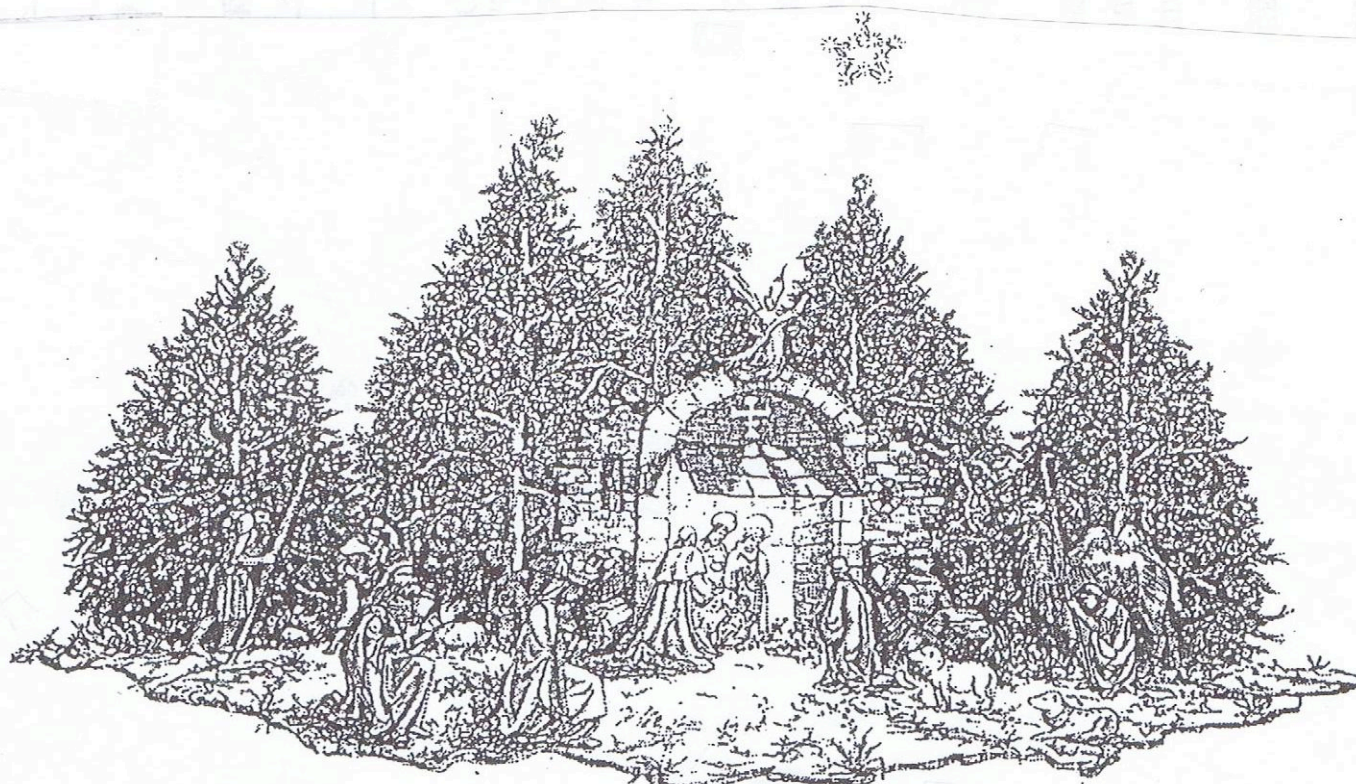


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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2020

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord which also concludes the Christmas season.

In our readings this Sunday Isaiah shares the promise of a servant of the Lord who will come forth and bring justice to the nations. St. Peter in the Acts of the Apostles, our second reading tells those gathered that God shows no partiality. All who fear him and act uprightly are acceptable to him. And in this Sunday's gospel Jesus is baptized by John and the Spirit of God descends upon him. With his baptism Jesus' public ministry begins.

