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ENTRANCE HYMN: WHEN JESUS COMES TO BE BAPTIZED

- Verse 1** *When Jesus comes to be baptized,
He leaves the hidden years behind,
The years of safety and of peace,
To bear the sins of humankind.*
- Verse 2** *The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
Anoints the Christ to suffering,
To preach the word, to free the bound,
And to the mourner, comfort bring.*

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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
We adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed

you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

SECOND READING: ACTS 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

*This is my beloved Son, with
whom I am well pleased.*

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."

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS:

Please respond: *Emmanuel, hear us.*

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

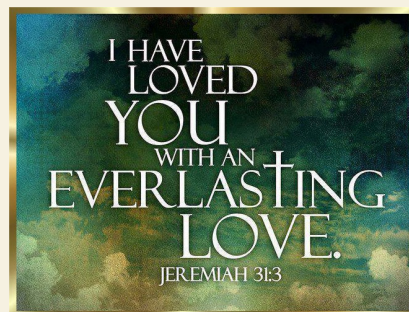
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: I HAVE LOVED YOU

Refrain *I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.*



Verse 1 *Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him:
He will bring you his light and his peace. Refrain*

Verse 2 *Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him:
He will bring you his joy and his hope. Refrain*

Verse 3 *Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him:
He will bring you his care and his love. Refrain*

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: BAPTIZED IN WATER

Verse 1 *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.*



Verse 2 *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
One with his rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.*

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MAY GOD BLESS YOU RICHLY.



TUE & THU Masses will be held at ST RITA if the Connellsville School District has a delay or cancellation for winter weather.

Watch the news on TV or listen to your favorite radio station if the weather is bad.

If you have to shovel your sidewalks, weekday Mass will be at St. Rita.

What's Happening at home

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Go to youghcatholic.org/stream for the live-streaming of St. John's 11:30am SUN Mass.

SAT, JAN 9 VIGIL/BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 4:00pm **IC** Joan Helinsky (Brother, Carl & Sister, Theresa & Families)
 5:00pm **SA** Constance & Lynn Ann Kelly (Mark Kelly & Family)
 6:00pm **SR** The Cavaliere, Ditto & Shroyer Families (Jim & Rita Pratt)

SUN, JAN 10 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 8:00am **SR** Pro Populo
 9:00am **SA** Shirley Wallace (Ed, Joy & Shaun)
 9:30am **IC** The William W. Foley Family (Theresa Foley & Family)
 11:30am **SJ** Nancy Heinbaugh (Mary Petzel)

MON, JAN 11 WEEKDAY

- 8:00am **SR** A Special Intention (Kevin & Lou Ann Lauffer)
 8:30am **SR** Divine Mercy Chaplet
 8:30am **SA** James Bufano (Mark & Rachelle Bielstein)

TUE, JAN 12 WEEKDAY

- 8:00am **SJ** Paula Rice (The Knizner Family)
 8:30am **SA** Betty Nagy (Son, Ron & Mary & Family)

WED, JAN 13 ST. HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

- 8:00am **SR** Martin & Rita Griglak (Children)
 8:30am **SR** Adoration until 4:30pm

THU, JAN 14 WEEKDAY

- 8:00am **IC** The Duggan Family (Bart Duggan)
 8:00am **SA** Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
 8:30am **SA** Jay Orazi (Family)

FRI, JAN 15 WEEKDAY

- 8:00am **SR** George Ryan, Jr. (Janie & Daughters)
 8:15am **SA** Divine Mercy Chaplet
 8:30am **SA** Theodore "Ted" Martin (Knights of Columbus #948)

SAT, JAN 16 VIGIL

- 4:00pm **IC** Bernice Misconin, Godmother (Beth Sheehan, Goddaughter)
 5:00pm **SA** Pro Populo
 6:00pm **SR** Sr. Catherine Feniello (Gary & Carmen)

SUN, JAN 17 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00am **SR** Joanne Bennett (The Choltko Family)
 9:00am **SA** Mark F. Lepera (Family)
 9:30am **IC** Vincent Frazier (Norma Frazier)
 11:30am **SJ** Joseph Bollibon (Carol Cunningham)

Fr. Dan will present a talk on THE HISTORY AND IMPORTANCE OF BAPTISM on TUE, JAN 19 at St. John Church, 7-8pm.
 The lesson will also be live-streamed on YouTube.



Pray THE ANGELUS PRAYER with us WEDs at noon on the Yough Catholic Community Facebook page.

THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; by these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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Conn-Area at 628-5090 to purchase your ticket, or stop at the school.



Congratulations to OLIVER THOMAS, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth Arndt, baptized DEC 27 at IC.

Using GPS to Navigate Life

After Mass today have a conversation with your children, asking, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" After a bit of discussion, ask, "Who do you think GOD wants you to be when you grow up?" Emphasize to your children that God has a specific plan for them, and that following it is the surest way to happiness. Every life decision - which college to attend, who to date, which job to pursue, whether to enter the seminary, who to marry - should be undertaken only after praying for God's guidance.

