

SAINT LUKE – SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TODAY:

Saturday Jan 11 4:00 p.m. +David Hill
Requested by Barb Laluya

DAILY MASS

Thurs Jan 16 8:30 a.m. +David Hill
Requested by Dennis & Joyce Hill

NEXT WEEK:

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Saturday Jan 18 4:00 p.m. +Jack Lampman
Requested by Bob & Pat Marlette
+ Rest in Peace * Holy Mass of the Living

CONFESSIONS:

Sunday: Before Mass

ADORATION

Monday 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & EMERGENCIES:

Contact Father Amir at 715-598-4877

New Parishioners – Please contact the parish office to register.

RCIA: Please contact the Parish Office at St Luke's for more information.

Baptism Classes: First time parents must attend a baptism class. Please contact the Parish office to schedule.

Marriage Instructions: Couples anticipating marriage must contact the Pastor 6 – 12 months in advance of the wedding. One person, of the couple, asking to be married must be a registered member of the Parish. Please contact the St Luke Parish Office to schedule.

Web address: www.saintlukebv.org

STEWARDSHIP for January 4, 2020

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:34)

Adult Envelopes \$ 1,016.00 Loose Collection \$ 36.00

Ministries:

Ushers for January: Mike & Paul Boesl

Lector: January 11 – Joe Pieters January 18 – Rita Zimmerman

Eucharistic Ministers: January 11 – K. Adams, J. Smith, BJ Smith

January 18 – V. Kujawa, B. Laluya, G. Williams

Rosary Leader: January: Marge Sykora

St Luke News:

If you have the time to help, *senior food boxes* will be packed on *Tuesday, January 14th* beginning at *10:30 a.m.*, at the West Cap building on Main Street. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

POTLUCK: St Joan of Arc Circle will be serving the January pot luck on Saturday, January 11th following the 4 p.m. Mass. Please come prepared to stay and share a meal with our Parish family.

St Jessica Circle donated 19 hats and 18 pairs of mittens to Tiffany Creek Elementary through your generous contributions to the mitten tree. Thanks so much for your generosity.

There is a box in the back of church for winter apparel, including boots. This is meant for ALL ages and sizes. Despite the fact that the local coat closet distributed in excess of 1900 items this fall, there is still a need and the worst of winter is yet to come. Please go through your closets and pass on the items that you will not be using. God will surely bless you for it ☺

2020 Envelopes are available on the back table. Please make sure to pick yours up.

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: We have collected 55% of the \$7580 target amount with 18 families donating toward the Appeal.

The **2019 Contribution Statements** are available on the back table. If you do not find yours, please contact the Parish Office.

The Baptism of the Lord

"A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."

~Mt 3:17

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. Baptism was the beginning of Christ's public ministry – and for the rest of us, our own baptism marks the beginning of our own lives as Catholic Christians. Most of us were baptized when we were infants, so we don't remember it.

This Sunday is a good opportunity for us to notice what we may have been missing – to look beyond the water and the oil and the prayers and the crying babies and the christening gown that was worn by your great grandmother's second cousin. This feast is a chance to reflect on what this sacrament means—and, in particular, how it is celebrated. It comes down to the "Three C's of Baptism": Creation, Commitment, and Community.

Creation: Baptism, the first sacrament of initiation, is fundamentally about who we are—and who we will be. To be baptized is to be defined in a new way: as a Catholic Christian. We are transformed. As the rite states, we become a new creation. Having a name, an identity, is critical to that. In Genesis, you'll recall, one of the first things Adam did was name everything around him. In naming their child, parents continue what began in Genesis – and, in effect, declare that they are continuing God's creative work in the world.

Commitment: It is the commitment of parents – and, significantly, godparents. Being a godparent entails *commitment*: a commitment to the Catholic faith, and to living that faith with fidelity, enthusiasm and joy.

To make that possible, the Church insists that at least one of the godparents must be Catholic. The other one, if not Catholic, must be a baptized Christian. I have lost track of the number of times parents have asked me about having one of the godparents be Jewish, or Muslim, or even atheist. They assure me that these are good people and dear friends. I'm sure they are. But we are talking about more than friendship here. We are talking about a role that has responsibilities, to help raise the child in the faith that they profess. During the baptism, godparents publicly profess their belief in Christ, the Trinity, the Virgin Mary and all the other tenets of our faith. They make a commitment to the faith, and to helping these children live that faith.

Community: The priest or deacon says, "My children, the Christian community welcomes you with great joy." The Church celebrates this sacrament as a *community*—because as a community, we pray together, rejoice together, grieve together, and grow together. The Christian life isn't lived in isolation. And we don't celebrate our sacraments that way, either. The guidelines for baptism make clear: "All recently born babies should be baptized at a common celebration on the same day." This is why we baptize several children together on the first Sunday of every month. It is an experience to be shared. In today's gospel, St. Luke mentions other people who were there and baptized along with Jesus. It wasn't something he did alone. He had his community around him.

As we recall the baptism of Christ, and its significance for our own baptisms, let us strive every day to be that "new creation"; to embrace our commitment to our baptism and all that it entails; and to support and welcome those in our community celebrating this sacrament.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

Please pray for: Jayme Closs, the repose of the soul of Sue Jadin Hernandez, Jim Smith – effects of chemo for colon cancer, Mark Hellmann – recovery from kidney cancer, David Buck – Cancer, Vince Kujawa – recovery, Connie Sykora – surgery, The Boesl family during this time of grief. The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center

Thank you to everyone for love and concern with Christmas greetings, cards & gifts you sent and gave me. I pray that everyone has a healthy and blessed 2020 Sincerely ~ Fr. Amir

This is my
SON
In whom I am pleased

January 11-12, 2020