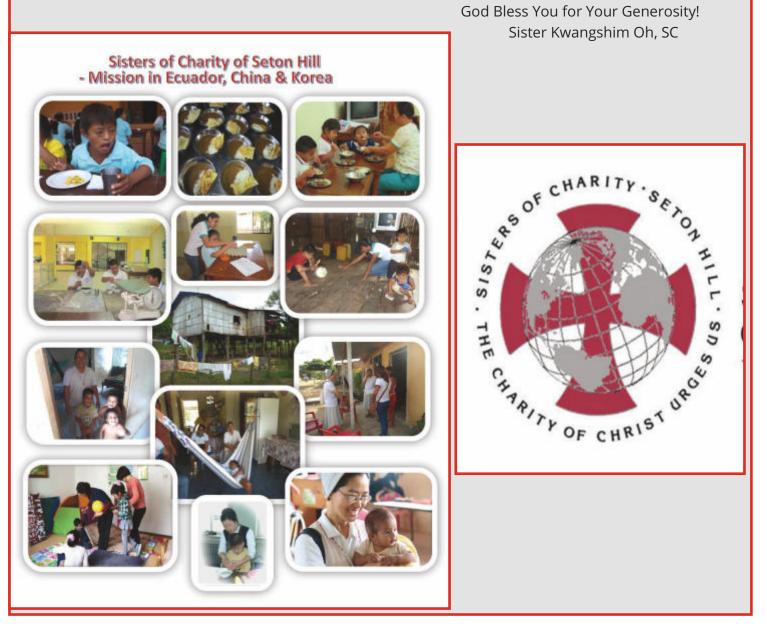
Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill 2021 Mission Cooperation Appeal Weekend of January 15-16th, 2022

Next weekend Saint James will be sponsoring our Diocesan Mission Cooperation Appeal in our parish. On *January 15th and 16th, 2022* we will be honored to have Sister Maureen O'Brien, SC with us to share the good news of the mission works of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill in China, Korea and Ecuador.

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill first missioned four sisters from Pennsylvania to Korea in 1960. At that time it took a month for the sisters to travel by freighter ship to Korea, now it takes only hours by airplane! As our world grows smaller, our hearts grow larger and we reach out to others.

We are pleased to have this opportunity to learn about the missions and to help with our prayers and donations. As the sisters continue to bring the love of the Lord to the people they serve, they need our help—they cannot do it alone! Wherever we may live we are all missionaries and can help in different ways!

Please give from the heart on **January 15th-16th, 2022** to help spread the Gospel throughout the world and assist the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill to share God's love with those in need. Your prayers and donations will bring blessings of hope and healing!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

BY: MRS. CATYLN BAILEY, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS FORMATION EMAIL: CBAILEY@DIOCESEOFGREENSBURG.ORG

Epiphany Home Blessing Booklet

Epiphany of the Lord is 12 days after Christmas on January 6. One of the traditions that comes with this feast day is the blessing of the home.

Visit: https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2018/01/epiphanyhome-blessing-kits.html

for an at home blessing booklet. The only other thing you will need is a piece of chalk.

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Another helpful website that shares practical ideas to celebrate many feasts throughout the liturgical year is GISM Welcomes Us to the Church www.teachingcatholickids.com. Sunday, January 9th, Make a list of people and Draw a picture of Baptism **2022** celebrates the Baptism of the Lord. We know that things at Baptism: Jesus was born without sin therefore, Jesus did not need to be Baptized by John the Baptist. However, Jesus chose to be baptized as an example for the rest of us. Take some time this week to talk as a family about their baptisms. When were they Baptized, who are their godparents, why did you pick them, how did you celebrate this sacrament after. Even if you shared this before, Write the missing words that the priest says at Baptism: everyone will love the retelling of such a beautiful I baptize you moment. Together as a family fill out this paper from in the name of the _ and of the _ www.kindercraze.com to remember the articles used at a and of the Baptism.



