

# The Baptism of the Lord

The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

*John 1:33*



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Bonneauville, Pennsylvania**



**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH  
MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the members of this Christian Catholic Community of St. Joseph the Worker Church in Bonneauville, Pennsylvania, endeavor to live the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and practice the teachings of that same Gospel in our worship, our beliefs, what we learn, and the way in which we serve others.

As a Catholic Community of Faith, Hope, & Love, we invite others to join us in our goal of renewal and welcome them into our gospel fellowship.

*Mass Intentions*

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**Saturday – January 10**

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Int. of Frank Gebhart & Family

**Sunday, January 11**

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of Theresa (Keller) Arvin

10:00 AM – Rosary

10:30 AM – People of the Parish

**Monday – January 12**

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of Alice Abbott

**Tuesday, January 13**

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Jim Gebhart

**Wednesday, January 14**

6:30 PM – Rosary

7:00 PM – Brian Arentz

**Thursday – January 15**

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of Hogan & Reichwein Families

**Friday – January 16**

7:30 AM – Rosary

8:00 AM – Int. of Rich Weaver

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday – January 17**

4:00 PM – Rosary

4:30 PM – Int. of Bob & Frances Weishaar

**Sunday, January 18**

7:30 AM – Adoration/Rosary

8:00 AM – People of the Parish

10:00 AM – Rosary

10:30 AM – Int. of CCD Teachers

**IS ANYONE SICK AMONG YOU?**

Please notify **Fr. Benny 717-334-2510** of any parishioner admitted to the hospital. Call the Office to arrange for the Anointing of the sick of the parish.



Barbara Dinges, Brook McMaster, Maureen Johnson, Elizabeth Fetter, Emily Elizabeth Schmidt, , Rick Phillips, Michael Clabaugh, Bill Orndorff, Rose Weaver, Kim, Ann, Nancy Myers, Virginia Schriver, Pam Lambert, Wyatt Esworthy, Lisa Barefoot Waggoner, Mike Shanebrook, Brad Clabaugh, Lorine Schwab, Michael Franek, Don Moser, Dave Weishaar, Raymond McMaster, Betty Clabaugh, Deacon Rich, Rich Faloon, Dale Keller, Shirley Bowman, Marilyn Wells, Jeremy Onorato, Mary Lee Noel, Kathi Barefoot, Cindalee Notich, Elizabeth Weishaar, Kim Beitler, Helen Little, Mary Beachtel Arvin, Darlene Long, Sally Irwin, Jane Irwin Hollabaugh, Mike Farrell, Nora Keller, Rebecca Weaver, Arthur Hammett, Rich Shaffer, Barbara Onorato, Anna Sneeringer, Bob Clabaugh and all the rest of our brothers and sisters in need of healing of mind, body and spirit. Please call the parish office to add a name to our prayer list. Help us to keep our list current by letting us know when we may remove a name. **If you would like to be part of the Parish Prayer Line call Lisa Barefoot Waggoner @717-465-7568 for more information.**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

This reading is a brief passage from the Songs of the Suffering Servant. The Servant will establish justice on the earth and open the eyes of those who live in darkness.

**Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38**

In this reading, Peter gives his first sermon to pagans. Asked by a Roman centurion to preach the Gospel to his household, Peter is initially astounded by the request, but after a dream, Peter preaches and baptizes the entire household.

**Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

After initially protesting his unworthiness, John baptizes Jesus. After the baptism, the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him."

**33 Days to Eucharistic Glory:** You might read the book you received at Christmas about the Eucharist as part of your preparation for Easter this year. The insert in today's bulletin describes a self-study program based on the book. Start anytime and finish before Easter to receive a certificate. Start by Feb 11 to finish by Laetare Sunday and consecrate yourself at the 8:00 am Mass on March 15. No class hours required!

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

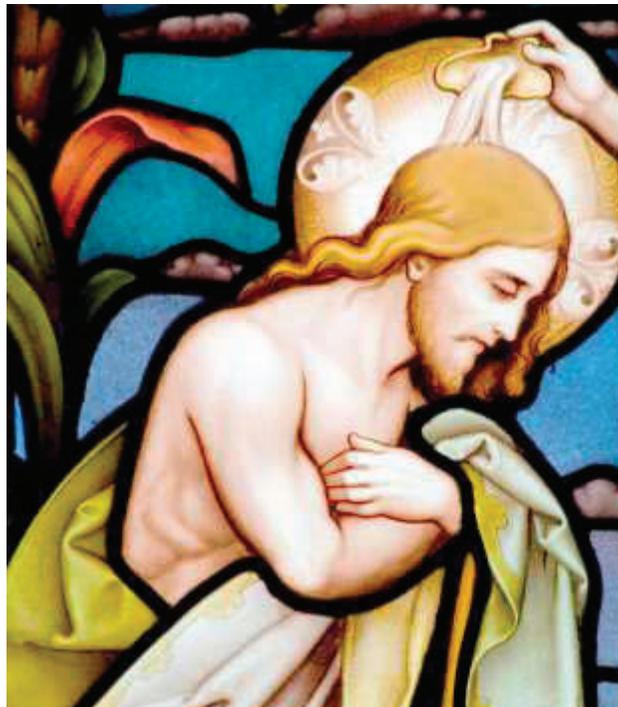
**“I the Lord have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand, I formed you and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring prisoners out of confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness... ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”**

