

January 9, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:00 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM
& 11:30 AM

Holy Day Masses 5:30 PM (eve of Holy Day)
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

(Christmas and New Year's have special schedules)

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

MASS FOR SHUT-INS:

TV - Sunday, 5:30 a.m. WPVI Channel 6,

Radio - Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 89.3 FM

BAPTISMS: Parents should make arrangements with the Pastor at least one month before the date wanted. Baptism is celebrated on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays of the month at 12:30 PM. Preparation is held on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, 7:30 PM, in Room 18 of the Church Building. Godparents must be practicing the faith and present a Letter of Eligibility from their parish. No date can be set for baptism until parents have fulfilled these responsibilities.

MATRIMONY: To set a date for a wedding, couples must make an appointment at the Rectory at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled for most Saturdays, at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 PM, or on Friday afternoons.

SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
215-672-3020.

REGISTRATION: All Catholics who live within the parish boundaries should register. Boundaries: South of Street Road from Lower State Rd., to Norristown Rd., to County Line, to Blair Mill Rd., to Moreland Rd., to Maple Ave., to Horsham Rd., to Limekiln Pike, to Lower State Rd. & back to Street Road. If you are not registered, we cannot serve you in ways which require us to know you. Please call the Rectory (215-672-3020.) We will welcome you as part of our community of faith.

PARISH ACTIVITIES: Catholic Youth Organization, CCD School of Religion, Choir (Adult and Children's), Home & School Association, Men's Group, Miraculous Medal Novena and Rosary, Respect Life Committee, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Senior Citizens, and Women's Group. (Notices for these groups are posted inside this bulletin.)



A VOICE CAME
FROM HEAVEN,
“YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON;
WITH YOU I AM
WELL PLEASED.”

LUKE 3:22

THE BAPTISM of THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

A MODEL FOR OUR PRAYER LIFE

The Advent/Christmas cycle that began on November 28 ends with the Baptism of the Lord. We likely have an image in our minds (based on details from the Gospels and works of art) of what that scene looked like. We might wonder, “Who else was there and who wasn’t?” No disciples were present because Jesus had not yet begun his ministry. They would have to wait until the Transfiguration to hear a similar message. However, the three persons of the Blessed Trinity are accounted for: the Father (the voice from heaven), the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Interestingly, Luke alone notes that it was after Jesus had been baptized and while he was praying that the voice was heard. All of the Gospels show Jesus praying at turning points in his ministry; this is but the first example of Jesus’ need to root himself in prayer throughout his life—a model for us to follow.

ON THE CUSP OF A NEW CREATION

It was on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this past December that we first heard of the two cousins, John and Jesus, meeting. Then it was in the womb of their mothers, Elizabeth and Mary. Now the cousins meet again on the shore of the Jordan River. John is already well known—so much so that people had begun to wonder if he was the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus, on the other hand, is about to begin his ministry. One could say that Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan as a private person and came out of them as a public one. The voice from heaven left no doubt about that. As we come to the end of the Christmas season our readings echo Isaiah and Titus (see Advent and Christmas Day readings) and together with today’s Psalm 104 they point us to Pentecost. We are on the cusp of a new creation.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: PATRON SAINT OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS?

John the Baptist was what we might call today a “social influencer.” People paid attention to what he had to say. And what he said affected the choices people made. Yet today’s Gospel reminds us of John the Baptist’s ultimate goal: “One mightier than I is coming.” The Baptizer walks the fine line between drawing attention to himself with his fiery preaching and then re-directing that attention to Jesus, the “beloved Son.” John the Baptist could be considered the “patron saint” of those who minister as lectors, extraordinary ministers of the eucharist, cantors, greeters, acolytes, and musicians. Isn’t John’s teaching a good goal for a liturgical (or any!) minister? Rooted in the graces of their own baptism, ministers must be skilled and confident enough to draw people’s attention (or, at least, not turn them off!) and then gradually re-focus that attention on Jesus. It is a dynamic and awesome responsibility.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11

Psalm 104:1b–2, 3–4, 24–25,
27–28, 29–30

Titus 2:11–14; 3:4–7

Luke 3:15–16, 21–22

A Note From The Pastor



**From the
Pastor**

My Dear Parishioners,

This week our young people will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they come to experience the love and mercy of the Lord Jesus. Hopefully, we will see this as a reminder that we need to stay close to the Lord, and that whenever we have placed an obstacle in our relationship with God, He gives us the opportunity to have that obstacle removed.

God Bless You,
Fr. Bordonaro

Archbishop Perez has asked that the following letter be communicated to you this weekend.

January, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fulfilling the Church's mission of mercy and the gospel call to love others as we love God, The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection funds Catholic agencies that work for the benefit of our brothers and sisters around the world. In providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims of atrocities such as human trafficking, the organizations supported by the CRS collection act from their belief that every individual is an equal heir of Christ's love and care.

The annual Catholic Relief Services collection challenges American Catholics to put their faith into action and to see "Jesus in disguise" in the faces of the poor, and to support ongoing efforts to respond to their needs. The funds collected support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life. A small amount from the collection is retained by the Archdiocese to help cover local efforts to promote the collection.

The collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the weekend of January 15 and 16, 2022. The American Catholic community, and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in particular, have always responded very generously to this annual collection.

