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The Baptism of the Lord

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Christmas season comes to its close when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. To begin his public ministry, Jesus presented himself to be baptized by John the Baptist, and God manifested Jesus as the divine Son. Because we associate baptism with the forgiveness of sins, the idea that the sinless Jesus would undergo baptism seems out of place. But the baptism of Jesus had nothing to do with forgiveness; it had everything to do with manifestation. It was a new beginning because it publicly revealed Jesus' identity, and that testimony came not from just any witness but from God. Three incidents in the Bible are traditionally called the 'epiphany' events or the 'manifestations of Jesus': the visit of the magi, the baptism, and the miracle at the wedding in Cana.

~Paul Turner

All the Old Covenant prefigurations find their fulfilment in Christ Jesus. He begins his public life after having himself baptized by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan. After his resurrection Christ gives this mission to his apostles: "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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to "fulfill all righteousness." Jesus' gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying. The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the Christ as a prelude of the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as his "beloved Son."

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1223-1224

Mass Schedule January 9 — 17

Saturday 01/09: <small>The Baptism of the Lord</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 01/10: <small>The Baptism of the Lord</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Amelia Nogoda Gould
Wednesday 01/13:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 01/14:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Friday 01/15:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Saturday 01/16: <small>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 01/17: <small>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)

Bulletin & Mass Announcements

The deadline this week for bulletin announcements is **Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** and for Mass announcements is **Friday at 9:00 a.m. Thank you!**



Safe Environment—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.



“The prayer of thanksgiving begins by recognizing that we were thought of before we learned how to think; we were loved before we learned how to love. If we view life like this, then ‘thank you’ becomes the driving force of our day.”

~Pope Francis tweet on 12/30/20

Mass Intentions—In accordance with the guidelines from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Mass stipends are deposited in a separate checking account. **If you are writing a check, please make it payable to St. Anthony Mass Account.**

The current suggested level of giving is **\$20 for a weekend Mass or \$10 for a daily Mass.** Any offering, however, is most welcome, and, if you do not have funds to offer, you are encouraged to request your Mass intention.

Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

St. Anthony—Mary Canterbury, Mary Hanson, David Dodd, Nazira Joseph, Zachariah Kushner, Christina Lopez, Michael McCallister, Maya Clark, Robin Holly, Michael Bee, William Ashworth, Terrie Rosenfeld, Anna Corbin

Our Lady of the Hills—Bert Zodorozny, Margaret Hancock, Violet Edwards, Marilyn Spencer, William Spencer, Katie Caroli, Jeanne Rollins, Steven Spencer, Doug Spencer, Harry Crede, Doug Rollins, Anna Corbin, Vickie Ayoob

Please call Father Tijo George at 304-342-2716, ext. 406 if you would like a visit and to receive communion or a home blessing.

Stewardship Report for Dec. 31, Jan. 1, 2 & 3

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 2,824.50
Donations	850.00
Other	643.57

Attendance Dec. 31—27 Jan. 2—20 Jan. 3—49

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 1,285.00
Building Fund	200.00
Other	285.00

Attendance Jan. 1—21 Jan. 3—30

Thank you for your generosity! Please remember to continue to support your parish during this difficult time. May God bless you!



Healing Prayers Offered for Covid-19 Victims

If you have a family member/friend who has been infected by the Coronavirus, Fr. Tijo would like to pray for the infected person during the private daily Masses and Sunday Masses. A votive candle will also be lit for his/her healing. Please call the parish office or Fr. Tijo to have their names included in his prayers and a votive candle lit.

Music for Liturgy

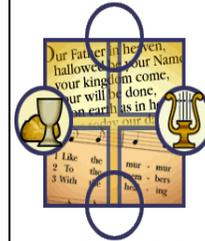
LITURGY



AND MUSIC

Entrance:	When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized — #110
Gloria:	Mass of Healing
Offertory:	Come to the Water — #603
Communion:	Spirit and Grace — #343
Recessional:	River of Glory — #643

LITURGY



AND MUSIC



St. Anne's Outreach Center

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Hills

Serving families and young expecting single mothers in Big Chimney, Clay, Clendenin, Elkview and Pinch areas.
Children—newborn to 4 yrs.

Visit us or call 304-965-7670

As of December 31, 2020, St. Anne's has served 20 children.

Balance as of <u>12/31/19</u>	\$ 3,936.49
Contributions Received	2,015.00
Less: Expenses	(1,665.51)
Balance as of <u>12/31/20</u>	\$ 4,285.98

Thank you for your generosity!



John Shawver, a St. Anthony parishioner and brother of Elizabeth Shawver passed away on Saturday, January 2, 2021. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Anthony on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Please pray for John, Elizabeth and their family and friends. May he rest in peace.

