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Thank you,

Msgr. Stan Carson

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2021

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
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Rectory Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Parish Office: 814-942-0371
or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Parish Secretary
Paula Hall

Director of Music Ministry
Kathy McFee

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

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

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

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

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF
THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO
THE GREAT IN 1995.**

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator
PH: 814-944-4603

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar
Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603
Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

**Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick
and Grieving - 944-4603**

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011
Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112
Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

Directors of Religious Education:
Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317
Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Director of Music Ministry
Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
E-Mail: lthayer@dioceseaj.org

Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11
Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation
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

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 10, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - 10:30 AM

John Noonan (Jean Koury and FIRE Class)

Next Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mim (Pufka) Billman (Jan & Doug Stoehr)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

January 10, Sunday, Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM +Bob Beck, Birthday (Family)

10:00 AM +William Gaida (Family)

Noon PM +Barbara Byers (Joan & Jim Swansiger)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

January 11, Monday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Patty Seidel & David Weaver (Jim & Elaine Weaver)

12:00 PM +Mr. & Mrs. Richard Irwin Family (Family of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Irwin)

January 12, Tuesday, Weekday

6:45 AM For Health (Anonymous)

12:00 PM +Sandra Cuzzolino (Family)

January 13, Wednesday, Weekday

6:45 AM +John Duffy (Janet & Michele Belsey)

12:00 PM In Thanksgiving (Anonymous)

January 14, Thursday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Shirley Douglas (Robert W. Douglas)

12:00 PM +Gus DeGennaro (Cliff & Jennifer Plank)

January 15, Friday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Ruth Hinchlerick (Ed & Lois Simanski)

12:00 PM +Alice Winkler (Family)

January 16, Saturday, Weekday

8:00 AM +Barbara Probst (McLucas Family)

12:00 PM +Jeannie Yorgy (Marie & Jim Williford)

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +John Adams (John Adams, Jr.)

January 17, Sunday, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Bill Crouse and Mike Kling (Families)

10:00 AM +Frank Aigner (Jim & Steph Kilkoyne)

12:00 PM Dr. Fred Petrunak, Birth. (Families)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

ORDINARY TIME

The Christmas season ends with the Feast of our Lord's Baptism. Ordinary Time (or numbered/ordered time) begins on Monday, January 11, and continues to Tuesday, February 16, the day before Ash Wednesday. This week is the First Week in Ordinary Time.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

*A voice came
from the heavens,
"You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased."*

Mark 1:11

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* Isaiah 55:1-11.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* Isaiah 12:2-6.

Second Reading — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38) *or* 1 John 5:1-9.

Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

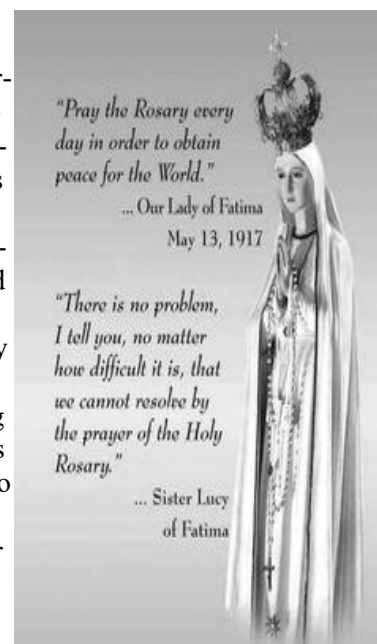
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Thank You

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Christmas were \$2,160, on Sunday, December 27, \$4,933, and for Sunday, January 3, \$1,083. Thank you very much.

Your generosity during the Christmas season is particularly important to our parish.

May God bless you for your generosity.



*"Pray the Rosary every
day in order to obtain
peace for the World."*

*... Our Lady of Fatima
May 13, 1917*

*"There is no problem,
I tell you, no matter
how difficult it is, that
we cannot resolve by
the prayer of the Holy
Rosary."*

*... Sister Lucy
of Fatima*

BEING THE MESSENGER

When we go to a pop music concert, there is often an opening act. Usually they are a young group on their way up, or older musicians who are past their prime and still hanging on in the business. This is indeed a hard job. In the comedy world it is the same thing. You have to warm up the crowd. You are not who they are coming to see, and audiences may be unresponsive, come in late, or not pay a lot of attention. Yet John had no problem being the opening act, the messenger, the harbinger of faith for Jesus. He was very devout in his faith and knew what his role was. Many Jews were actively seeking a messiah, and he was quick to let them know that he was not the one for whom they were waiting. "I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Yet he conducted his ministry with faith and hope.

As John humbly carried out his mission and Jesus accepted this simple baptism by John, the Holy Spirit indeed came down upon Jesus, and God proclaimed for the first time, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Thus Jesus began his formal ministry. There must have been much that he already knew, but also much that he uncovered each day in his encounters with the disciples and the crowds. As he responded "yes" to the Father over and over, his thirst was quenched and his spirit strengthened.

How many times do we witness baptisms in the parish? The priest ministers with simple elements of water and oil, but the Spirit is called down each time. Every time we participate, we are experiencing the message, experiencing the call again. How many times have we blessed ourselves with holy water, or participated in a sprinkling rite? Yet in these days, when church fonts are empty due to safety precautions, we need to remember those other times, trust in God, and sing the prayer of Isaiah in our hearts about drawing the water joyfully. We must trust in the message. We must become the message of God's saving action through our baptism and our lives.

Today's Readings: Is 55:1–11; Is 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; 1 Jn 5:1–9; Mk 1:7–11

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The Baptism of the Lord TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Valentine's cards have appeared at the shopping mall, but in the Church it is still Christmas. Today's feast spun off from Epiphany. Originally, a blessing of holy water was an important feature of the Epiphany feast, and in the Greek Church, this was a day for leaping into the sea in grateful recollection of baptism. The gratitude may not be quite as profound among the Orthodox Christians who have to chop holes in the ice to plunge into the waters!

Still, there are few better days to celebrate a baptism, and to plunge our hands into the waters of the font. Jesus found the waters of the Jordan irresistible because of what had been done in those waters: people had confessed their sins, and had acknowledged their need to be forgiven and healed. Today, we are the people in the water, and Christ comes to be with us. You won't have to chop a hole in the ice to celebrate your baptism. A beautiful bowl of water on the table tonight, a toast with sparkling water at dinner, or even a leap into the shower with a sign of the cross and a prayer of thanksgiving will suffice!

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All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

—Isaiah 55:1

FEAST OF FAITH

The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say "in the names," but "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our yes to all this, our first profession of faith. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S.