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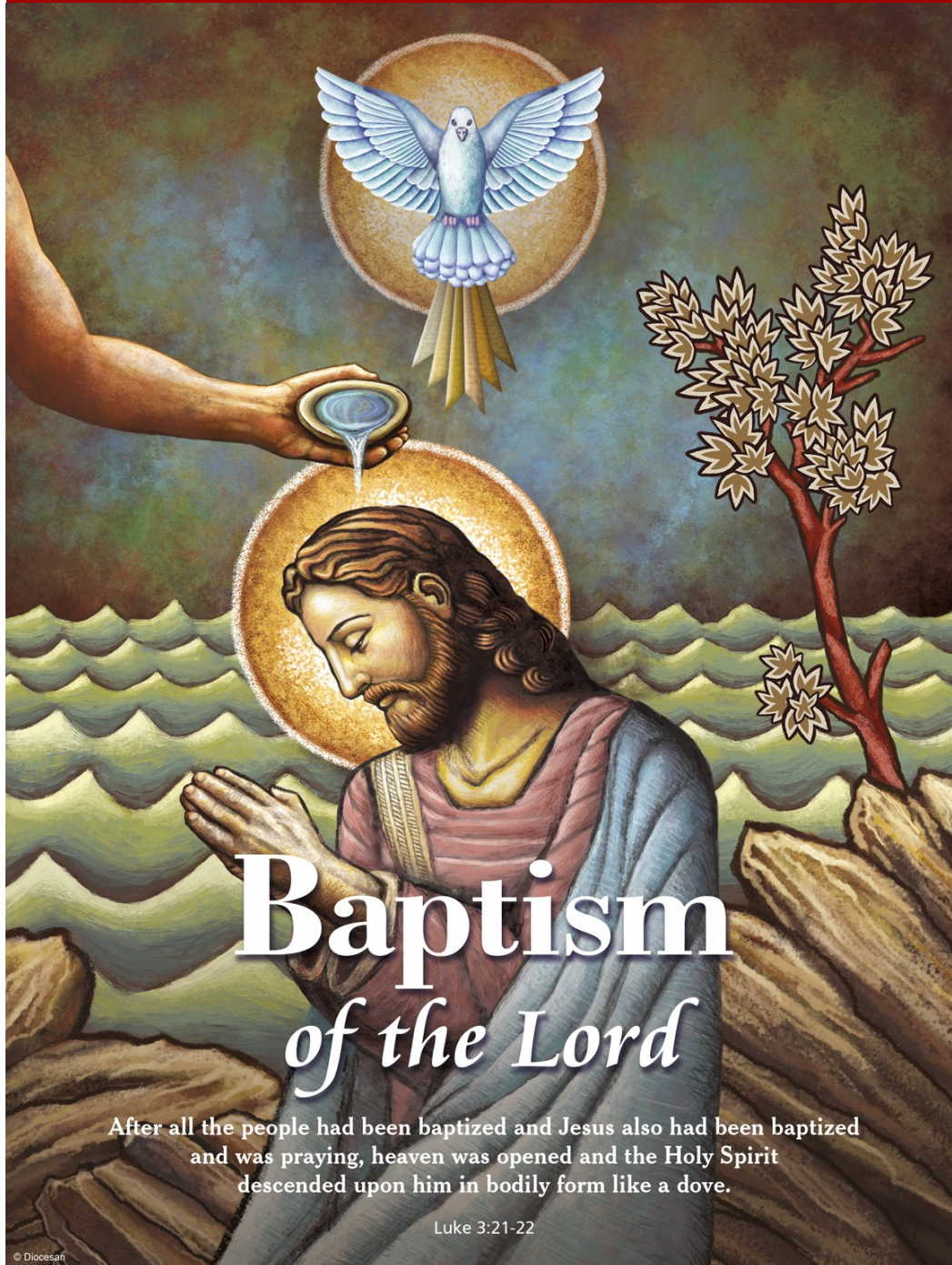
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Baptism of the Lord

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

Luke 3:21-22

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Fr. James Power

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5: 15 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am

Daily: M, T, Th, F., 8:00 am

Wed. 12: 10 pm

Confession: Saturday, 4:00-4:45 pm
or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-12:00

pm | by appointment from 1:30-
4:00 pm. Closed Friday

Parish Staff

Director of Faith Formation /
OCIA Melissa Joseph

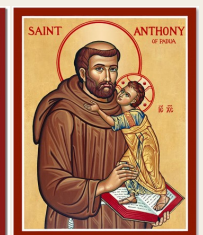
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Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Confession: by appointment

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Karrie Kardos

Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 12, 2025

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The theologian Tertulian who died in the year 240 is recorded as saying, "Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ." 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us that "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness." Likewise throughout the Psalms we are constantly reminded of the need to meditate on, study, and be knowledgeable of the Word of God daily.

Following the apostolic tradition, every Sunday at Mass we hear various readings from the Bible. The first reading is from the Old Testament and the second reading is from one of the New Testament Epistles. The third reading, the most significant reading, is from the Gospels. The Gospels are the four accounts of the life and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. We always stand when the Gospel is read to show reverence to the Word made flesh who is present in our midst as we break open the scriptures.

