

# ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

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**January 12, 2025**

## The Baptism of the Lord

### Today's Scripture Readings

**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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### Liturgical Ministry Schedule

5:30PM Saturday - Jan 18<sup>th</sup>  
Lector Ed Olshefski

9:00AM Sunday - Jan 19<sup>th</sup>  
Lector: Pat Wess

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### Mass Intentions for the Week: (Jan 13<sup>th</sup> - Jan 19<sup>th</sup>)

MON	01/13	7:00AM. . + For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirilia Graicar
TUES	01/14	7:00AM. . + Dom Kurtz, Sr - (Marge Murray & Family)
WED	01/15	7:00AM. . +Fr. Bonaventure - (St. Anne's Parish Family)
THURS	01/16	7:00AM. . + (A) Anna Mary Myers - (Dad)
FRI	01/17	7:00AM. . + For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirilia Graicar
SAT	01/18	5:30PM. . . .For Living & Deceased Members of the Ferg/Swaney Family - (Barbara Voci)
SUN	01/19	9:00AM. . +.Holy Souls of Purgatory - (Bob Kuhns)

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**Stewardship Reflections:**

What a treasure trove of stewardship lessons we find in our Gospel reading today on this feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today's Gospel is one we read every year, so it is easy to lose sight of just how incredible it is that Jesus wished to be baptized in the Jordan River by His cousin, John. Stop and contemplate our Lord in all His perfection, waiting quietly and patiently in line with a bunch of sinners (like us!) in order to 'lead by example.' His love and humility in serving and self-giving are beyond all telling.

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. We see in our Lord a style of leadership characterized by humility and leading by example.

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 4<sup>th</sup> & Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Weekly	\$ 1,680.00
Monthly	\$ 195.00
Christmas	\$ 315.00
Fuel	\$ 45.00
Building Fund	\$ 70.00
Pro-Life	\$ 45.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Offer	\$ 122.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 411.00

*Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!*

**Christian Mothers Mass & Meeting** – will be held after the 9 AM Mass **today, Jan 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan to attend. All are welcome..

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



**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**

St. Therese is selling a 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.** Call or stop by the rectory office during normal business hours Mon -Fri 9-2

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI - MUSIC BINGO**

on **FEBRUARY 8, 2025.**

Doors open at 5:00 PM. First game starts at 7:00PM. Ticket includes food and non-alcoholic beverages. Cash prizes every half hour!! Also available for purchase will be Qualifiers, 50/50, & basket chances. \$7.00 Beer bracelets will be available. Tables can be reserved. \$20/person, tickets are available before and after all weekend Masses. You also can call Fran King at 814-536-3667.

**The Lazer Room** a division of the Jodat Technologies Co, INC, a regional commercial Manufacturing, is offering to contribute a percentage of 15% of gross sales when used by our parishioners. The Lazer Room can personalize almost anything, wood, glass metal, stone. Please pick up a flier in the back of the church or go on line <https://thelazerroomstore.com> or <https://www.etsy.com/shop/TheLazerRoom> When ordering do not forget to use the code St Therese is **STC20** St Anne **SAN20**

**A Family Perspective**

**Baptism of the Lord (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. Jesus needed **AFFIRMATION** and so do our children.

*"Every Child is someone's whole World"*



**Support Pro-Life**

**ABORTION:** "Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity.

**This Day's Greatest Gift**

We can't change the past...  
But we can gather up  
It's lessons and move on,  
Stronger and wiser.  
We can't control the future...  
But we can send our dreams Ahead of us  
To help prepare the way.  
We can live each moment...  
Heart and soul,  
And cherish this day's Greatest gift  
...The gift of now.  
May peace with the past  
And faith in the future,  
Gently guide you through each  
Precious moment of Today.