



HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

JANUARY 11, 2026
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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Weekend Mass: Saturday—4:30pm, Sunday—9:30am, 11:30am

Weekday Mass: Monday—Thursday at 8:30am

Holy Day Masses: 8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

Confession (Reconciliation): Saturdays from 3:30-4:00pm

Baptisms: Celebrated once a month at 1:00pm

Contact the rectory to register as a new parishioner or to schedule a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, or Anointing.

It's hard to believe that this weekend marks the end of the Christmas season. Personally, I believe that the Christmas season should last several more weeks. After all, the Easter season lasts 50 days (as it should, as the Resurrection is the heart of our faith!) But we couldn't have Easter without Christmas, and yet the Christmas season is less than half the length of Easter. As you may know, years ago the Christmas season lasted until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Feb 2nd. I think that schedule makes sense, since the Presentation is really the last Gospel story that we hear about Jesus as a baby.

Nevertheless, we conclude the Christmas season this Sunday by celebrating the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This Gospel event shifts our focus from the child Jesus to the adult Jesus, as Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of His public life and ministry. The event of Jesus' baptism is also the bridge between the Christmas season and the next season in the liturgical calendar, the season of Ordinary Time. In fact, this Sunday is not only the Baptism of the Lord, but it is also the First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

As today we mark the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, so in this new season of Ordinary Time we will listen to the many Gospel stories of that ministry. In fact, these stories comprise the bulk of all four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). This is why Ordinary Time is the longest of all the liturgical seasons. In other words, while we certainly treasure the powerful stories of Jesus' birth, passion, death and resurrection, we should also remember that most of the Gospel stories have to do with Jesus' teaching, preaching, healing, and miracles.

It's also worth noting that the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, which were added by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002, focus on events during Jesus' public ministry, and we listen to most of these stories during Ordinary Time. These mysteries are: the Baptism of the Lord, the Wedding at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration, and the Institution of the Eucharist (we focus on this last one not during Ordinary Time, but on Holy Thursday).

In his apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, which instituted the Luminous Mysteries, Pope St. John Paul II said that, for the rosary to "become more fully a compendium of the Gospel," it was appropriate that there be "a meditation on certain particularly significant moments in [Jesus'] public ministry, following reflection on the Incarnation and the hidden life of Christ (the Joyful Mysteries), and before focusing on the sufferings of his Passion (the Sorrowful Mysteries) and the triumph of his Resurrection (the Glorious Mysteries)."

May these Luminous Mysteries and the Gospel stories of Ordinary Time strengthen and inspire you in your faith life.

Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for us. May God bless you.

Fr. Rob

Mass Intentions

Sunday—January 11th

9:30—Marion Chrusciel
 Matthew O’Brien
 Thomas Griffin
 Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney
 Giovana Carlino
 11:30—Marlene O’Brien
 Salvatore Segreti
 Joseph & Theresa Lopes

Monday—January 12th

8:30—Patricia Ann Palermo

Tuesday—January 13th

8:30—Mary Ann Pearch
 Harvey R. Hobik
 Carol Heidorn
 Elizabeth Gersten

Wednesday—January 14th

8:30—Giovanna Carlino

Thursday—January 15th

8:30—Michael Schwichtenberg

Saturday—January 17th

4:30—Chris Benesch
 Linda Rawski
 Isabella Yorty

Sunday—January 18th

9:30—Matthew O’Brien
 Evelyn Solare
 Thomas Griffin
 Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney
 Giovana Carlino
 Napodano Ladies
 11:30—Marlene O’Brien
 Stanley Powrozek, Jr.

January 17th & 18th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Lector	Melanie Hohmeier	Donna Rae Siekierski	Liz Lynch
Communion Ministers	P. Cychosz C. Schreiner S. Schreiner	N. Kent M. Morgan R. Kraft	K. Lima J. Losurdo J. Traxler
Altar Servers	P. Cychosz C. Fiore	C. Petrucci G. Davila	G. Porras V. Picasso

Receive The Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion

HVM Ministers of Care can bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who are Homebound or Sick. If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion, or would like to know more about this rewarding ministry, then please contact Nancy Ryan (parish nurse) either by leaving a message at the rectory or by email aryan2@primehealthcare.com.



Music Notes

Come Holy Spirit in Baptism

How Can You Help Your Parish?

1. Use electronic giving for your Sunday donation, so you don't have to worry about using checks or envelopes. Go to www.hvmparish.org and click on "Donate" to sign up!
2. Remember Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish in your will!