At our baptism through water and the Holy Spirit we are sanctified and made children of God. By the grace of this sacrament we are awakened to the power of the Spirit in our own lives to go forth and proclaim the gospel message.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

Next Week's Readings

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (January 18/19)

Reading I: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:20-34

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What does justice mean to you in your life?

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning – 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule (in Chapel)

Monday thru Friday – 9:00 a.m.

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Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

New Parishioners

Please call the Rectory for an appointment to register.

Bulletin Deadline – Tuesday prior to publication

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – January 13 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLES TAMBURELLI (Classmates & Friends)

Tuesday, January 14 – 9:00 a.m.

DOROTHY BLUM (Donna Gera)

Wednesday – January 15 – 9:00 a.m.

STEVE & DOROTHY PROKOP

(Peggy & Gene Ebling)

Thursday – January 16 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPHINE CAVANAUGH

(Ed & Mary Jane Hahner)

Friday, January 17 – 9:00 a.m.

HENRY UCKELE (Amy & Missy Scheetz)

Saturday, January 18 – 5:00 p.m.

BETH THOMAS RESNECK

(St. John's Saturday Night Choir)

Sunday, January 19 – 8:15 a.m.

DOROTHY ELISON (Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)

Sunday, January 19 – 10:30 a.m.

JOHN J. MINCHHOFF FAMILY (Margaret Pauly)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 28/29: \$ 5,067.00

January 1: \$2,307.00; January 4/5: \$ 4,581.88

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

This is why you must know, and fix in your heart, that the Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other.

Deuteronomy 4:39

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon – 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Sunday – 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m. or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass Baptismal Preparation for Parents **MUST** precede the Baptism.

Please contact Father Dave for an appointment.

Outreach Program

Rectory 622-5470

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC

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2. IMO Frances Prokop by Peggy Ebling

3&4. Deceased Family Members

by M/M Stan Viduszynski

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Henry Aulenbach

by John, Cathy, Hannah Kostick

2. IMO Joseph Wiscount by Rob & Jess Wiscount

SCHEDULE

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – January 18th

Reader: Ray Petrilla

Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz, Bobby Rienzo

Servers: Vincent, Michael, Spencer Prestileo

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – January 19th

Reader: Bill Gianfagna

Euch.Min.: Bobby Rienzo, Bob Bechtel

Servers: Christopher & Caroline Hobbs,
Olivia Tokonitz

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – January 19th

Reader: Janet Daubert

Euch.Min.: Joyce Gerace, Phil Markovich

Servers: Lauren, Kelly, Megan Goodman

Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

COFFEE & PASTRIES

Sunday, January 19th after Masses

Warm up a winter Sunday with coffee and conversation with your fellow parishioners after 815 or 1030 Mass on January 19th. Coffee and pastries will be provided in Longinus Hall. Juice, milk and some healthy snacks will also be available.

If you would like to assist with this parish fellowship or your parish group would like to provide information on your parish ministry during this Sunday morning get together, please contact the rectory 570-622-5470.

THANK YOU DEPT.

Catholic Charities would like to express our sincere appreciation for the generous donations to our Giving Tree. These donations will support pregnant mothers, infants and families in our Pregnancy Support Program.

Your generosity will allow Catholic Charities to provide assistance to the many needy families we serve. Thank you for showing the true meaning of Christmas...sharing your love! ***Lori Mergel***

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown

GIVING TREE & CAROLING

You outdid yourselves again! The packages under our "Giving Tree" were overwhelming and beautifully wrapped. You are so good to others. What a wonderful spirit of giving and caring. You have made Christmas happier for all, especially those receiving presents. Those helped were:

Our Communion Calls – 21; Gaudenzia House - 20

Catholic Social Agency – 54; Cloud Home – 8

Jewel Women's Center – 37

We wish to thank ***Gerry Schwartz*** for organizing the Giving Tree and thank you to her helpers ...

