

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

11 JANUARY 2026

Readings for Sunday, January 11: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17.

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.

Readings for Sunday, January 18: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34.



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 5:00 PM in the Church. Benediction at 5:00 PM.



<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>	
12 Jan.	MON.	9:00 AM	Joyce Mahon	Husband, Charles
13 Jan.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Agnes Slaby	Daughter, Sharon
14 Jan.	WED.	9:00 AM	James Baldasano	Jack & Lori Carr
15 Jan.	THU.	9:00 AM	Mary Gacura	Daughter, Kathy
17 Jan.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
18 Jan.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Ken Mangeldorf	Leah Campbell



ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.
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.



NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in this special Marian Devotions.

THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY will be running a fund raiser involving ANY old or broken jewelry to include costume, silver, gold, mismatched, etc. Start January by getting rid of old, broken or unwanted items. More details to follow.



THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP leads the recitation of the Rosary every Sunday before the 9:00 AM Mass. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join in these Marian Devotions.



2026 MASS BOOK - Requests for Mass Intentions to be offered in 2026 can be made at the Parish Office. There is a limit of one weekend Mass per person requesting the Mass Intention. This is necessary due to the limited number of weekend Masses available.

LOST WEEK

Collections at St. Gabriel *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR DECEMBER 28, 2025. \$13,263
2025-2026 Year to Date Collections. \$116,691

DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 4, 2026. \$6,908
2025-2026 Year to Date Collections. \$123,599

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 17 AND 18 will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:
DECEMBER DRAWING - Rita Ferraro - \$268.00.



APPAREL ALERT! Orders are being accepted for our parish apparel. Items available are: T-Shirt - \$10; Sweatshirt with hood - \$25; Men's and Women's Polo Shirts - \$25. Colors available are Kelly Green and Sunburst Yellow. 1/4 Zip - \$35; Full Zip hoodies - \$30 -

color is Forest Green. Logo on all apparel is in the upper left corner. Sizes: S to XL - larger sizes are available (just add \$2) and we have youth sizes too! PROMOTE YOUR PARISH!!! Complete the order form in the vestibule of Church and return to the parish office along with payment or contact Maria Boyer (mboyer@sgsm62.org).



CHURCH MAGNETS are available at the Parish Office. They can be placed on your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00 each.



PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. 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.

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- December 22 - #672 - unsold
- December 23 - #594 - unsold
- December 24 - #597 - unsold
- December 25 - #598 - unsold
- December 26 - #994 - unsold
- December 27 - #065 - unsold
- December 28 - #422 - Shirley Mohn - \$50.00
- December 29 - #460 - unsold
- December 30 - #173 - unsold
- December 31 - #221 - unsold

DECEMBER FIGURES: 246 tickets sold - \$1,230.00.
Payout to winners - \$100.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00.
Profit for December - \$1,030.00

- January 1 - #328 - Maria & Steve Boyer - \$100.00
- January 2 - #360 - unsold
- January 3 - #909 - Bob Zomolsky - \$50.00
- January 4 - #980 - unsold

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JANUARY 17/18

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Willemsen

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, George; Break, Bracaglia & Vitacco; Choir, Nester

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Carr; Break, Bernhard & Gerasimowicz

Altar Servers - Nagel & Miller

Greeter - Neiman



The Corner

The Baptism of the Lord commemorates Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. The event marks the beginning of His public ministry and signifies His revelation as the Son of God.

MASS ATTENDANCE for December 24/25:

4:00 PM Mass 316

9:00 AM Mass - 111

Total Attendance - 427

MASS ATTENDANCE for December 27/28:

4:00 PM Mass - 118

9:00 AM Mass - 109

Total Attendance - 227

MASS ATTENDANCE December 31/January 1:

4:00 PM Mass - 131

9:00 AM Mass - 49

Total Attendance - 180

MASS ATTENDANCE for January 3/4:

4:00 PM Mass - 168

9:00 AM Mass - 110

Total Attendance - 278



PAINTING OF INSIDE OF CHURCH

Painting of the interior of the Church will begin on Monday, January 12. The project is expected to take two to three weeks.

During this time, weekday Masses will be held in the Church social hall.

Weekend Masses will still be held in the Church. One side of the Church will be blocked off each weekend.

The Devotional Candles will not be available during the painting for safety reasons.

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work to refresh and beautify our Church.



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD

DRIVE on January 19 and February 2 and 16 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Consider donating blood for those in need. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org.



LOW GLUTEN HOSTS - We have low gluten hosts for those who need gluten free. Please see Father before Mass to let him know you require the low gluten host.

