

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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The Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019

He saved us through the bath of
rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— Titus 3:5

Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.



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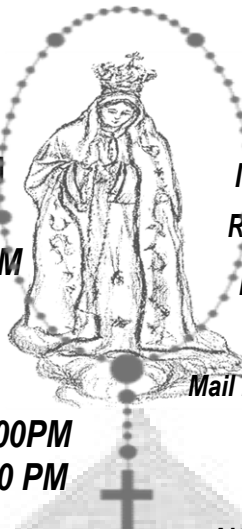
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10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 12:00 Noon

12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM

5:00 PM 12:00 Noon

January 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord

CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John’s Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since “today there is a blessing on the water.” At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

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SELF-DISCIPLINE

The greatest of all warriors in the siege of Troy had not the preeminence because nature had given him strength and he carried the largest bow, but because self-discipline had taught him how to bend it.

—Daniel Webster

A Pro-Life Message

Many problems darken the horizon of our time. We need but think of the urgent need to work for peace, to base relationships between peoples on solid promises of justice and solidarity, and to defend human life from conception to its natural end. And what should we say of the thousand inconsistencies of a “globalized” world where

the weakest, the most powerless and the poorest appear to have so little hope! It is in this world that Christian hope must shine forth! For this reason too, the Lord wished to remain with us in the Eucharist, making his presence in a meal and sacrifice the promise of a humanity renewed by his love.

-Pope John Paul II, Ecclesia de Eucharistia, no.20

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**JANUARY 13, 2019
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
10:30 AM**

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Is 40:1-5,9-11; Ti 2:11-14,3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16,21-22

Today's Intention-Christina Flanagan

Readings: : Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Sun., January 20th, Fr. James D. Zatalava, (Carol Riggelman)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

January 14, Monday: Weekday, 1st Wk in Ordinary Time

Readings: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

6:45 AM Billie Baker (Bob and Judy Baker)

8:00 AM Ernest & Catherine Raskauskes (Johnson Family)

12:00 PM Joan Carney (Pat Rhoa)

January 15, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

6:45 AM Janet Tomlinson (Tom and Patricia Forr)

8:00 AM Roseann Simelbauer (Anna Willmendinger)

***12:00 PM Sally Colledge (Pete Colledge and Family)**

January 16, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

6:45 AM John Flinn (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM An End to Abortion (McNelis All-Stars)

12:00 PM Rose Ciavarella (Joseph Plutko Family)

January 17, Thursday: Saint Anthony, Abbot

Readings: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

6:45 AM Bill Crouse / Mike Kling, Anniv. (Families)

8:00 AM Dr. Fred Petrunak, Birthday (Family)

12:00 PM Alma Reismeier (Husband, Fred)

January 18, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

6:45 AM Barbara Byers (Liz & Lesley Ventre / Mary Leamer)

8:00 AM Stephen Flanagan (Pete and Kathy Starr)

12:00 PM Joyce McNeal (Kathy Ryan)

January 19, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

8:00 AM Matthew Gordon (Mike and Sherry Byrne)

12:00 PM Bernard Frederick (Robert & Patricia Frederick)

Vigil: Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

5:00 PM Bernie Garcia (Marge Dennis)

Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.

**JANUARY 13, 2019
Scripture Reflection**

Seldom do all four Gospels include the same story with very similar wording. However, the acknowledgment of John the Baptist that "one mightier than I is coming" is echoed from Mark 1:7 (the source for Luke and Matthew) to John (1:26-27). Even the late-first-century Jewish historian Josephus knows of John the Baptist (Antiquities 18.5.2). In today's reading, Luke does not narrate Jesus' actual baptism, but we do glimpse the heavenly affirmation: "You are my beloved Son with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22).

Luke may have wanted to avoid the awkward theological problem: If John proclaimed a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 3:3), why would Jesus need such a baptism? Similarly, the evangelist John does not narrate the actual baptism.

Luke understood the baptism that John offered to be about more than repentance. It was about making a public declaration of citizenship in God's coming kingdom. A conversion of heart was simply the necessary first step. Life under God's reign required a new heart and a new spirit, and such a life required a clean break with the past. In Jesus' case, no conversion was necessary for this public declaration. Baptism revealed instead his true nature as God's beloved Son.

The baptism of Jesus is the first demonstration of the loving relationship that all believers will come to share with God. God extended the same divine love at Pentecost to any who took up the Son's mission, and through sacramental baptism to any who have dedicated themselves to the Son in subsequent ages.

