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The Baptism of the Lord

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Saturday - 4 p.m.

Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: THE GIFTS OF BAPTISM

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of impulsive choices diminishes.

Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. It is reassuring, realizing the answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no

longer have to fumble around. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things we really act as Christ himself. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to

do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of our Christ.

Baptism calls us to stand up and have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life.

Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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JAN. 8	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	John Burda Sr. & John Burda Jr.† <i>Linda Burda</i>
JAN. 9	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Philip Patrello† <i>Kitty & Stan Pazyk</i>
10:00 a.m.	Ambrose & Helen Barch† <i>Cecilia Salcines</i>
JAN. 10	MONDAY
8:00 a.m.	Semon Prado† <i>Joanne Ray</i>
JAN. 11	TUESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Dominic Phan The My† <i>Phan Thi My</i>
JAN. 12	WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving for my family <i>Sr. Mary Ann Spangler</i>
JAN. 13	THURSDAY
8:00 a.m.	Sister Mary Ann's parents† <i>Sr. Mary Ann Spangler</i>
JAN. 14	FRIDAY
4:00 p.m.	Eileen Zacherl† <i>Doug and Helen Zacherl</i>
JAN. 15	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Mary Jura† <i>Carl A. Jura</i>
JAN. 16	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Philip Patrello† <i>Cindy Gunto</i>
10:00 a.m.	Philip Salcines† <i>Cecilia Salcines</i>

We have many weekday Mass intentions available in 2022. Mass forms are in the vestibule, on our website, or visit Sr. Agatha in the parish office any Wednesday through Friday.



St. Francis Synodal Listening Sessions Upcoming

Bishop Brennan reminds us the pope wants us all to participate in a "synodal process" in our parishes, institutions and in other group settings. The pope and bishops as they gather in Rome in 2023 will reflect on the contributions from Catholics and friends from around the world, so I hope to find in your discussions thoughts, ideas, and

recommendations to foster the mission of our diocese. We cannot stand pat while a field of grain needs harvesting. We must act boldly to share our faith with others while enhancing our family life in the Church. See everyone starting Jan. 16 after 10 a.m. Mass. Rumor has it there will be donuts!

Prayer REQUESTS

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Mary Yanen.

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Annalyn Liette, Mike Gardill, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Celeste Evans, Ted Scarbin, Debbie Hand, Georgia Pettit.

CALENDAR

Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	LINE DANCING WITH LOTTIE VFW Moundsville
Four Wednesdays Beginning Jan. 5 5:30 p.m.	UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE Church Hall
SYNODAL LISTENING SESSIONS Sunday, Jan. 16, after 10 a.m. Mass Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m.	
Tuesday Feb. 8 6:30 p.m.	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Church Hall

SCHEDULES JAN. 15 & 16

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. D. Prado / L. Magnone
8:00 a.m. T. Whitelatch / S. Kent
10:00 a.m. L. Niemiec / J. Klug

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Attendance	377

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Online Giving	\$547.03
Attendance	146

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Let Us Treat You to a Valentine's Retreat!

We have reserved rooms for two couples at St. John Paul II Retreat Center in Charleston for the Catholic Marriage Conference titled *Together in Holiness*. The reservation is for Friday, Feb. 11, and the conference is from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

If you have never been there, the St. John Paul II Retreat Center is in a peaceful, modern facility minutes from downtown with excellent food, a library, and a lovely chapel.

Please call the office if you are interested. All expenses, including food, will be paid for you!

SISTER AGATHA HAS NOT BEEN

home to Zimbabwe since 2019. Her hope is to make a visit this year. Let's pitch in and help her with the airplane ticket! If you can, drop a donation in the collection basket or talk to Father.

THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

Retreat Center is offering a series of presentations throughout 2022 titled *One Body, Many Parts* based upon St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians. The first of these virtual lectures is Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. on the topic *Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder*. Guest speaker for the one-hour lecture is Kate Marshall, who is executive director of The Mother Jones Center for Resilient Community. RSVP to atroiani@csjoseph.org or call Anna Marie at 304 -232-8160, extension 112.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

Bowling Outing Right Up Our Alley!

The annual bowling outing after Christmas for our parish youth was the way to roll Dec. 28, with more than 22



parishioners both young and young at heart finding spare time to meet at St. Clair Lanes in St. Clairsville to enjoy some fun and fellowship!



A SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT

weekend will benefit the Church in the Developing World. This collection combines what were once individual appeals for support of Church missions in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and Africa.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



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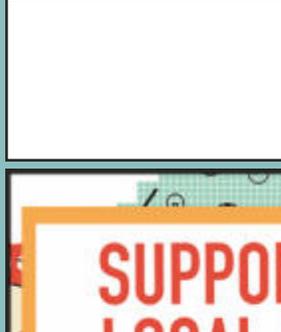
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