Parish Support

Week of December 27th 28th

Weekly	\$9,803.60
Utilities	\$215.00
Maintenance	\$1,210.40
Thanksgiving	\$10.00
Religious Retirement	\$662.00
Christmas	\$1,255.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$60.00
Ascension	\$3.00
Immaculate Conception	\$15.00

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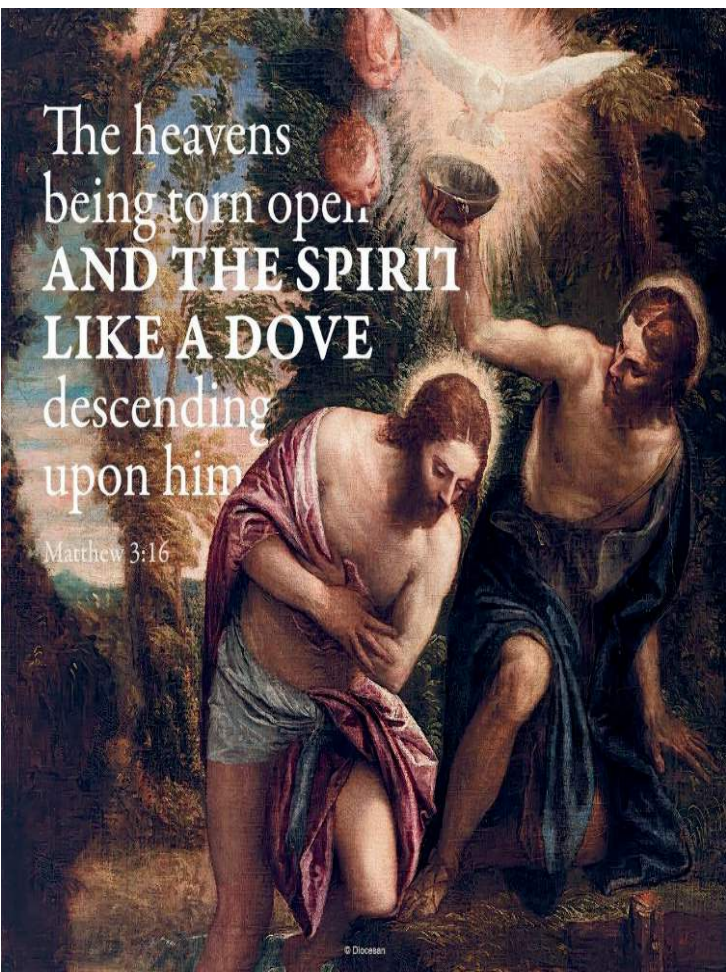


**Week 16
\$20 Winner
Lisa Piekarz—Ticket # 234**

If you would ever like to bring up the gifts during Mass, please let the ushers know before Mass. Anyone is welcome to be a gift bearer.

IN LOVING MEMORY

*Rest in Peace
"It is a holy and wholesome thought that we pray for the dead," please remember:
Michael Leo Schwichtenberg,
Constance Mastalski, and
in your prayers.*



The heavens being torn open,
AND THE SPIRIT LIKE A DOVE
descending upon him

Matthew 3:16

Religious Education News

Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation: Ms. Zerlina Kirchen

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 17th

Confirmation Retreat

9:30am-5:30pm

Confirmation Sponsor Form Due

Tuesday, January 20th

Religious Education Class

6:00-8:00pm

Saturday, January 24th

Religious Education Class

9:00-11:30am

Saturday, January 31st

Special Sacraments Class

9:00-11:00am

The Baptism of The Lord



Adult Confirmation Classes

The Religious Education program will be offering Adult Confirmation Classes for those adults who have already received the sacraments of Baptism and Communion, but just need the Sacrament of Confirmation. There is a \$100 Sacramental Fee which is due the first class.

The classes will meet on Saturday Mornings from 10:00am—12:00pm. The schedule of classes is: Saturday, January 31st, Saturday, February 28th, Saturday, March 14th
Confirmation Retreat—March 9th—12th
Confirmation Rehearsal —March 31st at 7:30pm
Confirmation —Saturday, April 4th at 7:30pm

You must be registered by the first class in order to receive your Confirmation this year. For more information or to register please contact the Religious Education Office.