At his baptism, Jesus experienced divine love with new intensity; he responded to that gift with such fierce passion that his subsequent life and death transformed the world. The same "spirit and fire" is the inheritance of all Christians. When Christians announce to the world that their life is now under God's reign, they encounter the same divine love Jesus experienced. In that encounter, Christians find a mission that perfects their own abilities and continues some aspect of Jesus' work.

- ***In what ways have you encountered the intensity of divine love?***

Living the Word, Laurie Brink and Paul Colloton, World Library Publications, 2018, pg. 39. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "Jesus wants to transform us. Will we let him?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., December 28, 2018.

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

Relic Pilgrimage of Saint John Vianney's Incorrupt Heart

The Shrine of Ars, France, has entrusted to the Knights of Columbus the major relic of Saint Jean Vianney's incorrupt heart for a national tour of the United States from November 2018 through June 2019. The Knights of Columbus will provide this special opportunity to venerate a major relic of the patron of parish priests, whose holiness and integrity is a model for clergy and laity alike.

The reliquary holding Father Vianney's heart will be in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, on Thursday, January 31st. Veneration will occur throughout the day from 7:30 A.M. through 7:30 P.M. The regular daily Mass schedule will be observed: Masses at 6:45 A.M., 8:00 A.M., and Noon. Bishop will be the main celebrant at a concelebrated Mass at 5:30 P.M.

Confessors will be available for confessions throughout the day. Father Vianney was renowned for his gift as a confessor in the Sacrament of Penance. This holy priest undertook a life of heroic penance and prayer to draw his people away from sin and closer to God. Known for his wise spiritual counsels and the gift of reading hearts, he soon became a "prisoner" of the confessional, hearing confessions for up to eighteen hours a day. Thousands came from across Europe and beyond to seek this holy confessor. Pilgrimage to the Altoona Cathedral on this day will allow all to seek sacramental forgiveness in Christ.

At Bishop Bartchak's request the Apostolic Penitentiary has granted permission to receive an Indulgence attached to the pilgrimage to the relic of Saint John Vianney. An indulgence is the remission of temporal punishment for sin, in response to prayers or good works. It is God, through the Church, who remits the temporal punishment. Receiving the indulgence requires; first, celebrating the Sacrament of Penance leading to a genuine conversion of heart; second, receiving Holy Communion while fully participating at Mass; third, venerating the holy relic of Saint John Vianney; and fourth, praying for the intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, by reciting the Apostles' Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be.

Throughout the morning and afternoon, school children and adults will be able to venerate this first class relic of Saint John Vianney. The Knights of Columbus will stand as honor guards. Plan to be present this last day of January to venerate the relic of a holy parish priest. It will be an opportunity for grace and a special day to pray for vocations to the priesthood – a particular priority for the Knight of Columbus.

ARISE

Our Lady of Fatima will begin a journey of prayer and reflection during the season of Lent. For six weeks you will be invited to gather in small groups to break open scripture and discuss how to live the faith in our daily lives. If you were unable to join the ARISE process in the fall, give some serious thought to joining a small group this Lent.

Sacrament Preparation...

First Communion students and parents will meet in the Seton Suite on Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:30 PM. All students and a parent must attend. Please contact Chris Laraia at 312-7317 if you will not be able to attend this session.

F.I.R.E. Classes...

F.I.R.E. Next class is January 27, from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM in the Cathedral Hall.

Religious Education News ...

PK-8 Classes resume on Sunday, January 6th at 8:30 AM. Until further notice, all classes will be dismissed from the Parish Center lower level alley doors. PK/ K parents please continue to go to the classroom to pick up your child.

Christmas Evening Prayer with Exposition and Benediction...

On the Sundays of Christmas season, we will gather at 6:30 PM to pray the Hours of the Church. Families are encouraged to make this a part of their Christmas prayer. We are the Parish Family of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, and all those with a deep love of the Eucharist are invited to be present before the Sacrament in exposition on the altar.

Our Lady of Fatima Notes...

Speaking of Contributions...

I will not have the weekly money matters in the bulletin by individual category until we have the EOY taken care of.

We have been blessed with Barbara Raichle and Robin Durgin who have volunteered to work on various projects to try and keep us ahead. Piper and Kendall Durgin are also volunteering in order to get their community service hours. We are so thankful for their Time, Talent and Treasure. We are sorry for this inconvenience and we thank you for your patience AND PRAYERS.

Week of Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins Friday, January 18, and concludes on Friday, January 25. You are encouraged to participate in the two opportunities for ecumenical prayer.

