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beloved Son;
with You I am
well pleased.”*

Mass Intentions for the Week

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 9, 2022

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

The Mass of Anticipation of the Baptism of the Lord
4:00PM Dolly Healey—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

The Baptism of the Lord
7:30 AM Frank & Arthur Palermo—Memorial
9:00AM Dec'd of the Harold & Lantz Families—Memorial
10:30AM Rosalie Faherty—2nd Anniversary
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

Weekday
7:30AM Theresa Kelly—Memorial

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

Weekday
7:30AM Rosalie Ferruccio—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Weekday
7:30AM Bernard Kenny—Memorial

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

Weekday; St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:30AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Weekday
7:30AM Rosalie Ferruccio—Memorial

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

Weekday: BVM
8:30AM Clarence Larocque—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM Jeffrey D. Ferland—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Shelia Andrews—Memorial
9:00AM Donna J. Storti—Memorial
10:30AM Norman Murtha—42nd Anniversary
5:00PM Joseph Arroyo—Memorial



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Dear Parishioners:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Christmas season officially ends today. We set aside for another year the Christmas carols and put away nativity sets in our homes and churches. Likewise, the Christmas trees and poinsettia plants are removed from Church.

With the Baptism of the Lord, we begin the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time. We again wear green vestments, and the Church's decorations are simpler.

Tradition held that Christmastide ended on February 2nd, Candlemas or the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The Presentation is also known as the Purification of Mary. It commemorates the occasion when the Blessed Virgin Mary, in obedience to Jewish law, went to the Temple in Jerusalem to be purified 40 days after the birth of her Son, Jesus, and to present him to God.

The Baptism of the Lord is the occasion when the Trinity is revealed—the Son makes himself known, the Father speaks, and the Holy Spirit descends. This mystery, the mystery of the Trinity, brings the revelations of the holy season of Christmas to their fulfillment.

As Catholics, we do not believe God is merely an idea in our mind or a projection of our best self. God is not for us some unknown and unknowable force in the universe or a feeling in our heart.

The one true God has revealed himself in Jesus Christ as the Trinity—the mysterious communion of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a communion of

Divine Love *"in which we live and move and have our being."* This Divine Love brought all into existence, and because of Christ, it is to this Divine Love that we will all one day return.

Since most of us were baptized as infants, today's Feast can be an occasion to recall our Baptism and reflect upon that day when life changed forever. Today, we offer prayers and gratitude for those who led us to the font of Baptism, our parents and godparents.

Pope *Emeritus* Benedict XVI once spoke to the parents of the infants he was about to baptize. He said: *"What happens in the Baptism that I shall shortly be administering to your children? Exactly this: they will be deeply united with Jesus for ever, immersed in the mystery of his power, of his might, namely, in the mystery of his death which is a source of life so as to share in his resurrection, to be reborn to new life. In receiving Baptism they are reborn as children of God who share in the filial relationship that Jesus has with the Father, in other words who can address God, calling him with full confidence and trust: 'Abba, Father'."*

For most of us, our Baptism happened so long ago when we were infants and we have mostly forgotten about it. In our minds, our Baptism happened once rather than something that defines us now.

This thinking is why Pope Francis, a few years ago, asked all Catholics on the Feast of the Lord's Baptism to *"ask about the date of your Baptism. That way you can bear in mind that most beautiful day of Baptism. To know the date of our*

Baptism is to know a blessed day. The danger of not knowing it is losing awareness of what the Lord has done in us, the memory of the gift we have received."

For all of us who have forgotten the gift we have received at Baptism and find that our lives lack meaning, it is time to rediscover the clarity and purpose of who we became on the day we were baptized.

On the day we were baptized, we received a vocation from God, a unique calling to undertake in life, a special mission to accomplish. In the words of Saint John Henry Newman: *"God has created me to do Him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission."*

Indeed every one of us and every baptized person can make these words their own. So that we might accomplish that mission, God has given us a variety of gifts to enrich the life of the Church and the world. As we celebrate this Feast and recall our Baptism, we might ask ourselves how well we live out our vocation as a baptized Catholic.

We thank the Hill Funeral Home for their generous sponsorship of our parish calendar. They have been left out at the doors of the church, please take one home with you. Hopefully 2022 might be a healthier and happier year for the world! Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats!

Father Healey

Weekly Collection

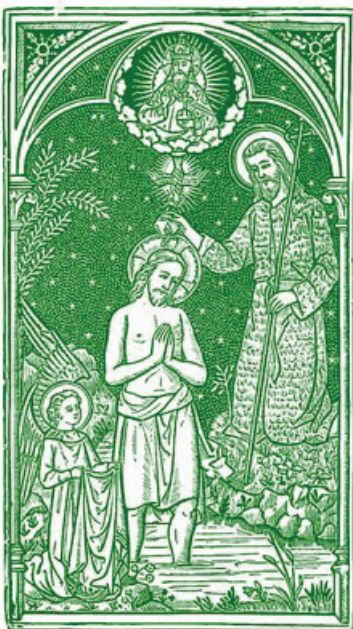
Baptism of the Lord



The feast of the Baptism of the Lord, our commemoration of the institution of the sacrament of baptism, is the last feast of the Christmas season and is usually observed on the Sunday following January 6.