The description from Isaiah, the words of Peter, describing Jesus ‘going about doing good’, help us appreciate the scene of Jesus’ meeting John the Baptist at the Jordan. They help us appreciate Jesus as He initiates His public ministry. He would quote Isaiah later in Nazareth describing more clearly His pending mission. We who live as children of the covenant, whose eyes were opened through our baptism, who have been freed from original sin and are pleasing to the Father, are now sent on our mission, the singular task the Lord has reserved and entrusted personally to me.

### HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS



## FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the weekend of January 3/4, 2026

Adults	\$3,697.00
Loose	153.00
On-Line Giving	1,520.00
Total	5,370.00
Budgeted - \$4,160.00 over	1,210.00
Poor of the Parish	181.00
Christmas Offering	60.00
Solemnity of Mary	988.00
On-line Giving	85.00
Total	1,073.00

75 of 298 Adults used envelopes  
36 Online Giving

Next special collection is "Aid to the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa, January 11/12, 2025.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

**Conewago District Council of Catholic Women Lenten Day of Reflection**, Saturday, March 7th, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm at St. Vincent de Paul, Gotwalt Hall in St. Vincent de Paul Auditorium, 65 South St., Hanover. Presenters: Franciscan Sisters. Eileen Quinn and Mary Therese White.

Questions: contact Sandy Clark: [smclark@pa.net](mailto:smclark@pa.net)

### ROSARY INTENTIONS



There is a notebook in the entrance of the Church for anyone who would like a Rosary prayed for a special intention before the morning and weekend Mass. Please write down who the intention is for.

**MASS INTENTION FOR 2026** in memory or honor of a loved one are available, Mass stipends are \$10.00.

*Were you married in 1976? In honor of your 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, there will be a Jubilee Mass and reception on Sunday, June 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Harrisburg. Bishop Timothy C. Senior will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact your parish office.*

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES DISCOVERY WITH BARCELONA!** Join Fr. Benny Jose on this journey...September 20-29, 2026. 10 days, 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners. Highlights of the trip: Fatima, Aljustrel, Valinhos, Cathedral of Burgos, Lourdes, Grotto of Massabielle, Barcelona, Barcelona Cathedral. Information is on the table in the vestibule. We will be having a presentation on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the parish center for anyone interested in joining the Pilgrimage or already signed up to go.



**DO YOU SUPPORT OUR GROCERY CARD PROGRAM?** Grocery gift cards for Giant, Weis, and Walmart and Food Lion are

available on weekends after the Masses and Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at the rectory office.

**WEATHER ALERT:** If the Schools are **DELAYED** or **CANCELLED** Fr. Benny will not have Mass that day. If there is ice or snow it gives the person responsible for cleaning our parking lot and sidewalks time to clean them so everyone remains safe.

### 400 CLUB Week 1

98	Jason Zinn	Cindy Hartlaub
114	Wendy Oliveros	Kay Smith
235	Mary Beebe	Cindy Hartlaub
327	Larry Pfaff	Tom Gebhart
354	Gina Gebhart	Gina Gebhart

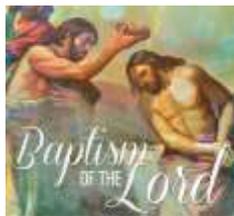
**St. Mary's Church, 256 Tract Road, Fairfield** is holding an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast in the parish hall on Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM till noon. It includes pancakes, ham, bacon, eggs, hash-browns, coffee, tea, iced tea, and orange juice. Carry outs are available. The cost is \$10.00, \$5.00 for children 6 to 12, under 6 free. All are welcome and no reservations are needed. For additional information call 717-642-8815.

**Event: Cash Bingo** sponsored by Delone Catholic Athletics and the Notre Dame Club of Gettysburg

**Date:** Saturday, January 31, 2026

Cost: \$20 per ticket which includes a roast turkey platter and 20 games of regular bingo paying \$50 per game **Time:** Doors open at 4:00; Dinner served from 5:00-6:15, Bingo starts at 6:30 Where: Delone Catholic High School cafeteria Specials and speed bingo games are also available. Door prizes will be given out. No children under the age of 6 are permitted.

Contact Patty Smith for tickets. [717.451.7618](tel:717.451.7618)



## Faith Formation News

### January 11, 2023 The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus listened with an open ear and an open heart to the voice of His Father. Listening, He obeyed.

