

### THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS

The baptism of our Lord Jesus is sure a mystery. When we see the definition of the word “baptism”, Jesus’s baptism enters the category of mystery. We can see it even in the expressions that the 4 Evangelists describe it. They all use different words to express the relation, the connection, the link between Jesus and the DOVE that came from heaven. St Matthew (which is today’s gospel) pens down the following: “...The Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him”. St Mark pins down the following verse : “... like a dove descending upon Him”. St Luke reports this: “...And The Holy Spirit descended upon Him in a bodily form”. St John says: “In whomever the Spirit come down and remain...”. However, The baptism of our Lord Jesus is a capital event in His life. Because the four Evangelists wrote about, and because the Church made it a Feast, it means Jesus’s Baptism is essential to our spiritual life. That calls to a very important question: What have we done to or with our own baptism?

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

### January 17 & 18

#### Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Carmel Williams  
9:00am (SML) Ann Marie Gorko  
11 am (SP) Jill D'Antoni

#### Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay  
9:00am (SML) Danny Williams  
11 am (SP) Maria Fay

#### Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Becky Mozeleski  
9:00am (SML) Mary Lou Franko  
11 am (SP) Mary Ann Mulfino

#### Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Jace Biglin  
11am (SP) Maci Harvatine  
Shadow –Wyatt Phillips, Nolan Phillips

### UPCOMING MEETNGS & EVENTS

Feb 8–All First Communion Parents Mtg St Pat Hall, 10am

### SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Julie Harvatine - jwharv03@gmail.com.

1/18/2026 - No class

1/25/2026 - Class

1/31/2026 - 4PM Mass at OLA for 6th grade students

2/1/2026 - Class

2/8/2026 - Class, First Communion Parents Meeting  
10 AM St. Patrick's Hall

2/15/2026 - No Class

### SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Kerry Pieretti - redlightgreen343@gmail.com

Jan. 18, 2026 - Class

Jan. 25 Class

### DIOCESAN WOMAN'S RETREAT

The Bold & Beautiful Woman's age 18+ Retreat will be at Holy Transfiguration Retreat center in Dalton Pa. on January 30 to February 1. This retreat will be led by Annette Bergeon, CEO of Endow, which is one of the only women's organizations that has a study specifically on St. Hildegard. For more information contact the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 ext.1100.

### WELCOME

Again, with great joy we welcome this weekend at all our Parishes Fr. John Terry. Fr. Terry just retired from being a Pastor at Our Lady of Hope in Wilkes Barre. Father is now a resident of Villa St Joseph in Dunmore and will celebrate the weekend's liturgy in our Parishes. Let's welcome Father John Terry and make him feel welcome.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday (January 13) St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00am (OLA)

*By*

### Wednesday (January 14) Weekday

8:00am (SP)

*By*

### Thursday (January 15) Weekday

8:00 am (OLA)

*By*

### Saturday (January 17) The Vigil of The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Stanley & Bertha Rysz

*By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczek*

### Sunday January 18) The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Margaret Nauroth

*By Social Concerns Ministry*

11:00 am (SP) Adam Konopka Jr. & Jason Konopka

*By The Konopka Family*

### The Sanctuary Candle at OLA

Burning this week for Florence Hoch

*By Janet Motyka*

### WEEKLY OFFERING (COLLECTION)

SP Weekly      OLA Weekly      SML Weekly

Unavailable this week

*May the Lord reward your generosity. .*

### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

We are still receiving Christmas Offerings in the mail, so look for the total Christmas offerings in an upcoming Bulletin.

### 2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Before the end of January 2026, contribution statements for 2025 will be available for all registered parishioners. These statements may be used for tax purposes. Contact the office at 570-563-1622 if you need a statement.

### END OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Christmas Season this year ends this weekend on January 11, with the Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord. So, after the Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord, Ordinary Time begins. The Liturgical Color of The Ordinary Time is green. This will continue until Ash Wednesday which is February 18, the beginning of the Holy Season Of Lent.

### OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Blessed Mary of the Passion: like Saint Benedict and many others, she levitated after receiving Holy Communion.