

FEAST of THE BAPTISM of the LORD

~ January 13, 2019 ~

Beloved Son... After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased. Mt 3: 16-17

Mass Intentions

Monday

7:45 AM *Denise Frisoli* by Rotunno/Donlan Family

Tuesday

7:45 AM *Richard Donato* by M/M Larry Green

Wednesday

7:45 AM *John Rotunno* by Rotunno/Donlan Family

Thursday

7:45 AM *Sandra Holod* by Mary Ann Skrincosky

Friday

No Mass

Saturday

8:00 AM *Gerry Olshefski* by Jean and Jack Kalata

5:00 PM *Mom and Dad Zelasko* by daughter Charlene and husband Allen

Sunday

8:00 AM *Olga Giudice* by Bob and Maureen Hamas

9:30 AM *Devin Francis* by Hibshman Family

11:00 AM *Tom Fox* by Marjorie Ward and Family

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First Reading: Is 40: 1-5, 9-11... (Promise of Salvation)

Isaiah's central message is an announcement of salvation for the people of God. He reveals God as a Shepherd-King, attracting and ever caring for his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 104... (Creator and Redeemer)

"O bless the Lord, my soul."

Second Reading: Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7... (Called through Baptism)

Paul proclaims that the "grace of God has appeared" in Christ. This has set us on the road to salvation by giving us gifts from God, especially Baptism, and by calling us to lead lives dedicated to Christ.

Gospel: Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22 ... (Beloved Son)

The Spirit of God is seen coming upon Christ. The words of Isaiah are beginning to be fulfilled.

Monday: Weekday (Week 1 in Ordinary Time)

Heb 1: 1-6; Ps 97: 1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1: 14-20

Tuesday: Weekday

Heb 2: 5-12; Ps 8: 2a, 5-9; Mk 1: 21-28

Wednesday: Weekday

Heb 2: 14-18; Ps 105: 1-4, 6-9; Mk 1: 29-39

Thursday: St. Anthony, Abbot

Heb 3: 7-14; Ps 95: 6-11; Mk 1: 40-45

Friday: Weekday

Heb 4: 1-5, 11; Ps 78: 3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2: 1-12

Saturday: Weekday; BVM on Saturday

Heb 4: 12-16; Ps 19: 8-10, 15; Mk 2: 13-17



~ Saturday, Sunday: January 19, January 20 ~

~ ALTAR SERVER ~

5:00 PM R. Lambert – J. Cole
 8:00 AM K. Marakovits – A. Isaac
 9:30 AM L. Skrincosky – Z. Shay
 11:00 AM L. Schoenauer – J. Doncsecz

~ CANTOR ~

5:00 PM N. Acevedo
 8:00 AM J. Mertus
 9:30 AM T. Zawadzki (Choir Mass)
 11:00 AM M. Skrincosky

~ LECTOR ~

(Is 62: 1-5; Ps 96: 1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12: 4-11)

5:00 PM M. Faccinetto
 8:00 AM D. Dolan
 9:30 AM D. Thatcher
 11:00 AM R. Fleissner

~ EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS of COMMUNION ~

5:00 PM B. and M. Yost – J. Ardinger
 8:00 AM R. Fitzpatrick – M. and F. Wiedl
 9:30 AM J. Reinhart – D. Dillard – J. Keretz
 11:00 AM D. Hughes – M. and J. Jung

~ GREETER ~

5:00 PM M. Forte
 8:00 AM M. and F. Wiedl
 9:30 AM Fleissner Family
 11:00 AM A. and J. Nguyen

~ FOOD/GIFT CARD ~

5:00 PM D. Scanlon
 8:00 AM E. Lee
 9:30 AM J. Keretz
 11:00 AM M. Finnerty

~ MONEY COUNTER ~

M. Juhasz – J. Mitch
 R. Schaefer – V. Schwarz

Prayer for Our Priests

Eternal God, please bless our priests, who represent you on this earth. Make them more greatly aware of the grace that you pour out through them when they minister the sacraments and help them to fall more deeply in love with you after each and every Mass that they celebrate. Please strengthen our priests, who shepherd your flock, when they are in doubt of their faith, that they may be examples of your Truth and guide us always on the path to you. We ask these things of you our Eternal Priest. Amen.



