

BAPTIZED



“I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

MARK 1:8

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Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 . . . \$3,462.00
 Regular Offertory 12/22/20 thru 01/04/21 \$5,666.00
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CSA 2020 Campaign Parish Goal \$32,626.00
 Parishioners' Pledged Amount \$29,545.00

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Tuesday's Rosary
 will be prayed at **6:00 pm** in the Church

Mass Intention Requests forms can be mailed to the church office at P O Box 124, Force or taken to the office Monday thru Thursday between 9-4. There are still dates available in January. (If you do not have a form, you can still request your two intentions. Be sure to give needed



Confirmation Classes will resume
 Sunday, January 10
 from 10:30-12:30 in the social hall.

Faith Formation K-10 Classes are scheduled to begin January 17, 2021 with in-person classes providing the schools remain open. January 24 will be home schooling.* (*Weekly classes will alternate between the two models. Your new schedule will be mailed in early January 2021.)



St. Joseph Church Adult Faith Formation classes will start Monday, January 11 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and again at 6:30 p.m. All classes will be held in the social hall. Join us in these classes about **Mary—A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** to experience the actual locations where Mary lived.

CSA reminder: Your final pledges are due by January 31. If you haven't made a pledge for this past campaign and still would like to participate, please pay in full the pledged amount you would like to donate.

January 24 is "**Help Spread the Faith**" campaign. This campaign will help ensure we can continue to make these cost-free resources available to all parishioners throughout the diocese.

Wearing a mask upon entering/remaining on Parish required.
Every other pew is designated for seating at Mass.
Father Mark is available to hear Confessions during office hours. Call for an appointment at 814-787-4151 #4

St. Joseph Website

Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Mass can be viewed at **any time** on the St. Joseph website if you do not wish to be at a public Mass yet. Please join us in participating and in celebration of Mass at our website stjosephforce.org



Symbols of Baptism

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord this weekend, I wish to share the symbols we received that are used in this Sacrament of the *Rite of Baptism* for each of us baptized in the Christian faith.

The first and most important symbol used during a baptism is *water*. In the Gospel of Mark 1:7-11 we hear that John the Baptist was at the Jordan River baptizing the people of Israel in order to prepare them for the Messiah Jesus. Jesus arrived also to be baptized for the purpose of preparing Himself for His Galilean ministry of healing, preaching and teaching about the Kingdom of God. *Water* is important because it symbolizes such cleansing and it is through Baptism we are cleansed from Original Sin.

The next symbol used for a baptism is *olive oil*. Oil symbolizes strength. This oil is used twice during a baptism. The first use of oil is the *Oil of Salvation* and is applied in the form of the cross on the bottom of the neck of the one being baptized. The second oil is the *Sacred Chrism Oil*. This special oil has an aloe fragrance and is applied to the crown of the person's head in the form of a cross immediately after this person has been immersed or has received the waters of Baptism by the pouring of water over the head.

Continuing with the steps of baptism, there is the symbol of the clothing of a *white garment*. White is the symbol of purity. The waters of Baptism has made the baby or the adult pure. In order to express this action of salvation, a white bib is placed over the baby. If it is an adult who was just baptized, this person would put on a white alb or white robe.

Finally, the *lighting of a candle* from the Pascal Candle is given to one of the parents of the infant or the adult in baptism. Both the Pascal Candle and the presented Baptismal Candle symbolize Christ, the Light of the World. This part of the *Rite of Baptism* can be summed up with the words prayed by the priest or deacon "*May he/she keep the flame of faith alive in his/her heart.*" (page 60, The Rite of Baptism)

My friends, as we celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord**, be mindful of the importance of these precious symbols used during Baptism. Be forever grateful of your own Baptism that you received since the first year of your birth or even received later in life. Remember...

God the Father says to us as He said to Jesus,
"With you I am well pleased !"

God Bless,
 Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, January 11, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Terry Zuchowski	Olewnik Family	First Week in Ordinary Time	Heb 1:1-6 Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Special Intention		Weekday	Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 No Mass			Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39
Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Uncle Rich Gusherowski	Jeannie Lease—niece	Weekday	Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45
Friday, January 15, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Art Zambanini (birthday)	Gen Zambanini and Roger Mehall Family	Weekday	Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12
Saturday, January 16, 2021			Weekday	Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17
Saturday, January 16, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	(See below)
Sunday, January 17, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	George E. Berasi (11th anniversary)	The Berasi Family	The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

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CHURCH HOURS

St. Joseph Church will be open Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Wed. 8 am — 4 pm; Sat. 9:00 am — 7 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:15 a.m.; Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m., No Mass Wednesday

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

Eucharist – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

Confirmation – High School youth who are entering the 11th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

Priesthood/Permanent Diaconate – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Diaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

Matrimony – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick—Celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available upon request.

Reconciliation – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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