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January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am 9:00 am, 10:30 am & Noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Friday: 6:45 am, 8:15 am

Monday Evening: 7:00 pm

Followed by Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Saturday Mornings: 9:00 am

Holy Days: As announced

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Monday: 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

*Also by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Closed Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays



CLERGY

Rev. David J. Pekola
Administrator

Rev. Leo Salvania
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Edward J. Majkowski
KHS

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of people united by a common Baptism and embraced by the Roman Catholic Church begun by Christ Himself. Through the Sacred Scripture and the Sacraments, we are nourished and commissioned to live out our lives as disciples of Jesus. We proclaim Him crucified and risen from the dead, and follow His mandate of love with the hope of eternal life.

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY — January 9, 2022

7:30 AM † **Joseph Kupsch** r/o Mary DeLisa
9:00 AM † **Tom Marcinczyk** r/o Friend
10:30 AM † **Leonora Manahan** r/o Theresa
12:00 PM † **Thomas Marcinczyk** r/o Bob & Barbara Egan

MONDAY — January 10, 2022

6:45 AM † **Richard Mytnick** r/o Mr. & Mrs. Harry Pachkowski
8:15 AM † **Patricia Gianieri** r/o The Noa Family
7:00 PM † **Zacharias, Honorio, Laura Montano** r/o Family

TUESDAY — January 11, 2022

6:45 AM † **Victor Hugo Saleedo** r/o Gladis Viego
8:15 AM † **Claire Reilly** r/o Betty & Rich Foley

WEDNESDAY—January 12, 2022

6:45 AM † **Thomas Marcinczyk** r/o Nancy Szkodny
8:15 AM † **Marie Masillo** r/o Mary Denise LaGuardia

THURSDAY — January 13, 2022

6:45 AM † **Juan Pimentel** r/o Joy Ordaniel
8:15 AM † **Elaine Moresco** r/o Betty & Rich Foley

FIRST FRIDAY—January 14, 2022

6:45 AM † **Lois Bentivenga** r/o Thursday Senior Club
8:15 AM **Manuel Navoa/Living Intention** r/o Spiritual Friend

SATURDAY — January 15, 2022

9:00 AM † **Mass Association**
5:00 PM † **For Our Parishioners**

SUNDAY — January 16, 2022

7:30 AM † **For All With an Addiction**
9:00 AM † **Margaret Fleck** r/o Roseann
10:30 AM † **Anacorito Geolingo** r/o Joy Ordaniel
12:00 PM † **Marty Kalfhold** r/o Tom

Memorials for the Week of January 9 thru January 15

Blessed Mother's Altar

Jean & Stanley Marcinczyk
r/o Michelle & Bill Brugnoli

For the Safety of Our Military Families

r/o The Lesinski Family

Gladys R. Rzepka

r/o Children, Sue Ann
& Bob

In Memory of Louis & Lillian Hoffman

r/o Daughter & Family

Saint Joseph's Altar

Matt Kurtz

r/o Sarah & Jack Conlon

Glenn Maldonado

r/o Daughter, Jane & Son, David



Mass intentions for 2022 are available in the Parish Office. Intentions are also available for the Sanctuary Lamp, Candles for Blessed Mother's Altar, St. Joseph's Altar, Bread & Wine and our Mass Association. Please call the Parish Office at (732) 257-0077.



January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON SUNDAY'S
READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

"The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their heart whether John might be the Christ... After all the people were baptized and Jesus had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased.'"

The scene is familiar, the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus, and the affirming voice of the Father. John hesitated, but Jesus insisted, showing His total identity with the people He came to save. Our baptism initiated our Christian journey, as we accepted our mission sharing with Jesus as priest, prophet, and king. As we live our baptismal commission, can we hear the same affirming voice of the Father approving our lives and witness to Jesus Christ? Yes, we are beloved, is He pleased, or can we do more?

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: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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."



Go and Teach the Word of God 1672 - 2022

Lucy still lives . . . her light, the light of Christ, still shines!