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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

COLLECTION REPORT DECEMBER 25 & 26, 2021

12/26 Sunday Offertory:	\$1,818.00
Christmas Offertory:	\$5,478.00
Sunday Loose:	\$464.00
Fuel & Maintenance:	\$40.00
Candles:	\$304.00
Flowers:	\$70.00
Catholic Accent:	\$55.00
Advent Offering:	\$20.00
Oplatki:	\$3.00
Children & Family:	\$832.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$10.00
Total:	\$9,094.00

73 Adult Envelopes & 75 Christmas Envelopes

30 % out of **237** who choose to use regular Sunday envelopes

 Income
 Budget
 Difference

 \$8,207.00
 \$3,890.48
 \$ + 4,316.52

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

COLLECTION REPORT JANUARY 1 & JANUARY 2, 2022

Total:	\$5,562.50	
Children & Family Services:	\$25.00	
Diocesan Poverty:	\$5.00	
Mission Sunday:	\$5.00	
Catholic Accent:	\$51.00	
Oplatki:	\$12.00	
All Saints:	\$5.00	
Thanksgiving:	\$5.00	
Candles:	\$102.50	
Solemnity of Mary:	\$1,222.00	
Christmas:	\$80.00	
Advent:	\$55.00	
Fuel & Maintenance:	\$705.00	
Offertory Loose:	\$231.00	
Offertory Collection:	\$3059.00	

73 Adult Envelopes & 36 Holy Day

31 % out of **237** who choose to use regular Sunday envelopes

<u>Income</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$5,476.50	\$3,890.48	\$ + 1,586.02

Saturday, January 15, 2021

<u>4:30 p.m.</u>

Lector - Bridget Widdowson Eucharistic Minister - Mary Bartolini

Sunday, January 16, 2021

<u>9:30 a.m.</u>

Lector - Jill Henry Eucharistic Minister - Charles McNaughton

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle is burning during the month of:

January 2022

In Memory of:

Mr. George Pastor, Mr. George Dickerson, Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie & Peggy Hamlin and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond & Marie McNaughton

Requested By:

Dave & Georgette McNaughton

MASS ATTENDANCE

DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

4:30 p.m. - 55 9:30 a.m. - <u>32</u> **Total - 87**

JANUARY 1, 2022 & JANUARY 2, 2022 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

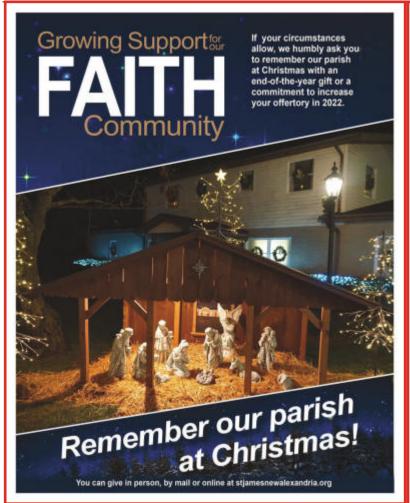
4:30 p.m. - 55 9:30 a.m. - 127 **Total - 182**

EFT Amount Received - December 2021 \$6.115.00

2021 Offertory

Please note: All offertory donations for 2021 that were received on the weekend of January 1st & 2nd will be posted to individual accounts and credit will be given in the year 2022.

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Virtual Bible Studies Offered

Two virtual Bible studies are being offered over the Zoom platform: *"The Acts of the Apostles,"* Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 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 Molli Vassar at 724-366-9552 or **molli.vassar@gmail.com**.

MCA Artwork Contest 2021-2022

From Father Anthony J. Carbone Diocesan Mission Director Pontifical Mission Societies

Just a reminder that the deadline to submit entries for the 2021-2022 Missionary Childhood Association National Christmas Artwork Contest is **January 31, 2022**.

Additional information and the official entry form is available by logging onto **mcaartcontest.missio.org**.

What an opportunity to share our Catholic faith and our belief in the *"Word Made Flesh!"*

Hold your Post-Sacramental Gathering at Christ Our Shepherd Center

Hold your post-sacramental gathering at the beautifully renovated Christ Our Shepherd Center, conveniently located on U.S. Route 30, east of Greensburg. You can select a caterer and specific menu for events, including receptions or meals after baptisms, first Communions, confirmations, weddings, ordinations and funerals. For information or to reserve a date and room;

<u>Visit:</u>

www.christourshepherdcenter.org or call 724-834-7350.

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 **HR@dioceseofgreensburg.org** or Human Resources, 723 E. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg, PA 15601. For information, call 724-834-7350.

Pro-life Essay Contest Open to Westmoreland, Fayette students

Alternatives. Yes pregnancy support center's 2022 essay contest is open to students in grades 6-8 in Fayette and Westmoreland counties. This year's theme is "Empowering Women to Choose Life." Essays must be 300-500 words, typed double-space, with name, grade, phone number, address and school name on the back or on a separate page. They will be judged on originality, creativity, grammar and neatness. Cash prizes are offered for first, second and third place and honorable mention. Submissions can be emailed to pregnancysupport@zoominternet.net, or mailed to or dropped off at Alternatives.Yes, 6 Frank Gallo Lane, Connellsville, PA 15425. Deadline is January 22, 2022.

