

Christ frees us from the waters of death  
to be givers of Life.



## January 12, 2025 - The Baptism of the Lord

### **Our Lady Of Fatima**

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Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM  
Sunday Mass - 11:00 AM  
Tuesday - 9:00 AM  
Office Hours:  
Mon - Thurs 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Wednesday - 9:00 AM  
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Mon - Thurs 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### **Pastoral Staff**

#### **Pastor**

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Liturgy Schedule

*The Vitality of our Baptism*

**Saturday**

**January 11, 2025 - 4:00 PM**

✠ Armand Hebert - By: The Family

✠ Robert McNally Jr. - By: Patricia Mason & Family

**Sunday**

**January 12, 2025 - 11:00 AM**

✠ Robert McGraw , Homer Nichols & Joseph Nichols -  
By: Janet Ingro

**Tuesday**

**January 14, 2025 - 9:00 AM**

✠ Cathy O'Connor - By: Margaret O'Connor

**Saturday**

**January 18, 2025 - 4:00 PM**

✠ Edward Kulesa - By: Ruth Kulesa & His Children

✠ Bill Tindale - By: Ken & Nancy Chrinian

✠ Sor Alexandra Bustamante & Jacob Patino - By: Edgar & Nidia Patino

**Sunday**

**January 19, 2025 - 11:00 AM**

✠ Alton Wolfgang - By: Kris & Bill Zedaker

**Tuesday**

**January 21, 2025 - 9:00 AM**

✠ Bill Tindale - By: O L F Parishioners

It seems that many great things in history start with a single human being. If a person says something full of life that names reality well, the message often moves to the second stage of becoming a movement. That's the period of greatest energy. The church is at its greatest vitality as the "Jesus Movement," and the institution is merely the vehicle for that movement. The movement stage is always very exciting, creative, and also risky. The early disciples were called "followers of the Way".

It's risky because God's movement in history is larger than any denomination, any culture, or any tradition's ability to verbalize it. We feel out of control in this stage, and yet why would anybody want it to be anything less? Would we respect and love a God that we could control? I don't think so! Yet we move rather quickly out and beyond the risky movement stage to the machine stage. This is predictable and understandable.

The institutional or machine stage of a movement will necessarily be a less-alive manifestation. This is not bad, although it is always surprising for those who see church as an end in itself, instead of merely a vehicle for the original vision. We need "the less noble" parts of the Body to keep us all growing toward love (1 Corinthians 12:22-24). There is no other way; but when we don't realize a machine's limited capacities, we try to make it into something more than it is. We make it a monument, a closed system operating inside of its own, often self-serving, logic. By then, it's very hard to take risks for God or for gospel values.

Eventually this monument and its maintenance and self-preservation become ends in themselves. It is easy just to step on board and worship at a monument without ever knowing why or longing for God ourselves. At this point, we have jumped over the human and movement stages and have become what authors Mark Gibbs and T. Ralph Morton called "God's frozen people." There is no hint of knowing that we are beloved by God and invited to an inner journey. In this state, religion is merely an excuse to remain unconscious, holding on to a memory of something that must once have been a great adventure. Now religion is no longer life itself, but actually a substitute for life or, worse, an avoidance of life. The secret is to know how to keep in touch with the human and movement stages without being naïve about the necessity of some machines and the inevitability of those who love monuments. We must also be honest: all of us love monuments when they are monuments to our human, our movement, or our machine.

**Beatitudes of Christian Living**

"We should live our lives as though Christ were coming this afternoon." ~ Jimmy Carter, 39th President of the United States

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**This week at Our Lady of Fatima...**

Date	Event	Time	Place
1/13	Friendship Café	11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Hall
1/14	Mass	9:00 AM	Church
1/15	Friendship Café	11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Hall
1/17	Friendship Café	11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Hall
1/18	Mass	4:00 PM	Church
1/19	Mass	11:00 AM	Church

**Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound**

Dennis Corbett, Jeff Stuto, Deacon Larry, Addie Breitenstein, Jean Jonker, David Ciancetta, Ann Dubner Roe, Janine Dowling, Corrie Ann Keller, Richard Kennedy, Rami and Patrick

December 19, 2024

Our Lady of Fatima Church  
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On behalf of Community Maternity Services of Schoharie County, I would like to thank the Parish members for the donation of new children's clothes, diapers and hand crocheted baby sweaters. In addition to supplementing the quality of programming we are able to deliver, item donations made to CMS are greatly appreciated by our staff and the individuals who receive them. Thank you all for your continued support.

Thank you,



Stephanie Russell  
Program Director  
Schoharie – Otsego Counties

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WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
<b>Saturday, Jan 11</b>	<b>Saturday, Jan 18</b>
<b>LECTOR</b> Mary Brusoe	<b>LECTOR</b> Joe Oehler
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> John Hochmuth Mary Ann Conway Dianne Church	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> John Hochmuth Cindy Wright Paul Howard
<b>Sunday, Jan 12</b>	<b>Sunday, Jan 19</b>
<b>LECTOR</b> James Keller	<b>LECTOR</b> Janine Dowling
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> Margaret O'Connor Sandi DiNicola Janet Korwan	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> Cathy Callahan James Keller Jose Flores
<b>COUNTERS</b> Charles Mack Kathleen Mack Janet Ingro	<b>COUNTERS</b> Janet Korwan Noel Luby Ellen Snowdon



**GIFT** Winter Spring Season brochure is now available out-lining GIFT sessions for January, February and April. Also our website is updated with GIFT information, prayer intentions by Pope Francis each month, links for parents, saint of the month links, weekly liturgy of the word and information regarding registering families for faith formation. The website: [olfgrowinginfaith.weebly.com](http://olfgrowinginfaith.weebly.com)  
Kits are available for our young disciples to draw and color during the service. It includes first liturgy reflection and readings, art activities, coloring pages as well as a few jokes here and there! Please keep the papers and return bag and crayons. Thank you.



1st Day Hike 2025



Baptism of the Lord  
By  
Henry & Mary McGrail

**Thank You**

Thanks to all for your kindness during our Christmas season. Your cards, gifts and well wishes are most appreciated.  
Fr. Tom Zelker

**Kielbasa & Kapusta**

Saturday, January 25th, following the 4:00 PM Mass the Knights of Columbus will be serving kielbasa, kapusta (sauerkraut/cabbage) & pierogis. Stop by after Mass for a polish dinner.

**Thinking of You.**

If you know of anyone in our parish or your family, that is in need of sunshine (Birthday, Get Well, Thinking of You) contact Barb Willoughby at (518) 469-4073. She will get a card out to them.

**Our Lady of Fatima Mission Statement**

At Our Lady of Fatima, Delanson, we are God's people sharing a responsibility to witness God's unconditional love and to bring God's healing presence to our world through our service to our community and beyond.



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