

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

- Lk 3:21-22a

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O Sacred Heart, O Love Divine Do keep us near to Thee And make our love so like to Thine That we may holy be

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Heart of Jesus, hear
O Heart of Love Divine
Listen to our prayer
Make us always Thine

O Temple pure, O House of gold Our Heaven here below What sweet delights, what wealth untold From Thee do ever flow [REF]

Ungrateful hearts, forgetful hearts The hearts of men have been To wound Thy side with cruel darts Which they have made by sin [REF]



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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE January 12, 2025 - The Baptism of the Lord -Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

-Father John Muir

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- † Altar wine at *Sacred Heart* for the month of *January* has been sponsored in loving memory of *Stella Taboleski* and *Rose Harr* at the request of *Tony & Lorrie Stellato*.
- † Altar hosts at *Sacred Heart* for the month of *January* have been sponsored in loving memory of *Louis and Ann Stellato* at the request of *Tony & Lorrie Stellato*.
- † Altar wine at *Saint Cecilia* for the month of *January* has been sponsored in loving memory of Sal Furnare at the request of *Michelle & family.*
- † Altar hosts at *Saint Cecilia* for the month of *January* have been sponsored in loving memory of Sal Furnare at the request of *Michele & family.*



<u>Sat. Jan 11, 4:00 pm (SH)</u> - † Repose of the soul of Gloria Twardzik, requested by Tony & Lorrie Stellato.

<u>Sun. Jan 12, 9:00 am (SC)</u>- 1.) † In loving memory of Philip Dunderdale, requested by Carolyn Dunderdale.

2.) † In loving memory of Leo

Perry, requested by Marcia & his family.

Tues. Jan 14 thru Sun. Jan 19, 2024

Tue. Jan 14, 8:00am (SH) - No intention requested.

<u>Wed. Jan 15, 8:00 am (SC)</u> - † Birthday remembrance for Mary Galeazza, requested by Pat & George.

Thurs. Jan 16, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Fri. 17, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

<u>Sat. Jan 18, 4:00 pm (SH)</u> - † Repose of the soul of Gloria Twardzik, requested by the Healy family.

<u>Sun. Jan 19, 9:00 am (SC)</u>- 1.) † Repose of the soul of Theresa Vacek, requested by Joe Ford & family.

2.) † In loving memory of Francis

Knowlton, requested by Evelyn & family.

Collections	TOTALS -	Jan	4/5
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Collections:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1326.00	805.00
Other	70.00	375.00
FUEL/HEAT	289.00	418.00
Parish Total	1685.00	1598.00
ATTENDANCE	57	63

JUBILEE 2025 - TOOLS FOR THE JOURNEY

RECONCILIATION. The Lord Jesus Christ, physician of our souls and bodies ... has willed that his Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, his work of healing and salvation. CCC, no. 1421 **To learn more about the beautiful gift of Reconciliation**, to access a step-by-step guide, and to hear Fr. Matt Duclos's simple answers to questions that many have if they haven't gone to Confession in some time. Go to the Diocesan website: rcda.org/ Jubilee-2025

ADORATION. This presence is called "real" - by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present. (CCC, no. 1374) To find Adoration sites throughout the Diocese & learn how Eucharistic Adoration can help to deepen your faith. Go to the Diocesan Website: rcda.org/Jubilee-2025

THE MASS. The command of Jesus to repeat his actions and words "until he comes" does not only ask us to remember Jesus and what he did. It is directed at the liturgical celebration, by the apostles and their successors, of the memorial of Christ, of his life, of his death, of his Resurrection, and of his intercession in the presence of the Father. CCC, no. 1341

<u>For "The Power of One Hour"</u>, a five-part video series, produced by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, teaching about the Mass. Go to the Diocesan Website: rcda.org/jubilee-2025

PRAYER. Prayer is the life of the new heart. It ought to animate us at every moment. But we tend to forget him who is our life and our all... "We must remember God more often than we draw breath. CCC, no. 2697 For tools to help you Build Your Prayer Life, Go to Diocesan Website: rcda.org/jubilee-2025

FURTHERING YOUR FAITH SERIES. "Faith seeks understanding": it is intrinsic to faith that a believer desires to know better the One in whom he has put his faith and to understand better what He has revealed; a more penetrating knowledge will in turn call forth a greater faith, increasingly set aftire by love. CCC, no. 158. For the Furthering Your faith. Go to the You Tube page-Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Jan 11	Chris Caffrey	Jan 18	Theresa Kovian
(SH)	Mark Caffrey	(SH)	Tony Stellato
Jan 12	Ann Mahon	Jan 19	Ken Stuff
(SC)	Kathy Marcais	(SC)	Bill Quinn

