

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## 10 JANUARY 2021

**Readings for Sunday, January 10:** Isaiah 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11.

Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father. He is the light of the nations and Lord of all creation. To him be all glory and praise! All who are thirsty, come to the waters, to the Lord, the fountain of salvation. Jesus Christ came through water and blood. He is the Son in whom the Father is well pleased.

**Readings for Sunday, January 17:** 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42.

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**St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Wednesday.**  
**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 4:00 PM in the Church.**

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### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>			<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
12 Jan.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Agnes Slaby	Daughter, Sharon
13 Jan.	WED.	9:00 AM	C. Ronald Yost, Jr.	John & Elaine Norman
14 Jan.	THU.	9:00 AM	Eleanor Laguna	Dorothy Levanovitch
15 Jan.	FRI.	9:00 AM	Thomas Roberts	Wife, Louise & family
16 Jan	SAT.	4:00 PM	Steven & Mary Slaby	David & Janet Slaby
17 Jan.	SUN.	9:00 AM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	

**Mass on weekdays will be in the Church. Remember to practice the social distancing guidelines and wear a face mask or covering for the safety of all.**



**ETERNAL REST** grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, especially NICHOLAS FALCONE, JR.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING** of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.

**REMEMBER OUR TROOPS:** Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN!** However, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, for the safety of our parishioners and staff, all parish business will be conducted by phone (610-326-5127), regular mail or email ([contact@sgsm62.org](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org)).

**THE ROSARY** is prayed on weekdays before the 9:00 AM Mass. We also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. We welcome all to join us for these special Marian Devotions.

**2021 MASS BOOK** - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day for January to June 2021 are now being accepted. Mass stipend is \$10.00. Please call the parish office to schedule Masses.

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS** received in memory of:

RALPH MINOTTO from Catherine Sands;

BOB CONNELLY from Tony & Theresa Vitacco.

*Parish Support*

WEEKLY BUDGET.. . . . .	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR DECEMBER 27, 2020. . . . .	\$12,317
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,522
Parish Giving -	\$350
Christmas Collection -	\$8,440
Christmas Flowers -	\$5
WEEKLY SURPLUS. . . . .	\$7,317
Year to Date Budget. . . . .	\$130,000
Year to Date Collections. . . . .	\$110,131
Average per week Collection	\$4,236
Year to Date Deficit. . . . .	(\$19,869)
Average per week Deficit	(\$764)

*DECEMBER 29, 2019*

Deposit. . . . .	\$13,823
2019-2020 Deficit to Date. . . . .	(\$15,144)
Difference from previous year. . . . .	(\$4,725)
Christmas Collection 2019. . . . .	\$9,182

WEEKLY BUDGET.. . . . .	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 3, 2021. . . . .	\$3,764
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$2,506
Parish Giving -	\$355
Solemnity of Mary Collection -	\$903
WEEKLY DEFICIT. . . . .	(\$1,236)
Year to Date Budget. . . . .	\$135,000
Year to Date Collections. . . . .	\$113,895
Average per week Collection	\$4,218
Year to Date Deficit. . . . .	(\$21,105)
Average per week Deficit	(\$782)

*JANUARY 5, 2020*

Deposit. . . . .	\$5,953
2019-2020 Deficit to Date. . . . .	(\$14,191)
Difference from previous year. . . . .	(\$6,914)

**CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL. Call the Parish Office for more details.**

**“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”**

**ON THE THIRD DAY**

610-705-0130

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Fulfilling the Church’s mission of mercy and the gospel call to love others as we love God, The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection funds Catholic agencies that work for the benefit of our brothers and sisters around the world. In providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims of atrocities such as human trafficking, the organizations supported by the CRS collection act from their belief that every individual is an equal heir of Christ’s love and care.

The annual Catholic Relief Services collection challenges American Catholics to put their faith into action and to see “Jesus in disguise” in the faces of the poor, and to support ongoing efforts to respond to their needs. The funds collected support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life. A small amount from the collection is retained by the Archdiocese to help cover local efforts to promote this collection.

The collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the weekend of January 16 and 17, 2021. The American Catholic community, and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in particular, have always responded very generously to this annual collection.

I am grateful to you for your compassionate response. May you be blessed for your faithfulness to living the Gospel and recognizing Jesus in those in need.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Most Reverend Nelso J. Pérez, D.D.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

**2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** Requests can be made by email ([contact@sgsm62.org](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org)) or phone (610-326-5127). Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their envelopes). Statements will be available by January 31, 2021.

**MASS ATTENDANCE for December 24/25:**

4:00 PM Mass - 165  
9:00 AM Mass - 47  
Total Attendance - 212

**MASS ATTENDANCE for December 26/27:**

4:00 PM Mass - 59  
9:00 AM Mass - 66  
Total Attendance - 125

**MASS ATTENDANCE for January 1:**

9:00 AM Mass - 78

**MASS ATTENDANCE for January 2/3:**

4:00 PM Mass - 58  
9:00 AM Mass - 59  
Total Attendance - 117

**RAFFLE** sponsored by Knights of Columbus Father Bally Council for a trip for 4 to Walt Disney World for a week. Included is airfare, hotel on site, park tickets. Raffle tickets are \$25.00 and only 800 tickets will be sold. Helps K of C charitable works. Drawing on March 21. Contact Ozzie Mest ([Omest@att.net](mailto:Omest@att.net)), Chris Owens (484-347-0756) or Gary Huster for tickets.

**JANUARY 23 PHILADELPHIA MARCH FOR LIFE** - Join us at the Philadelphia March for Life on Sunday, January 23 - sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Life and Family, the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia and many other organizations. The event will include a 9:00 AM Mass at the Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Pérez, followed by a march to the Philadelphia Women’s Center and a closing rally at Independence Mass from 12:00-1:00 PM. This commemorates the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court ruling that has resulted in over 60 million deaths, thousands of injured women and 500,000 deaths in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Face masks and social distancing are required at all times. Free and paid parking at the Cathedral and paid parking in the vicinity of Independence Mass. See [www.prolifeunion.org](http://www.prolifeunion.org) for details.



**PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET** based

on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. **Raffle Drawing** Winning ticket number must be the exact number drawn for the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are sold on a monthly basis. The prize for the winning ticket is \$50.00 on weekdays and \$100.00 on Sundays and one specially-designated weekday. **This is our major fund raiser for the parish. We encourage each family to purchase at least one ticket each month. Your support is greatly appreciated. JANUARY LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE TICKETS.**

**LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS**

- December 21 - #479 - unsold
- December 22 - #862 - Elaine Norman - \$50.00
- December 23 - #042 - unsold
- December 24 - #712 - unsold
- December 25 - #459 - Doris Yarmush - \$100.00
- December 26 - #998 - unsold
- December 27 - #235 - unsold
- December 28 - #014 - unsold
- December 29 - #054 - unsold
- December 30 - #296 - unsold
- December 31 - #030 - unsold
- DECEMBER FIGURES: 231 tickets sold - \$1,155.00.
- Payout to winners - \$500.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for December - \$555.00. THANK YOU to everyone for supporting this fund raiser.
- January 1 - #276 - unsold
- January 2 - #859 - unsold
- January 3 - #883 - unsold

**METANOIA** is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County that supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Upcoming events: Tuesday, January 12 - Virtual Bible Study, The Year of St. Joseph at 7:30 PM; Tuesday, January 19 - Virtual Bingo Night with Prizes at 7:30 PM. Contact [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com) or visit [www.metanoiayoungadults.org](http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org) for more information.

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

### First Reading - Isaiah 55:1-11

Thus says the Lord: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

### Responsorial Psalm

℟ You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

▶ God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. ℟

▶ Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name. ℟

▶ Sing praise to the Lord for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great is your midst is the Holy One of Israel! ℟

### Second Reading - 1 John 5:1-9

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

### Gospel - Mark 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."