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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026



May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: The Baptism of the Lord

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord ushers us into a moment of profound revelation and meaning. At the River Jordan, Jesus—though sinless—steps into the waters that countless sinners had entered before Him. In doing so, He sanctifies the waters of baptism and identifies Himself with our human condition. This humble act marks the beginning of His public ministry, revealing the depth of His solidarity with humanity and His desire to bring healing and new life to the world. In the Gospel, as Jesus rises from the water, the heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father's voice proclaims, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This Trinitarian moment not only reveals who Jesus is but also illumines who we are through our own baptism. Each of us, through the waters of baptism, becomes a beloved child of God, sealed with the Holy Spirit, and called to live as disciples who reflect Christ's light in the world.

This feast invites us to rediscover the dignity and responsibility of our baptismal identity. Baptism is not merely a past event but a living grace that shapes our daily choices. We are called to witness to the Gospel with integrity, compassion, and courage. As Jesus began His mission after His baptism, so too are we commissioned to continue His work—bringing hope where there is despair, peace where there is division, and love where hearts have grown cold. May this feast renew our commitment to walk as beloved children of God and faithful disciples of Christ.

Readings for Next Sunday,

January 18, 2026

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

Saint of the Week... St. Anthony the Great

St. Anthony of Egypt, also known as St. Anthony the Great, was born in Egypt in 251 to a wealthy family. From an early age he showed no interest in the luxury of worldly life, and at age 20 when his parents died, he gave all of his inheritance to the poor and began his life as a hermit. At age 35 he moved to the desert and lived for 20 years in an abandoned fort.

Although most of Anthony's life was spent in solitude, no saint is antisocial. Anthony drew many people to him for spiritual healing and guidance. Word about him spread, and so many disciples arrived that Anthony founded two monasteries on the Nile. Descriptions paint him as modest and courteous. His example led many to take up the monastic life, which led to him being known as the founder of organized Christian monasticism.

Anthony is often pictured with a T-shaped cross, a pig and a book. The pig and the cross are symbols of his valiant warfare with the devil: the cross his constant means of power over evil spirits; the pig a symbol of the devil himself. The book recalls his preference for the book of nature over the printed word.

Anthony died at the age of 105. He is the patron saint of butchers, gravediggers and skin diseases.

Sources: franciscanmedia.org and catholicsaints.info



Feast Day January 17



Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Kara Breedlove, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Braely Burton, Hailey Claire, Abby Clark, Raymond Clark, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Curtis Drew, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn,

Lucas Dupuis, Sam Fazzalore, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Shawn Hartman, Marion Hollingsworth, Kathy Jenkins, Diana Jiang, Sarah Jones, Charity Jones Kasraoui, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Francy Lyons, Rhonda Martin, Margaret McGee, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Diane Parrish, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, George Rosedale, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Crystal Snitz, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Nick Trager, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Becky Whitlock*, Barbara Willis.

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Beginning next month we will be sharing here the members of our parish family who are celebrating a birthday the coming week (dates only, no years!).

The information will come from our parish database. Since we haven't done this before, we ask that you please let us know if we have an incorrect date or if we miss your birthday so we can update our records. Also, if you would prefer that your birthday not be listed, please contact the Parish Office.

A Word of Thanks

My Dear Parishioners,

I am deeply touched by your love and kindness during this Christmas season and on the occasions of my Priestly Ordination Anniversary and my birthday. Your thoughtful wishes, heartfelt prayers, and generous gifts have warmed my heart and strengthened my spirit.

I feel truly blessed to serve as your pastor, and your expressions of love remind me of the bond we share as a parish family. Your faith and support inspire me to continue my ministry with renewed dedication and joy.

Thank you for the cards, gifts, and kind words that you shared with me. Most of all, thank you for your prayers. They are the greatest gift I could ever receive. Please know that I keep each of you in my prayers, asking God to bless you and your families abundantly.

As we move forward together in faith, let us continue to support and encourage one another. May the joy of Christmas remain in our hearts throughout the New Year, and may God guide us in all we do as a parish community.

With gratitude and blessings,

Fr. Thomas

Fr. Thomas A. Sebastian CST

Farewell Fr. Thomas!

Fr. Thomas will be leaving this week to travel home to India for a much deserved vacation. While he is away, there will be no weekday Masses. Fr. Giles will celebrate our weekend Masses. Please keep Fr. Thomas in your prayers for a safe journey home and a vacation of reacquaintance, relaxation and renewal.

Since we won't have daily Masses for several weeks, here are weekday Mass times at other local churches:

Mondays	8:30 a.m.	St. Gabriel, Barton
Tuesdays	8:30 a.m.	St. Michael, Frostburg
	12 noon	St. Anthony, Ridgeley
	6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Grace, Romney
Wednesdays	8:00 a.m.	Annunciation, Fort Ashby
	8:30 a.m.	St. Peter, Westernport
	12 noon	Our Lady of Grace, Romney
	12 noon	St. Mary, Petersburg
Thursdays	8:30 a.m.	St. Michael, Frostburg
	6:30 p.m.	St. Anthony, Ridgeley
Fridays	8:00 a.m.	Annunciation, Fort Ashby
	8:30 a.m.	St Peter, Westernport



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, January 10	4:00 pm	Intentions of Fr. Thomas	Assumption Parish
Sunday, January 11	8:30 am	Soul of Tom Harbaugh	Michelle Brill
		The Amoroso Family	Buddy
		Intentions of Kelley Kuhn	Buddy
Monday, January 12	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 13	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 14	No Mass		
Thursday, January 15	No Mass		
Friday, January 16	No Mass		
Saturday, January 17	4:00 pm	Souls of Anita Grove & Louis J. Calemine	Carole Rhodes
		Soul of Ron Willis.....	Barb Willis & family
		The DeMasi family.....	Buddy
Sunday, January 18	8:30 am	Souls of Ralph & Catherine Rice.....	The Rice family
		Intentions of Melissa Stanislawczyk	Buddy
		Intentions of Lynn McQuinn.....	Buddy



The Ladies Guild will meet on Thursday, January 15 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Hall to discuss the upcoming pepperoni roll fundraiser and to finalize the schedule for our 2026 events. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend!

Your Faithful Stewardship

January 3-4, 2026

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,320
Loose Donations.....	\$1,609
Repairs & Maintenance	\$40
Christmas Flowers	\$50
Total	\$3,019

Attendance

Saturday, 1/3.....	95
Sunday, 1/4.....	111
Total	206

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection will be taken next weekend to support the Church in the Developing World, including Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and Africa. A separate basket will be available for this important appeal.

Sacramental Needs

Baptism/Eucharist & Reconciliation/Confirmation
Contact the Parish Office for specific information on requirements, preparation, and dates for the sacrament you are requesting.

Marriage
Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of your wedding date so that the appropriate preparation can be scheduled and completed.

Anointing of the Sick
Contact the Parish Office if you would like Fr. Thomas to give you or a loved one an anointing. This sacrament is also given quarterly after Mass (date announced in the bulletin).

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children
Are you worshipping with us on a regular basis and would like to become Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but not Confirmed? If you are an adult or have a child age 8 or older, our OCIA/OCIC programs are for you. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Annulments
Confused or intimidated by the annulment process? Contact the Parish Office to determine your needs. We will help you through the process!



Next Sunday = Donut Sunday!
Please join us after Mass next Sunday (January 18) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Parish Council for hosting this month.



Note of Thanks
My sincere thanks to our entire music team for all the extra time and hard work they gave to our music ministry during the Christmas season. Thank you for sharing your talents with us: Patrick George, Linda Marsh, Julie Alt, Mike Dupuis, Nancy Starcher, JoAnn Burnett, Anita Tetreault, Mike Labonte, and Haleigh Welch.
Linda Davis-Kyle, Music Director

New Voices Welcome!

The choir will begin their weekly practices on Wednesday, January 21 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. If you would like to share your vocal gifts with our parish, please contact Music Director Linda Davis-Kyle at 301-707-4215.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 17
Lector: Bill Lupis
Servers: Eric Hatfield & Eric Hatfield II
EMs: John Gustafson, Karen Yowler (c), Norma Clark (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

Sunday, January 18
Lector: Mike Landis
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen
EMs: Mike Landis, Charlotte Delilo (c), Dave Minnich (c)
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

Saturday, January 24
Lector: John Gustafson
Servers: Sue Harber, John Gustafson, Morgan Gustafson
EMs: Alan Taylor, Mary Wagoner (c), Eric Hatfield (c)
Cantor: Linda Marsh & Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Jean Harber & Gerri Bennett

Sunday, January 25 (Youth Mass)
Lector: CCD students
Servers: Remy Kuhn, Morgan Gustafson, Harper Newlin
EMs: Tina Stephen, Beverley Iser (c), Kelley Kuhn (c)
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: CCD students

Keyser Healthcare Center EM
January 15 Pam Williams
January 22 Cindy Alt