

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 11, 2026

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PARISH EVENTS and LITURGIES

Sunday, January 11 - Baptism of The Lord

8:30 am Christian Initiation, FLC
 9:00 am Religious Education K-12, FLC & SH
 10:30 am Preschool, FLC
10:30 am Mass - Allan Wimmer †
 11:30 am Olive Branch Open
 11:30 am Celebration of Baptisms 2025, SH
 11:30 am Brunswick Stew Orders, Commons
 5:00 pm Roanoke College Mass

Monday, January 12

12:00 pm Mass - Norene Beach (Intentions)

Tuesday, January 13

11:00 am Confessions
12:00 pm Mass - Linda Tucciarone †
 6:30 pm Faith Formation Parish Team, FLC

Wednesday, January 14

3:00 pm Adoration 3-6 pm & 7-9pm
 4:00 pm Olive Branch Open
 5:00 pm Confessions
6:30 pm Mass - Peter & Anna Nguyen †
 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, January 15

10:30 am Bible Study, FLC
12:00 pm Mass - Josephine & Daniel Fraticelli †
 7:00 pm Roanoke College Mass
 7:00 pm Cantors & Instrumentalists
 7:30 pm OLPH Choir

Friday, January 16

9:00 am Women's Club Brunswick Stew Prep

Saturday, January 17

8:30 am Dominicans, FLC
 9:00 am Women's Club Brunswick Stew Prep
 3:00 pm Olive Branch Open
 3:30 pm Confessions
 5:00 pm Youth Group, Mass & Movie Night
5:00 pm Vigil Mass - OLPH Parishioners
 6:00 pm Brunswick Stew Delivery, Commons

Sunday, January 18

8:30 am Christian Initiation, FLC
 9:00 am Religious Education K-12, FLC & SH
 10:30 am Preschool, FLC
10:30 am Mass - Monica Collier †
 11:30 am Olive Branch Open
 11:30 am Brunswick Stew Delivery, Commons
 5:00 pm Roanoke College Mass

The Second Collection on January 18 is for Capital Improvement.

	January 17 Saturday Mass 5:00 pm	January 18 Sunday Mass 10:30 am
Altar Servers	Elijah Buchanan	Haylee Gillinger Ivan Barlow
Lectors	Norman Ata Dennis Kafura	Brenda Holtzlander Nancy Harbach
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Theresa Ata Peggy Miller Parish Deacon	Christine Johnson Nathan Johnson Joe Tucciarone Mike McGuire Parish Deacon Jim Laub Jenna Mason
Linen Washer		JoAnn Boucher
Ushers	Paul Chauvin Bogdan Czachor Scott Kuhn Jack Miller	Bryan Boggs Maria Carrier Bill Thompson Christopher Verner
Bus Driver		Mike McGuire

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

January 11- January 18, 2026

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

**Please pray for our sick, that they may be
strengthened by the love of Christ.**

Rob Ahlers	Placido de Guzman	Joseph Mukuni
Joe Birkenmaier	Diego Hernandez	Dec. Steve O'Connell
Emanuel Clements	Therese Huynh	Judith Perrine
Fr. Danny Cogut	Larry Keyes	Jackie Richards
Lois Conn	Bernie Langheim	Sue Thompson
Patricia Dopp		John Wizorek

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 11, 2026
The Baptism of the Lord
Matthew 3:13-17

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called “Behind the Mac – Greatness.” It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, “There’s a certain kind of person who doesn’t wait for greatness. They make it.” It’s a compelling message. There’s beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can’t anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today’s Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn’t preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” It’s not a reward for success. It’s not earned. Before he does anything “great,” Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: “You are my beloved.” That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

~Father John Muir

WEEKLY OFFERING December ending total 2025 JULY YTD

Sunday - Holy Days	\$ 16,838.00	\$ 365,475.00
Total Income Budgeted	\$ 10,710.00	\$ 277,940.00
Better or Worse	\$ 6,128.00	\$ 87,535.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 2767.00	\$ 46,380.00

Thank you for your continued support.



Pray a “Nine Day Novena for Life”
Find the daily prayers by googling
“Nine Day Novena For Life”.

ONE OF OUR LONG TIME PARISHIONERS
and lectors, **Frank Kristoff**, is stepping down as a lector after many, many years of proclaiming the Word at the vigil Mass on Saturday evenings. We extend a big THANK YOU to Frank for his years in this important ministry. God Bless you always.

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Donated by In Memory of
Marlene Vonderhaar Jim & Mark Vonderhaar

Blessing for Baptismal Graces

Dear God,

Through Baptism, You called and claimed us as Your own, chosen and loved.
Pour Your blessing upon us as we remember our Baptism.
Plant Your identity in our hearts.
Help us to live as Your beloved.

~Amen.



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