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## **The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025**

**Sunday January 12, 2025**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38;  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday January 13, 2025**

**St. Hilary**

Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20

**1:00 PM – Al-anon – Parish Room**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28

**1:00 PM – Bible Study-SPN Parish Room**

**Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39

**6:00 PM – 7:30 PM – Faith Formation K-6  
Office Closed**

**Thursday, January 16, 2025**

Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45

**1:00 PM – Parish Life Meeting-  
St. Philip Neri – Parish Room**

**Friday, January 17, 2025**

**St. Anthony**

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12

**No Daily Mass**

**Saturday, January 18, 2025**

Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17

**3:00 – 3:30 PM Reconciliation – St. Philip Neri**

**4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri Church**

**†Jim Kaverman by Betty Yost**

### **Collection Report**

**January 1 & 5, 2025**

#### **St. Philip Neri**

<b>Envelopes (57)</b>	<b>\$2,715.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$398.00</b>
<b>Wkly. Budget</b>	<b><u>\$3,000.00</u></b>
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<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>\$78,000.00</b>
<b>YTD Collections</b>	<b>\$77,036.00</b>
	<b>(\$964.00)</b>

### **Schedule of Ministers**

**St. Philip Neri**

**January 18, 2025**

<b>Eucharist:</b>	Tom Fabus
<b>Eucharist:</b>	Susan Fabus
<b>Eucharist:</b>	Irene Balowski
<b>Word:</b>	Lynne Kreger
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Jan Sims
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Richard Karns
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Ed Suckow
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Kay Suckow

### **Senior Citizens of St. Philip Neri & St. Anne**

Mark your calendars for the Annual Senior Citizens Dinner. It will take place on Sunday, February 16, 2025 downstairs at St. Philip Neri Church. The festivities will begin at 12:00 pm (noon).

Reservations are a must and will be taken starting next weekend, January 18, 2025.

### **Happy Anniversary**

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Colleen and Stuart Sauntman. They are celebrating 50 years on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations.

**Msgr. Victor Gallagher**  
**Council 12668**



Committed to living catholic values while  
serving our parish community

**CATHOLIC TRADITIONS**

Catholic culture is rich with traditions and practices. These elements hold deep meaning to the faithful. Following are some examples of these Catholic traditions.

**Making the Sign of the Cross**

The sign of the cross is a gesture of faith and protection. Catholics perform this action when entering or leaving a church, before prayer, and during blessings, symbolizing the belief in the Holy Trinity and seeking divine guidance.

**No Meat on Fridays**

Although no longer a requirement, abstaining from meat on Fridays, especially during Lent, is an act of penance and remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice. This practice fosters a sense of discipline among believers to reflect on their faith and commitment.

**Naming Children after Saints**

Choosing a saint's name for a child provides a spiritual role model and patron. This tradition hopes that the child will emulate the virtues of the chosen saint and invoke the saint's protection and guidance in the child's life.

**Liturgical Colors**

Different colors worn by priests during Mass signify various liturgical seasons and celebrations. Colors, such as purple for Lent and Advent, white for Christmas and Easter, and green for Ordinary Time.

**Wearing Religious Medals**

Many Catholics wear medals around their neck to symbolize their faith and devotion.

**Sunday Obligations**

Going to Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation is fundamental to the Catholic faith. This weekly commitment emphasizes the importance of worship of the Sabbath and holy day as dedicated to God.

**Fasting an Hour before Mass**

Before receiving Communion, Catholics are required to fast for at least one hour. This act prepares the faithful to receive the Eucharist with a pure heart and focused mind.

**Faith Formation News**

This weekend we hear the reading about the Baptism of the Lord. It is the last Sunday before we go back to Ordinary Time. The opening lines of the Gospel speak of John the Baptist. We have heard about and from John during the Advent and Christmas season. This time we hear John answer the question that several groups of people are asking, "Is John the Messiah?"

John, knowing his identity says, no I am not the Christ. John knows who he is and who he is not. John is humble. He knows that he has been sent to prepare the way of the Lord. To bring people to the Christ. To preach. John knows he is not "worthy" to untie the thongs of his sandals." My confessor said one that yes, be humble, but then take your place. Humility doesn't mean we shy away from our gifts and talents. It doesn't mean we beat up on ourselves. We use our gifts and talents in service of the People of God and in the name of the Lord. John is humble and he knows and uses his gifts and talent to build up the Kingdom.

The second half of the Gospel is the baptism of Jesus. Notice the line after the baptism when Jesus is at prayer. It is then that the heavens open and the Holy Spirit descends upon him. It is while Jesus is at prayer. Let us take this example and be found in prayer. In the waters of baptism, we all received a portion of the Holy Spirit. In the silence of prayer, we tend to be more open to the Holy Spirit. Let us take the time in this new year to sit quietly in prayer and be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

God speaks at the end of this Gospel reading. Telling Jesus, "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased." I had a spiritual direction once that asked me to use this line and insert me into it. As if God was speaking to me: You are my beloved daughter, with you I am well pleased. Over and over recited this line. At first it was uncomfortable. However, as I continued to recite this line, it slowly became a prayer. It slowly became real within me. Try it. In your mind imagine God is speaking to you. Say the line over and over. See what the Holy Spirit will reveal to you.

In hope, Beth Dake Director of Faith Formation

**In Sympathy**

*Please remember Georgene Ann Lenahan, sister-in-law to Harriet Lenahan, she passed away on January 5, 2025.*

*"Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord  
And let perpetual light shine upon her."*