Let us, who have been baptized in Him, listen to the Voice that calls us beloved children and gives us a work to do, the work of the Gospel proclaimed and lived in love for God and neighbor.

#### The Baptism of the Lord

Ever since I was a child, I have felt a note of melancholy when Christmas comes to an end. I struggle to look ahead while all the excitement appears to lie behind. Recently, I have pondered what wisdom Mother Church has to offer in this tough season of transition. The answer, it seems, comes with her feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This celebration on the Sunday after Epiphany is the Christmas season's liturgical conclusion. It's a bridge laid down by the Church to move us from Jesus' joyous childhood to his public ministry as an adult—from the Joyful to the Luminous Mysteries of the rosary, we might say. Thus, the last hours of Christmas become the first hours of mission and ministry in daily life. One flows seamlessly into the other, less a sharp break and more a smooth transition. I love that the Church here encourages us to contemplate how the joys of Christmas mature and progress into public action and service. Will I move out of spiritual infancy and join Jesus in his ministry? I can carry Christmas with me into ordinary time. I can see the mission of my life as being, in a real way, the fruit of Christmas. My vocation as wife and mother is a gift I give to others as I am energized and inspired by what I received at Christmas—the gift of Christ himself. Gina Loehr lives on a century-old dairy farm with her husband and children. She has authored five books and writes at [www.HearthandField.com](http://www.HearthandField.com).

EDITORIAL by Fr. Philip Nolan, O.P. (Part 2)

#### Responding to the light

Consider the Magi again. After the Magi reveal that they saw his star at its rising, they recount: We...have come to do him homage. In this short statement, the Magi show us two ways in which Christians watch and wait differently.

First, Christians watch and wait knowing that when the light of Christ appears, we will be called to respond. God never shines upon us simply to leave us where we are. His light is always a call to conversion, to move away from sin and darkness and towards him. When the Magi see the star, they immediately head west. When Jesus gave sight to Bartimaeus, the blind man rose and followed him on the way (Mk 10:52). When Peter realizes that it is the risen Jesus who is standing on the shore, he tucked in his garment...and jumped into the sea (Jn 21:7). The light of Christ not only reveals God's tender promises but demands from us a vigorous and total response. Whether his light reveals an easy path or a steep climb, whether the pilgrimage involves

energetic activity or the more arduous, secret work of interior surrender, we want to be able to say with the Magi: We saw, and we came.

Second, Christians watch and wait knowing that the light of Christ will call us to a deeper life of worship. The light of Christ opens our eyes to the divine source of all light, clarity, and direction: In your light we see light (Ps 36:10). After seeing the star, the Magi bring frankincense to the Infant—a sign that they recognize him as God and worship him. The Christian is someone who, having glimpsed the light on the horizon wakes up every day and says, I have come to do him homage.

#### January Feast days of some Eucharistic Saints and Martyrs

**January 3 - St. John Neumann** - Was a devoted Eucharistic Adorer, and today many parishes named in his honor offer Eucharistic Adoration as a form of worship. This saintly Bishop of Philadelphia loved Jesus in the Eucharist and introduced many practices to revive Eucharistic devotion. How St. John Neumann started a Eucharistic revival in his diocese



**January 24 - St. Francis de Sales** - Was a strong advocate for Eucharistic adoration, viewing the Eucharist as the "Abridgement of our faith" and the "Most High Himself" that we can contemplate. His writings, like the *Introduction to the Devout Life*, emphasized the importance of frequent and devout communion, and he was known to make frequent visits to adore the Blessed Sacrament.

**January 28 - Saint Thomas Aquinas, 1224-1274** - This doctor of the Church is deeply linked to Eucharistic adoration through his theological writings on the Real Presence and transubstantiation, his composition of hymns like "Pangea Lingua" and "Tantum Ergo," and his personal devotion to the Eucharist. His theology and hymns formed the basis for the Church's understanding and celebration of Eucharistic adoration, which is based on the belief that Christ is truly present in the consecrated host. Contemplating the Eucharistic Mystery with St. Thomas Aquinas

**January 28 St. John Bosco, San Giovanni Bosco, 1815-1888** - This holy priest strongly emphasized the importance of Eucharistic adoration, describing it as a powerful way to "conquer the devil" through frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament. He taught that frequent adoration, along with fervent Holy Communion, leads to many graces from God and that visiting Jesus often will make the devil flee. The Dream of St. John Bosco – the two pillars of the Eucharist & Our Lady

#### 2026 Men's Conference - Save the Date

Men of the Diocese are warmly invited to join Father Boniface Hicks, OSB for the 2026 Men's Conference on April 18th, at the Diocesan Center. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family! This year's theme is "Steadfast in Mercy." Registration will open in the New Year.



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