



St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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January 13th - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



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Sunday Mass: 11:00am
Weekday Mass Schedule:

Tuesday

7:00pm

Wednesday

8:00am

Thursday

Confession 6:15pm

Mass 7:00pm

Friday

8:00am

Parish Office Hours:

9am-1pm Mon & Fri

9am-3pm Tues, Wed & Thurs
(office closes for a half hour at 12 noon)

**Sacraments of Marriage
or Baptism:**

Please contact the Parish Office to
make an appointment to meet
with Father Peter.

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Keith Jolie - Secretary
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From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday we observe the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord that concludes the Christmas season in the Church. This feast also reminds us of the importance of Baptism. While Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan a voice came from heaven saying: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with You I am well pleased". We also become beloved children of God through Baptism. The Catechism of The Catholic Church teaches us that "Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord's will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism" (1277). It also tells us about the fruit of Baptism: "The fruit of Baptism, or baptismal grace, is a rich reality that includes forgiveness of original sin and all personal sins, birth into the new life by which man becomes an adoptive son of the Father, a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit" (1279). By Baptism one receives on his or her soul an indelible spiritual mark (the best translation from latin is the word character) that consecrates the baptized person for Christian worship. Because the character (mark) of baptism never leaves the baptized Christian, the Sacrament of Baptism is unrepeatable. Baptism is the first sacrament and without it we cannot receive any other sacrament.

In the Catholic Church we baptize not only adult persons but also infants in the faith of their parents because we want them to become the children of God and receive all the fruits flowing from this Sacrament at the beginning of their life. By this reason, the Church does not recommend postponing Baptism too long. Adults and children who have already completed the age of 7 are to attend a special preparation course called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) before they are baptized. As a rule, adults receive at the same time all the three Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. It is customary that this takes place during the solemn Mass of Paschal Vigil.

Let us praise the Lord for the gracious gift of Baptism!

God bless,
Father Peter

Mass Schedule & Intentions for the week of January 14, 2019

TUESDAY, January 15
7:00 p.m. – Giuseppe Cavigliano
by Rosa Cavigliano

WEDNESDAY, January 16
8:00 a.m. – Margaret Zyma
by St. Lawrence Choir

THURSDAY, January 17
Memorial of St. Anthony
6:15 Adoration and Confession
7:00 p.m. - Nicola Giuliano
by Giovanna Frisina

FRIDAY, January 18
9:30 a.m. – Maria & Sebastiano Fazzari
by Giovanna Frisina

SUNDAY, January 20
11:00 a.m. – The Parishioners
of St. Lawrence

Please pray for the religious of our diocese
Especially this week we pray for:

Jan 14 - Rev. Todd Arsenault, L.C.
Jan 15 Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Jan 16 Consecrated Men and Women
Jan 17 Rev. Thomas Flynn, L.C.
Jan 18 Very Rev. John Van Hees
Jan 19 Very Rev. Con O'Mahony

Important Dates and Events

January

26th Movie Night



Giuseppe Cavigliano
Hollier- Heddle & Greco Families.
Gilberto Pavao and Families.
Jackson, Joyce & Moorcroft Families
The Grace, Dunn, Kennedy,
& Nespal Families.



Jan 6, Sunday Collection
\$ 1213

Envelopes - there are still a few families who have not picked up their envelopes for 2019. They are available for pick up at the back of the church. Please remember yours.

2018 Tax Receipts - Soon we will be preparing charitable donation tax receipts. If you have moved or your family information has changed, please ensure that you update your address with the parish. Forms to update your information are available at the back of the church.

Movie Night - Join us on January 26th for a Movie night. The film is about St. Paul. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided

In the Diocese:

Our second Annual Bible Sunday will take place on Sunday, February 3, 2019. Father Michael Patella, O.S.B, a monk of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville will be the guest speaker on February 3rd at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton at 7:00 p.m.

Father Patella will be speaking on the Gospel of Luke and in particular, Father Patella will be inviting participants to consider what to listen for as the Gospel of Luke is proclaimed at Sunday Mass during the coming year.

The Gospel and Acts Volume of the Saint John's Bible will be available for viewing at each presentation. Mark your calendars now! All are welcome.

Seeking the Sacred: The Soul's Slow Ripening. A Senior Adult Workshop Series. 7 Tuesday afternoons, starting January 29, 2019 from 1:30- 3:30pm at the Chancery Office - Hamilton. This course offers participants the opportunity to explore 12 unique Celtic-Christian spiritual practices. These 12 practices are intended to give practical ways for us to deepen our relationship with God and all of creation. The text for this course is *The Soul's Slow Ripening: 12 Celtic Practices for Seeking the Sacred*, by the Catholic author, Christine Valters Paintner. - Cost: \$35.00 (including text) Please register by January 25, 2019

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