Liam Benart, Ava Bowers, Amelia Deibert, Bernadette Gombola, Kelly Goodman, Logan Hable, Bob Hahner, Phil & Patty Markovich, Barbara Schoenauer

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to deliver these gifts in the name of St. John's Parish Family and for spreading Christmas cheer to members of our parish community in assisted living homes and on the Communion Call lists ...

Dominic Alvarez, Ava Bowers, Sarah DeArment, Shanna & Amelia Deibert, Kelly Goodman, Heather & Logan Hable, Bob & Susan Hahner, Tina Seiger

Thank you for giving your time, but mostly your smiles and Christmas wishes. God surely was smiling once again as you gave a little bit of yourself to others. God bless you!

MARCH FOR LIFE

Join pro-life America at the **2020 March for Life** to be a voice for the voiceless! It's not too early to start thinking about attending the March for Life in Washington DC. It will be held **Friday January 24th 2020**. Teens are especially encouraged to attend! Bus will leave from St Ambrose. For more information contact Dana Seisler or Heather Smalley or St Ambrose rectory 570-385-1031

CRASE

(CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS)

Please join us **on Monday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m. in Longinus Hall** for a class titled **Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)**. This class will be taught by parish member and Pottsville Police Chief Richard Wojciechowsky and will be one to two hours in length. **CRASE** was developed by the FBI and provides strategies, guidance, and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options, medical issues, and considerations for

conducting drills. Parish Council members and ushers are strongly encouraged to attend. All are welcome!

... A NOTE OF THANKS ...

A big and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all the organizations and people who do so much to keep our parish alive and kicking. The following list is but a sample of what takes place in an organized way at St. John's. However, there are also a number of people who do the quiet, behind the scenes work. To all of them, our sincere thanks! We truly apologize if we missed any group.

Let us continue to grow in all ways and keep the spirit of St. John's Parish alive for all to see and hear. May God continue to bless us.

Father Dave

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| Cantors | Giving Tree Helpers |
| Catholic Women's Union | Hospitality Ministers |
| CCD Program | Liturgy Committee |
| Cemetery Committee | Mid-Summer Festival |
| Children's Liturgy | Organists |
| Choir | OutReach Program |
| Choir Director | Over 50 Club |
| Christmas Bazaar | Parish Council |
| Collection Counters | Parish Staff |
| Christmas Pageant | Readers |
| Collection Posters | Sunday Pre-School |
| Curiosity Shop/Yard Sales | Thanksgiving Baskets |
| CYO Program | Youth Group |

CHURCH DECORATING

Our thanks to the following for decorating the church so beautifully for our celebration of Christmas.

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| Ava Ciarvella | Mary Modesto |
| Kimberly Ciarvella | Danny Murphy |
| Evelyn DeJesus | Bobby Rienzo |
| Aleksander Gorski | Mike Rizzardi |
| Heidi Gorski | Jennifer Switzler |
| Stanley Gorski | Robert Wollyung |
| Paul Herb | Father Dave |



MARRIED IN CHRIST

We extend our warmest congratulations to **David Baker and Gabrielle Nabholz** who were joined in Holy Matrimony on January 4th, 2020 in the presence of Father Dave.

They are called now to total dedication to each other. May their love each day draw them closer to God and to each other.

CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGIES

Our Christmas Liturgies were so enhanced with the talents of the following people. Thank you for sharing these talents with us ...

Instrumentalists ... *Dave Derbes, Bobby DiCello, Chrissy Hardock DiCello, Patrick McMullen, Marianne Wollyung*

Choir Members

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| Katie Blackwell | Barbara Powers |
| Mary Bound | Jason Prestileo |
| Ava Ciarvella | Pat Scheetz |
| Janet Daubert | Bob Wollyung |
| Barbara Fox | Marianne Wollyung |
| Lucilla Kochol | Kate Zagar |
| Joe Piel | |

Cantors

Bob Hahner, Debbie Purcell, Tina Seiger

Ensemble

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| Doug Broughton | Neil Manus |
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