

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 baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew's presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, "This is my beloved son . . ." In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: "You are my beloved son ." The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: "I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission.

Winter Breakfast Jan. 25, 2026 at Holy Angels Hall, Altona, NY Menu Eggs, Eggcups, Sausage, Bacon, Pancakes, French Toast, Cinnamon Rolls, Home Fries, Coffee, Tea, Juice. Adults \$13 Children 5-12 \$7, under 5 Free. Prepared by Mooers K of C.

Celebration of Life Planning Expo: Bereavement and Community Support Committee Celebration of Life Planning Expo to Be Held at St. Edmund's Parish Hall. Helping Families Prepare Faithfully for Life's Final Journey. The Bereavement and Community Support Committee of Saint Bernard's and Saint Edmund's Parishes invites the public to a "Celebration of Life Planning Expo" on **Saturday, January 17, 2026, beginning at 10 a.m.** at Saint Edmund's Parish Hall, Ellenburg. This free community event will provide helpful resources for families wishing to prepare for their end-of-life needs—spiritually, practically, and with peace of mind. Participants will include grief counselors, estate planners, legal and financial advisors, funeral directors, clergy, musicians, caterers, florists, monument and memorial specialists, cemetery and mausoleum representatives, and local organizations that assist families during times of loss. "Planning ahead is a loving gift to our families," said a spokesperson for the Bereavement Committee. "It allows us to make thoughtful choices and prepare our final celebration of life with faith and dignity." Refreshments will be available, and attendees will have the opportunity to meet local service providers, ask questions, and gather information. In case of inclement weather or a blizzard, the event will be rescheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 10 a.m. **Contact for More Information:** Mary Ellen Tomo **Phone Number:** 518-569-4447 **Email:** tomo_mary@yahoo.com

Planned Giving, 'Memorare Legacy Society': Have you already or have been thinking about leaving a legacy by designating a portion of your assets to pass at death to the Diocese of Ogdensburg, your parish or school or diocesan program or organization? The Memorare Legacy Society honors and recognizes the generosity and vision of those who have chosen to leave a legacy to the Diocese of Ogdensburg through estate or deferred gifts. Members of this society are those who have informed the Diocese of a planned gift that, in the future, will benefit the Diocese of Ogdensburg or any of its parishes or programs. This ensures a continuous commitment of care to their Church, to the Church's vision and to the charitable works that flow from her missions through their thoughtful planned gift. For more information on the Memorare Legacy Society, contact: Scott Lalone, Executive Director, Development Office 393-2920, slalone@rcdony.org.

Mass & Envelope Schedule

Saturday 1/17	Sunday 1/18
4:00pm (SB) (L) Peter Siskavich (EM) Karen Oehler	8:00am (SE) (L) Christine Gregory (EM) Deryl Gregory (EM) Matt Sylvester
6:00pm (SE) (L) Judy Bombard (EM) Delbert Hart (EM) Gale Tourville	10:30am (SB) (L) Joe Varin (EM) Joe Varin (EM) Diane Barber
Counters (Week 2)	Sandy Smith Linda Trombley
January 11	January 18
Regular Collection	Regular Collection

2025 Bishop's Fund Appeal: Thank you to the **112 families** who have contributed **\$10,696** to this year's Appeal! Our parish goal is **120 families** and **\$12,410**. Please consider making a pledge or one-time gift to support the ministries and programs that serve people across our Diocese. Gifts beyond the goal will help the Bishop's **Good Samaritan Fund**, assisting families in need. Give online at www.rcdony.org/giving/donatenow-bishop-s-fund

RESPECT LIFE SECOND COLLECTION: January 24/25, 2026: The Diocese of Ogdensburg Respect Life Second Collection will be held in our parishes the weekend of January 24/25. The collection supports efforts that affirm & promote the respect of human life from fertilization to natural death. Last year, grants helped 5 Gabriel Projects, Birthright, Plattsburgh Pregnancy Center, Heart Well Homestead Maternity Home, Malone Catholic Charities, Liferight of Watertown, Light of Truth Educational Programing and Fourth Coast Companions Elder-care. Thank you for your generosity.

Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Dean Belrose on January 17th at Noon at the American Legion, Lyon Mt. NY. Adults \$10, Kids 5 and under \$5. Corn Hole starting at Noon, also Auction and Music. Dean had Heart Surgery on Jan.6th and we are hopeful this will help him and his family. If you would like to donate please contact Larry Chase or Stacy Chase 518-578-4511.

Schedule of Holy Mass & Devotions

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 10th, 2026

4:00pm(SB) Alan Davies by Bob & Jessie Charland
6:00pm(SE) Ronald Dominic by Larry & Valarie Dominic

Sunday, January 11th, 2026

8:00am (SE) Lawrence & Ula Smith, & Trent Trombley
By Sandy & Stewart Smith
10:30am(SB) Claire Bailey by Elaine Bailey & Michael Mickalski

Monday, January 12th, 2026:

4:00pm (SE): Novena & Adoration
Tuesday, January 13th to Thursday, January 15th, 2026:

No Mass

Friday, January 16th, 2026:

9:00am (SB): Novena & Adoration

Next Weekend

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 17th, 2026

4:00pm(SB) Nancy Petrashune by Linda & Jim Kowalowski
6:00pm(SE) K Of C Memorial Mass Tree

Sunday, January 18th, 2026

8:00am (SE) Carl Blow by Ann & Dale Selkirk
10:30am(SB) Peggy Toloski by Connie & Jerry Hamelin

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 11th)

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Schedule of Holy Mass

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

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday:
9:30am to 1:30pm or
by appointment

The sacrament of penance and reconciliation is available 20 minutes prior to each Saturday Evening masses, or anytime by appointment.

For the sacraments of baptism and RCIA please contact Deacon Lushia (518) 493-6671 or lushiak@westelcom.com. For the sacraments of marriage and anointing of the sick, please contact Father Tojo.

Abuse Reporting: If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terriane Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terrianeyanulavich@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

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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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