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The Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020



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Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (closed 12:00-1:00 PM)

Closed on Holy Days of Obligation



SACRAMENTS

Baptism

First three Sundays of the month at 12:15pm. Arrangements must be made at least two weeks prior to the Baptism. Attendance at a Pre-Jordan class is required for first time parents. Please pre-register for class by contacting the Rectory at 215-725-1240.

Marriage

Couples must contact a priest six months prior to the wedding.

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:00 to 5:00pm

Homebound Visitation

Please contact the Rectory.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Do you have an immediate prayer need or can you offer the gift of prayer? The 'People of Love' Prayer Group meets every Monday evening at 7:30pm in the Cecilian Room. You are always welcome to join us and renew your Spirit.



Caring For Friends

Thank you to everyone who continues to bring meals to our freezer and to our client-friends. If you would like to help, add an extra portion to your family meal, freeze it in the trays we provide, and bring it to the freezer. For more information, please call Bernadette O'Donnell at 215-379-3448 or Caring for Friends at 215-464-2224.

Manna Food Drive

Next weekend, please bring non-perishable food items such as, canned goods, peanut butter, pasta, etc. to the vestibule of the church to help those less fortunate. God bless you for thinking of others.



RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This program is for adults who would like to become full participating members of the Catholic Church. We welcome you to join one of our meetings on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm to learn more. Please feel free to call the rectory at 215-725-1240 for information.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Retrouvaille offers hope for married couples experiencing loneliness, boredom, misery, or frustration in their marriage. Couples learn valuable communication skills and rediscover intimacy. Our next program starts February 21-23 at the Family Life Center in Malvern. For more info call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Vigil 5:00pm (Saturday)

6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

Monday through Friday

6:30 and 8:30 am

Saturday

8:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation

6:30, 8:30, 10:30am & 6:00pm

The Baptism of the Lord

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FOCUS: Through our baptism, we are called to a life of discipleship.

The Spirit of God descends upon Jesus at his baptism, and marks the beginning of his public ministry. At our baptism, through water and the Holy Spirit we are sanctified and made children of God. By the grace of this sacrament, we are awakened to the power of the Spirit in our own lives.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Isaiah shares the Lord's promise of a servant of the Lord who will come forth and bring justice to the nations. In the second reading, Peter tells those gathered that God shows no partiality. All who fear him and act uprightly are acceptable to him. In the Gospel, Jesus is baptized by John, and the Spirit of God descends upon him.

REFLECTION: Christ was not spared the costs of being God's Servant. Right after his baptism Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. His baptism doesn't guarantee him a smooth path through life; nor does it guarantee us a smooth ride. In fact, our baptism will cost us, for the faithful are to live the life of service that Jesus did.

So we ask ourselves:

- ♦ When and how does it "cost" you to be a disciple of Jesus?
- ♦ Do you experience God's help when being a Christian comes with a price?

Mass Schedule For January 18th & 19th

Saturday 5:00 PM	Celebrant: Father Bonner Lector: Ed Sharp Altar Servers: Spencer Lavelle, Sebastian Velez
6:30 AM	Celebrant: Father Lucas Lector: Paula Potts
8:00 AM	Celebrant: Father Lucas Lector: Rose Messina Altar Servers: Ryan Brady
9:30 AM	Celebrant: Father Bonner Lector: Celine Severino Altar Servers: Celia Braccia, Mia Braccia
11:00 AM	Celebrant: Father Bonner Lector: Kate Meredith Altar Servers: Haley Miller, Daniel Barr

Congratulations to our newly Married Couple

Michael Kurtz & Kelli Fitzgerald



God Bless Our Newly Baptized

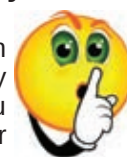
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Second Collection

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Please be as generous as possible to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

God may be calling you, but not on your cell phone.

We ask that while in His house, please turn off your cell phones and pagers. You may miss an important message from God if you are distracted during Mass. Thank you for being considerate.



For local Catholic news.

A Series for Anyone Mourning a Loss

When you are grieving, time slows down, but the people around you do not. You may feel isolated from family and friends, from your relationship with God, and even from your deepest sense of self.