Please pray for our sick, for all those homebound, in the hospital or nursing homes and especially those who care for them. We also ask prayers for those not listed and those we are not aware of that are ill.

Donna Miller, Joan Szemenyei, Joseph Ludrof, Susan G. Tinschmidt, David Cap, Lisa Dreher, A.J. Shuck, M. and D. Shuck, Anthony Viera, Bev Russell, Hank Straub, Albina DaSilva, Andrew Filbert, Christopher Brennan, Bill White, Jessica Hewitt, Joan Raymond, John and Charlotte Rzepiela, Lori Watts, Jacob Jarvis, James and Janet DeVaney, Beth Coleman, Mary Saraceno-Wright, Dorothea Saraceno-Atherholt, Alice Bennett, Mary Lou Schuler, Joe Field, Louis A. Gray, Gail Schneider, Molly Weidemoyer, James Lankford, Karen Hegedus, Patrick McBride, Betty McNulty, Jane Schreiber, Ron and Irene Rutkowski, Jamie Heston, Terry Macripo, Patrice Schwartzman, Leona Oberholtzer, Colleen Pinzon, Ronald Mitch, Sanford Kravett, Jack Sharkey, Jack Herczeg, Grandson, Pat Moulton, Sheri Radzelovage, Janet Zambo, Geza Vegh, William Duane, Neal Lamana, Loretta Scurato, Theresa Mitchell, Emerson Davenport, Kaitlyn Whitebread, Gina Teel, Nonna Frances, Charlotte Gazzana, Russell Gazzana, Rebecca Wasniewski, Larry Muzyka, Heather Mowery, Corporal Seth Kelly, Teresa Yatko, Fritz and Pat Warminsky, Carmela Azzolina, Walter Fry, JoAnn Connors, Mary Hasenecz, Frank Donchez, Carol Jacob, Manny and Dorothy Martinez, Ann Lester, Kathleen Angelozzi, Dorothy Fekula, Emma Fogel, Irene Nagy, Jackie Swartley, Bobby Ricks, George Treisner, Paul Micci, Mike Podhayny, Janice Mitchell



A time of war, and a time of peace: We pray for those that serve in our military: Michael O'Donnell; Jarrett Buchanan; Blair Holva; Nick Massari; John Flannigan; Joe Owens; Rob McGuire; Joseph Salmento; David Principato; David Colarusso, Jr.; Paul K. Browne, II; Anthony T. Browne;

LCpl Timothy F. Cassidy; Mark McNulty, Jr.; Josh Brueningesen; Sgt. Jared Steirer; Senior Chief Ian Hudak



For the Safety of Our Military ... Almighty and Eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect our military as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Home of the Free because of the Brave... Thank you!!



Parish Upcoming Events

January:

- 13: Sacred Heart Holy Name Society Mass at 9:30 AM
~ Meeting will follow in School Meeting Room ~
- 13: Pro-Life Prayer Day: 12 Noon – 5:00 PM ~ Church
- 15: Cantor Rehearsal: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 17: Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 23: Sacred Heart Prime Time Meeting: 1:00 PM
~Father King Memorial Hall ~
- 24: Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 31: Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 PM ~ Church

Bulletin Announcements

Deliver to the Rectory office or email to sacredheartrectory1936@gmail.com by 12 noon on Thursday (that is, ten days prior to the publication of the bulletin).



2019 Sacred Heart "Little Lot" Payouts:

- Christmas and Easter: \$1,000
- New Year's Day, Memorial Day, and July 4th: \$500
- Last day of the month: \$300
- Fridays: \$100 (except when last day of the month)
- Every other night: \$50

Winning Number is the "Evening Pick 4 PA Lottery" Exact match ONLY! \$25/Ticket and is good for every day in 2019. Additional tickets are available in main vestibule of Church. Fill in ticket stub information, place stub in an envelope marked "Little Lot", along with payment (\$25/ticket), and drop in collection basket.



