

"The Baptism of the Lord"

Entrance Antiphon: "After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Cf. Mt 3:16-17

Communion Antiphon: "Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God." Jn 1: 32, 34

Reflection for this Sunday: The feast of the Baptism of the Lord invites us to reflect deeply on a transformative moment in Jesus' life, one that reveals His humility, mission, and the profound mystery of the Trinity. Though sinless, Jesus chose to be baptized by John the Baptist, aligning Himself with humanity in its weakness and need for redemption. This act of humility demonstrates His solidarity with us, showing that He came not to stand apart from us but to share fully in our struggles. His baptism marks the beginning of His public ministry, a moment when the heavens opened, the Holy Spirit descended like a dove, and the Father's voice proclaimed, "You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased." This Trinitarian revelation highlights the unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a community of love inviting us into divine communion. For us, Jesus' baptism serves as a reminder of our own baptism, a sacrament that cleanses us of sin, incorporates us into God's family, and commissions us to continue His mission of love and service in the world. Baptism is not merely a past event but a call to a lifelong journey of discipleship, empowering us through the Holy Spirit to bear witness to God's goodness, care for the suffering, bring hope to the brokenhearted, and proclaim the Gospel through our lives. Just as Jesus' baptism prepared Him to bring healing and salvation to the world, our baptism calls us to embrace lives of humility, love, and mission, reflecting the divine love of the Trinity and inviting others into this life of grace. May we, like Jesus, live as beloved children of God, renewed in our baptismal promises, and inspired to share His light and love with everyone we meet.

PLANNED GIVING: Creating a Legacy of Love. The following are steps to make your life is in order before God calls you: 1. Draft a Will. 2. Leave enough liquid cash in an obvious location to sustain your survivors to pay your expenses of your estate. 3. Plan your own funeral. 4. Leave no financial debt. 5. Write your own obituary. 6. Organize your records. 7. Choose a time to openly discuss these plans with loved ones For more information, contact: Scott Lalone, Executive Director, Development Office 393-2920, slalone@rcdony.org.

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT: Discernment is a call, listen with others. It is a journey of faith, traveling with companions. Are you a single Catholic man, of high school age or older, who is hearing the Lord's call to the Priesthood? You are invited to join fellow discerners and Father Howard Venette for the following gatherings from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch will be provided. To attend a session with Father Venette, please register on-line. <https://www.rcdony.org/priesthooddiscernment> St. Mary's Church, Canton January 25, 2025; March 22, 2025; May 3, 2025. For more information contact: Father Howard Venette – hvenette@rcdony.org

BECOME YOUR BEST SELF: BUILD A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND OTHERS: Next Friendship Group on January 23 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Imagine the best conversation you've ever had — one that set your heart on fire, challenged your thinking, brought you closer to God, and inspired you to act. Recall how that conversation made you feel and how it changed your heart and your life. Such interactions rise to the level of the sacred — sacred conversations — dialogues that transform hearts, strengthen relationships, and make the world a better place by converting compassionate love into action. Using Scripture, real-world examples, key scientific studies, and stories from his own formation, Dr. Reed provides approachable, fun-filled, well-researched advice on how you can use sacred conversations to become your best self and build closer relationships with others and with the Lord. At this meeting, we will discuss chapters 1 - 3. To sign-up for the Friendship Group, receive the meeting link, and discussion questions, go to <https://mailchi.mp/sophiainstitute/friendship-groups> Questions? Contact Mary Beth Bracy at mbracy@sophiainstitute.com

Mass & Envelope Schedule

Saturday 1/18	Sunday 1/19
4:00pm (SB) (L) Pat Chase (EM) Mona Siskavich	8:00am (SE) (L) Christine Gregory (EM) Deryl Gregory (EM) Matt Sylvester
6:00pm (SE) (L) Nancy Miller (EM) Andy Miller (EM) Delbert Hart	10:30am (SB) (L) Joe Varin (EM) Joe Varin (EM) Diane Barber
Counters (Week 2)	JoAnn McNeil Peggy McNeil
January 12	January 19
Regular Collection Cemetery Fund	Regular Collection Build. & Maint.

