

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## 9 JANUARY 2022

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

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 16:** Isaiah 62:1-5; 2 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>
10 Jan.	MON. 9:00 AM	Joseph Lewis Greis	Wife, Sarah, Children, Grandchildren, Greatgrands
11 Jan.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Agnes & Edward Slaby	Daughter, Sharon
12 Jan.	WED. 9:00 AM	Anthony & Mary Della Penna	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
13 Jan.	THU. 9:00 AM	John & Carole Della Penna	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
15 Jan.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Michael DeLorenzo	Grandmom, Ann Discher
16 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.

**PRAY THE ROSARY** - Join the Knights of Columbus Father Bally Council #1192 on Monday, January 10 at 7:00 PM in the Church to pray the Rosary. All are welcome!

**SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING** on Tuesday, January 11 at 1:30 PM in the social hall. Anyone 55 or older is welcome to join the Senior Citizens Group.

**COPIES OF THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE WORD AMONG US** are at the church entrances. There is no charge for the books - please feel free to take a copy home with you.

**MEETING** to discuss the Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine and Rosary Garden on Monday, January 17 at 7:00 PM in the social hall. Anyone interested in helping with this project is asked to attend the meeting. Come and offer your talents!



It might be nice. It would certainly be a very captivating and rather dramatic story to tell. Resting upon a rock on a high peak in the Aberdare Mountain Range of Central Kenya after a long day of hiking alone, an angel-like figure in a white robe suddenly stood by me against the backdrop of a deep blue, clear sky. There was a heavenly aura as he smiled and spoke. The words that emerged from his mouth made impact upon my ears and my heart. *My dearest son, God is calling you to be a priest!* Well, aright then. I ran down the mountain to relate everything to my father. As a world renowned immunologist, he traveled to Central Kenya to stave off disease amongst the native population there and I had accompanied him on my first flight ever in order to render assistance. My father was overjoyed at the news. He wept profuse tears of joy. We immediately began making plans for the big ordination party. Yeah. Well, reality is just a bit different. My father wasn't a doctor and neither he nor I were ever in Africa. I was raised in the city and lived in a simple row house in East Oak Lane. Any visions that I may have had I'll keep to myself thank you very much and the first plane that I was ever aboard never left the ground let alone flew to another continent. Flannery's was a famous airplane restaurant in Pennel near Langhorne. As a kid, it always intrigued me as I passed by it with my parents on our way to Oxford Valley Mall. Mall trips were then the extent of my exotic travel. Dining on the plane was a surprise birthday present one year. I had ne'er the thought that I would, one day, be serving as a priest within walking distance of that plane. Forget about making reservations though. The plane's no longer there;



a gas station is. The call to priesthood, diaconate, or religious life may not be dramatic, but there are definitely many signs along the way. Deacon Ray recently told me the story of a diaconate retreat. The retreat itself was just so-so. The food offered during the retreat was even more so-so. At some point, he was off by himself by a little creek enjoying nature. It was then that God spoke to his heart. Deacon told me, "I just knew." He would then commit to studying for diaconate, a calling which his wife, Millie, would also have to come to embrace. I'm sure that God spoke to her heart at some point as well and that she, too, "just knew." I remember hearing somewhere that in turning in prayer to Saint Therese of Lisieux, one might ask for a sign. Therese is known for giving roses. I figured it couldn't hurt. At some point, in my discernment, I figured well okay, if I'm meant to study for priesthood, then how about sending me a rose Saint Therese? Amen. A couple of days passed. That Sunday after Mass, I was handed a rose. How about that, right? But, I wasn't meant to keep it. It was given to me to give to another. Constance was a Communion call of mine at the time and Constance was a sweet woman that prayed constantly for me living indeed up to her name. She had a particular devotion to the Little Flower. I was to bring her the rose that day. On the way to her house and throughout that day all I seemed to do was encounter roses. Every front lawn and every garden seemed to contain a rose bush in full bloom. Even that tiniest little Charlie Brown Christmas tree-like bush that was on the wee bit of grass in front of my own house had a rose blooming upon it. Therese made her point. It was then that I "just knew." The call to religious life isn't always dramatic. In fact, in most cases it's not. Pray for vocations. Pray that some among us might answer the call to priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. Pray to Saint Therese. Ask perhaps for a rose and pray that more individuals might "just know."