The four Gospel accounts were written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Each gives a different perspective on who Jesus is and what he means to us.

During the Easter season we always hear from the Gospel of St. John. The other three Gospels are spread out over a three year cycle. One year we hear from Matthew, the next from Mark, and the third from Luke. Last year was a Mark year. This year is a Luke year.

By recognizing the different nuances of the four Gospels we can better grasp the ways in which the Holy Spirit is speaking to us through the scriptures. In next week's column I will be talking about the ways in which The Gospel of St. Luke is distinct from the others.

God Bless,
Fr. Power

P.S. Tickets for our Funny Fundraiser are on sale right now. Be sure to mark your calendars for this great event on Friday, January 31, and to stop by the office to purchase your tickets.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 12, 2025

Sunday

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday

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

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6, 7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Funeral Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Patricia Puhl and Violet Matta. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

The Baptism of the Lord

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

—James Field



Usher Training – Those wishing to serve as an usher (including those who are currently assisting in this ministry) are asked to attend a training session on Sunday, January 19, 2025, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We welcome those who are at least in sixth grade and above to participate. For more information, please contact Melissa Joseph, DRE, at 724-981-3232 or StJosephSharonFaithFormation@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 13

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Rosemary Rossi
(Delp Family)

Tuesday, January 14

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Jim Black
(John & Carol Stafford)

Wednesday, January 15

† 12:10 pm • St. Joseph
Robert DeGeorge
(Betty DiGiorgio)

Thursday, January 16

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Grafius Family
(Nancy Pace)

Friday, January 17

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Bob Stanger
(Fran Giroski)

Saturday, January 18

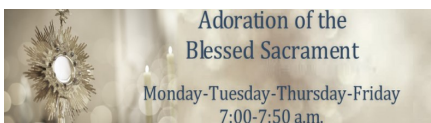
† 5:15 pm • St. Joseph, Vigil
Margaret Rotunno
(Mary & Bo Young)

Sunday, January 19

† 8:30 am • St. Anthony
Joseph Nakich
(son, John)

† 11:00 am • St. Joseph

Helen Mohan
(Family)
and
Living Members of St. Joseph and
St. Anthony Parishes



Weekly Reminders

For the Week of January 5

Jan. 14 • St. Joseph

11:00 am - Bible Study-Choir rm.

7:00 pm - Bible Study-Choir rm.

Altar Flowers

2025 Altar Flower Donor Program is a program offered at St. Joseph Church that provides an opportunity to honor a loved one and is based on a first come, first served sign-up list. A weekly altar flower bouquet is delivered from *Petals and Stems* and an announcement of the memorial is placed in the church bulletin.

The cost is \$50 and is to be collected at the time of reservation. To reserve your date, you may stop in the parish office between 9:00 am-12:00 pm M-TH or you may call the office to schedule an afternoon appointment.

Due to the high demand of this program, reservations are limited to one weekend per donor. After March 2025 if any dates remain, a second weekend can be reserved by the same donor.



2025 AVAILABLE ALTAR FLOWER DATES

Jan. 19, 26	July 6, 13, 20, 27
Feb. 2, 9, 23	Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
March 2	Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28
May 25	Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26
June 8, 22, 29	Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23

Candles

St. Anthony • Week of January 12

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for Mitzi Pendel from Ruth & Glen Pettey.

St. Anthony Candle Reservations.

There are many available devotional candles that still remain throughout 2025 to have your loved one honored. The cost per candle is \$5 and fee is due at the time of reservation. Please stop by St. Joseph Office during office hours to reserve your candle.



Please Pray For

Ford Bartle, Liam Rueberger, Peggy Heldorfer, Gene Pacsi, William Haroldson, Helen Donnelly, Msgr. Andrew Karg, Lois Trimble, Adele Ontko, Delbert Ontko, Beth Bottenfield, Rich Pannutti, Ed Doughty, Jean Hetrick, Barbara Burdick, Frances Rice, Marie Peterson, Ed Gursky Sr., Ed Gursky Jr., Joe Biro, Chuck H., Mary Ellen Luensman, Lorraine Penhos, Walter Zuhosky, Loretta Krutsch, Lisa Dawson, Marcie Mondoc, Dennis Staul, Carol Thomas, Barbara LeMon, Levi Bowser, Wes McKinney and Joe Ference.

Children's Liturgy of The Word

CLOW

Feedback Requested! We would like to hear from our families about their interest in reintroducing Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. During CLOW, the children are dismissed from the main assembly with an adult leader and assistant to listen to the readings and Gospel using a biblical translation that is simple, but not childish. They hear a reflection that can help them apply the readings to their lives, and they practice using the responses and prayers used in the Liturgy of the Word. The children return to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with their families and the general assembly. This ministry will require the help of several volunteers – adults and teens are welcome. Volunteers will need to complete the required Child Protection clearances. If you would like to have CLOW at Mass and/or are willing to help facilitate this program, please contact Melissa Joseph, DRE at 724-981-3232 or Stjosephsharonfaithformation@gmail.com.

St. Joseph News and Announcements



Featured Item: "Peanut Butter"

Please place your donation in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space or at the Clepper's entrance.

Upcoming Featured Items

Canned Vegetables * Paper Towels * Cereal

For qualified individuals, upcoming December Food Pantry distribution dates are Friday, January 3rd and 17th from 9:30-11:00 am.

CHRISTMAS UN-DECORATING: We will be taking down the Christmas Decorations after the 11:00 am Mass this weekend. We can always use help taking things down and cleaning things up. We will start around 12:15 pm. All are welcome to help.

Don't forget to purchase your Comedy Night tickets! Gather your friends and family for a fun filled night of laughter, good food and company! To purchase tickets stop by St. Joseph Church office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am -12:00 pm or go online to our secure website, [VANCO](#) or call the church office at 724-981-3232 to make other arrangements.

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Friday - January 31

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A Family Perspective 1-12-2025

In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.

St. Anthony News and Announcements

Thank you Thank you for the memorial contribution from Donna DeBonis in memory of Violet Matta and thank you to Steve & Shari Skarosi for donating part of their St. Anthony Turkey Raffle winnings to St. Anthony Church.

God Bless each of you for your generosity and kindness.

Offertory Envelopes St. Anthony Offertory Envelopes are on the back table in the church. Parishioners are asked to please take their boxed envelopes. If you no longer wish to received envelopes or have moved to another parish, please contact Lori at St. Joseph Church at 724-981-3232.

Congratulations to Rachel Varcholik
 Winner of the January 5th Pot O' Gold!
 Remember to enter your weekly envelope to be eligible for the drawing.

January 250 Club Winners

...and the **WINNERS** are... Congratulations to the following January winners!

Winners: \$50-Blanche Cwynar, \$50-Marty Kardos, \$50-Dave Bresnahan and \$100-Mary Hoagland.

SHENANGO VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

A BRAND NEW MINISTRY

GUINNESS & GOD

Young Adults (ages 18-39) are invited to the Kick-Off of Young Adult Ministry - a 3 week series. Come enjoy great food & drinks, meet new friends, & have faith-filled conversations!

SPEAKER LINEUP

JAN. 23 FR. JAMIE POWER	JAN. 30 DR. KEITH LEPAK	FEB. 06 FR. JOHN MILLER
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THE CANONIZATION PROCESS UP-CLOSE

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RSVP to Gabby Herndon:
 Cell: (724) 301-6127 | Text or Call youthforChrist@DioceseofErie.org

LOCATION
Hickory Bar & Grille | 6:30 PM
 1645 N Hermitage Rd, Hermitage, PA 16148
 Appetizers & Spiritual Nourishment provided.

Our Stewardship

Offertory for the

Weekend of January 5

St. Anthony

Sunday Offertory \$2,996
Attendance 90

St Joseph

Sunday Offertory \$6,520
Budgeted Offertory \$7,174
Deficit \$654
Number of Envelopes Returned 136

Our gratitude to those who support our parishes.

Ministry Schedule – January 18/19

St. Joseph • 5:15 pm (Saturday)

Lector D. Rubano
Extraordinary Ministers
of Communion K. Bonomo, P. Dach, T. H. Cole
Altar Servers D. Eller, A. Jordan
Greeters B. Charles

St. Anthony • 8:30 am (Sunday)

Lector J. Moats
Extraordinary Ministers
of Communion K. Kardos, L. Kubyako
Altar Server M. Podolan
Offertory Counters Group 1

St. Joseph • 11:00 am (Sunday)

Lector K. Lepak
Extraordinary Ministers
of Communion D. D'Amore, C. McKnight, J. McLaughlin,
V. Mulligan, J. Sherbine
Altar Servers V. Donatelli, S. Pass
Greeters O. Pacsi

Baptism: A pre-baptism class is required before scheduling a baptism. Please call 724-981-3232 to schedule a class and your baptism date.

Matrimony: Please contact the pastor for marriage preparation at least one year in advance of the wedding.

Prayer Line: For intentions, please call 724-981-3232.

St. Joseph   St. Anthony 

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VOLUNTEER

IN YOUTH MINISTRY



DO YOU...

- Have a heart for walking with young people in encountering Christ?
- Desire to make an impact in generations to come?
- Desire to help our young people discover their God-given purpose?
- Desire to raise up our youth in their gifts and talents to bless those around them?

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

Weekly High School Youth Nights will begin the end of January 2025, but we need YOUR help!

Contact Gabby Herndon
YouthForChrist@dioceseoferie.org



WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Join a conversation on life, faith & purpose.
Every Wednesday Night starting January 29, 2025 through May.
January 29, 2025 | 6:00-7:30pm | Notre Dame Church
High School Youth | 9-12th Grade | All Shenango Valley Youth

Dinner - Games - Conversations |
Bring your friends - you don't have to be Catholic. All are welcome!




Welcome to St. Joseph and St. Anthony Partnered Parishes.

We welcome you to join either parish by completing the pre-registration form below and placing it in the offertory basket at Mass.

I would like to become a member at:

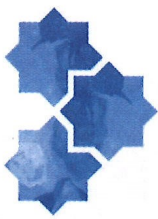
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