Catholic Community of
Saint Peter and Saint Mary and Saint Hedwig

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
January 10, 2021

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Sanctuary Lamp

St. Peter's ~ In Memory of Katherine Rozanski by Tim & Cindy Dosztan
St. Hedwig's ~ In Memory of Hunziker & Wojnowski by Family

Celebrating the Eucharist

Monday, January 11	**Weekday**
Daily Scriptures	Heb 1:1-6 /Mk 1:14-20
8:00 am (SP)	Nancy Mellnitz by Elaine & Jeff McLear
Tuesday, January 12	**Weekday**
Daily Scriptures	Heb 2:5-12 /Mk 1:21-28
8:00 am (SP)	Erma Planck by Mary Sweredoski
Wednesday, January 13	**Weekday**
Daily Scriptures	Heb 2:14-18 /Mk 1:29-39
5:30 pm (SP)	Paul Kowalchyk by Donna O'Connor, John Lormore & Family
Thursday, January 14	**Weekday**
Daily Scriptures	Heb 3:7-14 /Mk 1:40-45
12:00 pm (SP)	Lois West by Cal & Sue Farney
Friday, January 15	**Weekday**
Daily Scriptures	Heb 4:1-5,11 /Mk 2:1-12
12:00 pm (SP)	Darlene Seymour by Family
Saturday, January 16	**Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Daily Scriptures	Heb 4:12-16 /Mk 2:13-17
4:00 pm (SP)	Joanne D'Ambrosi by Linda Miller
Sunday, January 17	**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Daily Scriptures	1 Sm 3:3b-10 / 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 / Jn 1:35-42
9:00 am (SP)	Mass for the People
11:00 am (SH)	Charles McIntyre by Family

Sacrament of Baptism	**Sacrament of Penance**	**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**	**Sacrament of Marriage**
Infants: parents should contact the parish office before or soon after birth. ***Older children/adults:*** inquire about the RCIC or RCIA.	Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM at St. Peter Sunday 8:00-8:30 AM at St. Peter Sunday 10:00- 10:30 AM St. Hedwig ~Anytime by appointment~	Contact the parish office in advance of surgery or as soon as possible when serious illness has set in.	Contact the parish office at least six months before the proposed wedding date in order to begin preparations.

Pastor's Desk

Celebrating Birthdays

Most of us remember our birthdays, at least one of them. We also have a birthday that we sometimes forget about and that is the day of our new birth at baptism. My second birthday was on October 26, 1953 which was only seven days after my birth in the hospital. Years ago it was encouraged to have a baptism as soon as possible after birth. In some cases the role of godmother would take on added significance as the mother might still be in the hospital or recuperating at home and unable to get to church.

Today we come to church on this feast of the Baptism of the Lord to celebrate the roots of our new birth with another "epiphany" where our Triune God reveals himself as Father, Son & Holy Spirit at the Jordan River. With the pouring of water by John the Baptist, the Father's voice is heard and the Holy Spirit, who was with the Son from all eternity, descends upon Jesus. Instead of sanctifying Jesus with water, however, the water itself and all creation is sanctified. With Jesus humbly accepting this baptism, sinful humanity is buried in the waters of the Jordan.

People came to John the Baptist seeking his baptism as a sign of repentance to prepare for the Messiah. For us, the Messiah has come and the baptism we now celebrate is not one of water for repentance but of the Holy Spirit and fire. It is not simply a change in life but a new life of the divine where, through Christ, the only begotten Son, we become adopted sons and daughters of God. It is hard to overemphasize the magnitude of this gift of God. With such as the case, if you don't recall the date of your baptism, find out, and then be sure to celebrate it.

~ Father Jay

Parish Happenings

Rosary Altar News

200 Club Winner Week #7 are Jennifer Jantzi & Kay Catlin .

13th of the Month Club
Special Intentions for January

Pray:

- We evangelize our invigorating faith with our brothers and sisters
- Our empowering hope is open to our human fraternity
- We receive graces in practicing our spiritual gifts
- We persevere in full fellowship with those of other religions to our holy deaths
- Our enriching love for the Holy Trinity remains open to our human fraternity

We can pray the Glorious Mysteries which include these special intentions of Pope Francis each Sunday and Wednesday this month. We honor Our Lady of Fatima and her request for peace whenever we pray the special intentions each 13th of each month.

St. Peter's News

After the 9:00am Mass this Sunday we will be taking down the Christmas decorations in St. Peter's Church. We are looking for volunteers to stay and help out after Mass. Many Hands make light work!

St. Hedwig's News

After the 11:00am Mass this Sunday we will be taking down the Christmas decorations in St. Hedwig's Church. We are looking for volunteers to stay and help out after Mass. Many Hands make light work!

Envelopes containing blessed chalk and incense will be available for each family in baskets on the back tables at St. Hedwig's. Mark your entrances as a reminder to be the" Light of Christ" where ever you go.

Parish Book Club

At the next session on Wednesday, Jan 13, conversation will focus on: **Peter: Keys to Following Jesus** by Tim Gray. All are invited to join in the conversation that will begin at 6:30 PM following mass in the parish hall.

