The Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020

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A voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” - Mt 3:17

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**Baptism of the Lord**

We often talk in Adult Education about such things as: how can Jesus be fully human AND fully divine? It takes some real thought & effort to make sense of such a thing as the “Hypostatic Union!”

What I want to say here is that Jesus, as a human being like us, had to grow, had to come to a deeper and deeper realization of His mission in life -- just like you and me. The sad thing is that we don’t often struggle to do that as He did. We are often content to “go with the flow.” The amazing thing about Jesus is that He did it!! As each step in His life developed, He came to a deeper grasp of His both human & divine mission.

Here Jesus enters into solidarity with us by being Baptized by John and His baptism of repentance. Jesus didn’t need to repent of anything, (and you notice how John resisted this arrangement.) But by being baptized by John, Jesus entered into solidarity with us sinners who do need to repent. He entered into our challenges and struggles of life and redeemed them if we enter into solidarity with Him.

Finally, Jesus is deeply affirmed by the Father, He knows He’s on the right track, and that this is His mission, when at the end of the Gospel, He comes out of the water and hears the voice from heaven say, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

**Prayer to St. Michael**

Next weekend, the 2nd week of Ordinary Time, we begin again to pray the Prayer of St. Michael at the end of Mass. We will continue this prayer until Lent when we return to the Prayer of Protection we used during Advent. I hope they are still in our books!!

**Next Alpha Course**

I always feel like we are at our best when we are doing an Alpha Course!! Our next Alpha Course begins Monday, January 20 and we would love to have you join us. If you haven’t done the Alpha Course yet, ask yourself, why not!! During the last Alpha Course, one couple shared with me that they were getting tired of me always mentioning and talking about Alpha. Always Alpha!! What’s the big deal with Alpha!!? Then they took the Alpha Course during the fall of 2019. Now they understand why I am always talking about Alpha!! Come, and if you have already done the Course, who should you invite?

**Suspension of the Cup**

Because of the Bishop’s notice to all the parishes, we will sadly not be sharing until further notice, in Christ’s Precious Blood at Holy Mass. We pray we will soon return to this all-important part of our Holy Communion with the Lord Jesus.
If you are planning on registering for Life Teen or Youth Alpha, please do so A.S.A.P. by going to www.omostoday.com/high-school-youth-ministry/. Life Teen begins on Thurs., Jan. 16, at 6:45 pm at Holy Grounds. Youth Alpha begins on Sun., Jan. 19, at 6:00 pm at Holy Grounds. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Mark your calendars:
- 11th Grade All Day Retreat—Saturday, Feb. 1, 9:00 am—5:00 pm at OMOS Parish Hall

IN APPRECIATION TO THE MINISTERS OF THE HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

The OMOS Homebound Ministry begins a new year of kindness, love, and the sharing of God’s Word to those less fortunate than us. I want to take a minute to acknowledge the following people; who each week, go selflessly into the community to bring their love of Christ to those who are no longer able to worship inside our walls.

Fr. Mark Sandra Mackel
Steve Quinn Steve Pipan
Chris Quinn John Shima
Sharon Kovac Arlene Cerimele

These beautiful individuals reach out to the Homebound and Nursing Home residents every Sunday, each holiday, as well as holy days, to bring them a life in the church where they are right now. Every week, close to 100 parishioners receive communion, sing hymns, pray rosaries prayed, hold hands, and share love with those who are displaced from their home parishes. To say these Homebound Ministers offer their time, talent, and treasure selflessly is just a start. I pray that God continues to bless all of them with the desire to continue His work through them for many years to come.

Lastly, I thank Fr. Mark for offering Mass to the residents of McCullough Place each month. Thank you for hearing their confessions, for offering individual sacraments, and for never failing to show up when needed. They appreciate the time you offer, the message you bring, and the love you show to them!

The next time you see one of these inspiring individuals, offer them a prayer of thanks for how they care for our elderly brothers and sisters in Christ in our community.

Susan Ketchum

We would also like to thank Susan Ketchum for all her hard work and dedication to the Homebound Ministry. Susan does an amazing job of organizing and managing this ministry. Susan, thank you for your wonderful service!

WELCOME MICHAEL

We welcome Michael Meketo, our new organist/pianist, to our parish and staff. Michael is a composer/orchestrator/music director from Johnstown. He has music directed and performed for numerous productions, cabarets, and workshops in the New York metro area. Some favorite credits include Murphy’s Law (2016 Orchestrations) Kalopsia (2017 Music/Co-Lyrics) The Good Cop for Netflix (2018 Composer Pat Irwin) Assistants (2019 Orchestrations [Off Broadway debut!]) and The Axemans Jazz (2019 lyrics/book Briana Whyte Harris) Other projects in development include: Dog God (lyrics/book Kathy Ng) and arrangements for Die Young: The Ke$ha Romeo & Juliet (book Jake Alexander.) NYU Musical Theatre Writing Program Graduate! He has also accompanied in several churches, including Lord of the Mountains Lutheran Church in Dillon, Co, where his Kyrie from Mass for Organ and Piano was premiered, and California UMC in California, PA.

Welcome to OMOS, Michael!!!!

GUIDE BOOKS

Hopefully by now, the Guide Book and Directory has been delivered to your home. We want to thank all the advertisers who helped us to publish this book. If you have not received your copy we have a few extra copies in the Parish Office.

M.O.S.A.I.C.

