

# BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Baptism of the lord**  
January 12, 2020

A voice came from the heavens,  
saying, "This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased."

— Matthew 3:17

*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.*



**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
**2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

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Rectory Office Hours:

**Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Parish Office: 814-942-0371**



## **Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule**

**Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00PM**  
**Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM**

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator**

**Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson**

**Parish Secretary**  
**Carol Z. Smith**

**Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:**  
**Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.**

**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open  
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM  
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held  
at Our Lady of Fatima.**

**EPreparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at  
the Cathedral. 944-4603**

**RSacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**  
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**Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday  
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First Communion  
Confirmation**

**Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep  
Marriage Prep  
Christian Initiation**

**Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603**

**Cathedral Eucharist:**

**Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM**

8:00 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 Noon
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday : 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

JANUARY 12TH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

*This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.*

*Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).*

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SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367)

January 13

*Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, "the Latin Trumpet against the Arians," heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ's divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus' challenge to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.*

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## CERTAINTY

*The Son of God died; it is by all means to be believed because it is absurd. And he was buried and rose again; it is certain because it is impossible.*

—Tertullian

## PEACE

*We should have great peace if we did not busy ourselves with what others say and do.*

—Thomas à Kempis

## UNITY

*Unity is vision; it must have been part of the process of learning to see.*

*—Henry Adams*

JANUARY 12, 2020 BAPTISM OF THE LORD 10:30 AM	JANUARY 12, 2020 Scripture Reflections
<p><b>OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS</b></p> <p><b><u>January 12, 2020</u></b></p> <p>Readings: Is 42: 1-4, 6-7; Acts 10: 34-3; Mt 3:13-17</p> <p><b>Today's Intention:</b> Rose Simelbauer, (Mary Ann Hofer)</p> <p>Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34</p> <p><b><u>January 19, 2020, Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</u></b></p> <p><b>Intention:</b> Grace Rusito, (Jackie Calabrase)</p>	<p><b>Today marks the end of the Christmas season. Matthew describes the baptism and anointing by the Holy Spirit of the Adult Jesus in a richly symbolic way that expresses Jesus acceptance of the mission that the Father has given him as Gods suffering servant. Jesus baptism unfolds in the form of a drama in two parts. The first part focuses on Jesus acceptance of his mission. Jesus comes to John to be baptized, but John objects: I need to be baptized by you. Although Jesus is the Lamb of God who is without sin, by this action, Jesus, as the Lamb, identifies himself with humanity in order to take away the sins of the world (John 1:29). Jesus baptism looks forward to his death. When saying that he accepting baptism he fulfills all righteousness, Jesus submits himself to his Fathers will, consenting to a path leading to suffering, death, and Resurrection for the forgiveness of humanity's sins.</b></p>
<p>Cathedral Mass Intention</p>	
<p><b>January 13, Monday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor</b></p> <p>Readings: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20</p> <p>6:45 AM + Albert &amp; Grace Cowan (Family)</p> <p>12:00 PM + Jack Bauer(Greg &amp; Judy Cardone Family)</p> <p><b>January 17, Friday: Saint Anthony, Abbott</b></p> <p>Readings: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22; Mk 2:1-12</p> <p>6:45 AM + Kirk Kling / Bill Crouse, Ann. (Families)</p> <p>12:00 PM + Tom and Mary Irwin (Children)</p>	<p>The second part of Matthews drama focuses on the Fathers response to Jesus acceptance. God identifies Jesus unambiguously as my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Finally, the heavens were opened at Jesus baptism, reversing what happened through Adams sin. Adams rejection of God destroyed the intimate relationship between humankind and God. Now Jesus baptism restores Gods relationship with humankind intended at the beginning of creation.</p>
<p><b>January 14, Tuesday: Weekday</b></p> <p>Readings: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28</p> <p>6:45 AM + Richard &amp; Dorothy Irwin (Children Of Tom Irwin)</p> <p>12:00 PM + Barbara Byers (Cathedral Parish)</p>	<p>By accepting Baptism, we embrace what Jesus accomplished for us. Through the waters of Baptism, we become a new creation, our sins are forgiven, and we enter an intimate relationship a beloved child of God, Father, Son, and Spirit, together with all who, like us, have become a new creation through the waters of Baptism.</p>
<p><b>January 15, Wednesday: Weekday</b></p> <p>Readings: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39</p> <p>6:45 AM + End to Abortion (McNelis All Stars)</p> <p>12:00 PM + Alice Winkler, Ann. (Geis Family)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is meant when Jesus says: Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness?</li> </ul>
<p><b>January 16, Thursday: Weekday</b></p> <p>Readings: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45</p> <p>6:45 AM + Deceased Mike &amp; Ella Gibbons (Children)</p> <p>12:00 PM + Joseph A. Keirn (Mom &amp; Dad)</p>	<p>AT HOME with the WORD 2020, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg 35</p>
<p><b>January 18, Saturday: Weekday</b></p> <p>Readings: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19;10:1; Mk 2:13-17</p> <p>8:00 AM +Loretta Batkewicz (Josephine Skelin)</p> <p>12:00 PM +Herbert Ketruff (Barry &amp; Darlene Weston)</p>	
<p><b>Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></p> <p>Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34</p> <p>5:00 PM + Mercedes Moyer (M/M Frank Dambeck)</p>	
<p><i>Jesus, Son of the Living Father, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.</i></p>	<p><i>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.</i></p>