Counters Schedule

Jan 13	Barb Bilins	Jan 20	Noreen Brownell
(SH)	Kathy Avery	(SH)	Katherine Downing
Jan 13	Sandy Hayes	Jan 21	Lorna Quinn
(SC)	Kathy Marcais	(SC)	Flo Stanton

Food Pantry



Jan 22 (SC)	Andrea Moran Louise Carville Michele Furnare	
Feb 5	Barb Bilins	
(SH)	Wendy Hall	





Sacred Heart Monthly Potluck: Our January Potluck will be held on January 18 after the 4pm Mass. The theme is: Comfort Food Classics. Pull out your crockpots and preheat your ovens. We can't wait to taste your favorite stews, soups, casseroles and breads.

Saint Cecilia Weekly Raffle: We will be alternating a raffle weekly for baked good or a \$20 gift certificate from a local establishment. Raffle tickets will be \$1 per chance and will be available at the church entrance.

Saint Cecilia Bottle Drive: We will be collecting bottles/ cans at St. Cecilia. There will be a receptacle in the parking lot near the rectory entrance and also in the hall.

CARDS IN JANUARY -St Cecilia Card

Party: The card party will continue in January. The date4s are the 13th and the 27th (Monday). Please come play cards and visit with friends.

Spaghetti Dinner-10th Grade Confirmation Class:

The 10th grade Confirmation class is selling tickets for a Spaghetti Dinner at Checkers Out on Rte. 30A. Tickets are \$12 each and include spaghetti, two meatballs, and a salad. Tickets can be purchased now through January 12th and can be redeemed on **ANY DAY FROM JANUARY**2nd THROUGH THE 31st (closed Mondays).

Dine in or call 518-736-4630 for takeout. You can purchase tickets from any 10th grade Confirmation student or text/call Angela Yetto at 315-439-4659 or angyetto@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support!

Second Collections

Jan 25/26 – Repair / Maintenance



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150th Anniversary Commemoration of Sacred Heart Parishioners

~January 1st thru January 11th~ Baptisms

1-1-1975 Kelly Gilston 1-1-1984 Sarah Dziedzic 1-2-1966 Stephen Krawiecki 1-2-1983 Sara Lemiszki

1-3-1976 Amy Jacobs

1-4-1972 Dana Tucciatone 1-4-1981 Michael Carter 1-5-1958 Martin Quinn 1-5-1964 Michele Lamkin 1-5-1964 Diane Jacobs 1-5-1964 Richard Farrell

1-6-1980 Ann Smitka

1-8-1967 Michelle Bouton 1-8-1984 Jessica Romano

1-8-1961 Mary Jo Lias

1-9-1977 Kara Jacobs 1-9-1983 Andrea Stellato

1-10-1982 Holly Hitchcock 1-11-1970 Susan Niemczyk

Marriages

Jan 1, 1989 Michael Scott and Cindy Rohling
Jan 1, 1995 Donald Page and Mary Ann Pawlowski
Jan 5, 1973 Sean K Hardies and Mary E Twardzik
Jan 9, 1971 Robert N Langdon and Pamela R Clements
Jan 9, 1993 Matthew Kevin Derby and Sherri Lynn Hawker
Jan 11, 1992 Frank Capone and Barbara Corbett

Deaths

Jan 1, 1988 Alexander Celia Agosta
Jan.4, 1971 Barabara Plantz Jan 4, 1996 James Downing
Jan 5, 1998 Michael Treola
Jan. 6, 1975 Ann A Adams
Jan 8, 2011 Charles Parslow
Jan 11, 2013 Eleanor Cunniff

~January 12th thru January 18th~ <u>Baptisms</u>

1-12-2003 Jocelyn Miller 1-13-1985 Jason Schmaeh

1-14-1962 Scott Romano 1-14-1968 Keith Zilles 1-14-1990 Edward Dingman 1-14-1967 Joseph Nowak

> 1-15-1967 Andrew Castler 1-16-1982 Dawn Simpson

1-18-1970 Gerald Zabawa 1-18-1970 Gregory Milonovich 1-18-1987 Ashley Rajkowski

Marriages

Jan 17, 1970 Edgar Dunlavey and Jon Murkey

Deaths

Jan 14, 2004 William Smitka Jan 15, 2014 John Rajter Jan 16, 1988 Margaret Reid Jan 17, 1998 Margherita Jemmott Jan 17, 2009 Margaret Clapper Jan 18, 2004 Marie Paton Jan 18, 2006 Paul D. Schmidtman

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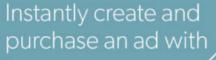
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