

Baptism of the Lord – January 9, 2022

“And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased’.” -Luke 3:22



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38
Monday	Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday	Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday–	January 8	4:00 PM	Joe Scarfalloto (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	January 9	9:00 AM	Margaret Shimkus (The Paolucci Family)
Monday –	January 10	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday –	January 11	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Wednesday –	January 12	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Thursday –	January 13		NO MASS
Friday –	January 14	12:00 PM	Sandy Johnson (Angelo & Jackie Scarfalloto)
Saturday –	January 15	4:00 PM	Joe Scarfalloto (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	January 16	9:00 AM	Leonard Boyce (The Paolucci Family)

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

The Church has always identified the servant, referred to in these verses, as Jesus, the messiah. As such, the baptism of the Lord becomes linked up with prophetic Jewish scripture, and Matthew's description of both the dove and the voice of God take on historical as well as theological significance. These words from 2nd Isaiah also then point to Christ's ministry.

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Cornelius was a Roman citizen and a gentile, so Peter referencing the formula of Christ's baptism (as explained in the 1st reading) provides credibility for baptizing gentiles as well as Jews into the new faith.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Here Jesus is given the authority to do what he was born to do, that is, to embark upon his earthly ministry and to be the incarnate God. When the dove rests upon him, it is God the Spirit attesting to God the Son and all that it means, including his crucifixion, his resurrection, and his final purpose to bring all creation back into Himself at the end of time. For Luke, the baptism is then a formula of sorts that announces the new age of Christ and the washing away of the old age. John the Baptist then is more of an Old Testament figure than a transition figure. That may be why Luke says nothing about John actually baptizing Jesus, but only shows him humbly acknowledging Jesus as Messiah.



MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN are available to pray for you or your loved ones in need of prayer. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-278-4590.

LET US PRAY THIS MONTH:

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold, Richard Arnold, Frank Bayer, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Ellen Burns, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, Jo-Anne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Manny DeBonis, Jeanne Falk, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Wayne Hibbard, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Nancy Landes, Sue Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Barry Markow, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondì, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sergent, Caesar Siedlecki, Edith Siedlecki, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth Vandermark, Wayne Vandermark, Jesse Wells, Rosemarie Whalen.



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY:

Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Michael Pelicci, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.

PARISH FINANCES

1/2/2022

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	4,042.25

Thank you for your generosity & support



Please remember that during these difficult times, Holy Name of Mary is relying on your continued support to meet our financial obligations. Thank you!!

SUPPORT PARISH LIFE INITIATIVES

"Our primary goal is to share the Gospel, evangelize and share our faith and bring people back to the Church if they are not there"

— Jose Flores
Coordinator for Hispanic Ministry
Diocese of Scranton



The Diocesan Annual Appeal supports the Office for Parish Life, which works directly with parishes to provide training and support services to guide the faithful. This summer, the office launched a new weekly radio program in Spanish to share the Gospel message with the Hispanic community.

Donate now at: annualappeal.org

GIFTS OF ANY AMOUNT ARE APPRECIATED



2021 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000**. Percentage of Goal pledged as of 1/6/2022 is 69%.



Sunday, January 9th – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, January 16th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta and Albert Paolucci

Sunday, January 23rd – 9:00AM

Isaiah Torres

Sunday, January 30th – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, February 6th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta and Albert Paolucci

Would you like to become an Altar Server? If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.

PARISH EVENTS

January 9 – Church Undecorating:
After the 9:00AM Mass

“WHAT GOES UP, MUST COME DOWN” (“Blood, Sweat and Tears”, 1969)

Yes, we are talking about de-decorating our beautiful church from Christmastide after 9:00 Mass on 1/9/22. If you can stay around for a few hours afterwards and really make a difference, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call John Siedlecki at 278-7140 if you can give me a heads-up as to availability, it would be greatly appreciated! Thanks!



THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022
6:00PM | ST. MARIA GORETTI CHURCH, LAFLIN

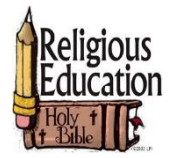
CELEBRANT: MOST REV. JOSEPH C. BAMBERA
BISHOP OF SCRANTON

Join us on the eve of the 48th annual March for Life to pray for a greater respect of all human life, from conception to natural death, and every moment in between.

We invite you to bring a new pack of diapers to be donated to Shepherd's Maternity House and St. Joseph's Center Baby and Children's Pantry

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Classes are being held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass will remain at 9:00 AM. As per Bishop Bambera, **masks are required to be worn by all vaccinated and unvaccinated children and adults.** Families previously registered last year should have received a registration form in the mail. Please fill out this form and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms will be available at the rectory. You may register for classes at any time.

January 9th – Regular Classes

January 16th – Regular Classes

January 23rd – Regular Classes

January 30th – Regular Classes

February 6th – Regular Classes –short teachers' meeting in parish center after class

LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY

Loose Change Sunday will begin again the weekend of January 30th and take place on the last weekend of every month.



BEAUTY OF WINTER

God of creation, thank you for the beauty of winter- for snow, icy window panes, evergreen trees, warm coats, sledding, and hot cocoa. Let us enjoy Your creation in all its glory, this winter and always.

- Author Unknown