Baptism of the Lord

This weekend we celebrate Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. It marks the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. One purpose of baptism, both then and now, was to cleanse the person being baptism of any sins. Jesus was born without sin. John identifies the difference between the baptism he performs and the one that will be offered by Jesus: “I have baptized you with water”, John tells the people, “he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” In Jesus there is not only the cleansing of sin but also the promise of new life in the Spirit.

St. John the Baptist’s Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m.
Monday & Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

To make arrangements, please contact the Parish Office of the parish you belong to.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Please contact parish office SIX months in advance. One year for those who are under age of 21. Pre-Cana is expected. Wedding dates are scheduled after meeting with Deacon Bower.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Can be administered at any stage of a person’s illness. If possible, one SHOULD NOT wait until someone is near death before requesting an anointing.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: St. John’s TBA Sts. Anthony and Joseph’s TBA or by appointment just call the parish offices.

FUNERALS—are held on Monday thru Thursday and Saturday.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS—Please contact Vicar for Vocation Office at (518) 453-6690
**Sts. Anthony & Joseph Financial Corner**

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**Money Counters—Monday, January 11, 2021**

H. Tangorra, P. Tripolone, P. Bono

**St. John’s Sacrificial Giving**

12/27/2020—Regular Collection: $1,290.00
12/27/2020—Snow: $260.00
Christmas—$2,863.00

If you are away, please remember the parish with your envelope gift on your return. We appreciate your ongoing support.

All collection totals will hopefully be updated by the January 17th bulletin. Due to the holiday season the bulletin had to go to the printers early. The bulletin for Jan. 10th went to the printers on Dec. 29th.

**Communion Service**

Sts. Anthony and Joseph will have a Communion Service at 5:30 pm on the 4th Saturday of the month, the next Communion Service is Saturday, January 23rd. This is being tried because of parishioners of Anthony and Joseph who are unable to get to Mass on Sunday morning due to work schedules or other obligations. This will be continued through January. Attendance at these services will determine whether they are continued past January.

**Envelopes & Taxes:** It is that time of year when tax returns have to be filed. As you may know, you can claim your church offertory contributions as a tax deductible donation, as long as we have a record of your contributions (i.e. if you use envelopes). This is a good time of year to encourage those who do not use envelopes to think about using them. Contribution statements are available by calling the parish office. St. John’s (315-845-8017) Sts. Anthony & Joseph (315-866-6373)

**St. John’s – Communion Services**

Fr. Healy has a commitment on January 11th which will prevent him from saying Mass on this day. We will be doing Communion Services instead.
**HOLY COMMUNION at HOME**

The COVID pandemic has caused many of our parishioners to remain home and miss out on the opportunity to receive Eucharist. To celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Deacon Jim will bring Eucharist to the homes of those who cannot make it to Christmas Mass. This will be offered on Christmas week and may be extended to the week following Christmas, depending on the number wishing to receive Eucharist at home. Please call the parish office to schedule a visit.

**Thank you to V. J. locovozzi Funeral Home for the 2021 Calendars.**

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**Readings for the week of January 10, 2020**


**Monday:** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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**REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE**

**First Reading:**

Isaiah was called to be a prophet to bring justice and freedom to those suffering, to be a “light for the nations.” How do you see yourself serving others in need in your life?

**Second Reading:**

John teaches his community that God Himself has “testified on behalf of His Son.” In what way does this divine assurance help strengthen your faith?

**Gospel Question:**

The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus’ baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God’s presence?

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**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2021**

Intention for Evangelization: – Human Fraternity
May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The normal way that news and spiritual blessings were communicated was through the bulletin. Bulletin items will be posted on the doors of the churches. The bulletin may also be accessed through the Diocese of Albany’s website:

RCDA.org

If you would like to receive the bulletin by mail please call or email the office.
315-866-6373 or sts.anthonyandjoseph@gmail.com

Sts Anthony and Joseph has also set up a Facebook page to help get information out. Information for both parishes will be on this site go to Facebook and search:

Saints Anthony Joseph Church

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**The souls of the just are in the hands of God!**

John Bell

Thomas Pendergast

Eternal Rest! Grant unto him, O Lord!

And let perpetual light shine upon him.
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God Bless You All,
Deacon Ron

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Sts. Anthony & Joseph**

Monday, January 11th—
Crusaders’ Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. @ Parish Hall

Tuesday, January 12th—Christian Service Committee Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. @ Parish Hall.

Thursday, January 21st—Finance Meeting @ 4:00 p.m. @ Parish Hall.

**St. John the Baptist**

Tuesday, January 20th—Finance Meeting @ 4:30 p.m. @ Church Hall

**ORDINARY TIME**

The Baptism of the Lord, which we celebrate this weekend, is also the end of the Christmas Season. Ordinary Time begins on Monday and will last until Ash Wednesday. Ordinary time, both the shorter period between now and Lent, and the longer period from the end of the Easter Season until Advent, follows the public ministry of Jesus from his baptism to his crucifixion. We will generally be following the Gospel of Mark in this liturgical year, along with sections of John’s Gospel.