M.O.S.A.I.C. (Music Outreach Singers Alive In Christ) will sing at McCullough Place Assisted Living Home next Sunday, January 19, at 9:45 am. All are welcome to come and sing for the Communion Service, which lasts for approximately 20 minutes. Please email cwilson3354@yahoo.com with any questions. Thank you.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
WHAT IS ALPHA?

Over 26 million people worldwide have experienced Alpha and over a thousand at Our Mother of Sorrows

What is Alpha? It is an opportunity to explore the questions of life around a meal, a video, and a small group discussion.

When? Join us on Monday, January 20, 6:00 p.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Hall or St. Michael’s Community Room.

No pressure. No follow-up, No charge.

For more information and to register, please visit our website: www.omostoday.com and sign-up today!

SMALL GROUP NEWS

While we finish putting all the Christmas decorations away it's hard to imagine that Lent is only 7 weeks away. We will start our Season 4 of Arise Together in Christ series the first weekend in March. This six-week series is titled "New Heart, New Spirit". Now’s the time to start thinking about joining a group or maybe even hosting one!

For existing groups, while we are in Ordinary Time, this is a great opportunity to focus on the weekly scriptures and the messages they are delivering. Check out the SundayScriptureStudy.com to get a summary of the readings, reflective writing, and discussion questions. If your group is looking for some service opportunities maybe consider helping with the Alpha course, making blankets, or helping with CEM. If you have any questions contact Julie at jsheehan1081@gmail.com.

CENTENNIAL NEWS

- Join us to make blankets on Serve Others Saturday, January 18th, from 9:00 am—12:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
- Join us for Trivia Night on January 25th at 6:30 pm. Bring a team or we’ll put you on a team. Cost is $5. Check out the Centennial Newsletter for more details.

Your “freebie” trivia question is: Our Mother of Sorrows Church features four beautiful stained glass windows of the archangels Raphael, Michael, Gabriel and Uriel created by Henry Hunt Studios in Pittsburgh. Where are these beautiful windows located? (Answer page 5)

ALPHA MEALS

We need YOUR HELP to help feed our Alpha Guests and our Youth Alpha Teenagers. PLEASE consider helping throughout the next 11 weeks! What a great small group activity! All contributions are greatly appreciated!!

- Adult Alpha—Mondays
  www.perfectpotluck.com
  Last Name: Alpha
  Password: OMOS

- Youth Alpha—Sundays
  www.perfectpotluck.com
  Last Name: Youth
  Password: Alpha

DMCA NEWS

Happy New Year from the DMCA community! Visit www.divinemercy.academy for the latest issue of DMCA Crusher News, including insights about our research-based early literacy initiatives, hands-on Google Expeditions activities and Catholic Schools Week plans. Interested in learning more? Call us at 539-5315 or 266-3837 to tour our PreK-8 classrooms, and see our student-centered and faith-focused programs in action.

SERVER OTHERS SATURDAY

Saturday, Jan 18
9am—Noon
OMOS Parish Hall

Join us as we work as a community to make 100 blankets to keep the children of Johnstown warm this winter. If you can tie a knot, you can make a blanket.

We hope to see you there!
### Weekly & Ministry Schedules

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**Sunday, January 19**

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Servers:** Peyton Barry & Ben Messina  
**Lector:** Marty Radovanic, Sr.  
**Euch. Min.:** Kim Belskey (2), Karen Hoffman, Steve Quinn  
**Host:** Julie & Ed Sheehan, Michelle Kush, Marge Pipan, Jerry Unger, Mary & Scott Kenner, Martin Malek

**Sunday, January 19**

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Servers:** Jonathan Smajda & Lily Runkle  
**Lector:** Jim Clark  
**Euch. Min.:** Brad (2) & Tonya Duca, Mary Beth Lintz  
**Host:** Deb & Anthony Falvo, Mary & George Kogut, Kathy Ashcom, Marianne Krizner, Mary Evans, John Onufro

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 11, 2020**—Vigil  
4:00 p.m.  Concetta Morbit (Paul, Barbara, Loretta, Delores, and Ralph Morbit)  
6:00 p.m.  Living & Deceased Members of All Military Families (Shrum Family)  
**Sunday, January 12, 2020**—The Baptism of the Lord  
8:30 a.m.  Dr. Paul Burns (Pete & Lena Omodio)  
11:00 a.m.  Wong Wing (Ed & Ellen Dumayas)  
**Monday, January 13, 2020**  
8:00 a.m.  Andrew Ciupak (Loretta Ciupak)  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**  
8:00 a.m.  Ray Peterson (John & Aggie Flynn)  
**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**  
6:00 p.m.  Deborah (Yoytek) Riek (Ronald & Nancy Johnson)  
**Thursday, January 16, 2020**  
9:00 a.m.  Bertha LaRocca (Bernadette Wolff)  
**Friday, January 17, 2020**  
8:00 a.m...  Ray Peterson (John & Aggie Flynn)  
**Saturday, January 18, 2020**—Vigil  
4:00 p.m.  William Kirwan (Family)  
6:00 p.m.  Patricia Puchko (Bryan & Joyce Stem)  
**Sunday, January 19, 2020**—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 a.m.  Bill Hoppel (Family)  
11:00 a.m.  Tom Byrne ((wife, Bridget)

### Sunday Collection

**January 5, 2020**  
Envelopes .................................$10,817  
Loose ........................................... 3,505  
Online (88) ..................................... 7,613  
Total ........................................... $21,935

### Rest in Peace

**Frances Dorian**  
Mother of Shawn & Katie Dorian  
**Douglas Devaux**  
Former Parishioner & OMOS School Volunteer

*Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends*