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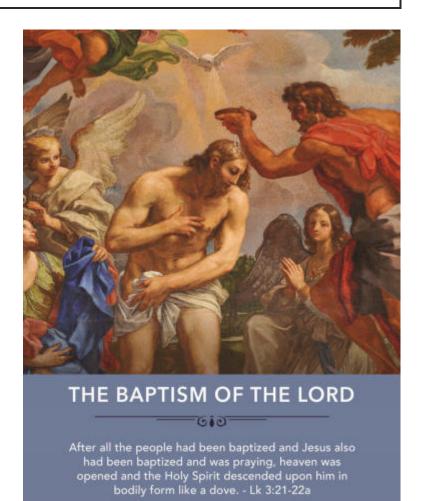
Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass: 7:45 am every Tuesday morning First Saturday & Holy Days: 7:45 a.m. Mass Church open for Private Prayer from 7 –11 am (M-F)

Livestreamed Liturgy 4:00 p.m. Saturday. To view, visit stmaryswaterford.org and click on the link "Watch St. Mary's Online"



Sacrament of the Sick

In case of emergency, at any time. Whenever someone is seriously ill, in the hospital or homebound, please notify the parish office.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Bride and groom must meet with the pastor at least one year before date, be registered parishioners and must present a recent baptismal certificate.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism
Sundays at 1:00 p.m. by appointment
and after preparation with Mrs. Webster.
Contact Mrs. Webster at 518-237-3131 ext. 23

"One in Mind and Heart, Intent Ulpon God" ~ St. Augustine



MASS INTENTIONS

January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

7:45 AM Communion Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

4 PM Angie Kellner Husband, Jerry
Jayne Scarano Frank LaGatta
Karen Charbonneau Altar Society
David Catallo Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8 AM Karl Yager Diana Roy 10:30 William Hagadorn Wife & Family

Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

Midwestern Tornado Relief

As requested by Bishop Scharfenberger, we are holding a special collection this weekend for relief following the devastating tornadoes that recently hit the mid-western United States. A special basket is available in the back of church for this purpose. Please be generous as always in helping our brothers and sisters across the country. If you would like, you may contribute directly to tornado relief at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

Thank you for your continued generous offerings. A special thanks goes out to all those who continue to send in their offertory while they are watching mass online from home.

Offertory of Dec. 19, 2021 \$ 5823.

Memorials for the Month of January



In Memory of PRIMEAU FAMILY
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In Memory of MICHAEL T. WHARTON Given by Wharton Family

In Memory of RONALD MUSCATIELLO Given by Family



Calendar of Events and Observances

1/9 The Baptism of the Lord

1/13 St. Hilary–Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1/15 & 16 Second Collection ~ Fuel 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1/17 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day ~ OFFICE CLOSED

1/22 Day of Prayer for the legal protection of Unborn

Children

From The Faith Formation Office:

Wishing all a New Year Blessed with God's Love. Faith Formation classes resume for both Grades 1 - 8 at 9:00 AM at the school and at 6:30 PM at the Parish Hall for the Confirmation Program on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

For all 10th Grade, Catholic High School students, wishing to make their Confirmation this spring, registration is necessary to begin! Classes begin January 9, 2022 at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Hall.

Registration forms and schedules available by contacting Mrs. Debbie Webster at:

<u>wdeborah68@yahoo.com</u> or by calling (518) 237-3131 ext 23 or (518) 944-0807.

May this year be filled with safety, kindness, and joy as we continue to share our Faith in prayer in our programs and in our homes!

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

Our second collection **next week** will be our Fuel Collection. We ask that you be as generous as you can. **Thank you** for all your support!

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BIBLE SHARING GROUP STARTS JAN. 10

We invite St. Mary and St. Augustine parishioners to gather to pray and share scripture on Monday evenings at 7:15 PM at St. Augustine's Rectory, beginning on Jan. 10. Each session will concentrate on the Lectionary readings for the *following* Sunday and last for 80 to 90 minutes.

Please bring your Bible!

We want to get an approximate headcount for preparing materials, so please call Father Liam at 518.237.3131, ext. 18 and leave your name and phone number.



The Baptism of the Lord ~ January 9, 2022

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in

OPEN HOUSE

St. Mary's School has scheduled an open house at the start of Catholic Schools Week. Prospective families are welcome to visit on



Sunday, January 30, 2022 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Tours of the school will be available and staff will be on hand to answer your questions.

Please encourage family and friends who might like to learn more about a Catholic education at St. Mary's.

RCIA MEETINGS BEGIN IN JANUARY

Fr. Liam and the St. Mary - St. Augustine RCIA team will welcome non-Catholics and non Christians interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church to informal sessions beginning in January.

We invite inquirers to join us on Thursday evenings from 7:15 PM starting Jan. 6 at St. Augustine's Rectory. At this point, we have nearly half a dozen people interested and room for many more. If any of your friends or relatives want to learn more about the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Liam at 518.237.3131, ext. 18.

in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation,

and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of

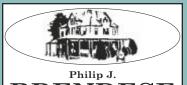


secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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The Lord was Baptized, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism. - St. Ambrose of Milan

Please pray for all the sick and suffering and for anyone close to death; for those troubled in body, mind, or heart, and for their care givers in a special way: Carol Travis, Anna Papperman, Alexa Papperman, Marcia Trombly, Connie Laviolette, Muriel Smith, Patricia Komoroski, Jack Neumann, Mary Beth Woodard, Althea Alger, Sandee Murphy, Irene Marra, Robert R. White, Judith M Hervieux, Andrew Melville, Christopher Goyette, Brady Sullivan, Michael Clune, Ginny Grigoliet, Randy Morley, Melissa Rice, Bianca Razzano, Nicholas Muscatiello, Scott McGowty, Matthew Dame, Larry Cranville, Lucille Bertrand, Susan Salisbury and Father Joseph Getz O.S.A. Please help us keep our list up to date, and call the office (518,237,3131) with any changes.



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