2020 Tax Contribution Statements

To save money on postage, paper and ink for our parishes, your 2020 tax contribution statements will not be automatically mailed to you. **Please contact Michele at the office (phone: 304-342-2716 or email: secretary@stanthonywv.com) after Thursday, January 14, 2020** if you would like to receive a copy of your tax contribution statement.

If you have any receipts for items purchased for your parish to be added to your statement, please submit them no later than Friday, January 22.

Thank you!

Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat—Do you desire a life of sacrifice and faithful service to God and His People? Do you desire to give yourself completely to God in a life of consecration and commitment to building up the kingdom of God here in West Virginia? Perhaps the Lord is calling you to be a Priest of Jesus Christ in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston! The annual diocesan Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 20 at the Pope St. John XXIII Pastoral Center (100 Hodges Rd, Charleston, WV 25314) from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. This event is open to men 18 years and older who are simply open to reflecting on God's will for them in their lives. The day will consist of Holy Mass, prayer, reflections on the priesthood, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. For any men interested in attending, please email Rick Teachout at rteachout@dwc.org or call him at 304-233-0880 ext. 442.

WHEN TO TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS?

The Church's liturgical season of Christmas ends in the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite with the movable feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls in early to mid-January. After revisions to the missal in 1962, the calendar of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite marks the end of Christmas on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, fixed to Jan. 13. Previously, it had been long standing tradition to mark the end of Christmastime on Feb. 2 — the feast of the Lord's Presentation in the Temple, which is literally 40 days after Christmas, as indicated in Scripture.

Our homes are to be domestic churches, where God is at the center of our family life, as our call is to worship Him always and everywhere. And so it is important for us to live liturgically in the home.

So, then, it's recommended that if we put up Christmas decorations, we should consider keep them up until the end of the Church's liturgical season of Christmas. But practically speaking, this isn't always possible. While we might need to discard our tree earlier, we can always keep up a Nativity scene longer, until the feast of the Lord's baptism or even until Feb. 2. However you choose to keep Christmas alive in your home is ultimately up to you.

~ Michael R. Heinlein



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Pope Francis has issued a decree on December 8 launching a special year dedicated to St. Joseph, coinciding with the 150th anniversary of his declaration by Pope Pius IX as Patron of the Catholic Church, hailing him as a model of fatherhood and a key intercessor in modern times. The Year of St. Joseph will run until Dec. 8, 2021. The document said the year would be an opportunity for faithful to follow St. Joseph's example and "daily strengthen their life of faith in full fulfilment of God's will. All faithful will thus have the opportunity to commit themselves, with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly Family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations which today afflict the contemporary world."

The decree outlined several instances in which faithful will be able to obtain a plenary indulgence in relation to the Year of St. Joseph, provided they meet the usual conditions of going to confession, receiving the Eucharist, and praying for the intentions of the pope.

- 1) To those who meditate on the Our Father prayer for at least 30 minutes or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph
- 2) To those who perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy
- 3) To families or engaged couples who recite the rosary together
- 4) To those who entrust their daily work to St. Joseph and those who ask St. Joseph to intercede for the unemployed
- 5) To those who recite a prayer to St. Joseph (the litanies of St. Joseph or any other prayer to St. Joseph) for the relief of Christians persecuted both inside and outside of the Church
- 6) To faithful who recite "any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honour of St. Joseph," with an encouragement to do so on the March 19 and May 1 feasts of St. Joseph, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and on the 19th of every month and on every Wednesday, which has been dedicated to St. Joseph .
- 7) To the elderly, sick, dying and those legitimately unable to leave the house, who recite an act of piety to St. Joseph under his title of Comfort of the Sick and Patron of a happy death, provided they offer their discomfort to God and fulfill the conditions for the indulgence "as soon as possible"

The decree said: "In the current context of health emergency, the gift of the plenary indulgence is particularly extended to the elderly, the sick, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave the house, who, with a soul detached from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions, in their own home or where the impediment keeps them, recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, comfort of the sick and patron of a happy death, offering with trust in God the pains and discomforts of their life."

Come and Strengthen your Faith....!

**Join us at St. Anthony Parish Center
on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.**

The Topic is "Mary and the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints"

This Session will cover:

- Why Catholics pay so much attention to Mary and the saints
- The four basic dogmas the Church teaches about Mary
- What Catholics really mean when they say they pray to Mary and the saints
- Why Catholics believe Mary remained a virgin all her life if the Bible says Jesus had "brothers and sisters"
- Why Mary is the "Queen of Heaven"
- The Rosary

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our defense 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,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