I am grateful to you for your compassionate response. May you be blessed for your faithfulness to living the Gospel and recognizing Jesus in those in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

Masses For The Week

Saturday	<u>Jan. 8, 2022</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	Rose & Sam Langetti
Sunday	<u>Jan. 9, 2022</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	Dec'd. members of the Higgins Family
	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:30 a.m.	Iside Maieron
Monday	8:00 a.m.	John F. Hayes & Fam.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Helene Burns
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	William Holman
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	John Christopher Higgins
Friday	8:00 a.m.	David Dziedzic, 10 th Anniversary
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Dec'd members of the Sansoni Family
Saturday	<u>Jan. 15, 2022</u>	
	5:00 p.m.	James Pellegrino
Sunday	<u>Jan. 16, 2022</u>	
	7:30 a.m.	George McDermott
	9:30 a.m.	Machado Fernandez Misqitta
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish

Please Pray For



Those who are ill: Jose Rosario, Jackie Senechal, Don Higgins, Stanley Travis, III, Nancy Angelino, John Roley, Sr., James Martin, Baby Jordan Evans, Mary Vincelli, Fran Mirabella, Michael DiTore, Theresa Romaniello, Sarah Sutton, Michael Pham, Brian Stec, Thomas Henderson, Michael McCarthy, Louis Cerritelli, Gianna Farris, Kim Bell, Frances Bungard, June Faust, Russel Heim, David Jones, Ralph Lawson, Laura Lippincott, Mary Lishman, Dave McKay, Daniel McKinny, John Montgomery, Rod Nordlin, Ronan Power, Marie Trotter Rickman, Joanne Slouskey, Jack Streisky, Jack Wilhelm.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, January 10, 2022

*Adoration – 8:30 a.m.

*Rosary – 7:30 p.m.

*Men's Group – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

*First Penance Practice – 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

*Children's Choir Practice – 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

*First Penance – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 13, 2022

*Adult Choir Practice – 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Bulletin Submittals

Requests may be emailed to sjc18976@verizon.net. All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

Readings For The Week

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

The Baptism of the Lord
 January 9, 2022
 He saved us through the bath of rebirth
 and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
 — Titus 3:5



Reflect on the Readings

BAPTISMAL DEATH AND RESURRECTION

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.

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2021	Dec.19	\$6,338	Dec. 26	\$5430
2020	Dec.20	\$6,932	Dec. 27	\$6,041

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Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at www.saintjosephchurch.us
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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 Trek 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. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Prayer of the Week *The Baptism of the Lord*



PRAYER

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

MARRIED COUPLES – Resolve to "Live your best life in love" in 2022. Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? In-person experiences in the new year are: February 11-13 and April 22-24 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.



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Reflection question: ???

What can I do this week to be well pleasing to God?

Boy Scouts

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It is with great sadness we announce that we have come to the end of **Boy Scout Troop 137** at St. Joseph Parish. Due to declining enrollment and lack of adult leadership, we are forced to shut down the troop. We are so grateful for the opportunity we and the scouts have had by having our meetings here on parish property. There are many great memories over the past 50+ years that this troop has been here. Thank you for giving the scouts this amazing opportunity.

Gratefully,

Troop 137
Boy Scouts of America



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Moving Out of Parish

Have you moved, changed an email address, added a family member, no longer have a land line or changed phone numbers? Help us keep our records updated by notifying the Parish office. 215-672-3020 or sjc18976@verizon.net.

Outstanding Young Christian Artist Competition

We're thrilled to announce the return of the Outstanding Young Christian Artist Competition high school division! The competition will be held Saturday, January 29 at Cairn University. Winners will perform with the Cairn University Symphony Orchestra at a later date. The competition is open to instrumentalists and vocalists. Participants will prepare one movement of a concerto, an opera or oratorio excerpt, or other complete composition for soloist and orchestra. The selected piece must have orchestral parts in print and available. Music must be memorized. To learn more or to register, visit cairn.edu/oyca. Contact Ephraim Schafli at eschafli@cairn.edu with questions.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

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

Luke 3:22

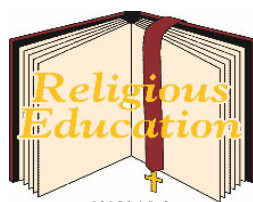


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January

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Tuesday, January 11, 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.Reconciliation Practice (3rd grade) Drop off and pick up at Church**Wednesday, January 12, 7:00 p.m.**Sacrament of First Penance (3rd grade) – Church**Tuesday, January 18**

“Protecting God’s Children” classes presented – all grades

February

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Tuesday, February 8

Signed Progress Reports to be returned

Confirmation Service Projects due

Monday, February 21, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Confirmation Retreat – Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

March

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Tuesday, March 8, 6:15 p.m.Stations of the Cross for **all** students (*In-person and Family Home Schooling*) in Church. Families are welcome. In-person students will report and be dismissed from the CCD Building.**Wednesday, March 23, 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.**

Confirmation Practice – Church (attendance mandatory)

Thursday, March 24, 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Confirmation Mass (students report by 3:15)

Tuesday, March 29Lenten Penance Service for **all** students (*In-person and Family Home Schooling*)**Safe Environment Program**All people who **volunteer** for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are **required** to fulfill the following obligations:**CLEARANCES:**

- ❖ PA State Police Criminal Record Check
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- ❖ Federal History Fingerprint Clearance*

*ONLY if you lived outside of PA within the last 10 years

- ❖ Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers

CLEARANCES MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 5 YEARS

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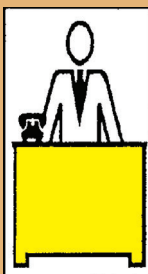
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