Cranaleith Spiritual Center (13475 Proctor Rd., Phila. 19116) is offering a four-week series for anyone mourning a loss—no matter how large or small, distant or recent.

Tuesdays—6:30-8:30pm
January 28, February 4, 11, 18

You are welcome to register for one or all sessions. To learn more and register, visit www.cranaleith.org.



Two little words that mean so much!

The generosity of the parishioners of Saint Cecilia Parish never ceases to amaze me. Each year, especially during the Christmas season, everyone does so much for the less fortunate.

The Giving Tree appears in Church and gifts begin to arrive. There are those who decorate the tree, then organize your gifts and deliver them to those in need. All the donations to the Crib, Christmas flowers, poor boxes and candles will help others. All of this indicates you know the true meaning of the Christmas season.

It takes the help and dedication of many who share their time and talents with us. You decorate the Church. The guitar group plays and sings, the choir sings, Philip plays the organ at Masses, and the music is under the direction of Pat Lewis. Then there are the readers, cantors, altar servers, the sexton, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, the women who clean the Church, the men and women who help with the collections and many others behind the scenes.

None of this could happen without the support of so many caring people. I am truly grateful for everything that all of you do, not only for our Church, but also for our wonderful school!

May God bless you for all you do in His name!

Father Bonner

Christmas Collections

Poor Box	\$ 3,881.89
Candles	\$ 2,434.24
Flowers	\$ 597.00
Crib Donations	\$ 1,054.00
Christmas Donations	\$47,180.00
Giving Tree & Manna Food Drive	\$ thousands

Jeanes Hospital Blood Drive

Blood is especially needed this time of year and you can help save up to three lives!



DATE: Wednesday, January 22
TIME: 9:00am—2:00pm
PLACE: Friends Hall Physicians' Office Bldg.
7600 Central Avenue

REGISTER: 215-728-2131 or sign-up online at redcrossblood.org and search for Jeanes Hospital

Review of Year ~ 2019

Baptism	73
First Penance	82
First Communion	82
Confirmation	2
Marriages	16
Funerals	93

Senior Citizen News

St. Cecilia Senior Citizens hold their meetings on Thursdays in the Auditorium from 10am to 2pm. New members (ages 50+) are always welcome to join and you can bring a friend. For more info, call our President, Maryann Stroud (215-342-4354) between 9am and 7pm.

St. William Seniors meet on Wednesdays. For information about St. William Seniors, please call Ro McElroy at 267-210-1524.

For tickets to Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster to see *'Queen Esther'* with a buffet lunch at Shady Maple on June 18, 2020, please call Betty Harding at 215-745-7199. Cost is \$115.

Job Opportunities

- ♦ Catholic Social Services, located at 7340 Jackson Street (Northeast Family Service Center) is offering a **Part Time Janitor** position. Experience is necessary. Must be 25 years of age or older with a valid driver's license. Hours are in the afternoon—17 hours per week. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Clearances are required. If interested, please contact Rebecca Thompson at 215-624-5920 or email resume and cover letter to rthompson@chs-adphila.org.
- ♦ Creative Beginnings Early Childhood Program is recruiting **on-call daycare substitutes** to join the teaching team. We provide comprehensive high-quality care and education for children ages 6 weeks through 6 years. Candidates must be able to work 8 shifts per month between hours 6:30am and 6:00pm. Must be at least 18 years of age with high school diploma or equivalent. Salary is commensurate with experience. For information call 215-728-5330.

A Minute In the Church (by Gus Lloyd)

Necessity of Baptism

Is baptism necessary for salvation? Well, the short answer is yes. Let's talk about why.

In Mark 16, after telling the disciples to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature," Jesus says, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And in Matthew 28:19, He tells the disciples to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Why would Jesus insist that they baptize people if it were unnecessary?

Finally, in John 3:5, Jesus says, "Amen, amen I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit." The Church has always understood this to be a clear reference to baptism.

In Acts 2:38, when he is asked about salvation, Saint Peter says, "Repent and be baptized..." And in 1 Peter 3:21, when referring to the waters of the great flood in Noah's time, Saint Peter says, "This prefigured baptism, which saves you now."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms this, saying in paragraph 1257, "Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament. The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude."



Catholic Schools Week January 26—February 1

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, January 26
10:00am to 12:30pm
Stop in St. Cecilia School
for a tour and see what the
students are doing.

Pancake Breakfast

All are welcome to this year's Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Boy Scouts of Troop 290.

Sunday ~ January 26
St. Cecilia School Gym
8:00am—12:00pm
\$5.00 per person



Teacher Career Fair

DATE: January 23, 2020
TIME: 9:00am—2:00pm
PLACE: Archbishop Carroll High School

Candidates should possess a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university. Pennsylvania certification is desired. All clearances and Safe Environment training are required. Attending candidates interested in joining the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are expected to bring:

Completed Application ~ Updated Resume ~ Transcripts

To register please contact Jeanne Steitz at jsteitz@archphila.org and add 'Career Fair' in subject line. For questions or concerns, please call 215-587-3737.

Here & There

Father Judge High School

Open House—Thursday, January 30
Pre-register now on homepage at fatherjudge.com

St. Basil Academy

7th grade Prep Course
Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 29 (8am-10am)
7th grade Practice Exam
March 7 (8am)
Register: stbasilacademy.org/admissions

WWJB What Would Jesus Brew

Friday, Feb. 7 (7:00pm)
Resurrection of Our Lord Hall (2000 Shelmire Ave)
Tickets: \$20 www.resurrectphila.org
5 beer samples paired with 5 spiritual reflections

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center (3501 Solly Ave)

How to Find True Happiness
Saturday, Feb. 8 (9:30am-3:30pm)
The Beatitudes are the Lord's recipe for happiness
\$40 incl. lunch—Register 267-350-1830 or
email mbcretreat@msbt.org



Contributions for 2019

A record of your parish contributions will be available beginning January 21st. You may request your statement by contacting the Rectory at 215-725-1240 Mon. through Fri. from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM; or completing this tear-off and putting it in the Collection Basket at Mass; or **emailing your request to** eleanor.kerwick@stceciliafc.org. If you prefer your statement to be sent via U.S. mail, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

I am requesting a Statement of Contributions for 2019

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF January 13

MONDAY, January 13

6:30am – Joseph McTague
8:30am – Edith & John Garrafa

TUESDAY, January 14

6:30am – Souls Who Need Mercy
8:30am – Eileen Marie Thompson

WEDNESDAY, January 15

6:30am – Donald Greenleaf
8:30am – Henry & Stella Dana

THURSDAY, January 16

6:30am – Patrick McGinty
8:30am – Mary V. Kelly

FRIDAY, January 17

6:30am – Thomas J. Hayes
8:30am – Patrick McGettigan

SATURDAY, January 18

8:30am – Mark Keeley
5:00pm – Loretta A. Volz

Pray For Our Troops

Jason Showmaker (Navy)	Mark Strecker (Navy)
Michael D'Antonio (Air Force)	Sean Lay (Army)
Brian A. Mason (Army)	Michael Molz (Army)
Christopher J. Starrett (USMC)	Patrick Breslin (Army)
Brandan Beaudet (USMC)	

Remember Our Sick and Suffering

Walter Hnat	Ed Lieber
Christopher Rodgers	Patricia Moore
James J. Tobin	Mary Schultz
Ann Marie Tobin Masgai	Margaret Lukacko
Charles Friel	Meghan Kovacs
Joan Marie Reiley	John Lawrysk
Rita Kravitz	Maki Turner
Kirsten Hosack-Edling	Janet Fox
Helen Flood	Stephanie Morgan
James Potts	Patricia Staudt
Owen Doyle	Mary Benson
Esther Sharp	Mary Jane Brough
Leo Wuestkamp	Stephen Ruczynski
Helen Tobin	Mike McKee
Andrew Slivjak	Melissa Fischer
George Burbage	Patricia Greenleaf
Rita Giordano	Daniel Mitchell
Lisa Kovacs-Breuer	Anna Thackray
Patricia Carey	Linda Reinboth
Gregory Farrell	Theresa Kuhar
Ed MacNew	Thomas Wagner
Timothy Martin	John Smykal
Roseanne Gallagher	Julia McCauley
Alice Davis	Karen Hollenbach

Remember Those Who Have Died

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