The calendar sometimes causes it to fall on a Monday, but in its usual Sunday slot, it offers an excellent opportunity for parishes to focus on baptism by using the rite of blessing and sprinkling holy water or to celebrate the sacrament during Mass, especially if this not the usual custom.

The Baptism of the Lord launches us right into winter Ordinary Time with its concentration on the earlier public life and preaching of Jesus.



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December 26, 2021

Weekly.....\$9,604.00
 EFT.....\$6,375.00
Total=\$15,979.00

Outreach.....\$1,501.00
 Christmas.....\$19,477.00
 Christmas Flowers.....\$2,669.00

December 27, 2020

Weekly.....\$9,777.00
 Christmas.....\$16,709.00

January 2, 2022

Weekly.....\$26,692.00
 EFT.....\$ 4,065.00
Total=\$30,757.00

Outreach.....\$1,914.00
 Building & Grounds..... \$1,840.00
 Annual Collection (Final).....\$142,185.00

January 3, 2021

Weekly.....\$50,163.00
 Annual 2020 Total.....\$132,265.00

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Second Collections

Next Week: Catholic University of America



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed most especially for **Peter Bamberry, Dina Catanio, Olivia Passaretti, Michael W. Bryan and Phyllis Nazareth.**



Religious Education
NEWS

RE Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 9:

5:00PM Mass & Class: Confirmation 2022

Sunday, January 16:

5:00PM Mass and NO CLASS (MLK weekend)

Sunday, January 23:

5:00PM Mass & Class: 1st Communion and Grade 1

Sunday, January 30:

5:00PM Mass and Class: Grades 3,4,5,6 and 7

Both Parents & Students must attend Mass & Class.



Outreach
Update

•OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated NON-EXPIRED AND non-perishable food items only and paper goods in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. Please do not leave medical supplies. Thank you for your support!

•**OLM Bereavement Group: Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 4:00PM** in Mercy House. All those who are grieving are invited to join with us.

•For information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or email at outreach@olmparish.org



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Schedule of Events

•**Tuesday, January 11:** OLM School Weekly Mass at 8:15am

•**Wednesday, January 12:** OLM School PTG Meeting at 6:00pm

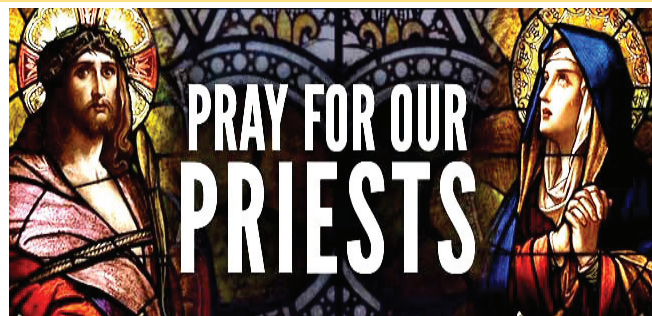
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***OLM Rosary
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The Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence
Office of Life and Family Ministry
January 2022 Events

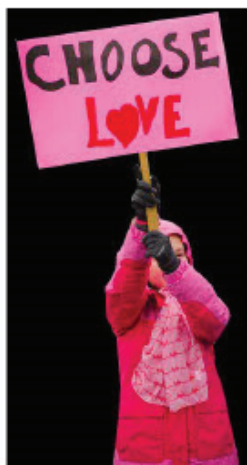


The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

will be visiting various parishes throughout the Diocese of Providence from Friday, January 7 through Sunday, February 6, 2022. The full schedule will be available beginning January 3 by contacting 401-278-2518 or LCooley@dioceseofprovidence.org, and by visiting the diocesan website at www.dioceseofprovidence.org.

The Annual Respect for Life Mass

will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 15, 2022 in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence. Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of Providence, will be the main celebrant. The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be on the altar for veneration during Mass.



Bus Trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC

Advance registration required, *space is limited - first come first served*. Basic Itinerary just below:

- Thurs. evening, Jan. 20 - bus leaves RI to DC
- Fri., Jan. 21 - Mass, Rally and March in DC
- Overnight Fri., Jan. 21/early morning, Sat., Jan. 22 – arrive back in RI

Please contact LCooley@dioceseofprovidence.org or 401-278-2518 to register and for all details. Groups encouraged to register ASAP.



For more information, please contact Lisa Cooley, Coordinator, Life and Family
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