From Bishop LaValley

PLEASE WEAR FACE COVERINGS THROUGOUT MASS Due to the increasing number of COVID19 infections, we ask that members of the congregation age 2 and older, wear masks or cloth face coverings during indoor Masses (except for when receiving Holy Communion) to decrease the spread of airborne droplets and the subsequent risk of transmission. Wearing face coverings is a risk reduction measure that permits as many people as possible to attend Mass in person. In particular, this helps guard against transmitting the virus to the elderly and immunocompromised members of the congregation and to those who assist in their care.

We appreciate your cooperation with this request.

January Retreat Day
Walking with St. Joseph as Our Guide

"Walking with St. Joseph as our Guide." This year, the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared the "Patron of the Church," has been dedicated to St. Joseph in our diocese since May 1 and in the universal Church since December 8. Our attention is focused on one in the background of the Nativity scene. This retreat day will consider the mind and heart of St. Joseph, as reflected in his actions, and how he may be a faithful guide and companion in our own lives.

- **When:** Saturday, January 16 from 10:00 am to 2:00pm
- **Facilitator:** Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ
- **Where:** Virtual on Zoom

There is no cost. If you wish to make an offering for the retreat, mail to: Sisters of St. Joseph, 1425 Washington St., Watertown, New York 13601.

To register: Email srbethssj@gmail.com
or 315-212-6592

99 EXPERIENCE, A VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

The 99 Experience is a three-session video presentation to spark conversation, inspire prayer and awaken the call of God's love within you. Think of it as a virtual parish mission. As Catholics, we often think of ourselves as part of the flock, as part of the 99, safe in the care of the Good Shepherd. We do not see ourselves as the "one lost sheep" needing to be found, nor do we feel the need to go out and search for the one lost sheep. The 99 Experience is a call to recognize that we might be that one sheep who is lost, even though we are part of Jesus' flock. It is a call to enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd. It is also a call to recognize that God may want to work through us to go out an find the one who is lost.

- **When: Thursday evening at 6:30pm , January 14, 21 and 28 via Zoom**.

ADVOCACY IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND

You now have the tools to make your voice heard to your elected officials right in the palm of your hand. The Catholic Action Network (CAN) can text critical advocacy alerts directly to your smartphone, with links to quickly send messages to your elected officials on urgent issues of the day. To sign up, just ***text the word CAN to 50457***. You'll immediately receive a one-time link to complete your registration, which is free. Please consider signing up today.

More information is available at https://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center/

Reflection on the Gospel

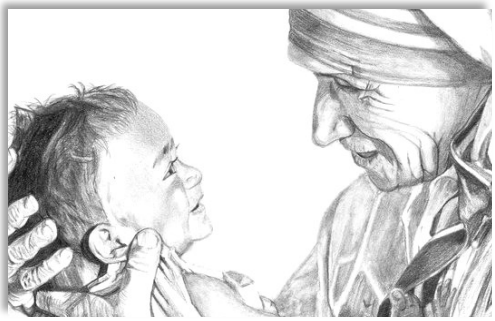
Today is the season of Christmas has come to an end. We receive God's own testimony who Jesus is. He is the Beloved Son of God with whom He is well pleased. Yet he did not come in power. At Christmas he came as a little baby. Today, he comes and stands amid all the sinners who are coming to hear John's call to repentance. He still comes into our midst today, to be our strength and our courage. He is our savior and because of that, we can be confident and unafraid, so that, like John the Baptist, we can make him known among the nations and in our own neighborhoods.

Environmental Stewardship

Did you know that each January 1 is World Day of Peace, when the pope sends his message to all foreign ministers around the world? Pope Francis' message this year is titled, "A CULTURE OF CARE AS A PATH TO PEACE." A culture of care as a way to combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time. As a vital part of the Church, what creative act can I do in my family, my parish, my workplace, in "our common home" that will foster a more peace-filled place to live and foster a culture of care?

Respect Life Collection: January 23-24, 2021

The Respect Life Second Collection is held in parishes each January, near the anniversary of the Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision which legalized abortion in our nation. In 2021, this collection will be held the weekend of January 23/24. Grants from the collection benefit pro-life projects in our diocese. Thank you for your support of efforts to build a culture of life.



Diocesan Mass for Life

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Bishop LaValley will celebrate a Mass for Life on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 11AM at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. It will be live-streamed at: www.rcdony.org/livemass Join in person or virtually to pray for a deeper respect for human life.

Financial Statements for 2020

Many thanks for the generous support of your church in 2020. If you would like a copy of your donations for 2020, please sign the sheet at the entrance of church or you can call the Parish office.

Thank you for your continued support!

Faith Formation

As the number of COVID cases continue to rise in Lewis County, we want to ensure the safety of our children and families. Faith Formation lessons will continue at home until further notice. We pray God continues to bless and guide our families through this pandemic.

Most students have been completing the lessons from home as a family and submitting either their assignment from their respective catechist, or the online assessment each week. We are very blessed and thankful our students and families are keeping their Faith Formation a priority in these difficult times.

