

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Jan 10 Baptism of the Lord
Wed Jan 13 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, Jan. 11

8:30 a.m.
†Debbie Fisher (*Kathleen & Jess Winter*)

Tuesday, Jan. 12

8:30 a.m.
†Justin Dodson (*Shawn & Leigh Wesner*)

Wednesday, Jan. 13 St. Hilary

8:30 a.m.
†Pauline Schoch (*Mary Engelman*)

Thursday, Jan. 14

8:30 a.m.
†Eugene Stoltz (*Louise & Bob Irwin*)

Friday, Jan. 15

8:30 a.m.
†Josephine Schachtner (*Johnine & Dennis Mueller*)

Saturday, Jan. 16

4:00p.m.
†Davd Shellenberger (*Family*)

Sunday, Jan. 17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

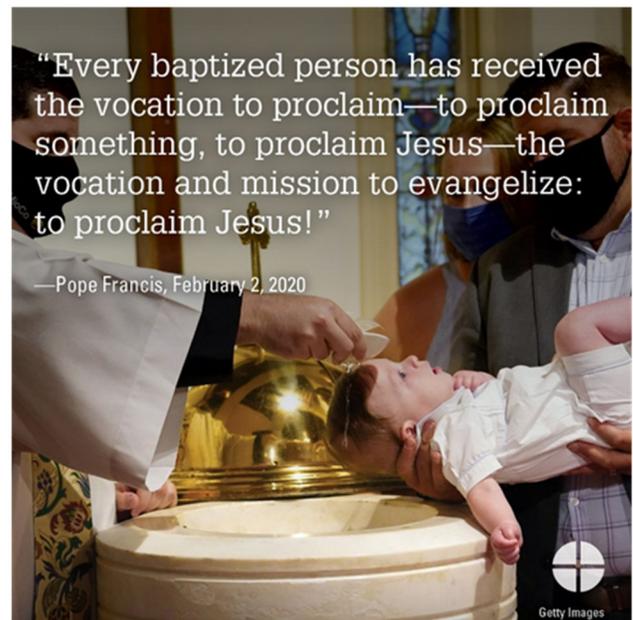
8:00 a.m. Mass For the People
10:30 a.m. †Dorothy Skupien (*Family*)

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Baptism of the Lord

The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. "He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake...to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water" (St. Gregory Nazianzen, Liturgy of the Hours, I, 634).

Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin – Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God.



Poverty Awareness Month

As Poverty Awareness Month continues, take time to learn more about poverty in the United States, understand the root causes, and how people are helping themselves and others out of Poverty USA. <http://www.povertyusa.org/learn>

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-Dec. 26-27, 2020

Regular	\$12168.50	Christmas	\$ 7661.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 183.00	Mother of God	\$ 10.00
Retired Religious	\$ 20.00	Candles	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flow.	\$ 3.00	Christmas Club	\$ 207.00
St. Vincent dePaul	\$ 200.00		
		Total	\$20462.50

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-Jan. 2-3, 2021

Regular	\$8129.60	Christmas	\$1324.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 3.00	Mother of God	\$ 448.10
Immac.Concep.	\$ 31.00	Christmas Club	\$ 21.00
		Total	\$9965.70

Deacon Jim’s “A Moment with Our Lady”

The apparitions of Mary in Constantinople (today Istanbul, Turkey) were quite common, especially at the Church of the Invigorating Source, still famous to this day and located on the west side of Istanbul. This shrine has seen many miracles for more than 15 centuries, and miracles continue to happen, through the intercession of the Virgin, “Source of Life.”

The Byzantine historian Nikephoros Kallistos Xanthopoulos wrote that it was the first Emperor, Leo the Thracian who found the location of the spring. A heavenly voice took him there, saying to him: “Emperor Leo, go far into this wood, dip your hands in the muddy water and quench the thirst of this blind man; coat his eyes with that mud too, and you will know immediately who I am. I have lived here for a long time.” The blind man regained his sight and Leo, after he became emperor, built a church on that very spot in 474.

Many years later, the church threatened to collapse over the faithful one day, when the Virgin, appeared and held it up herself to give time to all the people inside to come out safely. After the capture of Constantinople by the Turks in 1453, the church was laid to ruins, but the sick continue to flock to the spring where miracles and healings continued to occur frequently.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys
Feast Day – January 12
1620-1700

Growing up in Troyes, France, Marguerite formed a special relationship with Our Lady. She was turned away by two religious communities, but met the founder of Montreal, Canada, when he returned to France to visit his sister. He invited Marguerite to open a school in the New World; she went, despite misgivings, after praying to Mary. From that first school in an abandoned stable, her ministry grew to include teaching women crafts and founding the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. She managed to keep her sisters uncloistered, despite opposition from the bishop, and served as superior for many years. When Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1982, she became Canada’s first woman saint.

