



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

January 10, 2021

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sat. Jan. 9th 4:00 PM	Lois Schnyder (Mindy Bartholomew)
Sun. Jan. 10th 8:00 AM	Baptism of the Lord Joe Kruper (Daughter, Linda)
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
Mon. Jan. 11th 9:00 AM	<i>First Week in Ordinary Time</i> Patricia Flanagan
Tues. Jan. 12th 9:00AM	Joseph Tinninis (Judy Reese)
Wed. Jan.13th 9:00 AM	<i>St. Hillary</i> Bea Gharett
Thurs. Jan. 14th 9:00 AM	Steve Albertson (Mike Seksinsky)
Fri. Jan. 15th 9:00 AM	Charles Berkheimer
Sat. Jan. 16^{15h} 4:00 PM	Donna Konyar
Sun. Jan. 17th	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Ed Wilhour

ST. JOSEPH IS A TITHING PARISH

God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity, our people returned to God the following:

Sunday Offerings:	\$3,032.25
Solemnity Of Mary:	\$ 668.00
Our Faith Our Future	\$ 632.00
Last Year:	\$3,928.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday, February 17th –Ash Wednesday
- Sunday, February 21st-First Sunday of Lent
- Sunday, March 14th Daylight Savings Time
- Sunday, March 28th-Palm Sunday
- Thursday, April 1st –Holy Thursday
- Friday, April 2nd – Good Friday
- Saturday, April 3rd –Holy Saturday
- Sunday, April 4th –Easter

Second Collections

- Jan. 10-Aid to the Catholic
- Jan.17-Repair & Maintenance

From your pastor,

Don't blame me, I didn't do it! But this Sunday is still the Christmas Season. Are your lights still up and burning bright?

The Church has taken the twelve days of Christmas, from Dec. 25-Jan. 6, and extended it from twelve days to whatever number adds up to the days from the Nativity to the Baptism of the Lord.

The bottom line is that not only is the coming of the Magi, as was the shepherds, a big deal but also is the Baptism of the Lord, a big deal, that we might understand the full meaning of this Christian Celebration.

The Church uses all four Gospels, as each is pointing to Jesus from four different directions. All Four Evangelist want us to know the Good News; Jesus born of Mary is the Messiah and is the Son of God, He has come to establish His Father's Kingdom by associating with sinners, calling us to turn from sin and to have faith in Him, He Who will change what is lowly fallen nature into what is Divine Grace, changing Water into Wine and changing Wine into His life giving Blood. And this is the complete Christmas message; this is why the Angel announced great joy to all on earth who are of good will.

Let us place all of our desire for joy and peace and charity in the Sonship of Jesus. He is the Good News. Let us give thanks to the Lord for our Baptism; we are anointed by the Holy Spirit. We share in the Priestly, Kingly and Prophet grace of the Anointed One, Jesus the Christ.

Please take time to thank God that you are a 'Baptized, Holy Spirit Anointed Person' and you have a priestly calling to be a person of prayer, bringing people to God and bringing God to people by the blessings you obtain through faith and prayer. One of the most important prayer concerns you could and should be praying for is the need for more Vocations to the Clerical and Religious life. I am hoping to gather 40 good souls who will pray every day for Vocations. Here is my hope and deep desire. Our diocese needs so many more good holy men and women to serve the people of God. Let this be our prayer priority this coming year to pray for vocations to the clerical and religious life. I will offer prayer cards hoping I

can find 40 good souls to pray for vocations, pray for the Bishop and priest we have, and for our seminarians and our deacons, pray for women to seek religious vocations. Pray that when I am gone, you will have a wonderful grace filled pastor to make up for all of my weakness.

