



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*The heavens were
opened for Him*



Parish Stewardship

SATURDAY, January 10, 2026 Vigil of Sunday

5:00 p.m. (SP) +Hilton Stonier
/Req. Barbara McKetta

SUNDAY, January 11, 2026

7:30 a.m. (SMA) +Grace Mariani (Annv.)
/Req. Carol Lynn Fabrizio
9:00 a.m. (SP) +James Norris
/Req. Norris Family
+Betty Victory
/Req. Audrey, George & Lauren
Basler

11:30 a.m. (SMA) +Marisa Tiesi
/Req. JoAnn, Mitch, Mary &
Emily
+Joan Astoreca
/Req. Al & Linda Zemanick
+Francesco & Adina Paciocco
/Req. Daughter, Son & Families

2:00 p.m. (SMA) **LATIN MASS**

MONDAY, January 12, 2026 NO MASS

TUESDAY, January 13, 2026

12:10 p.m. (SP) +Ray & Mary Behanna
/Req. Barbara McKetta

WEDNESDAY, January 14, 2026

12:10 p.m. (SMA) *Parishioner's Intentions

THURSDAY, January 15, 2026

12:10 p.m. (SP) *Parishioners' Intentions

FRIDAY, January 16, 2026

12:10 p.m. (SMA) +Maria DiRosa
/Req. Tony DiMascio

SATURDAY, January 17, 2026 Vigil of Sunday

5:00 p.m. (SP) +Barry L. Evan (Annv.)
/Req. Wife
+Audrey & Ed Kenefick
/Req. Jacalyn Kenefick
+Leo & Eleanor Blodgett
/Req. Kathy & Gabrielle

SUNDAY, January 18, 2026

7:30 a.m. (SMA) +Linda Kocik
/Req. St. John's School
Community
9:00 a.m. (SP) +Robert Sweet Sr. (2nd Annv.)
/Req. Family
11:30 a.m. (SMA) +Mary Murphy (IRELAND)
/Req. Marilyn & Joe Verrastro &
Jackie & Eric Zieler
+Jeremy Russell
/Req. Mom & Dad



In sympathy we ask for your prayers for the
recently deceased and for their families:

Marty Valenti

December 21, 2025 Offerings St. Mary's:

Ordinary Offering	\$6,055.00
Fuel	\$60.00
Electricity	\$446.00
Youth	\$21.00
Candles	\$131.00
On-Line Giving	\$531.58
Total	\$7,244.58

We need \$6,500 weekly to meet our expenses.

December 21, 2025 Offerings St. Paul's:

Ordinary Offering	\$5,911.00
Fuel	\$20.00
Electricity	\$226.00
Candles	\$87.00
Grounds & Maintenance	\$569.00
Flowers	\$165.00
On-Line Giving	\$2,239.13
Total	\$9,217.13

We need \$6,100 weekly to meet our expenses.

December 28, 2025 Offerings St. Mary's:

Ordinary Offering	\$5,952.00
Fuel	\$451.00
Electricity	\$50.00
Youth	\$22.00
Candles	\$197.00
On-Line Giving	\$141.26
Total	\$6,813.26

CHRISTMAS: \$6,637.00

We need \$6,500 weekly to meet our expenses.

December 28, 2025 Offerings St. Paul's:

Ordinary Offering	\$6,963.00
Fuel	\$349.00
Electricity	\$46.00
Candles	\$116.00
Grounds & Maintenance	\$38.00
Flowers	\$98.00
On-Line Giving	\$9,915.17
Total	\$17,525.17

CHRISTMAS: \$12,211.00

We need \$6,100 weekly to meet our expenses.

Last Sunday's Offerings St. Mary's:

Ordinary Offering	\$8,218.00
Fuel	\$234.00
Electricity	\$142.00
Youth	\$20.00
Candles	\$83.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,049.00
Christmas	\$187.00
On-Line Giving	\$114.28
Total	\$10,047.28

We need \$6,500 weekly to meet our expenses.

Last Sunday's Offerings St. Paul's:

Ordinary Offering	\$6,264.00
Fuel	\$100.00
Electricity	\$50.00
Candles	\$86.00
Grounds & Maintenance	\$120.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,388.00
Christmas	\$477.00
On-Line Giving	\$198.94
Total	\$8,683.94

We need \$6,100 weekly to meet our expenses.