In other words, encourage your children to navigate life using GPS: GOD'S POSITIONING SYSTEM.

Good News About Going to Mass

Studies prove that Mass has physical, emotional and intellectual benefits for your children. A Barna research study tells us that taking kids to church every week will:

- ◆ Reduce their risk of committing a crime
 - ◆ Provide them with a solid sense of right and wrong
 - ◆ Improve their odds for a "very happy" life
 - ◆ Increase their average life expectancy by 8 years
 - ◆ Significantly reduce the likelihood of their using alcohol, tobacco and drugs
 - ◆ Reduce the tendency toward rebelliousness
 - ◆ Improve their attitude at school and increase school participation
- Furthermore, adults who attended church regularly as children are nearly 3 times more likely to be attending church today.



As you know, we do not publish individual contributions in any kind of public way. We feel that your giving is honest and that it is between you and the Lord. We will be sending out year-end statements by the beginning of FEB. Please be patient as the office staff prepares to mail about 1,900 statements. We are grateful to all who are generous and we pray that your generosity continues so that our parishes can continue to grow and perform God's work.

This reminds me of a story: A priest got a call from a man who said "I am Robert Jones, and I work for the IRS. I'm calling confidentially about one of your parishioners a Mr. X, who claimed on his tax return that he donated \$15,000 to his church last year. Could you please confirm that contribution?" "Well," said the Pastor, "If you call me back tomorrow about this same time, I can assure you that the answer will be yes."

St. John's 125th Anniversary Committee thanks all those who donated food items, made monetary donations, took orders, and/or donated their time to make cabbage rolls and pirohi for their recent PRE-ORDER FOOD SALE.

Through the kindness and support of those who made purchases, the total profit from the sale was \$5,400.



The Committee would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parishioners and friends who have encouraged us all along, and supported our efforts to celebrate our 125th anniversary year in the midst of COVID-19.



Congratulations to LEO WILLIAM, son of Joshua and Brittany Bucci, baptized DEC 27 at IC.

WHY IS THERE A 1-HOUR FAST BEFORE MASS? IS GUM INCLUDED?

The 1-hour Eucharistic fast was announced by Pope Paul VI in 1964 and written into the Code of Canon Law in 1983. All food and drink, except water and medicine, are to be abstained from for at least an hour before reception of Holy Communion. Possible exceptions are the elderly, the ill, and those who care for them.

It is not unusual for us to refrain from eating in anticipation of an excellent meal. The Most Holy Eucharist is the most excellent meal in which we can partake. When we receive Holy Communion, we are receiving the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Tertullian, a theologian of the early Church, taught that the Eucharist is to be taken "before all food", as a sign of its excellence (Imensai Caritatis, #3). By observing the Eucharistic fast, we are preparing our bodies and souls to share in the heavenly feast of the Mass.

Gum is classified as a food, and as such, is included in the Eucharistic fast. Unless you have a medical need for chewing gum, please remove it before entering the church.

I thank you for the generosity that you showed to us, your priests, at this time of year. It is greatly appreciated and makes Fr. Julius, Fr. Dan and myself feel very much a part of the family here at our 4 parishes.

I also want to thank you on behalf of the parishes for your generosity to your parishes. We are using your gifts to bring up to date our diocesan assessments, and to continue improving our parish life and ministries. I ask you to continue to be generous in your weekly and special offerings so that we can stay ahead of our expenses, and please remember you are giving to God's church and your parish.

I also want to mention how beautiful all the churches were decorated for Christmas. I was very pleased with the trees, lights, wreaths, bows and flowers all arranged so perfectly. I was most happy to see that each site's nativity set was the focal point for our Christmas liturgies. I thank all parents and grandparents for bringing their children forward to see the stable. The looks on your children's faces were priceless.

I thank all those who helped in any way with the decoration process. Your time and effort were well spent and I deeply appreciate it. Thank you also in advance for helping us to UN-decorate.

We even had a white Christmas, though the cold temperatures and wind prevented a lot of outside caroling and snow-people building.

Thank you all for your gifts of time, talent and treasure this Christmas season. It was truly beautiful here.

Thank you. *Fr. Paul*



the repose of the souls
of MICHAEL FREED,
DEBRA BREAKIRON,
DOLORES KOSISKO,

WALTER UPTON, KAREN ROSS, JERRE CIRILLO and LUCILLE NOVOSSEL, who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.

When Advent began we heard the words of Isaiah: "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down!" Jesus goes into the Jordan River to be baptized by John. Suddenly the skies open. God's spirit comes down in the form of a dove. Then God speaks for everyone to hear: "This is my beloved."

In the 5th century Bishop Maximus of Turin wrote that we have every reason to celebrate this day with the joy of Christmas. At Jesus' birth His mother, Mary, held her Child close to her heart. So the Father holds His beloved Son for all people to adore. Jesus is baptized so all Christians may hold Him with confidence.

In Hebrew the name of Jesus is Joshua. This name means Savior. A thousand years before the time of Jesus, in the days of the Exodus after Moses died, a man named Joshua became the leader of the Hebrew people. He led them through the Jordan River and into the Promised Land.

