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The Baptism of the Lord

The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

John 1:33



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Saturday, January 9, 202%

5:00 PM Tom Harrington

Sunday, January 10, 202%

9:00 AM Sandra Smith Fredricks
 10:30 AM People of the Parish
 12 Noon Elaine Rush Westfall

Daily Mass January 11 - January 15 @ 9:00 AM

Monday Intention of JoAnn Jones

Tuesday Steven Brennan

Wednesday Gene Morrill

Thursday Rev. Patrick Scanlon

Friday Thomas Cole

Saturday, January 16, 202%

5:00 PM Nancy O'Rourke

Sunday, January 17, 2021

9:00 AM John DeBoer
 10:30 AM Arthur James Schick
 12 Noon People of the Parish



2020 Giving Statements will be mailed out by the end of January to anyone who donated to Good Shepherd Church. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Cornwell @ bookkeeper@goodshepherdrc.org. Thank you.

Online Giving makes for safer record-keeping, faster processing, and more efficient communication at the parish office. Your efforts make so many things possible for our parish community, and Church.



If you wish to give online, simply go to: <https://www.goodshepherdrc.org/online-giving-osv>



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS
 Meets 2nd Saturday of each month in the All Saints Room.
Feb 13 • March 13 • May 8 @ 10:00 AM
 Contact the parish office or visit our website for more information.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Here the prophet invites all to the rich banquet of life God provides for his people. In baptism we share in the life of God.



Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Faith in Jesus leads us to love on another and gives us the ability to overcome evil. Jesus' baptism and death bear witness to his identity.

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

This tells how Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the river Jordan, and the signs that accompanied his baptism.

Scripture reflection with Fr. Tim + Pause + Reflect + Act +

- 1) Do you know anyone who suffers from injustice or cruelty? What can you do to comfort this person?
- 2) To fear God is to respect and hold God in reverence. What is it about God that fills you with awe?
- 3) Baptism purifies our hearts and signifies that we now belong to Christ. What are some ways you can purify your heart every day?
- 4) How have you experienced the actions of the Holy Spirit most recently in your life?

COLLECTION BREAKDOWN: 12/22 - 1/4: (2 wks)
 We thank you for your constant support which enables us to continue our ministry during these challenging times. May God bless you for your generosity.

	MAIL	ONLINE	TOTAL
1st Collection	\$14,080	\$4,923	\$19,003
2nd Collection Parish Maintenance	\$ 3,328	\$1,877	\$ 5,205

Christmas Offering 2020: \$30,887
 Christmas Offering 2019: \$39,422

PRIEST'S MASS SCHEDULE

JANUARY	5:00 PM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 PM
1/9 - 1/10	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim
1/16 - 1/17	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal
1/23 - 1/24	Fr. Michal	Fr. Ed	Fr. Tim	Fr. Ed
1/30 - 1/31	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim
	* Live stream Masses			

**THE
BAPTISM OF THE
LORD**
January 10, 2021

The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. "He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake...to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water" (St. Gregory Nazianzen, Liturgy of the Hours, I, 634).

Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin—Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God.



"Every baptized person has received the vocation to proclaim—to proclaim something, to proclaim Jesus—the vocation and mission to evangelize: to proclaim Jesus!"

—Pope Francis, February 2, 2020

Your Generosity is Appreciated

In response to the Giving Tree wish fulfillment, the following grateful acknowledgement was received:

Saint Peter's Village, Denville:

"Thank you for always remembering the young adults of St. Peter's orphanage. Your donation of gift cards to Target, Walmart and Chick-Fil-A for each of them will certainly put big smiles on their faces!! This is so helpful to us in providing the care they need and deserve. It is our hope to create joyful memories for these deserving young men, during a time of year which is often difficult for them. Your thoughtful gifts will make this possible now, and throughout the upcoming year..."

The other groups who Good Shepherd donated to: Our Lady of Victory, Paterson, Our Lady of Lourdes, Paterson, Samaritan Inn, Newton, and Birth Haven.



Thank you again to all those who participated in our Giving Tree gifts for the community.

LIVESTREAMING MASS SCHEDULE

VISIT OUR  **YouTube** CHANNEL!