Dear Parishioners of St Edmund's and St. Bernard's,

Thank you very much for fulfilling the Angel Tags for our annual Giving Tree Campaign. I appreciate you thinking of the students at NAC Elementary. Your generosity is so very much appreciated. Please know your gifts will make for a very merry Christmas for our students and will bring smiles to their faces on Christmas morning. Thanks again and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,
Lisa M. Silver, Ed. D.
Elementary Principal NACS

UPDATE ON DIOCESAN REORGANIZATION: Bishop LaValley has published a as an update on the Diocesan Reorganization process. Updates are posted on the Diocesan Webpage at <https://www.rcdony.org/reorganization>. Some copies of the Letter is available at the back of the Church.

Pray for the Sick: Betty Gregory, Shirley Guerin, Baby Walter, Frieda Whitfield, Bill LePage, Rolland Magoon, Fred Cayea Jr., Marguerite Colgan.

Offertory Collections for Weekend of 1/5/25
Regular Collection: \$3,711.00
Fuel Collection: \$1,012.00 *Thank You*

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Saturday, January 11th, 2025

4:00pm(SB) Trina Siskavich by Karen & George Oehler
6:00pm(SE) For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 12th, 2025

8:00am (SE) Ula & Lawrence Smith & Trent Trombley by Sandy & Stewart
10:30am(SB) Danny Hyatt by Linda & Jim Kowalowski

Monday, January 13th, 2025:

11: 00am (SE) Funeral Mass for Donald Bombard
5: 30pm (SE) Rhoda Rabideau by Sr. Debbie & Sr. Stephanie

Tuesday, January 14th, 2025:

9: 00am (SB) Francis Kowalowski by Bill Chase

Wednesday, January 15th, 2025:

No Mass
Thursday, January 16th, 2025:
9:00am (SE) Tom Silver by Christine & Deryl Gregory

Friday, January 17th, 2025:

9:00am (SB) For the People of the Parish
Next Weekend

"Second Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Saturday, January 18th, 2025

4:00pm(SB) Pauline, Walter & Francis Kowalowski
By Claire & Bernadette
6:00pm(SE) Nichole Miller by Sanda, Joe & Patrick

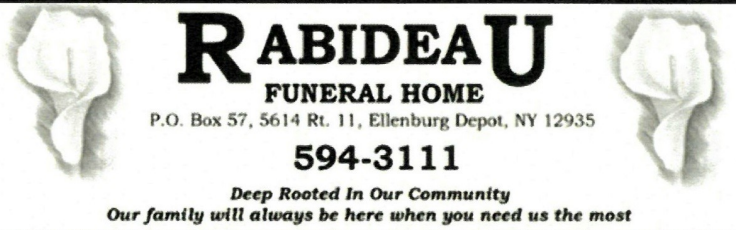
Sunday, January 19th, 2025

8:00am (SE) Trent Trombley, Ula & Lawrence Smith
by Debbie Trombley & Family
10:30am(SB) Fr. Leo Wiley by a Parishioner

In addition to mass dedications, sanctuary candles which remain lit on the altar for a full week can be dedicated for your prayer intentions.

SANCTUARY CANDLE
(Week of January 12th, 2025)

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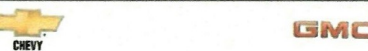
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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday	Sunday
4:00pm (SB) 6:00pm (SE)	8:00am (SE) 10:30am (SB)

St. Edmund's Church
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Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday:
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by appointment

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Abuse Reporting: If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terrianne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: 518-569-0612; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org Phone: 315-393-2920 ext. 1340. If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org



Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Collect for First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord, Book of Common Prayer, pg. 214

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