

January 10, 2021 The Baptism of the Lord

Stewardship is a Way of Life. Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of January 3, 2021:
Not available

Mass Attendance for January 1, 2021	26
Mass Attendance for January 2, 2021	31
Mass Attendance for January 3, 2021 9:15	35
Mass Attendance for January 3, 2021 1:30	30



Fr. Thomas Marickovic, former pastor at Sacred Heart, Lewistown, and St. Jude Thaddeus, Mifflintown, died December 30, 2020. Fr. Marickovic founded the St. Vincent DePaul Society in our parish. His funeral Mass was at Prince of Peace Parish, Steelton, on Wednesday, Jan. 6. Sentiments of condolence may be sent to Fr. Marickovic's sister: Mrs. Mary Ann Borucki, 530 Rupley Drive, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
The Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2021

"One more powerful than I is to come after me. I am not fit to stoop and untie his sandal straps. I have baptized you in water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit... 'You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests.'"

The familiar scene... the meeting of the cousins, the theme of John's preaching, pointing out the person of the Christ. The beginning of the ministry of Jesus. The clouds part, the dove of peace descends and the reassuring voice, another epiphany. We celebrate our baptism, when the Lord reaches down to us, elevates us, making us members of His family, fills us with the gift of grace, and echoes the same words, 'you are my beloved, on you my favor rests.' Jesus began His ministry on the banks of the river, and we begin our lives as disciples, not just the day of our baptism, but again today as we offer thanks for God coming to us with His grace.

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: Mark 1:7-11

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."



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week
And Weekly Readings



Saturday, January 9: Christmas Weekday

1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; John 3:22-30
5:30 PM Mary Tonge from Mary and Francis O'Day

Sunday, January 10: The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

9:15 AM William Nash from the Arnolds

Monday, January 11

Hebrews 1:1-6; Psalm 97:1 & 2b, 6 & 7c, 9; Mark 1:14-20

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 12

Hebrews 2:5-12; Psalm 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 13

Hebrews 2:14-18; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 14

Hebrews 3:7-14; Psalm 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 15

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Psalm 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mark 2:1-12

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, January 16

Hebrews 4:12-16; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mark 2:13-17

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 17: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1

Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

9:15 AM John Kromel from Mary and Francis O'Day

LITURGICAL WORSHIP AIDS

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Responsorial Psalm

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (bow) *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(For those who are watching from home)

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Jesus, really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar, since I cannot now receive thee under the sacramental veil, I beseech thee, with a heart full of love and longing, to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of thy most Holy Mother, and to abide with me, thou in me, and I in thee, in time and in eternity. Amen

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the son of God.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Announcements for the Bulletin:

Please have your announcements for the bulletin to the church office by Wednesday afternoon no later than 1:00 p.m.

March for Life 2021:

Saint Bernard has a bus going to the 2021 March for Life on January 29, 2021. The bus will leave Saint Bernard at 8:00 a.m. after the 7:15 a.m. mass. \$20.00 per adult, \$10.00 per youth. Call Bob Luckie at 717-582-2962 or bob.luckie@gmail.com.

CCD Teachers and Substitutes:

CCD Teachers and substitutes are needed. Please speak with Father Bill or Ginger Best.

Fish for Sale! Knights of Columbus:

Canned Crab	\$10.00 Can
Haddock	\$20.00 Box
Clam strips	\$15.00 Box
Shrimp	\$ 4.00 Bag \$60.00 Box
Fries	\$ 5.00 Bag \$30.00 Box
Haddock Tail	\$ 5.00 Bag \$40.00 Box
Elbow Macaroni	\$ 5.00 Bag

Please write your name and phone number on the sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please call Joe Zarnowski at 908-892-0271.

Sacred Heart Finance Director:

As many of you know our Sacred Heart Finance Director Sue Parzanese is retired in December. We would like to thank her for her many years of dedication to our Parish and School. We hope all her years ahead bring her great joy and relaxation.

New Staff Member

We warmly welcome our new office **Finance Director Kendra Dunmire** to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Kendra began her new position on December 7. Kendra, a lifelong resident of Mifflin County, lives with her husband Tim in McVeytown. She has 30 years of past experience being a bookkeeper, accounting clerk and office manager. You can also see Kendra during the weekends when she waitresses at Angelo's.



