

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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The Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

FIRST READING—Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:— The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Psalm 104.

SECOND READING:—Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

GOSPEL— A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION- BAPTISMAL DEATH AND RESURRECTION

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	1/09	10:30AM Holy Name Mass & Rosary
MON	1/10	
TUES	1/11	
WED	1/12	
THURS	1/13	
FRI	1/14	
SAT	1/15	
SUN	1/16	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Jan 10th – Jan 16th)

MON	1/10 7:50AM. + M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan Cisz)
TUES	1/11. 7:50AM. + (A) Robert Hubbard – (Wife & Children)
WED	1/12 7:50AM. + Intention Dantis
THUR	1/13 7:50AM. + Special Intention
FRI	1/14 7:50AM. + (A) Andy Mikolaj – (Daughter, Ann)
SAT	1/15 4:00PM + Bernie Forgas – (Daughter, Terri & Patrick Mulvehill)
SUN	1/16 7:30AM + Kevin Gritzer – (Domenic Petrore)
 10:30AM + Peggy Murray – (Tony & Carol Mondj)



Sunday Jan 9, 2022

Stewardship Reflections: As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord to close this Christmas Season we can study Jesus' actions at the Jordon River as a powerful example of servant leadership that is characterized by humility and leading by example. He doesn't just tell the people they need to be baptized. Jesus allows John the Baptist to baptize Him to teach that we must "walk the walk" and not merely "talk the talk."

If we want those we lead to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating our own generosity and sacrifice. Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be "well-pleased" with us too. How can you be an example this week? (*Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 01/10/2019*)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Jan 1st & Jan 2nd 2022)

Weekly	\$ 3,623.50
Building Fund	\$ 549.00
Fuel	\$ 3.00

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.



Blessing of Homes...If you would like Fr. Bernard to bless your home in the New Year, please call the Rectory Office @539-7633 or put a note with your name, address and phone number in the collection basket.

God Bless
This Home and All Who Enter

2022 Envelopes & Calendars- Adult & Children's envelopes & calendars are available in the back of the Church. Please stop by the table to pick up your envelopes.

We are asking during the month of January to write your name on your collection envelope to assist in posting. Thank you



The Holy Name will have Mass on Sunday, January 9th at the 10:30 AM and a Rosary to follow mass.

Everyone one is invited to attend.

Families and the Gospel..... LK 3:15-16, 21-22

Baptism of the Lord In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors, we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.

"Some of the littlest things take up the most room in your heart"

ABORTION: The Church teaches that human life begins at conception and that each unborn child possesses a soul created by God Himself. A guardian angel is assigned to every unborn human being, and there are saints to whom expectant mothers can turn for prayers and assistance. The patron saints of women in labor are St. Ann, the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the virgin martyr, St. Margaret. Women preparing to give birth, especially those who are undergoing a difficult pregnancy may also--- if they have already chosen names for the unborn child--- pray to the patron saints of their unborn child."



The Church of the Transfiguration

201 Third St, Conemaugh

Fish Fry

Jan 14th 3:30 - 6:30

Take Outs available call (814) 535-2698/

PUBLIC ROSARY TO PRAY FOR THE UNBORN
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22nd

NOON

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

ST. BENEDICT CHURCH KINIRY HALL

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH INSIDE CHURCH

ST. JOHN GUALBERT-ST. ANN SHRINE



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Baptism of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan

and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.