Dates for Ecumenical Services

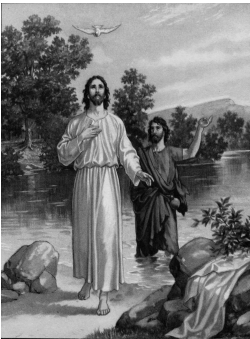
On Sunday, January 20, 2019, Bishop Michael Rhyne of the Lutheran tradition will host an ecumenical service at Saint James Lutheran Church, 525 Mifflin Street, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. The service begins at 3:00 PM. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be in attendance. All are invited to participate in this prayer.

On Sunday, January 27, 2019, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa of the Orthodox tradition will host an ecumenical service at Christ the Saviour Cathedral, 300 Garfield Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The service begins at 3:00 PM. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be in attendance. All are invited to participate in this prayer.

January 13

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Jesus was a young man and his Father affirmed him in front of a huge crowd saying, "You are my beloved son; with you I am very pleased." Our children are never too old to appreciate our praise.

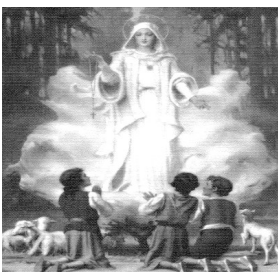


Liturgical Reflection ...

Today concludes the Christmas celebration. With the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, a mystery is again revealed. God is present in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Another revelation is made. This Jesus is indeed God's beloved Son and the Father is well pleased. With the Baptism of the Lord, all baptisms are confirmed. We have entered into the waters of rebirth. We stand with the Beloved Son of God.

2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations today after Mass. Please stay and help. The more that help the faster it will go.



OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

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PEACE AND OFFER

SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

Annual March for Life

Again this year there will a bus provided for the March for Life to the nation's capital on Friday, January 18th. The cost is adults: \$15.00, and students: \$10.00. For reservations please call Patricia or Marita Forr at 946-0681; Roxann Blazewicz at 695-8008; Anne Zelnosky at 942-2723.



The collection will be taken up before and after today's Mass.

Annual Prayer Service for Life

The Cathedral will again sponsor a prayer service on the eve of the March for Life. All are invited to prayer on Thursday, January 17th at 7:00 P.M. Bishop will preside at Evening Prayer. There will be a special blessing for the pilgrims going to Washington, D.C. the following day.

Diocesan Marriage Preparation

Marriage Preparation sessions will be held in the Cathedral Parish Hall on Saturday, January 19th at 9:00 AM. Please call the parish office at 944-4603 for more information.

			<u>Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group</u>
01/03	Piper Durgin	01/13 Tom and Connie Andros	<p>The Cathedral Prayer Group will meet on <u>Monday, January 14th, at 7:00 PM</u>, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. “Come to His gates with thanksgiving; enter His courts with praise” (Psalm 100:4). Join us for Praise and Worship, Spirit-filled teachings and witnessing, prayer ministry, and fellowship! All are welcome!</p>
01/03	Louise Marshman	January 6th Collection— \$1802.00	
01/03	Josie Smith	<p><u>The Feast of Saint Bridgid Dance</u> There will be a dance Saturday, January 26, from 7:00 PM until 11:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus 1508 12th Avenue. Food and drink will be provided. The Full Kilt Band will perform. Doors open at 6:30 PM. There is a \$25.00 donation per person. Call 814-280-7661 for tickets, which are sold in advance only.</p>	
01/06	Paul Kowalski		
01/08	Jenn Adams		
01/09	Tom Smith		
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01/12	Tom Hofer		
01/12	Avery Leap		
01/13	Orvita Knott		
01/13	Bryan Starr		
01/15	Deb O'Connor		

Finding Your Own Way to Pray, By Jim and Susan Vogt

Susan isn't comfortable raising her arms in praise. Jim found Forty Hours devotion less than satisfying even as an altar boy. As children, we both learned the rosary but seldom say it. None of these prayer styles is wrong; it's just that prayer is such a personal experience. What inspires one person bores another. What seems old-fashioned to one connects another with their religious heritage.

Prayer, be it memorized or spontaneous, individual or communal, filled with incense or the fragrance of pine needles in the woods, is communication with God.

Most people eventually seek answers to life's persistent questions: Is there anything more than what meets the eye? Is there really an afterlife? We may not often be aware of these yearnings, but sooner or later, a crisis occurs, a life-changing decision is before us or we simply marvel at the miracle of a newborn child—and so we pray.

Are we holier if we pray more? Yes, prayer puts us in a more conscious relationship with God. This relationship of thankfulness, dependence, trust and honor should make us better people—more aware of our inner selves and more attentive to the needs of others.