Guidelines For Mass

- ❖ Masks **must** be worn at all times.
- ❖ Remain 6 ft. apart.
- ❖ Ushers will seat you at the beginning of Mass and dismiss you at the end of Mass.
- ❖ Confessions are heard in the rectory garage on Wed., 6:30-6:45 PM & Sat., 3:00-3:45 PM
- ❖ Only permitted to fill the church to approx. 1/3 capacity. Space is limited; please come early. Sunday Mass obligation is still suspended. You may want to consider attending a weekly Mass in place of Sunday.
- ❖ Doors are locked during Mass for your safety.
- ❖ The restroom is available but **must be sanitized after each use**. Please clean the restroom after use according to the directions posted inside. Children must be accompanied by an adult & the adult must clean the restroom after the child is finished
- ❖ Crying room is closed.
- ❖ Collection basket will not be passed. Place your collection in 1 of the 2 locked collection boxes provided. Collection boxes are located in the Vestibule area or at the front of the church by the handicap door.
- ❖ Votive candles are not accessible at this time. If you would like a candle lit, call the parish office and they will have a sacristan light a candle for you. Your donation may be put in the collection box.
- ❖ Father will distribute Communion at the **end** of Mass from the altar area.
- ❖ Take all belongings with you and go single file up to the altar area. Right before receiving Communion drop one side of your mask and immediately put it back on after the Eucharist is in your mouth. Put one hand on top of the other palm side up. Father will try not to touch your hand. After receiving Communion proceed out the handicap door. If you are not receiving Communion just follow the flow of people as they proceed out the door.

These guidelines are an act of charity and out of concern for your safety and not an infringement upon your personal rights. Thank you for your continued cooperation. Your diligence in adhering to these guidelines helps to prevent further safety concerns for our parishioners. **These guidelines are not optional.**

Bishop Gainer Addresses Moral Concerns on the COVID Vaccine

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
As our world continues to suffer due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, I ask that you join me in continuing to pray for an end to this pandemic. I also ask that you continue to offer prayers and gratitude for those in medical and emergency response professions. Their efforts have been nothing short of heroic during this year. As we all eagerly await the release of the COVID-19



vaccine, I write to you to clarify concerns on the moral and ethical development of these vaccines. Of most concern is that these vaccines may have been developed in a way that involved the use of cell lines from aborted babies. This is concerning, especially to Catholics, but it is also a very complex matter. Given the complex nature of this situation, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) carefully evaluated each of the expected vaccines as they relate to Catholic Moral Teaching. They stated that: "Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production. They are not completely free from any connection to abortion, however, as both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products. There is thus a connection, but it is relatively remote." I certainly understand the deep desire to avoid vaccines that are in any way connected to abortion. To aid our understanding and clarify teachings regarding vaccines and our Catholic faith, the Holy See has published several documents during the past 15 years to address these concerns. These documents do state that it is immoral to take the tissue from an aborted child for the purpose of making cell lines. However, these documents also state that, "If there is a grave health risk to the child or the person, and if there is no other option, and if the person taking the vaccine or the parent makes their objections known and actively works to see that alternatives are brought to the market, then they may use the vaccines." In short, if there is a serious health concern and there are no other options, then on the level of the recipient, it is morally permissible to accept vaccination. Based on this information, I wish to reassure you, my Catholic brothers and sisters, that once the vaccines are available and if you choose to receive it after considering the information above, it is morally permissible to do so. Some are asserting that if a vaccine is connected in any way with tainted cell lines, then it is immoral to be vaccinated with them. This is an inaccurate portrayal of Catholic moral teaching. I thank each of you for your continued observance of our Diocesan guidelines as we strive to maintain safe worship spaces as well as school and work environments. I also pray for your continued good health and for the health of all those impacted by this pandemic.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer Bishop of Harrisburg

Scout Achieves Highest Honor

Congratulations on a job well done to **Trevor Stout** who earned his Eagle Scout Rank on Dec 23, 2020. Trevor belongs to Troop 2 in Lewistown. For his project, he hardscaped and landscaped around the soccer scoreboard at the Mifflin County Middle School fields used by the Junior and Senior high school soccer teams. Trevor has been in scouting since Kindergarten when he began his scouting career as a "Lion" in cub scouts. Trevor is a Junior at Mifflin County High School and is the son of Cathy and Phil Stout. Sacred Heart is proud of your great accomplishment!



SCHOOL NEWS



SACRED HEART SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

**If assistance is needed outside of office hours, leave a message on the school answering machine at 717-248-5351 or contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781



Sacred Heart School will resume in person classes on **Monday, January 11th**. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus #1338 who will be sponsoring a **free pizza lunch** for all students on Friday, January 15th. School will be closed **Monday, January 18th** in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Keep Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus sponsored billboards with the theme “**Keep Christ in Christmas**” may now be viewed on highway 322 West. **One billboard is on the left side of the road by the Electric Ave. exit and the other on the right side by the Clarion Inn exit.** Sacred Heart School 4th grade students **Daniel McMonigal** and **George Grove** were the talented winners whose posters were turned into billboards. The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all the students of our parish and Sacred Heart School who are fantastic artists and submitted posters. It’s important to remember Christ at Christmas and that he gave us the ultimate gift.