<https://www.youtube.com/c/GoodShepherdRCChurchAndoverNJ>

Live Stream Mass Schedule: M-F @ 9:00 AM, Saturdays @ 5:00 PM & Sundays @ 10:30 AM

Please Come & Join us for Mass.

All pews are marked for social distancing.



Thank You



Thank you to Declan McHale, of the Pope John Choir, for sharing his voice in praise to God at the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses on the Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 3rd.



HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR PARISH MEMBERSHIP LATELY?

Do you have an adult child that no longer lives at home?

- ◆ If they still live locally, they should re-register at Good Shepherd Parish with their new address and contact info.
- ◆ If they have moved away, please encourage them to register at their local church.

Most Catholic Churches, including ours, will require that sponsors for Baptism, Confirmation or RCIA be an active, registered member of a parish. It is very important that young adults establish their own membership where they live and attend Mass. Every church office keeps important sacramental information. Registration forms are available on our website or call the Parish Office.

SICK, HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you or a loved one is sick or homebound or in the hospital, please call the Parish Office, (973) 786-6631, so we can arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to you.

ASK A FRANCISCAN...

Why Pray the Rosary?

Both my children, graduates of Catholic schools, are studying the Bible and want to know where it says that we should to pray the rosary to honor Mary, the mother of Jesus.



Because the Old Testament has 150 psalms, some early Christians began to recite 150 Our Fathers, the prayer that Jesus gave us. That practice later morphed into praying the rosary as we know it.

This is one way that Mary's prophecy that "from now on will all ages call me blessed" (Lk 1:48) is fulfilled. Praying the rosary can help people to cooperate as generously with God's grace as Mary did. Praying the psalms continues to nourish the spiritual life of everyone who does so.

FAITH FORMATION NOTES



Gospel Reading

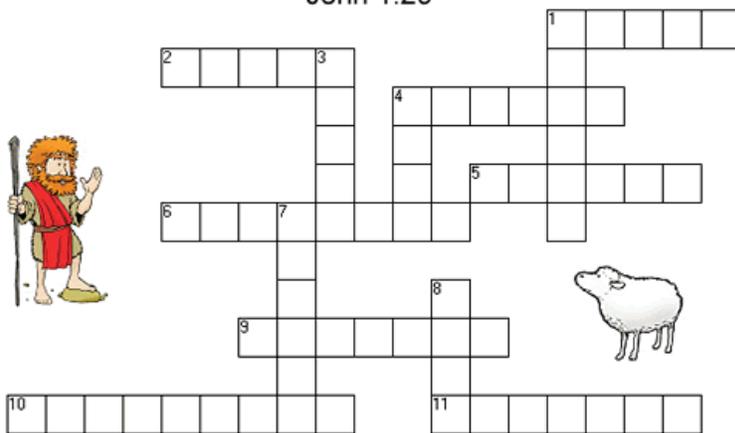
Mark 1:7-11

Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist.

Family Connection

In the story of Jesus' baptism, we hear the report of a significant moment in Jesus' life. By accepting baptism from John the Baptist, Jesus shows himself to accept solidarity with sinners. In the voice from heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit, we know that God received this offering from Jesus and found it pleasing. In the passages that follow in Mark's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry. Although many of us may have already taken down our Christmas decorations, liturgically speaking, the Christmas season hasn't ended yet; today is the last day. Holidays like Christmas are highlights of our year, moments of great grace. This grace renews us and prepares us for our return to the season of Ordinary Time, to the continuing work of discipleship. Gather as a family and discuss your feelings about the ending of the Christmas season. How does it feel to take down the Christmas decorations? Many of us experience a letdown after the excitement of Christmas; others may feel relieved that life is returning to normal. Liturgically, we end the Christmas season today by reflecting on the importance of Jesus' baptism. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:7-11. Jesus' baptism prepared him for his public ministry. What will we take from this Christmas season to carry us forward into Ordinary Time, to renew and strengthen our life of Christian discipleship? Conclude by praying together today's psalm response taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah, Isaiah 12:2-6, or pray the [Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#). (Loyola Press)

Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
John 1:29



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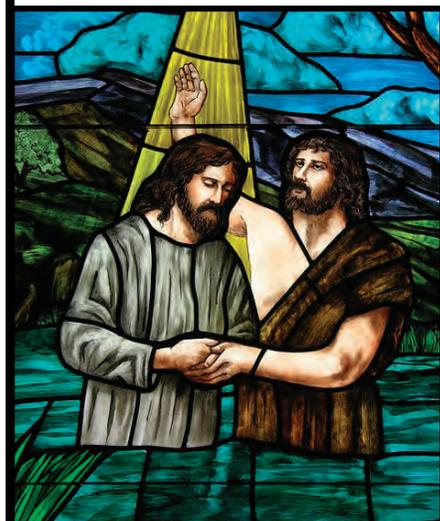
1. The Son of God.
2. John baptized with _____.
4. A dry, barren plain.
5. The place where God lives.
6. A strict observer of Jewish law.
9. The promised one; the Christ.
10. The mother of John the Baptist
11. To immerse by water or fire.

DOWN

1. The river where John baptized.
3. A Jewish title of respect for a teacher.
4. The Spirit landed on Jesus in the form of a _____.
7. To turn away from sin.
8. Behold, the _____ of God that takes away the sins of the world.

desert	Jesus	repent	Messiah
lamb	heaven	Jordan	
baptize	dove	water	
Elizabeth	Pharisee	Rabbi	

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and You shall renew the face of the earth...
O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, Grand that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation through Christ our Lord. Amen.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

Please join **His Holiness, Pope Francis**, who has chosen the following intention to be prayed for during the month of **January**.

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.

PRAYER FOR THE POOR

God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor. Open our ears to hear you in the cries of the exploited. Open our mouths to defend you in the public squares as well as in private deeds. Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to you. Amen.



National Human Trafficking Awareness Day January 11, 2021

This day raises awareness of the persistent issue of human trafficking. Though the entire month of January has already been recognized as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, this day is specifically dedicated to awareness and prevention of the illegal practice.

Since the Senate established this day of observance in 2007, it has drawn massive public support from individual donations to government-organized events. The horrific injustice of human trafficking can affect people of any race and background, and on this day we are all called to fight human trafficking wherever it exists.

For more information, visit: <https://nationaltoday.com/national-human-trafficking-awareness-day/>



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WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE:

ST. KATERI BLOOD DRIVE

If you only keep *one* New Year resolution this year, let it be to **Give Blood**.



Join us at the next St. Kateri Parish Blood Drive on **January 16th from 7:45 AM to 1:45 PM**.

We invite all eligible blood donors to schedule their appointment: Smarturl.it/NJBS Drive, Sponsor Code 15978.

To remain in compliance with the federal guidelines for social distancing **APPOINTMENTS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**. Donors presenting must wear a mask will have their temperature taken must be 14 days symptom free from COVID19 may not donate if that have had a positive diagnostic test or experienced COVID19 symptoms in the last 14 days may not donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions.

Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/StKateriBloodDrives. Call **Mary Stanek at 973-349-9191** for more information.

Pray to Protect Human Life! January 21-29, 2021



Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life Novena, 9 Days for Life.

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com.



STAY CONNECTED



Ministry Schedule

Please remember to sign-in.

Date	Time	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
Saturday 1/16	5:00 PM	Rick Toma	Melissa Lewis Sioban Rooney	Joy Harrington
	9:00 AM	Jim Trusa	Rosemary Lotruglio	Oran Harris
Sunday 1/17	10:30 AM	Fran Gavin	Bill Schilling	Jody Ursin
	12 NOON	Dan Holdt	Carol Miller	Pat Holdt



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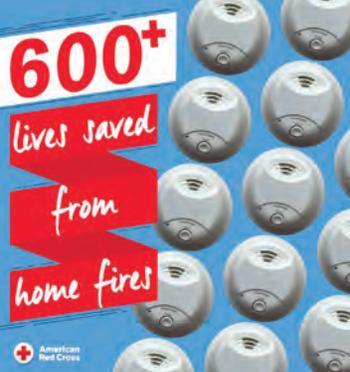
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