Prayer generally falls into the broad categories of verbal or nonverbal, individual or communal, memorized or spontaneous, contemplative or active. Those seeking a more prayerful life might experiment with many forms of prayer and let trial and error lead them to deeper conversation with God.

Remember, prayer is basically conversation with God. Books and organized prayer can help, but if you have a relationship with someone, you want to spend time together. If you can talk, you can pray. Talking isn't even required; just being in each other's company is what counts.

But prayer isn't all there is to spirituality. Becoming a holier, more spiritual person includes having an attitude of gratefulness, looking for the good in others rather than complaining, living out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and doing the dishes and changing diapers as acts of service for those we love. Donating money so that others' lives may be a little better, putting up with annoyances, enduring an illness or physical pain, sacrificing our wants for the needs of another—all these actions make our hearts bigger and deepen our spirituality.

Consider this: If you're too busy to pray, you're too busy.

Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord is observed as a distinct feast in the Roman rite, although it was originally one of three Gospel events marked by the feast of the Epiphany. Long after the visit of the Magi had in the West overshadowed the other elements commemorated in the Epiphany, Pope Pius XII instituted in 1955 a separate liturgical commemoration of the Baptism.

In fact, the Tridentine Calendar had no feast of the Baptism of the Lord for almost four centuries. Then, the feast was instituted, under the denomination "Commemoration of the Baptism of our Lord", for celebration on 13 January as a major double, using for the Office and the Mass those previously said on the Octave of the Epiphany, which Pius XII abolished; but if the Commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord occurred on Sunday, the Office and Mass were to be those of the Feast of the Holy Family without any commemoration.[1] In his revision of the calendar five years later, Pope John XXIII kept on 13 January the "Commemoration of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ", with the rank of a second-class feast.

A mere 14 years after the institution of the feast, Pope Paul VI set its date as the first Sunday after January 6 (as early as January 9 or as late as January 13) or, if in a particular country the Epiphany is celebrated on January 7 or 8, on the following Monday.[2]

Pope John Paul II initiated a custom whereby on this feast the Pope baptizes babies in the Sistine Chapel.

In the Synoptic Gospels

Mark, Matthew, and Luke depict the baptism in parallel passages. In all three gospels, the Holy spirit is depicted as descending upon Jesus immediately after his baptism accompanied by a voice from Heaven, but the accounts of Luke and Mark record the voice as addressing Jesus by saying "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased", while in Matthew the voice addresses the crowd "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:13–17; Mark 1:9–11; Luke 3:21–23).[10][11][12]

After the baptism, the Synoptic gospels describe the temptation of Jesus, where Jesus withdrew to the Judean desert to fast for forty days and nights.

Matthew

In Matthew 3:14, upon meeting Jesus, John said: "I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?" However, Jesus convinces John to baptize him nonetheless.[12] Matthew uniquely records that the voice from heaven addresses the crowd, rather than addressing Jesus himself as in Mark and Luke.

Mark

Mark's account is roughly parallel to that of Matthew, except for Matthew 3:14-15 describing John's initial reluctance and eventual consent to baptize Jesus, which is not described by Mark.

Luke

See also: Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Luke 1 begins with the birth of John the Baptist, heralded to his father Zacharias by the angel Gabriel. Six months later Gabriel appears to the Virgin Mary with an announcement of the birth of Jesus, at the Annunciation. At the same, Gabriel also announces to Mary the coming birth of John the Baptist, to her kinswoman Elizabeth, who is the wife of Zacharias. Mary immediately sets out to visit her kinswoman Elizabeth, and stays with her until John's birth. Luke strongly contrasts the reactions of Zacharias and Mary to these two respective births; and the lives of John and Jesus are intertwined.

Luke uniquely depicts John as showing public kindness to tax collectors and encouraging the giving of alms to the poor (as in Luke 3:11). Luke records that Jesus was praying when Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him. Luke clarifies that the spirit descended in the "bodily form" of a dove, as opposed to merely "descending like" a dove. In Acts 10:37–38, the ministry of Jesus is described as following "the baptism following "the baptism which John preached".[13]

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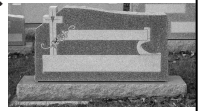
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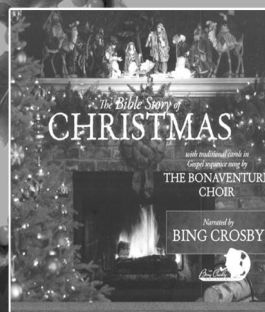


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