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

LOST WEEK

# Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR DECEMBER 25, 2021. . . . . \$8,712  
 DEPOSIT FOR DECEMBER 26, 2021. . . . . \$2,703  
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. . . \$108,900  
 2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. . . \$110,131

DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 2, 2022. . . . . \$2,974  
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. . . \$111,874  
 2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. . . \$113,815

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

4:00 PM Mass - 267  
 9:00 AM Mass - 78  
 Total Attendance - 345

**MASS ATTENDANCE for December 26:**

9:00 AM Mass - 106

**MASS ATTENDANCE for January 1:**

9:00 AM Mass - 42

**MASS ATTENDANCE for January 1-2:**

4:00 PM Mass - 65  
 9:00 AM Mass - 96  
 Total Attendance - 161

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

**“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”**

**MISHOCK PHYSICAL THERAPY & ASSOCIATES**  
 610-327-2600

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

LAWRENCE VITACCO from Mary Lenhardt, Ron &  
 Kathy Bernhard;  
MELODY G. BAUROTH-SHERMAN from Tony &  
 Theresa Vitacco.

January, 2022

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 the collection.

The collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the weekend of January 15 and 16, 2022. 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 yours in Christ,  
 + **Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.**  
 Archbishop of Philadelphia

**WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE DRAWING  
 to support Religious Education:**  
 DECEMBER DRAWING - Kathy Pennypacker -  
 \$275.00.



### **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 20 - #845- unsold  
December 21 - #739 - John Bracaglia - \$50.00  
December 22 - #001 - unsold  
December 23 - #603 - Theresa Yost - \$50.00  
December 24 - #038 - unsold  
December 25 - #109 - Vicki Hansell - \$100.00  
December 26 - #280 - unsold  
December 27 - #474 - unsold  
December 28 - #891 - unsold  
December 29 - #075 - Mariann Horan - \$50.00  
December 30 - #982 - unsold  
December 31 - #280 - unsold  
DECEMBER FIGURES: 255 tickets sold - \$1,275.00.  
Payout to winners - \$350.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for December - \$825.00.



All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish.

Go to our website and click on the FORMED.org picture at the top of the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible studied.

**RADA CUTLERY** The Women's Society has, for the time being, decided to forgo the RADA program. There are a few items left in inventory for purchase: 2 - vegetable peelers - \$8.00 each; 4 - server spoon/spatula - \$6.00 each. Please call the parish office to purchase these items.

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

#### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - January 15/16**

##### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Mich

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Scheidt

##### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, J. Bucciaglia & C. Bucciaglia

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Hildebrand

#### ***The Corner***

"Prayer is central to the Christian experience. You don't become a great athlete by training only when you feel like it. You don't become a great writer by writing only when you feel inspired to write. And the saints did not become such fine ambassadors of God on earth by praying only when they felt like praying. In each case, a daily discipline is required."

— Matthew Kelly "Rediscover Catholicism"

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2022 BUS TRIP** - All are welcome to join parishioners of St. Columbkil Church on this prayerful pilgrimage and witness to life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 21, 2022. The theme of this year's national march is "Equality Begins in the Womb." Mass will be celebrated at St. Columbkil Church, Boyertown at 6:30 AM before boarding the bus at 7:15 AM. Return time is approximately 10:00 PM. Participants are asked to dress warmly, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a bag lunch. Cost for the trip is \$50 which includes transportation, light morning refreshments and buffet dinner at Golden Corral on the return trip. Students are ½ price. Sign-up by calling St. Columbkil church office at 610-367-2371. Payment secures your reservation. Questions? contact Candee Holzman (484-431-2085).