Unit 3 of the Gospel Weeklies begins **January 17** and continues through Sunday, March 7. Your child's packet for Unit 3 can be picked up at the Church office anytime this week or next between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Answers to last week's **Catholic IQ Quiz**

1. **a) Paul** - Accused of blasphemy at his trial, he made a speech denouncing the Jewish authorities and **was** then stoned to death. His martyrdom was witnessed by Paul of Tarsus, a Pharisee and Roman citizen who would later become a Christian apostle.
2. **d) Fortitude** is a moral virtue
3. **d) Arabic** – the inscription was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. *See John 19:20*
4. **a) Gluttony** - Hate, Envy and Discord are sins against charity because they are against love for another human being.
5. **c) Transubstantiation** – *See CCC 1373-77*
6. **b) Ciborium** - looks like a chalice with a lid. Made of precious metals.
7. **c) Sacristy**
8. **a) Fortitude**
9. **d) Blessed are the Poor in Health is not a Beatitude**
10. **b) Corporal – the square white cloth on the Altar at Mass.**
11. **d) Malchus** – had his ear cut off by Peter. *Nehemiah* was an Old Testament prophet, *Lazarus* was a friend of Jesus, *Titus* – a companion and disciple of Paul.
12. **d)** Blessing yourself when entering Church should reminds you of **Your Baptism**
13. **a)** Solemnities – are the celebrations of the greatest importance. *Feasts* are of second importance, followed by *Memorials*
14. **c) Liturgy of the Hours –** *also known as Divine Office***,** is the official daily prayer of the Catholic church.
15. **d) Brazil** – has 170 million. Catholics, *Mexico* - 111 mil, *Philippines* – 100 mil, *US* – 72 mil.
16. **b)** *Gospels are Proclamation of the "Good News"*
17. **a)** *have essentially the same structure*
18. **True** – *See CCC #2761*
19. **c) Eucharist** – is the Source and Summit of the Christian life. *See CCC #1324*
20. **False** - according to Cannon Law, Priest or Bishops, but *not Deacons* can administer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Sunday January 10	♦ No In Person Faith Formation Classes
Wednesday January 13	♦ Book Club Meets at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall
Thursday January 14	♦ Adoration after the 12 Noon Mass ♦ St. Therese's Guild will not meet in January.
Sunday January 17	♦ No In Person Faith Formation Classes

Stewardship:

	Collection January 3, 2021	Collection January 5, 2020	Weekly Needs
Catholic Community of St. Peter ~ St. Mary ~ St. Hedwig	$10,235.42	$9,626.71	$8,863.46

Remember in Prayer

We pray for loved ones who are ill:
Sharon Albuque, Dorothy Armstrong, Linda Aubertine, Dyanne Bouchard, Joe Bush, Jean & Mike Call, Megan Cartier, Dick Dosztan, Mary Gennette, Paul Gothe, George Laribee, Kathy Gowing, Helen Hickok, Jana Ingersoll, Ed Knapp, Cathy Kozloski, Viola Marolf, Sally Matuszczak, Lynn Norris, Herb Nortz, Genevieve Seelman, Tom Shultz, John Terrillion, Shannon Waldron . All those who are ill at home, in the hospital or in the nursing home.

Military Prayer List

1st Lt Sarah G. Barrett, WO1 Josh Bastin, Pvt. Garret Barney, Kevin Beltowski, Aaron Bibbins, Maj Kelly Boian, USMC Ian Broome, 2nd Lt Nicholas Carrara, SFC Christopher Casinha, Major Gary Dales, Ryan Dunn, Warrant Officer 3 John Michael Griger, Corporal Scott Hamblin, Neal Heaton, PFC Christopher Henning, 2nd Lt. Courtney Hill, Adam Huizar, LT Orion Kelly, Tyler Kenealy, Maj Adam King, Maj. Krista (Hubschmitt) King, Sgt. Stephen Larche, Maj. Trevor J. Laribee, Eric Lautenshlager, Capt. Amy Lewicki, Chief Aviation Electricians Mate Heather D. Mains, Capt. Mike McCanney, Lt.(JG) David J. Monnat, CSM Oldroyd, Maj. John Ontki, Michael Ozkan, 2nd Lt. Andrew Patterson, Christopher Shackelford, Joshua C.W. Smith, Major Jason Spencer, Benjamin Stanton, Tech Sgt. Nicholas Stanton, Maj. John Sullivan, WO 1 Alex Sweredoski, Major Danny Thebeau, SFC Blake Wilson, Naamon Wright, Yolanda Wright, SSgt. Eric Yancey, Sgt. Zach Zapotoski.

Safe Environment Corner

Did You Know…peaceful parenting is also known as gentle parenting, positive parenting, or attachment parenting. The main theme of these approaches is focusing on the health of the relationship between the child and the parent and supporting the child's developmental needs. Peaceful parenting is more effective than hitting. Peaceful parenting keeps your long-term goals in mind, emphasizes warmth and structure, and considers how children think and feel. For more resources, visit https://stopspanking.org/resources/.