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Sacred Heart Church 2018 Contribution Statement... Please make your request: "2018 CONTRIBUTION" on FRONT of your weekly contribution envelope.

▶ ▶ **Pro-Life Prayer Day...** Sacred Heart will have a special day of prayer on **Sunday, January 13, 2019**. The Prayer Day will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the 11:00 AM Mass. The Church will be open from 12 Noon to 4:00 PM for private prayer and adoration. At 4:00 PM we will bring our day to an end with Evening Prayer and Benediction. Please join us as we gather together to pray for all human life from conception to natural death.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Co-ordinator:
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak M.A., NCC, LPC;
Direct Telephone (NOT CONFIDENTIAL): 1-800-791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Co-ordinator:
Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., MS, LMFT; Telephone: 610-332-0442 ext 2019

Diocese of Allentown Protection of Youth Policy:
www.allentowndiocese.org

*If you take away their breath,
they perish and return to the dust.
When you send forth your spirit,
they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.*



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Many, many "Thanks" to all of you for your Christmas gifts, baked goodies, fruit baskets, and cards. Your many acts of kindness are greatly appreciated!

God Bless all of you,
Fr. Bob



From Tolkien to Thomas Merton – from Shakespeare to St. Augustine – from Jane Austen to Julian of Norwich – great works of literature have the power to challenge and strengthen our Christian

faith. *“Lehigh Valley Inklings,”* a book club for young adult Catholics ages 21 to 35, meets once a month to explore a classic through the lens of Catholicism.

The next meeting will be Friday, January 25th, at 7:00 PM, hosted by Bishop of Allentown Alfred Schlert. The group will discuss *“The Dream of a Ridiculous Man”* by Fyodor Dostoevsky.

Please RSVP to lehighvalleyinklins@gmail.com to receive details regarding the location of the meeting.

For more information, visit the group’s Facebook page, *“Lehigh Valley Inklings: Young Catholic Book Club.”*

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Gospel Alleluia Verse... John said: One mightier than I is coming; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Lk 3:16

The Alleluia Verse reminds us that John the Baptist proclaimed that Jesus would offer us a Baptism that was so much more powerful than John’s Baptism of conversion.

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When John the Baptist began his ministry of preaching conversion, many wondered whether he might be the Messiah of God.

John himself gave witness that he was not the Messiah, that another would come along who was much greater than he. He only baptized with water, but the Messiah would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

While John’s Baptism gave us the possibility of turning from our sins, Jesus’ Baptism made us into children of God. It invites us into the life of the Trinity (which is why we hear the voice of the Father and see the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove). Rev. Jude Winkler

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**Offering Envelopes**



*Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, Weekly Envelope: \$6,400.*

*Christmas Collection: \$29,100.*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Your contributions are deeply appreciated!*

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*Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;  
In his arms he gathers the lambs,  
carrying them in his bosom,  
and leading the ewes with care.*

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**Sacred Heart Holy Name Society (HNS) Fellowship “All You Can Eat”**

**Breakfast on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.** The breakfast will start after 8:00 AM Mass and conclude sometime after the 11:00

AM Mass in the Father King Memorial Hall. The buffet style servings will include: scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, home fries, rolls, and a few other associated goodies as well as coffee, juice and milk. The cost for this culinary delight is:

- \$8.00 for ages 12 and over
- \$4.00 for ages 4 to 11 years
- Children under age 4 eat for free

Take outs will be available. Come and join us for good food and Parish Fellowship. Save the date!!!



