



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

**Sunday, January 12**

9:00 AM Parishioners
 11:15 AM Edward & Paula Elgonitis - Children & Grandchildren

Monday, January 13

7:00 AM John Ginley - Father Terry

Tuesday, January 14

7:00 PM Stephen Poris - Family

Wednesday, January 15

7:00 AM Thomas Kopinski - Family

Thursday, January 16

7:00 AM Thomas Fender - Helen Mary Levan

Friday, January 17

7:00 AM Bernard Vodzak - Mike & Diane White

Saturday, January 18

4:00 PM Julia & Leon Borkowski, Jr. - Carl & Maureen Elick

Sunday, January 19

9:00 AM Parishioners
 11:15 AM Health of Dave, Robert & Paul Richards - By Mother

SANCTUARY VOTIVES: For all Homebound & Patients in Nursing Homes

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES: In Memory of Francis Flynn - By Bob, Sharon & Sean Flynn

DECEMBER 30, 2019

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$9,428.00
LOOSE:	\$247.00
CHRISTMAS	\$19,354.00
CEMETERY (St. Mary's Maternity)	\$535.00
CEMETERY (Holy Trinity)	\$290.00

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY	\$1,633.00
INITIAL OFFERING:	\$1,087.00
CLERGY	\$327.00
CHARITIES:	\$401.00

REFLECTION

CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR BAPTISM - Tell the story of your child's baptism. Where was it held? Who were the godparents and why they were chosen? Who was the priest that baptized you? Why did they select your baptismal name? Explain the significance of the baptism. Why so young? What role the parents/guardians and godparents played? What did God do when you were baptized? Display items from his/her baptism on your prayer table or home altar. Is the certificate of baptism displayed? The baptismal garment and candle brought out. Light his/her baptismal candle and say a special prayer. Bless your child. Use some holy water to bless the child's forehead with the sign of the cross. Tell the story of the saint or person(s) your child is named for. Tell him/her the significance of the name you chose for her/him. For more information go to teachingcatholickids.com.

MEETINGS

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14th at 6:30 PM in the rectory meeting room. Discussion will concern reviewing the Fall Festival and the upcoming Nite-at-the-Races.

LITURGY MEETING - It will gather on Wednesday, January 15th at 6:30 PM in the rectory meeting room. Upcoming holydays and Lent/Easter will be considered.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE - On Thursday, January 16th at 6:30 in the rectory meeting room. The members will come to look to the Lenten Season and other social justice issues in the New Year. (e.g. March for Life).

BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE - As we enter into the new year, our Parrish will soon convene on those on the committee chosen to discern the blueprint for our deanery's future. We are facing changing and challenging times for the Catholic Church. That future will engage serious reflection and cooperation among local parishes in our local deanery.

SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that minor has been subject to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protection Services Law, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24 Hour-Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313.

CHRISIMAS POINSETTIAS**IN MEMORY OF:**

Brian D. Sedon - Mom, Dad, Michael II, Marisa & Brynn

Chester & Frances Kaminski - Daughter, Marcia, Michael, Michael II, Marisa & Brynn

Frances E. Kaminski Braden - Sister Marcia, Michael, Michael II, Marisa and Brynn

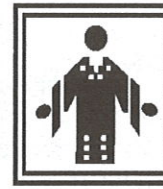
Michael & Bertha Slivinski & Family -

Granddaughter Marcia, Michael Sedon & Family
Paul Kaminski, John & Antonette Hajduga & Family - Granddaughter, Marcia, Michael Sedon & Family

Mary Gaidish & John Sedon - Son Michael, Marcia Sedon & Family.

Family - Gary Polakoski

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL Last year at this time our parish pledged \$38,000.00. This year we have to date \$27,000.00. Losing parishioners because of death or departure is a major factor. However, there are still a good number who have not yet made their donation. It is our hope that you will come through as time is against us.

**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

Shed bad habits in the New Year. Bad habits are sinful inclinations acquired through repetition. Unless we overcome them, they come between us and God and can destroy our peace. Working to overcome our bad habits puts us on path to true holiness. **Identify the root.** It sounds simple, but recognizing what causes us to sin repeatedly is the first step to overcoming the behavior. That doesn't mean it's easy to do. It can be uncomfortable to look at our failings, but change won't come without courage. Ask for help if you need it. **Replace a bad habit with a good one.** Once we understand what is behind our bad habits, we can replace them with new and healthy ways to deal with the underlying issue. If we overeat or drink too much when stressed, for example, we can adapt exercise or meditation to cope instead. **Eliminate triggers.** Make it easier to cure bad habits by avoiding the conditions that mature them. Do you want to avoid eating junk food? Don't have it around at home or at work. Want to change a gossip habit? Change your environment to change your behavior. Find good influences. It may not be necessary to lose your old friends, but consider finding new ones who already live the way you want to live.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE - For the month of January, we are requesting **PEANUT BUTTER.**

LOTTERY WINNERS

Dec 25	247	
Dec. 26	472	Ruth Wren
Dec. 27	088	
Dec. 28	78	Stanley Elgonitis