

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION: Anointing and Holy Communion are available upon request to those who are sick, elderly or homebound. Families are requested to call the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptism Preparation Catechesis is required for parents and sponsors prior to the child's baptism. Please call the Office of Faith Formation to register and arrange a time for the ceremony.

GODPARENT/CONFIRMATION SPONSOR CERTIFICATE: For a Catholic to be a sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation, one must be a practicing Catholic regularly attending Sunday Mass and receiving the Sacraments, a registered member of the Parish and a faithful contributor to the support of the Parish for a minimum of four months. All requests for a certificate should be made four weeks in advance of the designated date needed for sponsorship.

LITURGICAL LIFE

JANUARY 9, 2022



BAPTISM OF THE LORD Saturday, January 8

4:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Pirilla & Seydor Families-Pam & Mitch Seydor

Sunday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Parish Family 11:00 a.m. John Melvin & Pauline Ellin Michael & Kelly Ellin & Family



Monday, January 10

8:00 a.m. James Joseph Coletti, III-Kelly Please pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Private.

Tuesday, January 11

Mass is celebrated at Holy Family Church, West Newton, at 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 12

Mass is celebrated at Holy Family Church, West Newton, at 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 13

8:00 a.m. Kathryn Lipari-The Koury Family Please pray the Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Private.

Friday, January 14

No Mass

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 15

4:30 p.m. Ruth Saksun Marlene Moreschi & John Verbanic



Sunday, January 16

8:00 a.m. Paul Yancich-Lorraine & Larry Damich 11:00 a.m. Parish Family

"He saved us through the bath or rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." —*Titus 3:5*

WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY Remember our Parishioners Margaret Speicher Dolores Tegnelia who were called by the Lord to eternal life. Sympathy is expressed to their families who cherish fond memories of them. May they be embraced in the arms of the Risen Lord, and may they rest in peace.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"BE THE LIGHT"

2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal Diocesan Goal: \$53,521.00 Received to Date: \$57,005.00 (over the \$57,000 mark!) Any amount over and above the Diocesan Goal will be sent back to the Parish.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY participants meet on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Church. All are welcome.

The ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR FLOWERS or SANCTUARY CANDLE may be offered in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please call the Parish Office early in the week for an upcoming weekend.

DISCIPLES OF PRAYER—Do you need someone to pray for you, a loved one, friend, or for your special intentions? Please call the Parish Office for this request.

NEW PARISHIONERS: You are warmly welcomed to the Parish. Register online by using the Parish Website, www.stannerostraver.org, or by calling or visiting the Parish Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Articles must be printed, typed and submitted by Noon on Tuesday.



IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, remember our parishioners who are ill, those who are homebound and all those who need our prayers.

PRAYING THE ROSARY—Please tune in the following channels on the radio or TV at the designated times: Radio Channel: 106.7 FM

Monday through Friday @ 11:00 a.m. & 11:00 p.m. EWTN Cable

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.—Rosary and Devotions (after Mass) Monday through Saturday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday and Saturday: 3:30 p.m. (from Lourdes) Monday through Friday: 3:30 p.m. (Mother Angelica)

Sunday through Saturday: 9:30 p.m. (Mother Angelica)

Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ **EWTN Cable** Sunday through Saturday: 3:00 p.m.

Feast Day, January 13





Altar Bread & Wine In Memory of Richard Bianchi by Wife, Carol

JANUARY 9, 2022

SUNDAY & DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 9

21: Is 42:1-4.6-7: Ps 29:1-4.9-10: Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16,21-22 or, in Year C: Is 40:1-5,9-11; *Ps* 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30; *Ti* 2:11-14,3:4-7; *Lk* 3:15-16,21-22

Monday, January 10 305: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 11

306: 1 Sm 1:9-20: (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1.4-8: Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 12

307: 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20; Ps 40:2,5,7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 13 308: 1 Sm 4:1-11;

Ps 44:10-11.14-15.24-25: Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 14 309: 1 Sm 8:4-7.10-22a: Ps 89:16-19: Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 15 310: 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 16 66: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3,7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11: Jn 2:1-11

