

# The Baptism of the Lord



Children often ask the most difficult questions. Not only when they first learn the word “why” but about questions that come up in catechism class. Take the sacrament of baptism, for example. We teach them that when people are baptized all their previous sins are forgiven. Then this question comes up: “Why did Jesus get baptized then, wasn’t he sinless?” The temptation is to deflect the question with, “That is a mystery of the faith, and we can only ponder on why God does as God does. You should know that and not ask such silly questions.” Of course this answer only makes matters worse down the road when the child becomes a teenager who cynically remarks that the Bible is full of contradictions and only foolish folks believe in it.

Our faith, as St. Augustine noted, seeks understanding. One earlier attempt to understand why John baptized Jesus states that he wanted to give the church an example to follow. It fits within the theological outlook the states, “How are we saved? By doing what Christ did!” Unfortunately, however, this approach does not really answer the question as well as it should. It supposes that Christ had it all figured out before he even started. He foresaw the institutional church before it came into being. As Son of God this is believable, but Jesus was also fully human, a man incarnated in a specific time and place, and as such it is less than convincing.

People living in the time of Jesus did not see things in the same way. For them, when a member of one’s extended family or community did something wrong the whole accepted it as a dishonor in which they shared. They may have dealt with the individual(s) who brought dishonor to them, but they also knew that reparation needed to be made for the whole community. Jesus, as a member of his culture, felt the shame of his people’s historic failure to live up to the covenant they made with God.

With this in mind we can see Jesus’ motivation for seeking out John the Baptist along the Jordan. He knew himself to be his people’s messiah and as such he represented them as whole. His baptism by John was a baptism of repentance for all the Jewish people living and deceased. Just as Jesus’ passion and death were for the salvation of all men and women through the ages, so too was Jesus’ baptism.

Maybe we who are living in this highly individualized culture can learn something from this. We, like Jesus, can take responsibility for some of the wrongs in our communities even though we ourselves are not to blame. In doing so we can participate in Christ’s mission of reconciliation and setting to right the wrongs that can be so easily ignored.

## Synod Listening Session with Bishop Lucia

A Synod Listening session is scheduled to take place at St. John/Holy Trinity Church on Thursday, January 27, 2022 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm with Bishop Lucia. This will be a combined Northside event which will include Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church and Assumption Church. This session will take place within the Church. The goal of these listening sessions is to provide you with the opportunity to gather with the People of God and to speak freely, boldly and courageously, from your heart, to Bishop Lucia about what is going well in our diocese and in all of the said parishes and what you would like to see improved. All are welcome.

## St. Therese Society News

Due to concerns for the health and safety of all, we are canceling our next meeting which was scheduled for Thursday, January 20th. We feel it is in the best interest for all with the recent increase in cases of COVID.

## WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2022

Come join this special Mass with special blessings to all married couples on **Sunday, February 13, 2022** at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th or more years of marriage in 2022 and would like to be recognized, please contact: [familyrespectlife@syrdio.org](mailto:familyrespectlife@syrdio.org) for a certificate from Bishop Lucia recognizing your special anniversary. All married couples and their families are welcome.

## 9:00 AM Mass

**REMINDER:** There will no longer be a 9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church on Mondays. We are reverting back to our pre-COVID schedule.



**This Week We Remember...**

**Monday:      *January 10***

**12:00 pm**  
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Tuesday:      *January 11***

**9:00 am**  
James Ostuni (B)/Patti Arena

**12:00 pm**  
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Wednesday:      *January 12***

**9:00 am**  
Nancy Rossi/Richard Storto

**12:00 pm**  
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Thursday:      *January 13***

**9:00 am**  
Anna Cannata, Ann/Ang and Zita

**12:00 pm**  
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Friday:      *January 14***

**9:00 am**  
Nicki Chiodo/Adeline Canestrare

**12:00 pm**  
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Saturday:      *January 15***

**4:00 pm**  
Frank Giannantonio/Anna  
Joseph DeLorio/Frank and Sue  
Benny and Terry Cimino/Son, Joseph  
Frank Scarfani III (B)/Stephanie and Children  
Loretta Campagna, Ann./Mary Prince  
John and Leah Lella/Sister, Marie

**5:30 pm at St. John's/Holy Trinity**

Antonio McLaughlin/Mother  
David McLaughlin/Mother

**Sunday:      *January 16***  
***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**7:30 am**  
Antoinette Magnarelli (B)/Jim, LouAnn and Joe

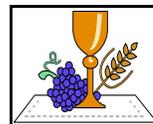
**9:00 am at St. John's/Holy Trinity**  
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**11:30 am**  
Anthony James Cannizzaro/The Cannizzaro & Stagnitta  
Families

Lea & Frank Martorelli/Joanne Licitra  
Carmella Laface/Brother, Lorenzo  
Mary Surace/Husband, Carmen and Family

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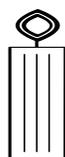
**5:00 pm**  
Frank Scarfino III/Godmother, Pixie  
Mary Anne Scarfino/Nicki and Peter Penizotto



Bread and Wine  
For Masses Celebrated During The Week  
In Loving Memory Of  
Frank Scarfino III  
Requested By  
Aunt Grace



*Eucharistic Angels In Loving Memory of  
Frank Scarfino III  
Requested By  
Carmen and Jeanine Vecchio*



**Padre Pio**

Devotional Candle Burning For  
David Petragnani  
Requested By  
Jeanette Reale

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

(from the Office of Family Life Education)



In today's Gospel Jesus was publicly **AFFIRMED** by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed **AFFIRMATION** and so do our children.

