



Think of what it's like to wait a long time. Can you imagine what it would be like to wait for centuries? No one person lives that long, of course. But for the Israelites, they had heard

the stories from generation to generation. They had been conquered time and time again, and now "the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." They had been waiting for a Messiah, one who did miraculous deeds and said profound things; someone aglow with the glory of God. We all know what it's like to hope and be disappointed. But what if your hopes were fulfilled?

That day at the Jordan River, an audience had gathered. Among the crowd for baptism was an unknown man. Perhaps he was dirty from weeks in the desert. His hands had the calloused palms of a tradesman, a carpenter. He and John the Baptist may have embraced with the familiarity of the cousins they were. This man wades into the Jordan for a good, solid dunking. As he rises from the water, the One who breathed life into Adam gasps for air like any other man.

But then "heaven was opened." The clouds in the sky part miles above. "And the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." An apparition with substance sails through the sky. It exudes gentleness and power all at once. "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Can you imagine the sight? For the crowd, there is no doubting what they have seen, who they have seen. Can you imagine this encounter with our God who keeps His promises? What are you waiting for?



Today's Homily

On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord we renew the promises we made at our own baptism: that we will be the Lord's loyal followers and be generous with our lives in the way that he has shown us.



Weekly Scripture Passage for Next Weekend

January 19th & January 20th, 2018

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5 (66C)

Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

Scripture readings are held each **Wednesday after 8am Mass in the Rectory.** These readings help us to prepare for the upcoming Sunday's Gospel.



**St. Joseph's
Altar & Rosary
Society Meeting**
will be held on Tuesday,
January 15th at 1:00pm in
the Parish Hall.

**TAKING DOWN
CHRISTMAS
DECORATIONS**



Please join us on Sunday,
January 13th after the
10:30am Mass,
we will be taking down the
Christmas decorations, any and all help would be
greatly appreciated.



The bloodmobile will here Friday, January 18th from 1:00 - 5:00pm in the Parish Hall.



Home care giver available for taking care of your loved ones. Please contact Kathy Eley at (716) 207-0213.



Did you know that you can honor your loved ones memory with a Mass Intention? Mass Intentions can be requested for any week day or weekend Mass for a stipend of \$15.00. What a wonderful way to honor a close friend or relative!

Gift to God:

Collection Week Of: 01/06/2019

\$3558 Regular Collection,
\$40 Religious Education,
\$499 New Year's Collection
\$160 Fuel,

Attendance Week Of: 01/06/2019

Saturday Mass 5pm ~ 49
Sunday Mass 8am ~ 69
Sunday Mass 10:30am ~ 95
Total = 213

**Counters for January 20th - Z
September-December**

YTD Collections \$57,098
YTD Budget \$53,654
YTD Variance \$3,444



Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week
M - Memorial A - Anniversary L - Living
Monday, January 14th

8am Members of the Golden Treasury of Masses*

Tuesday, January 15th

8am Jennifer Barry - M
(Stephen & Valerie Horvath)

Wednesday, January 16th

8am Cecelia Fronckowiak
(Ray & Ann Zywiczyński)

Thursday, January 17th

8am All Souls

Friday, January 18th

8am Stan Zywiczyński
(Ray & Ann Zywiczyński)

Saturday, January 19th

5pm Fr. Matt and the Wendzikowski Family

Sunday, January 20th

8am All Souls
10:30am In Loving Memory of the Horvath Brothers & Sisters
(Stephen & Valerie Horvath)

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 19th
5pm Cameron Kehl
Sunday, January 20th
8am Help Needed
10:30am Catherine Youngers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 19th
5pm N Kolacki, E & B Russell
Sunday, January 20th
8am J Hilton & M Major
10:30am K Gray & P McBride

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 19th
5pm Pam Turner
Sunday, January 20th
8am John Hilton
10:30am Katie McMicken

SACRISTAN SCHEDULE

Sat/Sun January 19th - January 20th
• 5pm K Shanahan • 8am L Ruminski • 10:30am S Jackson