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP		
Nativity of the Lord ~ December 25, 2021		
29 Regular Sunday Adult Envelopes:	\$	1,020.00
190 Nativity of the Lord Envelopes:	\$	13,473.00
added to that previously reported, \$1,140.00		
for a total of \$14,613.00		
Solemnity of Mary, January 1, 2022:	\$	258.00
Young Adult Envelopes:	S	3.00
Loose:	Ŝ	309.00
Tornado Relief:	\$	268.00
added to that previously reported, \$1,454.00,		
plus \$50.00 (online) for a total of \$1,722.00		
63 Children & Family Services Envelopes:	\$	1,228.00
added to that previously reported, \$65.00,		
plus \$35.00 (online) for a total of \$1,328.00		
Total for December 25:	S	16,559.00
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Sunday, January 2 ~ Epiphany	of	the Lord
143 Regular Sunday Adult Envelopes:	\$	4.108.00
11 Nativity of the Lord Envelopes:	ŝ	855.00
added to that previously reported, \$14,613.00,	Ψ	000.00
f or a total of \$15,468.00		
40 Solemnity of Mary, January 1, Envelopes:	\$	663.00
added to that previously reported, \$258.00,	Ψ	005.00
for a total of \$921.00		
3 Catholic Accent Envelopes:	\$	52.75
Loose:	\$	85.00
Poor Box:	ŝ	110.01
Votive:	\$ \$	179.96
Tornado Relief:	ŝ	68.00
added to that previously reported, \$1,722.00,	φ	00100
for a total of \$1,790.00		
1 Immaculate Conception Envelope:	\$	10.00
3 Children & Family Services Envelopes:	\$	85.00
added to that previously reported, \$1,328.00,		
for a total of \$1,413.00		
Total for January 2:	\$	6,216.72
Online Giving, 12/28/21, thru 1/8/22:		
38 Regular Sunday Envelopes:	\$	1,306.00
3 Catholic Accent Envelopes:	\$	57.75
3 Christmas Day Envelopes:	\$ \$ \$	130.00
1 Christmas Flower Envelope:	\$	30.00
2 Solemnity of Mary, January 1, Envelopes:	<u>\$</u>	60.00

Total for Online Giving and January 2:

BAPTISM OF THE LORD Almighty

ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended

upon Him, solemnly declared Him your beloved

Son, grant that Your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to You. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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REMINDER

The Front Entrance Doors are locked for daily Mass and for private prayer during weekday Church hours. Please use the elevator lobby door at the side entrance to enter the Church for daily Mass or if you wish to pray privately. Please exit through the same door that you entered.

Child Protection Act—As the obligation to attend Mass is lifted and more and more families with young children are present, and because of our support of the Child Protection Act, it is recommended that a parent always accompany a child to the restroom downstairs in the Social Hall.

PERRY DRUG STORE. 301 INDEPENDENCE STREET. PERRYOPOLIS. 15473. HAS AMPLE SUPPLY OF THE COVID VACCINE.

Vaccine appointments are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Please call 724-736-4422.



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FOR YOUR AWARENESS, as activities are being planned for the year, it is appreciated that the Parish Office be alerted if the Conference Room, Social Hall or the Church needs to be occupied for any meetings, events or activities to avoid conflicts. These events are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

TO ACCESS ON-LINE GIVING FOR **YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS, visit:** www.stannerostraver.org,

select "donate" in the upper right hand corner of the home page, link to osv.hub.com, (Our Sunday Visitor), select the preferred donation box and choose "give now." Contributions may also be made by visiting

www.dioceseofgreensburg.org, choose "donate" in the upper right hand corner and fill out the information requested.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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JANUARY 9, 2022

Last weekend the Church celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. This celebration, which recalls the arrival of the three Magi, is the first public manifestation of the new-born Jesus – and to the Gentile world. This weekend the Church is commemorating the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan by His cousin – John the Baptist. This, too, is a public manifestation or another Epiphany of the Lord. What's different about this revelation of Jesus from last week's is, at His Baptism, we have the first public revelation of all Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, as well as the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by the Father. Thus, it is described by all four Gospels as the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

When did Jesus know Who He really was? We can assume that He grew into that knowledge. As He grew from being a little boy to a man, He came to understand Who He was and the saving mission that His Father had sent Him to accomplish.

