

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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## The Baptism of the Lord

**Jan 12, 2025**

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.

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.

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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	01/13	
TUES	01/14	
WED	01/15	
THURS	01/16	
FRI	01/17	
SAT	01/18	3:00PM . . . . .Confession
NEXT SUN	01/19	

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Jan 13<sup>th</sup> – Jan 19<sup>th</sup>)

MON	01/13 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Toni Harrington (one month mind) – (Regina Kozielec Straw)
TUES	01/14 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Pro Populo
WED	01/15 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Matilda Simcic– (Family)
THUR	01/16 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Dom Kurtz – (Kristi Lengyel)
FRI	01/17 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Timothy Babik (20yrs) – (Family)
SAT	01/18 . . . . .	4:00PM. . . . .	+ Mike Delich - (Carig & Sandra Stofko)
SUN	01/19 . . . . .	7:30AM. . . . .	+ Thomas , Sue Ann, & Anthony Petrore – (Michal Muto)
		10:30AM. . . . .	+ Kathryn Gorczycki – (Tom Dadey)



Sunday, Jan 12, 2025



Stewardship Reflections: The Baptism of the Lord
What a treasure trove of stewardship lessons we find in our Gospel reading today on this feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

In addition to the gratitude that Jesus' baptism should inspire, we can also study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of the servant-leadership He displays time and again throughout His public ministry.

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Jan 1, 2025)

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Rows include Weekly (\$265.00), Solemnity (\$2,754.00), Building Fund (\$90.00), and Christmas (\$150.00).

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Jan 1st & Jan 5th 2025)

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Rows include Weekly (\$3,435.00), Christmas (\$10.00), and Building Fund (\$450.00).

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

Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of Margaret Murray who was called to her eternal reward this past week.

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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.

St Therese Ground Hog's Day ticket

We will be selling tickets starting this weekend in the vestibule, for our Ground Hog Day Ticket.

Tickets are \$10. for 2 numbers.

Winning determined by the PA Pick 3 evening number on February 2, 2025.

Winning number will take home \$1500.00 \$500 for the number above & below.

You can buy your tickets before Mass or you can stop by the rectory during normal business hours Mon -Fri 9-2

2025 Envelopes & Calendars- Adult & Children's envelopes & calendars are now in the office.

Please stop by and pick your envelopes up, Mon - thru Fri 9-2PM and if you have a friend or a neighbor that is unable to pick up their envelope, please drop them off along with a calendar.

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



St Therese Prayer Shawl Ministry.

If you were unable to attend the first meeting, Debbie is available @

814-421-2416 or email

@mommyhub@atlanticbb.net. if you have any questions. Also, there will be a basket in the vestibule for yarn (4ply worsted) donations or gift cards from either, Joann's Fabrics, Walmart, or Michaels.

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

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.

Community News & Events

Saint Mary Byzantine Church is hosting an Adult classes starting on Tuesdays in January Presentations & Discussions

January 14th @ 5:30PM - "God is wonderous in His Saints"

January, 21st @ 5:30PM - "Instruments of the Divine Liturgy

January 28th @ 5:30PM - "Feast of St Ephrem the Syrian" Fr Timothy will be discussing the prayer of Saint Ephrem the Syrian as we prepare for the Great Fast beginning March 2