Scripture Readings
For the Week of January 11, 2026

Sunday

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or
Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9;
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6;
Mt 3:13-17

Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8;
Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19;
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20;
1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20;
Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11;
Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a;
Ps 89:16-17, 18-19;
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1;
Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6;
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;
1 Cor 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-34



Pray For:

Those Who Are Sick

<i>Luz Alarcon</i>	<i>Jose Herrera</i>	<i>Vicky Majewski</i>	<i>Betty Quartello</i>
<i>Fr. Ambrosio Arambula</i>	<i>Mary Hinterlong</i>	<i>(nee Julitz)</i>	<i>Glenn Rawski</i>
<i>Betty Bajzek</i>	<i>Laura Gardeck & Jeff</i>	<i>Geneveve Mastalerz</i>	<i>Jacqueline Reiss</i>
<i>Dan Bailey</i>	<i>Hinz</i>	<i>Carole McCreery</i>	<i>Barbara Rodgers</i>
<i>Char Banyai</i>	<i>Renee Iman</i>	<i>Bryan McIntyre</i>	<i>John Saathoff</i>
<i>Laura Biangini</i>	<i>Vivian Jennings</i>	<i>Bill McMurray</i>	<i>Kathy Sassolino</i>
<i>Sonia Bonacci</i>	<i>Arlene Jurinek</i>	<i>Barbara Miller</i>	<i>Cathy & Steve Schreiner</i>
<i>Frank Bosco</i>	<i>Brian Kelly</i>	<i>Christian Mireles</i>	<i>Jacqueline Spejcher</i>
<i>Pat Brandolino</i>	<i>Patti King</i>	<i>Pat Morgan</i>	<i>Pat Sullivan</i>
<i>Gus Campeotto</i>	<i>Joyce Knauss</i>	<i>Robert Olender</i>	<i>Michelle Swigost</i>
<i>Phyllis DiBenedetto</i>	<i>Leonard Kuffer</i>	<i>Christopher Ordo</i>	<i>Sarah Tripoli</i>
<i>Beatrice Giannone</i>	<i>Marguerite Kramer</i>	<i>Michael Pesola</i>	<i>Jim Waterloo</i>
<i>Rose & Pat Glasso</i>	<i>Dan Latoria, Jr.</i>	<i>Nancy Piatek</i>	<i>Joan Weichbrodt</i>
<i>Judy Golab</i>	<i>Mark Latoria</i>	<i>Deacon Ron Pilariski</i>	<i>Jean Wesolowski</i>
<i>Karla Gosinski</i>	<i>Joan Lester</i>	<i>Melissa Pitts</i>	<i>Nancy Wright</i>
<i>Ruth Gosinski</i>	<i>Diahne Lopez</i>	<i>Mike Ponticelli</i>	<i>Isabella Yorty</i>
<i>Howard Heidorn</i>		<i>Joseph Powyszynski</i>	

Those in the Military

<i>Sergeant Michael Bavone</i>	<i>Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez</i>
<i>Private Christopher Bavone</i>	<i>USMC Kyle Ruth</i>
<i>US Army PFC Matthew Gonzales</i>	<i>USAF Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner</i>
<i>US Army Michael Gutierrez</i>	<i>HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy</i>
<i>First Lieutenant Justin Hunt,</i>	<i>Omar Vee, Jr.</i>
<i>USAF Sergeant Michael Keaty</i>	

Women's Club Update

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The Holy Virgin Martyrs Women Club had two successful fund raisers this past fall, and at the HVM Parish Christmas dinner on December 14th, we presented Fr Rob with checks totaling \$4,500 representing profits from our Pasta Dinner and Harvest Bake Sale. These checks go directly to support the needs of the parish. The Club also made a donation to the Christ the King Mission that assists parishioners in need. The continued participation of members, family and especially parishioners makes these donations possible. We are grateful for your continued support.

There will be no January meeting, and our February meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 5th starting with the Rosary at 6:30pm.

Wishing all peace and happiness in 2026.

The Officers of the HVM Women's Club



Mass Intention Request Form

THE 2026 MASS BOOK IS OPEN!

**FILL OUT THIS FORM WITH YOUR MASS INTENTIONS AND
EITHER DROP IT OFF AT THE RECTORY OR PUT IT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.
THE MASS STIPEND IS \$15.00 FOR EACH INTENTION.**

**OUR MASS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:
DAILY MASS-MONDAY—THURSDAY AT 8:30AM
WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:
SATURDAY AT 4:30PM AND SUNDAY AT 9:30AM AND 11:30AM
HOLY DAY SCHEDULE—8:30AM, 12 NOON, AND 7PM**

**IF WE CANNOT SCHEDULE YOUR INTENTIONS AT THE TIME AND DATE
REQUESTED, WE WILL SCHEDULE THEM AS CLOSE TO THOSE TIMES AS POSSIBLE.**

YOUR NAME

PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL

INTENTIONS

DATE AND TIME PREFERRED



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