Almost three centuries have passed since her entrance into the “day without sunset.” Saint Lucy Filippini continues her mission today through the Religious Teachers Filippini, her spiritual daughters, whose primary purpose is that of the cultural and spiritual formation of youth and of their place in society. Addressing them in a private audience, Pope St. John Paul II reminded them of their mission: *“Your commitment is the promotion of the role of women in society, with special attention to the family. The Church has need of you particularly in this field. May you know how to instill family values in the young women and girls entrusted to your care.”*

The great expansion of the Institute, which is present in eight countries of the world with over one hundred foundations, has fulfilled Lucy’s wish to be everywhere. *“Would that I could be multiplied in every corner of the earth to cry out everywhere and to say to all peoples of every age and condition: Love God! Love God!”*

January 13 marks the 350th anniversary of the birth of Saint Lucy. *Pro Gloria Dei.*

OLV Religious Education

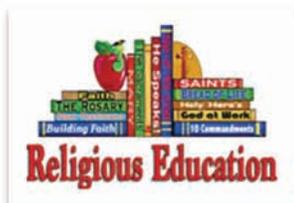
January - Classes held every Tuesday 5:00-6:15 Grades 1-6; every Wednesday 5:00-6:15 Grades 1-6 and 7:00-8:15 Grades 7-8

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist as:

- Door monitors**
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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

“Our neighbors in need find help here”

Is your New Year’s resolution helping the poor?

If so, why not join us? Our next meeting is

Monday Jan. 24th in MDH at 7:30pm. Hope to see you there! Changes with Covid may change our meetings, please read the bulletin for updates.

We are always looking for new ways to help those in need. Besides direct client assistance and the food pantry, we do back-to-school supplies, Christmas gifts, Easter baskets, and a Coat & Blanket drive. If you have an idea for bringing God’s love to those who are poor and needy, we’d love to hear from you. Contact us through our voice mailbox at the parish office 732 257-0077.

Our food pantry is well stocked thanks to the generosity of so many. Thank you! **At this time, we are low on peanut butter, jelly, mustard, and mayonnaise.** Please place nonperishable food in the baskets in the church.

Sometimes those who need help the most are the least likely to ask for it. If you know such a person, please don’t hesitate to reach out to us.

There is no reason to face problems alone. In the name of Christ, we are here to help and to serve.

Contact us through the parish office 732 257-0077.



Synod 2023—Eucharistic Forty Hours and Listening Sessions



In each of the eight deaneries in the Diocese of Metuchen, a Eucharistic Forty Hours will be held, beginning on **Sunday, January 23, and ending on Tuesday, January 25**, with a Synod Listening Session to follow from **7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** This opportunity for prayer, to listen to what the Lord is asking of us, will set the tone for our listening sessions.

Registration is requested for the listening sessions.

To view the list of hosting parishes and to register, visit: diometuchen.org/synod2023.

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All good things come to an end, including the presence of the 150 beautiful Christmas Trees in memory of your loved ones. Now like at your homes, we must restore our property to the way it looked before the Christmas season.

We need as many volunteers as possible to meet at Dalton Hall on Saturday, January 15 at 9:00 AM.

We will form teams and remove the plaques and light sets from the trees. Then we will remove the trees and the steel bars that held them up. The trees will be gathered for collection and recycling.

Come and join us and bring gloves. The more the merrier! Thank you!

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to Receive**



Diocesan “Pro-Vita” Award

In observance of the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Annual Diocesan Respect for Life Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Checchio on **Friday, January 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen.**

The Bishop will present the 2022 “Pro-Vita” awards at this time. Our Lady of Victories parishioner Rosanda Grau will be one of the recipients. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 ext. 1543.

Respect
Life



Catholic School 2022-2023 Tuition Assistance: Online Application Process Open

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>.

Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2022. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.



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Jesus comes to the sick to bring comfort.

Anyone who has a relative or friend belonging to our parish who would like to receive Holy Communion or have a Priest visit, please call the Parish Office at (732) 257-0077. If you would like to include your loved one on our prayer list, please call the Parish Office. Loved ones who are sick, in the hospital, or nursing homes can be placed on our prayer list. We pray for all the sick of our parish, especially

Michael Kowalski

“Heal me Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise”

- Jeremiah 17:9



We pray for those serving in the military, especially our parishioners and their loved ones.

Michael DiBenedetto

1st Lieutenant Brian McDonough

1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment 101st Airborne Division United States Army stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Major James Leli

United States Air Force, KC-10 Extender Pilot, 6th Aerial Refueling Squadron stationed at Travis Air Force Base, California

We pray for their safety, well being, and that they return home to us soon.

If you would like your loved one on our prayer list, please call the parish office @ 732-257-0077.



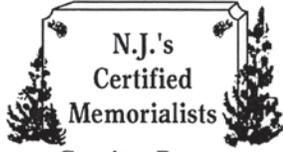
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