



# FROM THE PASTOR

From a Sermon by Saint Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop  
(Oration 39 in Sancta Lumina, 14-16, 20: PG 36,350-351, 354, 358-359)

The baptism of Christ

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him, and rise with him.

John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. The John says: I ought to be baptized by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptized by you: we should also add, and for you, for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received-though not in its fullness-a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

**Congratulations to Sally Shay and Rob Rosiek on being elected by our parishioners to serve on the Parish Council**

# St Peter & Paul Catholic Church



**BRINGING THE MESSAGE OF  
JESUS CHRIST TO OTHERS FOR  
OVER 100 YEARS**



**January 11, 2015  
The Baptism  
Of  
The Lord**

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### Baptism of the Lord

*The Spirit of God descends like a dove*

*Today is the last day of the Christmas season. Long after the trees have been taken down and the lights and ornaments put in storage for next year, the Catholic Church continues to unpack the meaning of the great feast of the Incarnation. After last week's manifestation in the Epiphany, Jesus is now manifested as the Son of God, ready to begin his mission. We who are baptized like Jesus also have a mission. God is calling us "beloved" now, if we listen carefully.*

#### Mass Intentions

**Saturday Jan. 10-Vigil**  
5:30p.m. Bernard Blake by Bill & Terri Light

**Sunday Jan. 11**  
8:00a.m. For all Parishioners  
10:30a.m. William & Mary Neudek  
by Victoria Leach

**Monday Jan. 12**  
8:30a.m. BaldoBino & Antonio Taisacan  
by Vincenta Taisacan

**Wed. Jan. 14**  
6:00p.m. Jane Elkins Gaas by Bruce & Toni Webb

**Thursday Jan. 15**  
8:30a.m. David Kerby by Mary Kerby

**Friday Jan. 16**  
8:30a.m. Elizabeth Larocco by Natasha Mucho

**Saturday Jan. 17-Vigil**  
5:30p.m. Edward Srednicki by cousin, John & Donna Duda

**Sunday Jan. 18**  
8:00a.m. Hobart Booth by Family  
10:30a.m. For All Parishioners



#### LECTORS

**Sat. 01/17(vigil)** Rachel White  
**Sun. 01/18: 8a.m.** Vickie Caldwell  
**10:30a.m.:** Herman & Bev Hundley

#### Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



#### January

**Sat. (vigil):** Reggi & Terri Dodd  
**Sun. 8a.m.:** Aaron Kemlock/Joey Re  
**Sun. 10:30a.m.:** Larry Cole/Mike Kemlock

#### Altar Server Schedule:

**Saturday(vigil), 01/17**  
**5:30p.m.:** S. Hale/H. Kania/C. Atkins

**Sunday, 01/18**  
**8:00a.m.:** T. & A. Mackowiak  
**10:30a.m.:** M. Howerton/Emma & Molly Pino

**Bulletin Deadline:** Any requested announcements for the bulletin must be turned into the Parish Office by **11a.m. on Wednesdays.** You may email to: [pastor@ssppcatholic.org](mailto:pastor@ssppcatholic.org) or call 304-465-5445.

#### Advent Banks....

Don't forget to turn in your Advent Banks. The money we receive from the banks goes to our "Help" Account which is used to help those who come to us for help with their utility bills. Your support to this ministry is greatly appreciated.

#### Offerings 01/01 Solemnity of Mary



Env./Loose: \$1,028

#### Offerings 01/04

Env./Loose: \$4,209 Parish Maint.: \$100  
School: \$65 Online: \$600

#### This Week...



**Wed.** 4:15p.m. "Saturday's Choir" practice  
6:30p.m. RCIA

**Thurs.** "Sunday's Choir" practice 6:00p.m.  
6:30p.m. RCIA

**Sat.** 8a.m. Bible Sharing @ Bob Evans

**Sunday**  
Faith Formation @ 9a.m.  
High School Youth @ 7p.m.  
Adult Bible Class @ 9:15a.m.

**First Penance will be on Saturday, January 17th at 10a.m.**

#### Family Focus:

The gospel today points to Jesus' humility; like us He needed **RECOGNITION** ("You are my Son"), **AFFECTION**. ("My beloved son") an **AFFIRMATION** ("With you I am well pleased"). In our families it is easy to focus on irritating behaviors and take for granted all the positives.

**This New Year take a lesson from God the Father, be an AFFIRMER and not a BLAMER.**

Travel with Fr. John McDonough, pastor of St. Vincent DePaul, New Martinsville, WV to Italy Wide & Switzerland Trip  
Sorrento, Capri, Amalfi Coast, Pompeii, Rome, Assisi, Tuscany, Florence Venice, Lake Como, Switzerland  
Trip Dates: May 7-19, 2015  
Cost: \$4,599.00 Airfare & ALL-Included  
**To register, please contact (855)842-8001 or (508)340-9370.** You can also register online at [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com)

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#### F.Y.I.

In 2014, the parish helped 322 families with food, and 144 families with their utilities. This is done through your generosity in food donations and through the Advent/Lenten banks and parishioner's individual donations to help with utilities.

**Youth Ministry Night:** On **February 17, 2015** at **SS Peter & Paul** from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and the missionaries from the Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center will be offering a program entitled *Collide: True God - True Man*. The evening will be fun, action-packed, faith-filled explosion of faith for students in the 7th-12th grade. We also invite parents and other adults interested in helping with youth ministry to join us. The evening is FREE.

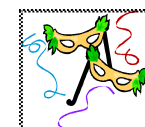
**Camp Bosco Information Meeting:** Attention all parents with children 7-15 years old. On **February 17, 2015** at **SS Peter & Paul** at 6:00 p.m., the staff from Camp Bosco will be here to present information about the diocesan camp. Come learn about our amazing Catholic youth camp. It will be your child's best week of the summer!



**Run, Jump, Shout, Be Holy: Bosco 2015:**  
**Online Registration begins February 11th at noon.**

**Dates are: July 5-11 July 12-18**  
**July 19-25 July 28-Aug. 1**  
**Cost is \$315.00**

[www.campbosco.com](http://www.campbosco.com)



St. Francis de Sales Mardi Gras/Casino Night is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 7th at Tamarack.

Tickets are \$75.00 per person. Doors open at 6p.m. For tickets and more information:  
School Office: 304-252-4087