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR
NEWEST PARISHIONER

Lindsey Oliva (SMA)

ST. MARY & ST. PAUL TAX INFORMATION

We will be sending year-end contribution statements **ONLY** to those who request them. If you would like a copy of your contribution statement, complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Envelope # _____ Church _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



**THE TABERNACLE CANDLE
BURNS FOR THE GLORY OF
GOD AND FOR ...**

St. Mary's: No Intention

**St. Paul's: Eleanor Blodgett
Req. Tony & Chris**

**On the Feast of the Baptism of the
Lord, we reflect on Jesus' baptism
and our own baptismal promises with this
prayer:**

Almighty, eternal God,

**When the Spirit descended upon Jesus at
his baptism in the Jordan, you revealed Him
as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your
children born of water and the Spirit, faithful
to our calling. We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for
ever and ever.**

St. Paul's Appreciation Dinner

Do you volunteer your time at
St. Paul's?

If so, please join us on:
**Saturday, January 31st following the 5PM
Mass in our church hall.**

It will be an evening of friendship, food
and drink.

RSVP by calling the rectory @
607-724-6492

Please RSVP by 1/22/26

Thank you for all you do for
St. Paul's Church



Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers St. Paul's January 17 & 18, 2026		
Saturday	Time 5:00 PM	Lector/Ciborium: Patricia Newland
Sunday	Time 9:00 AM	Lector/Ciborium: Rose O'Neil

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers St. Mary's January 18, 2026		
Sunday	Time 7:30 AM	Ciborium: Sr. Lucia, Carol Mion Lector: Patricia Griffin
Sunday	Time 11:30 AM	Ciborium: Tony Fiala, Anthony DiMascio Lector: Theresa DeSantis



Reminder.....

If the Binghamton City Schools are closed due to bad weather, the Rectory office will be closed also. There will be no daily mass that day.

NEW PARISHIONER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

_____ St. Mary's _____ St. Paul's
 _____ New Registration _____ Change of Address
 _____ You may publish my name in the bulletin

Please cut out and drop in collection basket or mail to rectory



HOPE APPEAL

St. Paul's

St. Mary's

Goal: \$34,808

Goal: \$36,554

\$21,888.92

\$16,527.33



ST PAUL'S RCIA GROUP

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026
 Time: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
 Place: Rectory, 15 Doubleday Street
 Topic: The Sacrament of Baptism



ST. MARY'S RCIA GROUP

Date: Sunday, January 11, 2025
 Time: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
 Place: St. Mary's
 Topic: Inside the Catholic Church



Dates to Remember

Tuesdays:

Miraculous Medal Novena following 12:10 Mass (SP)

Wednesdays:

11:35 AM- Rosary prayer (SMA)
 Sacrament of Reconciliation Following 12:10 pm Mass (SMA)

Fridays:

11:35 AM- Rosary prayer (SMA)
 After 12:10 PM Mass Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturdays:

8:00 Rosary Group (SP)
 4:15-4:45 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (SP)

THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE.

Meditation for Sunday, January 11, 2026

Jesus came . . . to be baptized. (Matthew 3:13)

Why did Jesus submit to John's baptism? This cleansing in the waters of the Jordan River was a baptism of repentance (Matthew 3:11). But Jesus was the Son of God—he didn't need to repent! That's why John said to Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" (3:14).

John did not live long enough to witness Jesus' death and resurrection. But if he had heard Jesus pray, "Father, forgive them," from the cross, John would have witnessed firsthand the full significance of Jesus' baptism. Jesus was baptized, not for his own sins, but for ours and those of the whole world.

On the cross, Jesus, the sinless One, would take on the sin of all humanity. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, when Jesus was baptized, he "loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon his shoulders: he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners. . . . The Baptism is an acceptance of death for the sins of humanity" (Jesus of Nazareth, p. 18).

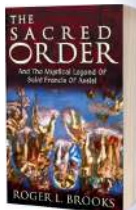
That's why Jesus told John that his baptism would "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we sinners would be made righteous. Jesus stood with sinners like us along the banks of the Jordan and descended into the waters, just as they had. Then, on the cross, he took on every one of our sins—and put them to death, once and for all.

Today, then, is a day to thank the Lord for your own Baptism. Through this great sacrament, you were joined to Jesus in his death and resurrection. You were freed from the burden of guilt that Jesus loaded on his own shoulders. You were cleansed of sin and made righteous. And just as the Father said to Jesus, so he says to you: "You are my beloved child" (see Matthew 3:17). May he forever be praised!

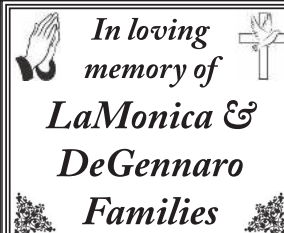
"Lord, thank you for the new life I received at my Baptism!"



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of the year!"
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