## **Stewardship Reflection**

### **Baptism of the Lord**

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we become members of God's family and members of the Body of Christ, the Church. Each member of the body of Christ has an obligation due to baptism to build up that Body. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended.

(1 Cor. 12:12,18)

### **March for Life Bus Trip**

Buses will be leaving the Altoona area at 7:00 A.M. and should return to this area about 9:30 P.M. each of the participants will be requested to bring their lunch with them and enough money to cover the cost of their supper. Once again we will be requesting donations to support the March For Life and other pro-life activities. We will be offering pro-life stickers, ribbons, and precious feet in exchange for any donation. We are collecting on January 19th after the 10:30 AM Mass. We are asking for volunteers to collect before and after Mass on the 19th.

**When:** Friday January 24, 2020

**Where:** Washington D.C.

**Costs:** Adults- \$15.00; Students- \$10.00

**For Reservations call:**

Patricia or Marita Forr- 946-0681

Roxann Blazewicz- 695-8008

Jesse Ickes- 660-1052

**Weekly Collection - January 5 - \$2,510.00**

**BIRTHDAYS:** 1/14, Deb O'Connor; 1/17 Joe Summers; 1/19, Chris Keagy; I apologize for missing Avery Leap's birthday on 1/12.



**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY  
FOR  
PEACE AND OFFER  
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

## **Holy Name Church News**

**Tony Melendez Concert** - Tuesday January 21, 2020 world renowned Catholic Musician and Speaker Tony Melendez will be performing a concert at 7:00 PM at Holy Name Catholic Church, Ebensburg, PA. Tony was born with no arms, but he learned to play the guitar with his feet from a young age. In 1987 in Los Angeles, CA, he famously performed in front of Pope John Paul II. The concert is free, but a free will offering will be taken for the parish and then for Tony.

**Holy Name in Hawaii** - Holy Name Home and School Association is sponsoring Holy Name in Hawaii on Saturday, January 25, 2020 starting at 5:00 PM in the Holy Name Church Hall, Ebensburg. Tickets are on sale at Holy Name School at a cost of \$25.00 per person (advance tickets only). For tickets or for more information, please call Holy Name School at 814-472-8817. Aloha!

### **Religious Education News PK-8**

Classes have resumed on Sundays, 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.

### **Confirmation Prep**

January 19th, and 26th FIRE class 6:15-8:15 PM in the Cathedral Church Basement.

The next Baptismal Prep class will be held on February 5, at 7:00 PM in the Seton Suite.



## Bishop Suspends Precious Blood During Flu Season



***Bishop Mark L. Bartchak has directed that the Precious Blood not be distributed in any form at Mass beginning the weekend of January 11 and 12, 2020, and continuing until further notice. The directive is due to the severity of the flu season.***

***It is the belief of the Catholic Church that the whole Body of Christ is present under either form of consecrated bread and wine. Reception of Holy Communion on the hand is encouraged during this flu season; however, reception on the tongue may not be denied.***

***During this time, the faithful are also asked to avoid bodily contact during the Sign of Peace. A genuine nod of the head with eye contact with others will be the temporary practice.***

***These norms will remain in effect throughout the winter months or until the flu season ends. The diocese will announce when parishes may return to the regular practice for the distribution and reception of Holy Communion and the exchange during the Sign of Peace.***

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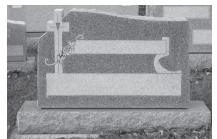
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