

❖ ♦The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus ♦January 11, 2026♦ ❖

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?

**Parish Financial Report
Our Lady of the Abingtons - Dalton
TREND ANALYSIS**

| | Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30 | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 |
| Revenue | | | | | |
| Collections | 109,104 | 113,793 | 111,790 | 116,946 | 121,696 |
| Faith Formation Fees | 310 | 325 | 294 | 195 | 5,240 |
| Fundraising/Development | 58,713 | 55,444 | 70,135 | 11,235 | 39,532 |
| Other Income | 9,251 | 17,963 | 7,732 | 279 | 4,381 |
| Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan | 4,266 | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers Savings Account/Other | 453 | 3,546 | 6,000 | - | - |
| Diocesan Special Collections | 4,849 | 3,888 | 3,507 | 6,311 | 3,976 |
| Total Revenue | 186,946 | 194,959 | 199,458 | 134,966 | 174,825 |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Administration | 71,590 | 63,401 | 83,603 | 82,751 | 72,278 |
| Rectory | 24,385 | 22,032 | 20,233 | 7,859 | 14,942 |
| Liturgy | 12,335 | 9,926 | 15,117 | 10,606 | 12,683 |
| Faith Formation | 6,835 | 4,076 | 2,498 | 4,342 | 2,414 |
| Social Justice | 3,224 | 590 | 17,160 | 804 | 83 |
| Operation & Maintenance of Plant | 31,081 | 12,360 | 18,300 | 10,590 | 10,382 |
| Fixed Expense | 9,345 | 8,116 | 7,520 | 4,499 | 6,735 |
| Debt Service | - | - | - | - | - |
| Capital Outlays | - | - | - | - | - |
| Designated Expenses /Transfers Out | 3,494 | - | 174 | - | - |
| Catholic School Assessment | 15,216 | 10,596 | 13,668 | 10,800 | 11,112 |
| Diocesan Special Collections Remittance | 5,049 | 25,483 | 3,510 | 6,311 | 1,858 |
| Total Expense | 182,553 | 156,580 | 181,783 | 138,561 | 132,487 |
| Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis | 4,393 | 38,379 | 17,675 | (3,595) | 42,338 |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations | **(SEE NOTE)** | - | - | - | - |
| Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) | 4,393 | 38,379 | 17,675 | (3,595) | 42,338 |
| **NOTE** | | | | | |
| Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses. | | | | | |
| End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations | - | - | - | - | - |
| Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations | - | - | - | - | - |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations | - | - | - | - | - |
| Diocesan Loan/Debt | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |