

**ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH, PHILADALPHIA, PA**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 12th SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD, (WHITE)**

**BLESSING OF WATER**

**9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Helen Wiecowski; from All Souls List.**

**MONDAY JANUARY 13th OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY, (WHITE)**

**8AM Mass for the intentions of our Parish Family.**

**TUESDAY JANUARY 14th TUESDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)**

**8AM Mass for the soul of the departed Bishop Joseph Pawdewski. from All souls list.**

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15th ST. PAUL THE HERMIT, (WHITE)**

**8AM Mass for the health of the sick.**

**THURSDAY JANUARY 16th NO MASS TODAY**

**FRIDAY JANUARY 17th ST. ANTHONY OF EGYPT, ABBOT, (WHITE)**

**8AM Mass for an increase of Vocations.**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 19th 2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)**

**LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-5 LESSON: 1st Corinthians 12:4-11 GOSPEL: St. John 2:1-12**

**9:30AM Mass for the Intentions of our Parish Family.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: JANUARY 12th Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord; JANUARY 18th Week of Christian unity begins; JANUARY 21st Martin Luther King Day**

**CALENDERS: The 2025 parish calendars are available on the table. Please one with you and for your neighbors. The calendars were sponsored by the Sucharski/Sucharski Funeral Home.**

**CHRISTMAS TAKE DOWN: Can be done next Sunday following Holy Mass.**

**SACRED VOCATIONS:** Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

**BELOVED SON:** Today we see the religious authorities coming to John the Baptizer to ask if he was the Messiah? John had caused quite a stir by his calling people to repent. He baptized them with water to prepare them for the coming of the Messiah. John tells them he is not the Messiah, know of the things John had said about not being worthy to untie the Messiah's shoes. John says one more powerful will come after him. That person was Jesus. John and Jesus were cousins. We do not know what they did as kids, that is part of what is known as the "hidden years." We see the people including Jesus come for baptism, all though Jesus did not need to be baptized. The baptism of Jesus signifies the end of his life in Nazareth to the start of His work to teach, heal, and sanctify us. That began after His being tempted by the evil one. A voice came from the sky telling everyone This is my beloved Son." Because we receive baptism, we are all the sons and daughters of God. We stay that way by following what Jesus did, loving Him and the Father. Holy Spirit was given to us all at baptism and strengthened at confirmation. The Holy Spirit lives in our hearts and souls.

**IN NEED OF PRAYER:** Michele Elliot, Bridgette Roth, Christi Duff, Nancy, Kyle, Fr. Carmen, Maria Harrington.