Have you read Fratelli Tutti? In his newest encyclical, Pope Francis invites the Church to live out the call to universal fraternity and social friendship. Check out this overview and summary: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/fratelli-tutti-overview-summary>

CANDLES

Intentions of Matthew P. Zakrzwski (Son) by Linda L. Zakrzwski, For the Intentions of James O’Donnell by Linda L. Zakrzwski.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

January 10, 2021 The Baptism of the Lord
(Mark 1:7-11)

The gospel today points to Jesus' humanity, like us He needed RECOGNITION ("You are my Son"), AFFECTION ("My Beloved Son") and AFFIRMATION ("With you I am well pleased."). In our families it is easy to focus on irritating behaviors and take for granted all the positives. This New Year take a lesson from God the Father, be an AFFIRMER and not a BLAMER.

END OF YEAR STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

May God's blessing be upon all those who have so generously supported our parish family throughout 2020. Those individuals or families who for tax purposes would like to have a statement to call the Rectory. We would be most happy to provide that information for you.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
(January 10, 2021)

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The U.S. bishops' stewardship pastoral letter reminds us about "a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism: that the people place their gifts, their resources, and themselves at God's service in and through the Church...by proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying."

(Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, USCCB, 1992)

Can you say that you are fulfilling the obligation to be a servant king in your baptismal role as Jesus did?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Pinnacle Palliative Care, a Catholic palliative and hospice care company, is looking for volunteers for the following:

Patient Sitters
Bereavement
Clerical Assistance
Public Relations
Crafters

(sewing, knitting, card making, etc.)

Pinnacle volunteers will be oriented in our training program to ensure you have the proper skills for patients and their families.

For more information, please contact Sarah Marchi at Pinnacle Palliative Care at 814-201-2532

"It is to those who have the most need of us that we ought to show our love more especially"

-Saint Francis de Sales

ST. LEONARD'S HOME

Worried about a loved on? St. Leonard's Personal Care Home in Hollidaysburg provides medication management, personal hygiene assistance, socialization, meals, housekeeping and a 24 hour staff in a home-like environment. We serve man and women 62+ for whom it is no longer safe to live alone. To tour our beautiful Victorian mansion or for more information, call Sr. Cynthia Meyer at 695-9581 during weekday business hours. We are a Catholic facility but accept all eligible applicants, and will assist with financial aid applications where applicable.

St. Benedict Church Bible Study Continues on Saturday Morning (9:30-11:30 a.m.)

The St. Benedict Church weekly Bible Study continues on Zoom. The new study is titled, "Understanding the Word of God Written in the Words of Man." This will be an in-depth look at the Bible through the lens of Salvation History as God reveals himself and his plan to us. Please contact Deacon Michael if you would like to join the group.

Your email address will be needed to send the Zoom link to you. Zoom is easy to use on your computer or mobile device and detailed instructions and assistance will be provided.

Don't worry if you have missed a session or are unable to join us on Saturday mornings. Each Bible Study class will be recorded and offered on **YouTube** not only for our diocese but to anyone who would like to hear the study, including our Christian brothers and sisters in other parts of the world. Handouts can be downloaded from the St. Benedict Church website (stbenedictchurch.org)

All are welcome!

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for January 10-Baptism of the Lord:

Your St. Rose of Lima Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is inviting caring men and women of all ethnicities and cultural backgrounds to assist God's people in our community needing food, clothes, rent assistance, utility assistance and other emergency needs. Let us remember from Matthew 25, the Last Judgment: "The king will say, 'For I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; naked you covered me; sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.' Amen, I say to you, as long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me." **Is it time for you to really live your religious convictions and give something back for all you have received?**

If you would like to join us at our next meeting on January 13th at 6 pm, please contact Dan Weaver at dweaver@atlanticbb.net and he will send you an invite to our next Zoom/teleconference meeting. Come join us to find out more about what we do.

The St. Rose of Lima St. Vincent de Paul Conference wishes to thank all the members of our Parish for their generosity in donating Care Packages over the past few weeks. The packages were distributed and were very much appreciated during this holiday season by those in need. Your generosity continues to give hope to many individuals and families served through our Conference. We deeply appreciate your caring commitment to helping those who need it most.

Warmest Regards,

Dan Weaver
Conference President