*Thank You*

A big thank you to all our parishioners who donated items from the Giving Tree. These items were given to the Samaritan Center. They thank you for caring about the people they serve, it was most appreciated.



## LET US PRAY

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish and all those in hospitals, nursing homes and the home bound.

Christopher Aldrich, Larry Argiro, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Grayce Costantini, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Joni Uva DelGiorno, Gen DiMento, Ginny and Erin Donovan, Aaron Doty, Mary Ann Felicia, Marilyn Ferretti, Beverly Frey, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Keith Horton, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Christina MacNuly, Peggy Miccinelli, Jean Padden, The Pavia Children, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Carmen Surace, Barbara Traino, Angela Vigliotti, Maryann Vigliotti, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins and Fred Wheeler.

**NYS Mask Mandate in effect**—New York State has instituted a mask mandate in all public places effective immediately. It is being done as a safety precaution and out of the utmost concern for one's neighbor.

Bishop Lucia expects that all parishes in the Diocese of Syracuse to cooperate with this very important public health matter and comply with the mask mandate.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR A MASK COMPLETELY COVERING YOUR NOSE AND MOUTH WHEN ATTENDING MASS OR CHURCH EVENTS. Thank you.**

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

### OLP/St. Peter Collection:

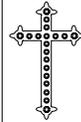
Christmas:	\$19,376.00
December 26, 2021	\$6,155.00
January 1, 2022 (Solemnity of Mary)	\$1,495.00
January 2, 2022	\$5,798.00

### SJ/HT Collection:

Christmas:	\$5,003.00
December 26, 2021	\$3,318.56
January 1, 2022 (Solemnity of Mary)	\$1,301.00
January 2, 2022	\$2,305.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

## BEREAVEMENT



Please remember in your prayers, Antoinetta Pascarella, Rose Mary Kurpiewski and Stephen "Jerry"

Vislosky, who recently passed away. Our deepest sympathy to their families.

***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.***



### Additional Christmas Flower Intentions:

Special Intentions/Mr. Loan Le  
 Special Intentions/John Piraino  
 Vito S. Toia/Betty and Family  
 Rose & Nick Campitello/Betty and Family  
 Ida & Vito Toia/Betty and Family  
 Special Intentions/Laura Walker  
 John F. Blasi/Wife, Marietta  
 Robert M. Blasi/Mom, Marietta  
 Patsy & Anne Falvo/Daughter, Marietta

## VOCATIONS

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage (Mt. 2:10-11)". In addition to bringing their gifts, the magi humbly laid *themselves* down before the Lord in worship. Are you being called to lay down your life in loving service to the Lord? Call Fr. Jason Hage 315-470-1468.

**HOLY NAME  
50/50 RAFFLE**

Remember to purchase your tickets for the 50/50 RAFFLE sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Tickets are available for you to purchase and as a reminder there are only 300 tickets at \$50.00 each. The drawing will be on **May 11, 2022**. You may want to give a ticket (or two) as a gift! Please Larry Cimino, 315-430-5645 or Joey Cimino at 315-430-0338 if you want a special number, it will be on a first come, first served basis. We thank you for your support.

**Looking Ahead to Lenten Fridays**

Interested in doing some *Lenten Friday's* planning? We are thinking about doing something different with 'that's Italian' meatless meals on the Fridays during Lent. Hopefully both in house and take out!!! Let me know if you are interested in the planning or implementing (or both) and we will have a meeting soon!!! Thanks so much!! Lucy!! Parish Office 315 422 7163



**Holy Name Society**

There will be a Holy Name post-Christmas Party on Wednesday, January 12th. Please make your reservation by calling Steve Shoen, 315-472-6367 or Marc Parillo, 315-428-0918.

**A MESSAGE FROM  
POPE FRANCIS**



In his New Year's wishes to the world, Pope Francis encouraged people to focus on the good which unites them and decried violence against women while acknowledging that the coronavirus pandemic has left many scared and struggling amid economic inequality.

"We are still living in uncertain and difficult times due to the pandemic," Francis said. "Many are frightened about the future and burdened by social problems, personal problems, dangers stemming from the ecological crisis, injustices and by global economic imbalances."

**March for Life—January 20-21, 2022**

The office of Family/Respect Life Ministry will be sponsoring a one-day pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. for adults and families! This trip includes Mass with Bishop Lucia at the National Basilica, participation in the March for Life with the diocesan group, transportation, meals and a diocesan scarf. Questions? Check out [march4lifesyracuse2022.eventbrite.com](http://march4lifesyracuse2022.eventbrite.com).

**Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
2022 MASS BOOK OPEN**

The 2022 Mass Book is open for your Mass Intentions. For your convenience here is the list of donations:  
There is a \$10 donation for Masses; \$25 for Bread and Wine, \$10 each for Sanctuary Lamps (there are 2), \$10 each for Eucharistic Angels (there are 2), and \$10 for the Padre Pio candle these intentions will be for the whole week. Your requests may be made during our office hours M-F from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

*Lord how are you calling  
Me to follow You?*

- \* Daily Prayer
- \* Listen to the Gospel teachings
- \* Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- \* Receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist
- \* Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
- \* Become involved in one or more parish ministries
- \* Live with generosity

REMINDER: It's that time again!!!  
FUEL COLLECTION TIME!!! You should be receiving your next packet of envelopes soon. Please be generous with your donations in the upcoming Fuel Collection Envelope. We only collect for fuel twice a year to defray heating and electrical costs. We could really use your help! Thank you.

