

# The Baptism of the Lord— *January 10, 2021*

*“The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” – John 1:37-38*



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sun:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38

**Mon:** Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

**Tue:** Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

**Wed:** Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

**Thu:** Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

**Fri:** Heb: 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

**Sat:** Heb: 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	January 9	4:00 PM	Jean & Luke Farrell (Tom & Kathleen Kurosky & Family)
Sunday –	January 10	9:00 AM	All Souls in Purgatory
Monday –	January 11	12:00 PM	Vanessa Walsh
Tuesday –	January 12	12:00 PM	Vanessa Walsh
Wednesday –	January 13	12:00 PM	Joan Walsh
Thursday –	January 14	12:00 PM	Frank Gillgallon
Friday –	January 15	12:00 PM	Rose Marie Wall
Saturday –	January 16	4:00 PM	Kathy Swaha (Caesar & Edith Siedlecki)
Sunday –	January 17	9:00 AM	All Souls in Purgatory



### 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Mark’s description of both the dove and the voice of God take on historical as well as theological significance for us. These words from 2<sup>nd</sup> Isaiah also then point to Christ’s ministry.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> reading) provides credibility for baptizing gentiles as well as Jews into the new faith.

### Gospel Reading: Mark 1:7-11

It is interesting to note that mark indicates that Jesus (not the crowd around Him) sees the dove and hears the voice: *On coming up out of the water “he saw”*. This suggests that Jesus is experiencing the event internally, almost as if God is answering him in prayer. In a way, this makes Jesus much more human and, in a sense, accessible to us. The significance of Jesus baptism is for him, as it is for all of us, the beginning his ministry. As he begins to preach the Gospel, and teach the scriptures, he has been sent forth by his baptism. His baptism is a transition between all that has come before and all that would follow, that is, the culmination of God’s salvation plan.



**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 Bozzo, Al Breiner, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Jeanne Falk, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Brandy Golden, Brenda Hector, Wayne Hibbard, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Rosemary Kelly, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Nancy Landes, Sue Landes, Josh Landis, Barry Markow, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberley 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, Jesse Wells, and 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**

**1/3/2020**

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3,155.27

*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!!**

**Did You Know...**



**You May Make a Gift to Your Parish or to the Diocesan Annual Appeal Directly From Your IRA**

If you are 70½ or older and have a traditional individual retirement account, you can use all or part of your *required minimum distribution* to support your parish or the Diocesan Annual Appeal without having to count the transfers as income for federal tax purposes.

Distributions must be sent directly to your parish or the Diocese by the plan administrator of your IRA.

For information, please contact  
**Jim Bebla,**  
Diocesan Secretary of Development,  
[Jim-Bebla@DioceseofScranton.org](mailto:Jim-Bebla@DioceseofScranton.org)  
570-207-2250

**2020 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE**

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000**. Percentage of Goal pledged as of 1/7/2020 is 90%.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ANNUAL APPEAL VIDEO IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON THE HOLY NAME OF MARY WEBSITE:**  
[www.holynameofmary.com](http://www.holynameofmary.com).



**ALTAR SERVERS NOT NEEDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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

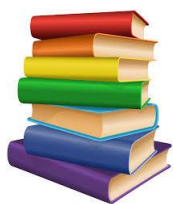
## **PARISH EVENTS**

**Reservations are no longer needed for Masses at this time.**

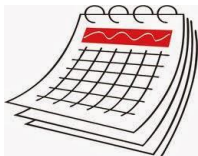


**We are looking for someone to help with snow removal from the walkways and sidewalks**

**around the church. If interested, please call the rectory.**

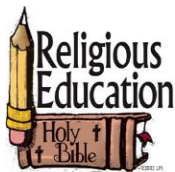


The books in the back of the church are free for you to take. Add some faith-based reading to your day!



2021 Calendars are available in the back of the church for you to take.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**



Thank you to all the families who signed up for the Edmodo on-line classroom for Religious Education. We have successfully begun our program and we hope that your children are enjoying the on-line platform.

New materials for the program will be distributed in January. You will be contacted with details. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.



## **Please consider donating flowers for our altar for 2021!**

This is a wonderful way to honor Our Lord, the Holy Spirit, and Our Blessed Mother. It is also a special way to honor beloved family members who have predeceased us, or to recognize a significant family event such as an anniversary or birthday.

**This does not have to be an expensive endeavor!** Consider purchasing inexpensive bouquets from the grocery store. We will be happy to arrange them for you! You can even simply place an envelope with your intention and a monetary donation in the collection basket labeled "Flower Donation".

All intentions will be announced in the bulletin. Please help us continue to keep Holy Name of Mary looking beautiful! Please call the rectory (570) 278-1504. Thank you!



***The poinsettias which made our altar look so beautiful for Christmas will be available for you to take home after the 9:00AM Mass on January 10<sup>th</sup>. The few that we'd like to keep will be marked as "Do Not Take."***

## **Virtual Grief Support Group**

Winter and the post-holiday season can be difficult times to navigate grief, particularly during an ongoing period of social distancing. Please consider joining the virtual grief support group offered by Cathedral of Saint Peter Parish in Scranton. Anyone is welcome; you do not have to be a member of the parish to participate.

The group will convene online, Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30. The dates of the virtual meetings will be January 13, 20 and 27. For more information please contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570-814-5133 or the parish office at 570-344-7231.