Our Savior, Jesus, is a new Joshua. He leads us into the Jordan of Baptism. We pass through the water to enter a new life. Sweetened dairy foods such as cheesecake and eggnog are customary during Christmastime in honor of our Savior, who leads us into "a land flowing with milk and honey".



Homebound, sick, quarantined, or feeling disconnected?
Go to youghcatholic.org/stuckathome to find ways to strengthen your faith during this difficult time.



TELL US PLEASE. Help us keep our parish records up-to-date. A crucial part of the continued success of our communication system is the continual updating of information about you, our Parish Family. Our records will be kept accurate only if changes of any kind are reported to your parish office. We do our best to be aware of changes, but if no one tells us, then the computer data doesn't give a true picture of our parishes. Please let us know if:

- ◆ Your family moves into or out of one of our parishes
- ◆ Your address changes
- ◆ Your phone number changes or you drop your landline
- ◆ Singles marry and spouse is not recorded
- ◆ An adult child moves away
- ◆ There is a baby or other addition to your family
- ◆ You separate or divorce
- ◆ A member moves to a nursing home or other care facility

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

MON: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

TUE: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

WED: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

THU: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

FRI: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

SAT: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

SUN: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

SAT-SUN, DEC 26-27, 2020 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult.....	\$2,897.00
Loose.....	233.25
Maintenance.....	15.00
TOTAL.....	\$3,145.25
Cemetery.....	\$25.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$15.00
Christmas.....	\$4,906.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$40.00
Children & Family.....	\$598.00

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ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult.....	\$4,128.00
Loose.....	3.00
Children/Young Adults.....	8.00
TOTAL.....	\$4,139.00
Christmas.....	\$5,218.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$25.00
Children & Family.....	\$563.00

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ST. JOHN

Adult.....	\$2,053.00
Loose.....	166.00
TOTAL.....	\$2,219.00
Cemetery.....	\$10.00
Christmas.....	\$5,049.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$65.00
Children & Family.....	\$970.00

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ST. RITA

Adult.....	\$3,971.00
Loose.....	489.00
Maintenance.....	80.00
TOTAL.....	\$4,540.00
Cemetery.....	\$195.00
Accent.....	\$50.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$80.00
Christmas.....	\$6,931.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$75.00
Children & Family.....	\$740.00



SAT-SUN, JAN 2-3, 2021 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult.....	\$5,687.00
Loose.....	513.00
Maintenance.....	265.00
TOTAL.....	\$6,465.00
Cemetery.....	\$35.00
Christmas.....	\$1,445.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$10.00
Initial Offering.....	\$630.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$1,020.00
Children & Family.....	\$170.00

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ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult.....	\$2,523.00
Loose.....	80.00
Children/Young Adults.....	4.00
Energy.....	5.00
TOTAL.....	\$2,612.00
Christmas.....	\$1,575.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$10.00
Initial Offering.....	\$243.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$553.00
Children & Family.....	\$221.00

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ST. JOHN

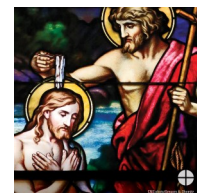
Adult.....	\$1,850.00
Loose.....	31.00
Maintenance.....	235.00
TOTAL.....	\$2,116.00
Cemetery.....	\$45.00
Accent.....	\$25.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$20.00
Christmas.....	\$765.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$45.00
Initial Offering.....	\$436.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$818.00
Children & Family.....	\$120.00

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ST. RITA

Adult.....	\$4,531.00
Loose.....	833.00
Maintenance.....	326.00
TOTAL.....	\$5,690.00
Cemetery.....	\$36.00
Accent.....	\$11.00
Christmas.....	\$1,190.00
Initial Offering.....	\$391.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$579.00
Children & Family.....	\$45.00

SUN, JAN 10, 2021 BAPTISM OF THE LORD Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 THE SPIRIT OF JUSTICE



The last line of today's Gospel refers to the first line of today's first reading. When Jesus was baptized, a voice proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Isaiah opens his prophecy today with the voice of God proclaiming, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased."

Oh, to bring God pleasure! What marvelous joy!

Isaiah envisions that God takes joy in the chosen one. God's choice of a people started the whole story of salvation. When the covenant worked well, the chosen people responded like good servants, stewards of the Word of God. When Israel was pleasing, God put upon the people the Spirit. That Spirit helped them bring forth justice to the nations.

For Christians, all the baptized are God's chosen people, those chosen by God for union with Christ. Upon us God has given a Spirit, to help us bring forth justice to the nations. God's Spirit is anxious to use you to make the world a fairer place.

Have you opened your heart? Can you hear God speak of you, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased"?

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To our visitors ... If you are just passing through, we are glad you chose to worship with us. If you are seeking a new church home, please know there is always room in our pews and a place in our hearts for you.

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MON-THU 8:30am-noon/1-4pm
FRI 8:30am-1pm

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MON, TUE, THU, FRI 9am-3pm

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