IRELAND & ENGLAND

With Fr. Jeffrey R. and Dcn. Mike Plese
July 17-29, 2026

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Cliffs of Moher, the Dingle Peninsula,
Dublin, Stonehenge, London,
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RESTORE: A HEALING RETREAT FOR MEN AND WOMEN AT THE MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE - Thursday, January 29 to Sunday, February 1. How do anxiety, compulsive behaviors, or emotional wounding get in your way of the meaningful and authentic relationships you were made to experience? God desires to bring us restoration and healing so we will live from the truth that we are His beloved sons and daughters. Through unique, facilitated healing encounters, our Lord gently invites us into a fully integrated experience – mind, heart, body, spirit, soul. Come...and let Him Restore you! Retreat Leaders - Father Stephen DeLacy and De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry. For more information visit www.youaremadenew.com/restore-retreats or email De at de@youaremadenew.com.

02-28 2026



MAN UP PHILLY

PHILADELPHIA'S ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
"PICK UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME"

Man Up Philly 2026 invites the men of the **Achdiocese of Philadelphia** to the 18th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference to be held on Saturday, February 28th at **Cardinal O'Hara's St. John Vianney Hall Theater**.

We encourage all men – fathers, sons, brothers, friends – to join us for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship. Start the season of Lent by **Picking up Your Cross** and following Jesus for your family, parish, and community.



CHRIS GHEYSENS
CEO of Wawa



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Philadelphia Priest,
Founder and Chaplain of
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NFL / Philly Eagles
Football player, Author,
Motivational Speaker



MARK FOREST
Internationally Acclaimed
Irish Tenor



ALB. NELSON PEREZ
Archbishop of
Philadelphia

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, VISIT
www.ManUpPhilly.com



RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE: Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 6-8 at the Family Life Center in Malvern. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.


Join the Flame of Love Philly Leaders for the Feast Day of the Flame of Love

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2026

Malvern Retreat House
315 S. Warren Avenue
Malvern, PA 19352
Retreat will be held in the Upper McShane Hall

TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT, RSVP to FLAMEOFLOVEPHILLY@GMAIL.COM
No charge for this Feast Day - Free Will Offerings are appreciated!

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT!



Mary: "On the feast of Candlemas, my beloved sons will introduce the Flame of Love of my heart in procession, so that, in such fashion, it becomes a living fire in the hearts, in the souls." pg.39-40 Blue Diary

***Relic of the Veil of Manoppello will be present for Veneration
***Flame of Love materials table will be available
***Bring your candles to be blessed for Candlemas Day

The St. Carlo Acutis Shrine & Eucharistic Center is open to the public on Mondays!



SCHEDULE:

- 9:30 Check in - Upper McShane Hall Adoration
- 9:45 Flame of Love Rosary, Confessions
- 11:00 Holy Mass
- 12:00 Break - Fasting Bread available --or bring your own lunch
- 1:00 Talks - Christ Be Our Light and the Holy Face Devotion: *Revelations to Sr. Mary of St. Peter, Leo Dupont & St. Therese of the Child Jesus & the Holy Face*
- 3:00 Adoration and prayers
- 3:30 Benediction/Farewell

JANUARY 11, 2026 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

They start forming while we are still toddlers. They continue through our teens. They grow more serious in our college years (if we go there) and they actually never completely go away. I refer to “Why?” questions.

Today’s great Feast provides the background for a serious example. Why was Jesus baptized? After all, if a major reason for our own baptism is to free us from original sin and its effects, whatever has it to do with a sinless Jesus, the only Son of God?

Jesus Himself gives us the answer when John the Baptist balks at the idea of baptizing Him. He tells John to do it “to fulfill all righteousness.” But what does that mean?

We must deal with the word for two reasons. First, there is the fact that Jesus uses it. Second, the word appears many times in the bible. Righteousness is all about God’s plan for mankind and the various helps he uses to stay the course. That course is *God’s plan and purpose*. One can see its application in the phrase that “all things are right with the world” to mean that justice and peace prevail and are both aligned with the divine will.

Of course, such discussion leads to the very personal “why?” or “why not?” questions we must ask ourselves concerning this whole project we have been given as Christians. We must live according to our baptismal promises. If you are not sure of what they are, just search the internet sometime today or in the coming week. They make for a good basis for any Christian New Year’s resolutions.

A secondary answer to the question of why Jesus was baptized, is the fact of His identification with us, in all things but sin that is. One of the beautiful comments I have read about the Baptism event is this: At our baptism, the water makes us holy. In the Lord’s case, He makes the water holy.

Once upon a time a renowned Southern Baptist preacher came upon an old man fishing. He watched and waited until the old gentleman pulled in an unusually ugly looking fish.

“What kind of fish is that?” asked the preacher. “Dey calls it a Baptist fish,” the old man answered. “What’s a Baptist fish?” asked the preacher. The old man explained: “Dey calls dem dat ‘cause dey spoils so fast after dey is taken out of de water.”

God love you and give you His peace.

Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

The divinely chosen Servant will not only be gentle but also never discouraged. The Lord will form a covenant that will free all the people.

Reading II: Acts 10:34-38

Jesus is anointed at His baptism with the Holy Spirit and power. God is with Him as He does good and heals those “oppressed by the devil.”

The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus approaches John the Baptist (His cousin) to be baptized. John at first protests. Then Jesus tells him “It is fitting for them to fulfill all righteousness.”