

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

03 Chuck Hirtz
 05 Bev Moyer
 05 Cherie Shallock
 05 Kathy Wall
 06 Ray Servis
 07 Mary Cheatham
 08 Itzel Valasco-Ruiz
 17 Linda Gardner
 20 Alice Doeppe
 21 Alexander Gregory
 22 Chris Moyer
 25 Khali Fadheel
 29 Keith Hamilton, Jr.
 30 Frem Afram
 31 Arnie Johannes
 31 Joy Malok

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

20 Todd & Betty Craft

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

Dylan Anderson	Linda Gardner	Rhonda Mayberry	Jane Sliwinski
Sid Barr	Elizabeth Gillam	Willard Mock	Don Smith
Robert Berry	Lynn Goss	Greg Moore	Margaret Smith
Patricia Bonnewitz	Mary Graf	Jane Moreton	Maureen Smith
Gloria Bowden	Kathleen Hamilton	Beverly Moyer	Chere Tew
Kellsei Boyce	Jeanne Harper	Chris Moyer	Jim Tew
Millie Budney	James Heady	Ray Moyer	Amy Tracy
Sandra Burke	Pablo Ignacio	Don & Patsy Notestein	Emilia Walker
Julie Byron	Patrick Ignacio	Angel Ortiz	Wardell Family
Deacon John Carey	Meja Irvin	George Perry	Charles Watson
Riordan Cavoris	Leslie Jarrett	Gary Peters	Danielle Weedon
Suzi Crawford	Maggie Kreiser	Laurie Peters	Laura Williams
Justin Curtis	Fran Lecco	Frank Powell	Louise Williams
Trish Decresce	Paul Lent	Nelson Sanchez	Michael Williams
Alessia Destefano	Patel Mahendra	Princess Sanchez	Betty Jo Wolfrum
Carol Donato	Carolyn Martin	John Seaquist	
Islea Duncan	Kimberly Martin	Bernadette Servis	
John Evans	Chefley Matthews	Ray Servis	

The Financial Corner

Collections: January 1: \$422.00c January 4: \$1123.00
 Attendees: January 1: \$34 January 4: 74

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January 11, 2026 The Baptism of the Lord

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Holy Eucharist
Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Thursday: 12:15 PM

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact
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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FATHER JIM

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We close out our Christmas Season, but not really for me. I like to keep my "Charlie Brown Christmas Tree" up until February 2 (The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.).

So often I wondered years ago: "Why did Jesus get baptized?" especially since he was sinless. There are many reasons. God willed that Jesus be totally immersed into the human experience to hunger for love as we hunger for affection; to know pain and suffering as you and I know and experience those things; to share in the joy of good news, flowers, lakes and oceans with all of creation; to laugh at people like Zaccheaus who climbs a tree. Though sinless, he was to be in solidarity with the sinful - solidarity with our sinfulness, but without being contaminated.

It is at the waters of the Jordan where he begins his public ministry. It is at the waters of the Jordan his identity is revealed. "This is my beloved Son" the father says, "with whom I am well pleased."

What does that mean for you and me? At our Baptism, God the Father says that about you and me. "This is my beloved daughter or beloved son of whom I am well pleased." There is no difference at that moment between Jesus and you. We start off with grace.

Then, as Jesus began his public ministry by Baptism, we are called, all of us, to a ministry. Some serve in church activities such as feeding the hungry, lecturing, visiting the sick. You know what they all are!

At the Second Vatican Council and the encyclicals of progress popes highlighted your call. Your call is just as powerful and valid as those ordained. As a matter of fact, you and the priest through the power of the Holy Spirit, consecrate the bread and wine together. If you feel you have the talent and gift and there is a need, say "I am baptized. I got this!"

I get a kick out of people at a parish picnic when it is my time to serve a volleyball. Some will say, "Watch out! He has God on his side." So, when it's another's turn to serve, I say, "Watch out! She is baptized. She has God on her side!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY'S MASS INTENTIONS

People of the Parish

January Calendar

Monday, January 12: Christmas decorations will be removed from the worship area and readied for "ordinary time: for January 18. We will meet at 11:30 am. If you can spare some time, please join us.

Tuesday, January 13: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting following mass.

Wednesday, January 14: Finance Council Meeting

Monday, January 19: Fr. Jim leaves for Rhode Island to visit his Dad. He will return January 23.

Sat/Sun. Jan 31-Feb. 1: Fr. Jim "begs" in Charlottesville. There will be a Prayer Service with Communion led by Andrew Brown and Diane Bradish.

PHONE TREE

Many thanks to the following holy baptized lay people who are our new prayer/emergency phone tree guides for OLP Parishioners: Steven Boyer, Joyce Hing, Mike Mulac, Tina Tyree, Helen Dennany, Sid Smith and Jill Marston. To quote Steven: "The primary purpose is to lend prayer support to our fellow parishioners, their families and our community at large." If you have not heard or had a text from any of these awesome people, please let Diane Bradish know and she will make sure you get on one of the lists. (diane.bradish@gmail.com)