

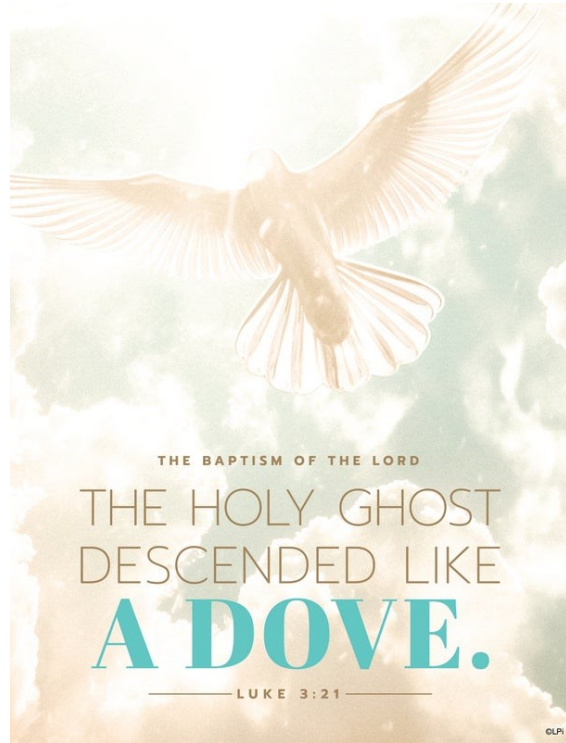
# WE WORSHIP

January 12, 2025

*Baptism of the Lord*

10:00am Mass

Reconciliation:  
By Appointment only  
(518-623-3021)



## Mass intentions ..

1-19-25 Gilda Ruggieri

Req. by Ann Marie Bialas

1-26-25 Muriel and Leonidas Belanger

Req. by Bertha Belanger

1-26-25 Bruce Kilburn - 2nd yr Anniv.

Req. by Lois Healy

*The January Candle burns in memory of  
Trevin Schwenk Req. by Deborah Dilorio*



Contact Danielle Robichaud to join  
the prayer Chain...or request prayers:  
daniellerobichaud51@gmail.com



To request a Mass intention, please call 518-623-3021 and leave a message or drop a note in the collection basket. Be sure to include your name and phone # along with the name for the intention and the requested date. The donation is \$15 for each intention. Mass cards are available at the office Mondays or Tuesdays and can either be picked up or mailed.

## Dates to Remember

**Parish Council Meeting**

Monday, January 13th 2025

Rectory at 6pm

### BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini Reflection:** It makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. But the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow.

**Beneath the Surface** When I was seventeen, I wasn't sure that I wanted to be confirmed. It was a rough period in my life, and I was having some intense questions and doubts. It upset my mother, understandably. She knew that, at such a pivotal and difficult moment, I needed the grace of the sacrament more than ever. So, she called our priest and asked him to talk to me.

After that meeting, I made the decision to be confirmed.

To be honest, I can't remember anything he said to me. All I remember is that he sat with me. He listened to me. He let me talk and talk and talk (and cry). And when he said whatever he said, whatever it is that I cannot remember, it was obvious that he had listened to me.

Reading today's Gospel, it makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. Of course it seemed natural that he would be "the one." The one they were all waiting for.

But instead, the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow — and in doing so, he sanctified it. He made it a means of redemption.

Jesus is our Savior, yes. When we dig ourselves a hole of sin and confusion and we can't climb out, he is the one who brings us back to the surface. But he doesn't pull us out; he lifts us. He jumps down into the pit. He looks around. He offers his hand, gives us a leg up, and by his strength and not our own, we are brought back into the light.

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## North Country Ministry

North Country Ministry is currently seeking a Part-Time Administrative Assistant. The primary duty of this position is to process donations through our donor database, applicants must have extensive attention to detail and computer database knowledge. This position is for 16-20 hours a week, starting salary at \$22. If you or someone you know is interested please email a resume and cover letter to Kayla Carlozzi at [kayla@ncmfriends.com](mailto:kayla@ncmfriends.com)



### Diocesan Appeal

Our 2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal has begun. Opening this appeal early gives you the opportunity to spread the payments over a longer period of time.

The assessment for St. Cecilia's is \$14,278, This is \$147 more than last year. Solicitations are in the mail from the diocese, thank you for responding as you are able. We have raised \$5261 which is 37% of our assessment, along with 28 gifts. We need to raise a little more than \$9,000 to reach our goal! Thank you, your stewardship is truly appreciated.

St. Cecilia's Church

OUR NEW E-GIVING PAGE IS LIVE!

We are switching to a new e-giving platform to make giving easier, more secure, and more convenient for our community! Scan the QR code now to give.

<https://stceciliachurch.com/index.html>

SCAN ME

VANCO FAITH

### Diocesan Appeal Letters

Letters for the Diocesan Appeal are going to be sent out. Thank you to all for the support.

## WE SERVE

"Money has to serve, not to rule."

**Pope Francis**

Donations for 1-5-25

Offertory

\$948 Candle

\$46

Attendance 76 People

TOTAL \$994

### Our 2nd Collections

There are envelopes available next to the collection bin for our visitors & those who don't use envelopes: 1-26-25 Medical Marijuana

We want to thank all those who contribute to our offertory. Here in the Adirondacks, we have very long winters and short summers. Without your support we could not exist year-round. Thank you.

### Daily Mass in the Area

Sacred Heart, Lake George: Wed. & Fri. 8:30 am  
Annunciation, Queensbury: Mon. & Tues. 7:30 am  
St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown Wed. 9:30 am  
(parish center)

Blessed Sacrament, Bolton: Thurs. 9:30 am

### Adoration in the Area

Sacred Heart, Lake George: Wed. 9 am to 9 pm  
Annunciation, Queensbury: Fri. 8 pm to 9 pm

### Rosary in the Area

Sacred Heart, Lake George: Wed. & Fri. 8:00 am



### LEADERSHIP CONTACT INFO

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### TRUSTEES

Mary Carpenter and Laura Paniccia

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30 am to 4:00 pm / Secretary available Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am - 1:30pm