This is confirmed in the signs that occurred after Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus like a dove and a voice from the heavens was heard saying: "You are My Beloved Son with Whom I am well pleased." After His baptism and the forty days that He spent fasting and praying in the desert, Jesus began His public ministry. He began teaching and doing the things necessary to reveal the depths of the Father's love for us, to reveal the Father's plan of salvation, to teach us how to live in order to enter eternal life. Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection would win our salvation and open the way to eternal life. When Jesus began this mission, He did so in firm resolve, with one hundred percent commitment, and in perfect fidelity to the will of His Father.

Similarly, for us to be successful in any endeavor, commitment is essential. Nothing of lasting value happens without commitment. And Commitment is not easy. Our culture sends us many differing messages that work against keeping our commitments.

The Baptism of Jesus should remind us of our own Baptism and the identity we received with that Baptism. We, like Jesus, are also children of the Father. And as with Jesus, the Father is also well-pleased with each of us. That should feel us with a certain sense of pride that we are considered so special by God. With that comes the promise that we, along with the Son, are heirs to the Kingdom and temples of the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, not everyone knows of that specialness we have with God.

A story is told of a tiger cub that finds its identity. It's an old Hindu parable about a tiger cub being raised by goats. The cub learned to bleat and nibble grass and behave like a goat. One night a larger tiger attacked the goats, which scattered for their safety. But the tiger cub kept grazing and crying like a goat without getting frightened. The old tiger roared: "What are you doing here, living with these cowardly goats?" He grabbed the cub by the scruff, dragged him to a pond and said: "Look how our faces are reflected in water! Now you know who you are and whose you are." The tiger took the cub home, taught him how to catch animals, eat their meat, roar and act like a tiger. The tiger cub thus discovered his true self. Today's celebration with its Gospel seems to suggest that Jesus received from Heaven a fresh flash of realization of Who, and Whose, He really was (His identity), and of what He was supposed to do (His mission), on the day of His Baptism in the river Jordan.

Journey back to your own Baptism. Open your ears. Hopefully you will hear the voice of God saying: "You are My beloved child. On you My Favor rests. And I will love you no matter what. God's love and mercy enable us to commit ourselves to living as a disciple of Jesus, and His love and mercy give us the grace and strength we need to live out this call of discipleship.

Every time we enter or leave a Catholic Church we have the opportunity to renew our own Baptism. As we dip our fingers into the Holy Water font, we are reminding ourselves of our own Baptism. As we make the sign of the cross on ourselves with this Holy Water we should be thinking of the fact that we are a child of God, that we have been redeemed by the Cross of Christ, that we have been made a member of God's family, and that we have been washed, forgiven, cleansed and purified at a tremendous price – by the Blood of the Lamb of God. Every time we bless ourselves with this Holy Water we should remind ourselves how special we are in the sight of God.

Let us pray for the Conversion of the World and for peace.

ATTENTION, MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Members will gather for the 8:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, January 16. A meeting will be held in the Social Hall following the Mass, which will include



welcoming new members who were installed in November. Refreshments will be served.

ANGEL TREE GENEROSITY

Dear Parishioners of St. Anne and Holy Family Parishes,



Thank you so much for your generous hearts and helping hands! Because of YOU, we were able to contribute monetary donations of \$3,278.00 to Catholic Charities, which helped to provide 177 gifts to teens this Christmas! Also, due to

your generosity, we provided 51 purchased Christmas gifts to young children in need! Once again, you have shown your love of Christ through your incredible work of mercy! Wishing you all the Christ Child's abundant blessings in this New Year and our heartfelt thank you!