Fr. John D. Hobe

**REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK
IN YOUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY:**

Jack Wasilewski	Vickie Youman
Joan Bittler	Kurt Livingston
Evelyn Young	Dr. Mike Weisner
Tresha Sudol	George Sudol
Rita Patynski	Rita Prentiss
Anna Lee Fagnano	Abram Koons
Connie Buehler	Charlotte Farrell
Jackie Rando	Marie Lindner
Harriet Moore	Vicki Howell
Donald Reigel	Ed Zerrenner
Dolores Caicco	Sister Laura
Beth Onesci	William Cameron
Ed Arndt	Mindy Lamprinos
Joseph Masseria	

Margaret Koons request we pray for the 11 on her personal prayer list.

PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January 10, 2021- CCD Classes Resume
2nd Grade First Penance-TBA
3rd & 4th Grade Penance-3/14/21
5th & 6th Grade Penance 3/7/21
7th & 8th Graden Penance-2/28/21
April 4th No CCD- Happy Easter

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. The decree said that Pope Francis had established a Year of St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

The year begins Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021, according to a decree authorized by the pope.

Throughout this year please pray

St. Joseph honored by God of the Father, to be the Father of the Son, protector and Savior of our Savior Jesus our Lord, pray for our families and our parish.

Amen

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a contribution statement for 2020, please place your request in a **SELF ADDRESSED – STAMPED- BUSINESS SIZE ENVELOPE IN THE COLLECTION BASKET**. Deadline for request will be January 29th. Offerings for 2020 must be processed in our computer system BEFORE we can honor statement requests. *You must request your statement as addressed above.* Thank you.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Thanks to the many parishioners who have completed their pledges for the Diocesan Annual Campaign 2020.

There is yet \$4,200 in pledges left to be paid.

Please see that any remaining payments are made to the Diocese prior to December 31st.

LOTTERY TICKETS

A few tickets remain! ***If you have had tickets to sell and are unable, please return as soon as possible.*** We would like to get these tickets back out in circulation. Tickets will be available after each Mass until we are sold out. We will keep you posted on the progress. We are almost there!!!

CHRISTMAS GIVING

No Room at the Inn- We will be collecting monetary donations for No Room at the Inn. ***To date, we have collected \$7,104.00.***

The Cookie Sale to Combat World Hunger-This year, due to the pandemic they have paused the sale of cookie trays. However, the need to feed starving people in Haiti and the US has grown during the pandemic, so a collection will be taken instead. ***To date, we have collected \$1,095.00.***

Thank you so much for your generous giving, especially during a time where there is a lot of giving and gifting.

ST. JOSEPH PARISHIONER NEWS

Lyn Kerstetter and **Kathleen Snyder**, both sent a card of thanks for all of the cards and gifts for Christmas. Your thoughtfulness has brightened their day, and Christmas season.

Happy Birthday to all of our parishioners celebrating their birthday during the Month of January. Hoping your day is filled with lots of love, laughter and cake!

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

For your convenience, mass intention envelope requests have been placed in the back of the church or you may call the church office. If you take an envelope, please fill out and place in offertory basket. A staff member will be in touch with you regarding your request. Thank you for helping cut back on foot traffic in the church office during this time.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

In Pennsylvania, thousands of children in foster care are in desperate need of a safe and nurturing home. A caring adult can make a huge difference in a child's life forever. If you can provide a loving home, we will provide the support that you need. To find out how to become a foster parent, please contact Catholic Charities Adoption and Specialized Foster Care at (717) 564-7115 or gpfeifer@cchbg.org.

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

Please mark March 20, 2021 on your calendar for the *Annual Diocese of Harrisburg (Virtual) Men's Conference*.

Theme: Catholic Men: Called to be Defenders of the Faith!

Speakers: Dr. William Donohue - President of the Catholic League, The Most Rev. Ronald Gainer, Fr. Frederick Miller, Fr. John Szada, Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, and Mr. Tony Devlin.

All registered participants may view the conference at our Parish Center Multi-Purpose room. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$10.00 per person and you need to register at the Church Office.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Mass Locations may change due to the weather, and at times these changes may occur at the last minute. Please be sure to check your e-mail, facebook and our parish website for change notices. Weekend Mass will be available via livestream as well.

BROTHER JUNIPER