**Sanctuary Lights...** Candles can be lit for 7 days (Saturday to Saturday) on the High Altar of the Tabernacle, Blessed Mother Altar, St. Joseph Altar, St. Anthony, St. Jude, and Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sanctuary Candles can be lit for any intention, death remembrance or anniversary, birthday, wedding anniversary, thanksgiving for blessings from God, for those who are ill or having surgery, or any special intentions which someone would like special prayers for. To have one of these Sanctuary Lights lit, drop a little note in the collection basket marked “Sanctuary Lights”. A donation of \$12.00 is asked. The intention will appear in bulletin, unless directed not to.

**Blessed Mother Altar:**

- For Healing of Body, Spirit, Soul, Mind and Heart of my Adult Child

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**Sacred Heart Memorial Society...**

Those who are enrolled in the Memorial Society will have their names written in a special book. The Memorial Book will be on display by the St. Joseph Altar. An intention will also be included in the Sunday petitions for those enrolled in the Memorial Society. All donations from the Sacred Heart Memorial Society will be

used for the purchasing of items needed to celebrate the Sacraments. Suggested offering is \$20.00.



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*A voice cries out:*

*In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!  
Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill shall be made low;  
the rugged land shall be made a plain,  
the rough country, a broad valley.*

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**March for Life 2019, Washington, D.C.,**

Friday, January 18, 2019. Are you interested in attending the March for Life in Washington, D.C. and are looking for transportation? Visit the diocesan website to see a list of parishes who are running buses to the *March for Life* on January

18, 2019. Diocesan website: [www.allentowndiocese.org/pro-life-and-social-concerns](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/pro-life-and-social-concerns).

Local parishes are running buses:

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bethlehem: depart from their Church lot at 7:30 AM; \$20 adults, \$10 children; contact Tony Saldutti: [Tsaldutti99@gmail.com](mailto:Tsaldutti99@gmail.com) or 610-533-2711
- Assumption BVM, Bethlehem: depart from their Church lot at 7:00 AM; \$25 pp, \$75 family; contact Lisa Temple: [LisaTemple3@yahoo.com](mailto:LisaTemple3@yahoo.com)
- St. Jane France de Chantal, Easton: depart from their Church lot at 7:15 AM; \$10 pp, \$20 family; contact Sue Stigliano: [stig-1@rcn.com](mailto:stig-1@rcn.com) or 610-762-2122

For more information about the march, visit [www.marchforlife.org/mfl-2019/](http://www.marchforlife.org/mfl-2019/).

*God has imprinted his own image and likeness on human beings...conferring upon them an incomparable dignity...Beyond the rights which one acquires by one's own work, there exist rights which do not correspond to any work performed, but which flow from one's essential dignity as a person.* St. John Paul II, Pope





We celebrated the Epiphany of Jesus last Sunday. When we think of Epiphany, we think of the wise men visiting the baby Jesus in Bethlehem, but "Epiphany" means "revelation" so when we celebrated the Epiphany of Jesus, we celebrated Jesus being revealed and shown to the world.

At Epiphany last weekend, we especially remembered Jesus revealed as the light of all nations since the wise men (who were Gentiles and not Jews) came from far away.

Today we celebrate another epiphany of Jesus which occurred at his baptism when his heavenly Father spoke and said, "This is my Beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." (Matt 3:17)

After Jesus' baptism the next epiphany or revelation of Jesus takes place at the wedding at Cana where St. John the Evangelist tells us Jesus' miracle let his glory be seen and his disciples believed in him (John 2:11).

The Holy Spirit descending on Jesus at his baptism was an anointing. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit. Jesus' baptism is an Anointing by God with the Holy Spirit and power (Acts 10:38). The word "Christ" is a Greek word and means "Anointed" and the word "Messiah" is a Hebrew word which also means "Anointed." Because Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, he is Christ and Messiah. In the Old Testament the high priest was anointed as he took up office. The king was anointed on the day of his coronation and regarded as adopted by God as his son on the day of his coronation. But Jesus is not just adopted as God's son when he was baptized; he is God's Son, is God incarnate, God in the flesh. Part of the preface to a Eucharistic prayer:

Your Spirit was seen as a dove,  
 revealing Jesus as your servant,  
 and anointing him with joy as the Christ,  
 sent to bring to the poor  
 the good news of salvation.

