

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## 12 JANUARY 2025

**Readings for Sunday, January 12:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.

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! On Jesus, the beloved of the Father, the glory of the Lord has been revealed. Salvation is offered to all, and the earth is renewed!

**Readings for Sunday, January 19:** Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11.



**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> |
|-------------|--------------|--|---------------------|
| 13 Jan.     | MON. 9:00 AM | Steve & Mary Slaby   | Janet & Dave        |
| 14 Jan.     | TUE. 9:00 AM | Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish |                     |
| 15 Jan.     | WED. 9:00 AM | Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families                 |                     |
| 16 Jan.     | THU. 9:00 AM | Mary Gacura  | Daughter, Kathy     |
| 18 Jan.     | SAT. 4:00 PM | Thomas Marcheskie, Jr.                                     | Wife & children     |
| 19 Jan.     | SUN. 9:00 AM | Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish |                     |



**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 Devotion.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Tuesday, January 14 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.



**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



**2025 MASS BOOK** - Requests for Masses to be offered in 2025 can be made at the Parish Office. There is a limit of one Mass on weekends per person requesting the Mass Intention. This is necessary due to the limited number of weekend Masses available.

join in these Marian Devotions.

LOST WEEK

# Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

**DEPOSIT FOR DECEMBER 29, 2024.** . . . . . \$11,386  
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$116,490

**DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 5, 2025** . . . . . \$5,913  
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$122,403

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**, January 18 and 19 will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

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

**“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”**

**ST. GABRIEL LODGE**  
610-326-4137



**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](mailto: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 23 - #419 - unsold
- December 24 - #890 - unsold
- December 25 - #191 - unsold
- December 26 - #696 - unsold
- December 27 - #683 - unsold
- December 28 - #773 - unsold
- December 29 - #456 - unsold
- December 30 - #084 - unsold
- December 31 - #408 - unsold
- DECEMBER FIGURES: 244 tickets sold - \$1,220.00. Payout to winners - \$0. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for December - \$1,120.00.
- January 1 - #461 - unsold
- January 2 - #691 - unsold
- January 3 - #608 - unsold
- January 4 - #074 - unsold
- January 5 - #293 - unsold

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

- 4:00 PM Mass - 284
- 9:00 AM Mass - 101
- Total Attendance - 385

**MASS ATTENDANCE for December 28/29:**

- 4:00 PM Mass - 111
- 9:00 AM Mass - 106
- Total Attendance - 217

**MASS ATTENDANCE for December 31/January 1:**

- 4:00 PM Mass - 103
- 9:00 AM Mass - 108
- Total Attendance - 211

**MASS ATTENDANCE for January 4/5:**

- 4:00 PM Mass - 135
- 9:00 AM Mass - 124
- Total Attendance - 259

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JANUARY 18/19

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Durante & George; Choir, Durante

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - Scheidt

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Servers - Tran & Griffin

Greeter - Neiman

**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.

### *The Corner*

The Baptism of the Lord is called the Theophany in the Eastern Church, celebrating not only Christ's conquering of sin through baptism but also God's revelation of Christ as His Son and the beginning of Christ's ministry.

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS** received in memory of: **DAVID DE FRANCESCO** from Jack Buccaglia and family; Tony Vitacco; Pete & Lori LaRosa; Al Testa.

### WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS

**Thank You** to all who participated in our holiday bake sale either by purchasing or baking. The next bake sale is set for Super Bowl weekend, February 8 and 9 after Masses. Baked goods and snacks will be available for purchase.

**Flags** - Recently the Papal and American flags in Church were replaced. They were donated by member Lorraine DeCarlo in memory of her husband, Alfred DeCarlo. Thank you Lorraine.

**Santina & Douglassville Café Gift Certificates** continue to be sold. Pick them up after Masses or at the Parish Office for \$15.00 each. The Café serves breakfast and lunch and soon will open for dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**Meatball & Sauce Sale** - Be sure to check the bulletin in the coming weeks for the meatball & sauce sale order form. Pick up will be on March 1.

### EVENTS AT PADRE PIO CENTRE

**Padre Pio Prayer Group** on Saturday, January 18. Padre Pio envisioned the prayer groups as a way to cultivate the faith and to unite both our intentions and actions to Jesus in a community setting. Prayer Group sessions at the National Centre for Padre Pio are not held virtually. Contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org) if you live in the area and would like to join the Prayer Group. Schedule: Confessions 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM. Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:30 AM. Spiritual talk following Mass. Rosary and Benediction following the Spiritual talk. Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio following Benediction. Concludes at approximately 12:00 PM. Father John Frink serves as the Spiritual Director.

**ARCHBISHOP PÉREZ'S PASTORAL LETTER** - Archbishop Pérez published a Pastoral Letter on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. This letter outlines his hopes for the Church of Philadelphia over the coming years. He is asking for your help in being a part of the process. The first thing to do is to visit [www.trustandhope.org](http://www.trustandhope.org) or using the QR code; watching the video; and then reading the Archbishop's letter. After that, please also sign up for one of the Archdiocese Consultation Sessions and learn even more.



American Red Cross

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES** on January 13 and 20 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The American Red Cross faces challenges maintaining a sufficient blood supply during the winter.

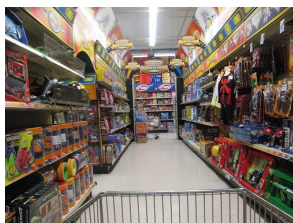
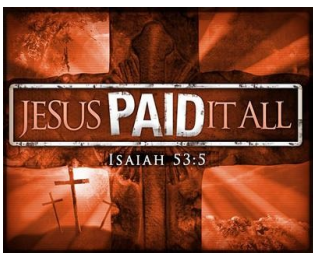
When a shortage happens it can delay essential medical care. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [www.RedCross.org](http://www.RedCross.org) to donate blood.





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Hey guys! I suppose that it kinda began this way. One day, one guy simply spoke to another guy. The first guy had an idea and thought that the second guy might be interested. The guys' conversation probably went something like this: *Hey guy! Would you be interested in starting a business? Hey, that's a great idea, guy! Count me in! How about we, guys, open a variety store? It'd sort of be like a supersize "five and ten."* Of course, the gals would be invited too. *Cool guy! What will we call the store, guy?* Thus, began *Two Guys* variety store. If you're old enough, you might remember *Two Guys*. The store existed in the days well before *Target* and *Walmart*. *Amazon* and online shopping wasn't even a thought in anyone's head. *Two Guys* was actually founded in the NYC metro area in 1946 and years later would expand reaching over into PA. I can remember making pilgrimage there as a youngster. My mother certainly liked to shop, but she didn't drive. That task fell to my father. Dutiful and loving husband that he was, our shopping excursions often happened on Saturdays. The closest *Two Guys* to us was in the Horsham-Warminster-Willow Grove area. If I recall, it was located about the area where 611 crosses the Turnpike. Our northern journey on 611 seemed like it was like a hundred miles from home for a little guy. After we arrived, whoever had "serious" shopping to do, left me in the charge of the other. While my mother shopped for house wares, I was with my father. When he was in need of a new shirt, I was with my mother. For some reason, I always seemed to get lost and distracted in the toy section of the store. Of course, the sporting goods section also held my attention. That's where I usually spent time with my father when he had charge of me. The return trip home was always great because I always had something new (toy, shirt, jacket, ball, or perhaps some candy) and we'd stop for lunch on the drive home. Those were great times; simpler times. It was wonderful family time for a little guy at *Two Guys*. Of course, times change and *Two Guys* has gone the way of so many other stores that once were, but no longer are. I suppose that in some ways the Church is like a variety store. There is oh so much available if one considers languages, customs, cultures, Traditions, and Her various Rites. It is well worth the "drive" to get there! We can "shop" with a limitless credit card on which the "bill" has already been paid. In a certain sense, I wonder if our Church founded by Christ, could be said to have been started by two guys. Just as the two guys of *Two Guys*, didn't found "variety stores," so the two guys in our Church didn't found "Church." In both situations though, two guys did expand and expound on that which had already been founded. But unlike Herbert and Sidney Hubschman of *Two Guys*, whose store went out of business, Sts. Peter and Paul have a "store" whose doors are guaranteed to never shutter. The weekend is here. It's time for a little family time and time for a little excursion. The Church founded by Christ and started by two guys is open for business. See you there! And hey guy, look for me in the toy aisle!



Peace,  
Fr. Wilson

**METANOIA** is an active community of Catholic young adults in Montgomery County. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our upcoming events begin at 7:30 PM on most Tuesdays unless otherwise noted. As gathering circumstances are always changing, please be sure you are subscribed to our newsletter to receive access to our latest information by heading to [www.metanoiayoungadults.org](http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org).

Tuesday, January 14: Bible Study at St. David's, Willow Grove.

Tuesday, January 21: Theology on Tap at Local Tap, Lansdale. Doors open at 7:00 PM, Presentation begins at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, January 28: Prayer, Penance, Pub at Mary Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales.

Contact [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com) for more information.

#### **EVENTS AT VILLA MARIA BY THE SEA RETREAT CENTER**

**Private Day of Prayer** on Wednesday, January 22 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Cost is \$25.00. On the Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn, spend a quiet day praying for the intention of the right to life from conception until natural death. Throughout the day, there will be periods of communal prayer for this very special intention. Lunch is provided.

**Arise and Call her Blessed** on Friday, January 31 from 8:45 AM to 2:15 PM. Cost is \$60 (you may opt to stay overnight the evening before this event for an additional \$95). Presented by Sr. Shelia Galligan IHM. Come to celebrate God's gift of his Mother - whom we usually refer to as the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let's "push pause" and take some time to slowly squeeze the juice out of the descriptive "Blessed" as well as our everyday "go to" prayer: the Hail Mary. Let's come to appreciate the role the Blessed Mother plays in keeping us close to Jesus. Coffee and check-in begin at 8:45 AM. The day includes Mass and lunch.

Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center is located in Stone Harbor, NJ. For more information or to register for these events visit [www.VMbytheSea.com](http://www.VMbytheSea.com).



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**ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY** is accepting applications for the third annual Felicia Jemionek Rzeznik Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,500 scholarship to a qualified student of Polish ancestry residing within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pursuing full-time undergraduate studies at an accredited college or university in the United States. Full information about the scholarship is included in the QR Code. For any questions, please call Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861).



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