The Angel Tree Committee, Church of St. Anne

JANUARY — VIRTUE OF THE MONTH — PRAYER Prayer is very important. Never forget to pray. Nobody can tell when we are praying, on the bus or on the road. We pray in silence, with the heart, so let's take advantage of these opportunities to pray. —Pope Francis

BIBLE STUDY/FAITH FORMATION/BLOOD DRIVE

JANUARY 9, 2022

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY—"CHOSEN"

Sessions will continue this Thursday, January 13, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please contact the Parish Office, 724-872-3555, or Lauretta Stanley, 724-787-1989, for more information.



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN EACH SUNDAY DURING THE 11:00 A.M. MASS

All children ages 5 through 11 are invited to participate in this beautiful ritual of proclaiming God's Word with Children appropriate to their understanding. They are sent in a group with their leaders before the readings and return to their families after the Creed. No sign-up is necessary.

A **Youth Mass** is planned on the last weekend of every month at the Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m. This Mass gives the students the opportunity to participate in the various liturgical ministries as lectors, servers, ushers and greeters and to accept other responsibilities. This monthly Mass will alternate between St. Anne and Holy Family churches. The next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday, January 30, at 11:00 a.m. here at the Church of St. Anne. We commend the students for taking a role in active ministry in the Church.

Messages of Gratitude

"Thank you so much for all of the Christmas cards with beautiful verses, Christmas gifts, delicious varieties of food and many expressions of joy for this Blessed Season. All of these are so much appreciated, and I thank you for your kindness." *Fr. James Bump*

"From the depth of my heart, thank you all for the cards and gifts that you gave me this Christmas Season! I was overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness and gestures of kindness. I ask that you continue to be prudent when it comes to physical health matters, but even more so that we all address the feelings in us and others that can divide the Body of Christ. Thank you for allowing me to minister to you even though you had no vote in the matter. But more so, thank you for coming to the Eucharist if you have been able to do so and sharing your life with me and other members of the Parish, Diocese and bigger church"! *Fr. Rich Zelik, OFM Cap*

"The Bethlehem Christian Families mission would like to express humble appreciation for allowing us to revisit you Parish. With your kindness and through the generosity of your parishioners, the sales of the olive wood carvings received a total amount of \$2,933.00.

It was really a great excitement to observe so many kind people at your Parish who were interested in our religious articles, and some expressed their intention to visit the Holy Land! Please remember that the members of the Parish are included in our prayers.

Thank you for your support in helping us and our brothers and sisters in Christ with compassion, dignity and respect especially in these difficult times. May all of you enjoy God's many glorious blessings"!

Roni Salsa, Bethlehem Christian Families

LIVING GOD'S WORD—We pray as Jesus prayed that we might hear the voice of the Father, a voice that speaks of God's love for us. We ask that we might allow that Spirit, God's holy breath that came upon us at our own baptism, to move us out into the world in service to those most in need whom God has set before us.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

FAITH FORMATION

Please refer to our website, **www.stannerostraver.org**,

for information on 2021/2022 classes and sacramental preparation schedules. Classes resume:

Today, Sunday, January 9, for grades 1, 2 & 3;

Tomorrow, Monday, January 10, for grades 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INTIATION OF ADULTS

If you are interested in seeing if the Catholic Faith is right for you or if you need to "catch-up" on your sacraments, please contact Director of Faith Formation, Angela Ehrhardt, in the Office of Faith Formation, 724-872-3486 or

aehrhardt@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2021: Should you require a statement of you contributions for the year 2021 for income tax purposes, please contact the Parish Office, and it will be mailed to you.

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VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE FOR LENT will be held on Wednesday, March 16, from 12:00 Noon until 6:00 p.m. Some appointments were made at the recent blood drive; however, those who would like to donate may call 412-209-7000. You may also visit

https://donateblood.centralbloodbank.org and select "Donor Login" if you have donated before. If you have not donated before, choose "New Donor." At the "Schedule your Appointment Today" screen, scroll down and enter Group Code G0040250.

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WANTED—WEB CONTENT CREA-TOR FOR OUR PARISH—As the Diocese is migrating the content of parish websites from SharePoint 2013 to Wordpress CMS in the very near future, there is a desire to train someone for this position. Those interested may talk to Father Dave or call the Parish Office, 724-872-3555, for more information.



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