The baptism John the Baptist administered in the river Jordan was a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus was sinless so why did he come to John to be baptized? We see that John the Baptist was obviously uneasy as he said, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" (Matt 3:14) Jesus wanted to be baptized even though he didn't need baptism because it would be through baptism that everyone would become followers of Jesus. Everything we do in the Church we do because it comes from Jesus. The *Seven Sacraments* come from Jesus.

Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan and taught Nicodemus about the importance of being born from above (John 3). Jesus said what is born of the flesh is flesh and what is born of the spirit is spirit (John 3:6). Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he commanded the apostles to baptize in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit (Matt 28:19). St. Thomas Aquinas says we could expect that Jesus would have baptized his apostles also. This would make sense because *Baptism* is the first of the sacraments and we would expect them to have received baptism before they were ordained priests during the Last Supper.

We receive the *Sacrament of Confirmation* because it confirms and completes the grace of the Holy Spirit we received at baptism (just as Pentecost follows Easter). Christ was full of the Spirit and before his Ascension, promised the apostles an outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and then they would be his disciples (Acts 1:8). We see in the early Church that the apostles needed to lay hands on those who had been baptized earlier (Acts 8:14-17).

We celebrate the *Eucharist* because Jesus gave us the gift of his Body and Blood during the Last Supper and asked us to repeat the celebration, "do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19). On the road to

Emmaus the two disciples listened to Jesus explain the Scriptures and then they recognized him at the breaking of the bread which is what happens every time we come to Mass (Luke 24:13-35).

We ask to have our sins forgiven in the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* because on many occasions in the Gospels we see Jesus forgiving sins and he breathed on the apostles and said to them, "Whose sins you forgive they are forgiven and whose sins you retain they are retained." (John 20:22-23)

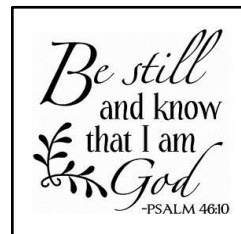
When we are seriously ill, we ask for the *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick* because in the Gospels we see that Jesus healed many sick people. When Jesus sent out the apostles on mission, they anointed many sick people with oil and cured them (Mark 6:13).

The love of a man and woman for each other is made holy in the *Sacrament of Marriage*. Jesus blessed a wedding at Cana with his presence (2:1-11). The letter to the Ephesians says the love between husband and wife is a mirror and reflection of the love of God for us (Eph 5:32).

Men are *Ordained Priests* because Jesus, the high priest of the New Covenant, shares his priesthood with men whom he now calls. Jesus first did this during the Last Supper as he prayed to his Father to consecrate the apostles in Spirit and Truth (John 17:17-19).

What a gift and grace the Church is to us! It offers us what Jesus himself offered two millennia ago. Jesus didn't need to be baptized in the Jordan by John the Baptist but since the sacraments and everything we do in the Church come from Jesus, and it would be through baptism that we would become followers of Jesus, Jesus desired to be baptized also.

As we celebrate the baptism of Jesus it reminds us that everything we have and do in the Church comes from Jesus. The Church is the Bride of Christ, and where you have Christ's Bride, there you also have Christ!



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 Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the Contest was to find the most caring child. The winner was:

1. A four-year-old child, whose next-door neighbor was an elderly gentleman, had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy just said, 'Nothing, I just helped him cry.'

2. An eye witness account from New York City... On a cold day in December, some years ago, a little boy, about 10-years-old, was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold. A lady approached the young boy and said, 'My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that window!' 'I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes,' was the boy's reply. The lady took him by the hand, went into the store, and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked the clerk if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt, washed his little feet, and dried them with the towel. By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, 'No doubt, you will be more comfortable now.' As she turned to go, the astonished kid caught her by the hand, and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her. 'Are you God's wife?'

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 Give to the Lord, you sons of God,  
 give to the Lord glory and praise,  
 give to the Lord the glory due his name;  
 adore the Lord in holy attire. Ps 29