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# The Baptism of the Lord January 13, 2013

He saved us through the bath of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— Titus 3:5

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

7:30 AM People of the Parish  
9:30 AM John Morrash  
12:30 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory (Hispanic Mass)

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 14**

9:00 AM Irene Nimlo

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 15**

9:00 AM Dr. Alfred Tonolo

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16**

9:00 AM M/M Ezra Hoppick

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 17**

9:00 AM William "Bill" Decker

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**

9:00 AM Quentin Belford

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 19**

**4:30 PM** Bennie Naunczek

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 20**

7:30 AM Peter Gentile  
9:30 AM People of the Parish

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK:** In memory of James Mattive requested by Georgene Mattive.

**PEACE CANDLE:** In memory of Robert C Riofski requested by his children.

**RESURRECTION CANDLE:** In memory of Angelo Galanti.

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE:** In memory of Bridget & Quentin Belford given by the family.

**THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE** that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of Marie "Mitzi" Ursi requested by Renee M Lauriquet.

**OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** to the family of Angelo Galanti. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

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## **CALLED TO SERVE**

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as "one mightier than I." But he did as Jesus asked, and the "Holy Spirit descended" and heaven's voice spoke to Jesus, "You are my beloved Son." Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today's second reading, he announces the heart of the message, "peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all." Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God's word.

## **PARISH SUPPORT**

December 23 offering	Total	\$5453.00
December 30 offering	Total	\$4173.00
Christmas to date	Total	\$20174.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$1483.00

The second envelope next week (marked Utilities) is a parish offering for fuel.

Thank you for your generosity!

## **PARISH DATEBOOK**

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 14**

**BIBLE STUDY/SHARING** 7:00 PM (meeting room)

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 15**

**YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL:** 3:45 PM.

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16**

**ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL:** 7:00 PM.

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 17**

**YEAR OF FAITH PROGRAM:** 6:30 PM in church.

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**

**BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR:** 8:00 AM.

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 20**

**CCD CLASSES** in session 10:40 AM to 11:55 AM.

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## **SERVICE FOR THE LORD**

### **Next Sunday, January 20**

#### **Saturday, 4:30 PM**

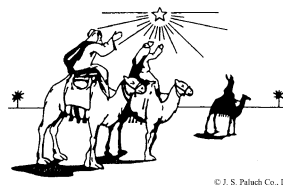
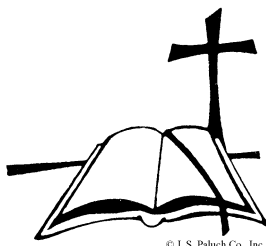
Eucharistic Ministers: B & D Deluca, Canouse  
Lector: Morrison  
Altar Servers: 6  
Greeters: Panzak & Rinehimer

#### **Sunday, 7:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Troiani, Wolfe, Monatesti  
Lector: Troiani  
Altar Servers: 4  
Greeters: R & M Crake

#### **Sunday, 9:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Dudasko, Dante, Eroh  
Lector: Confer  
Altar Servers: 5  
Greeters: Carter & Dent



**EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES:**  
**Please call the Parish office (759-8113) to schedule a time.**

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**YEAR OF FAITH**

**Don't forget to stop by the church on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> for the second Year of Faith video. The women's council will be hosting a social following the video for those who attend. It is a great time to meet with others and discuss Father Barron's video lesson.**

**CHILDREN'S MISSALETTES**

As part of the Year of Faith, the CCW has provided Children's Missalettes for families with young children to use during Mass. Feel free to use a copy to help your child understand the various parts of the Mass, what it means, and why we do it. The introduction we give them to Christ and the beauty of our Faith will carry with them throughout their lives.

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**ALL CONTRIBUTIONS** are recorded in our computer. If you wish to receive credit for the 2012 tax year, all contributions for 2012 should be in by January 16, 2013. Any contributions received after that will be credited to the 2013 tax year. **Statements will be mailed upon request.**

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**VOCATION AWARENESS**

"This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."  
 Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Raymond LaVoie (717) 657-4804 Est. 282 or email [vocations@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@hbgdiocese.org).

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**If you or a love one is sick or in need of prayer, please call Rose Yalch at 752-2363 or Ann Samsel at 752-7309. Your request will be passed on to the rest of the Bible Study Group.**

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**PARISH REGISTRATION**

In this **New Year** of 2013, do you have a **new** phone number? Please call the office (759-8113) and we will update your information! Are you **new** to the Parish? Please call us and register! Changed your phone number? Are you moving? We would appreciate hearing from you! Need envelopes? Just call us at 759-8113.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord;  
National Vocation Awareness Week
- Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
- Thursday: St. Anthony
- Friday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
- Saturday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany);  
Blessed Virgin Mary



**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.