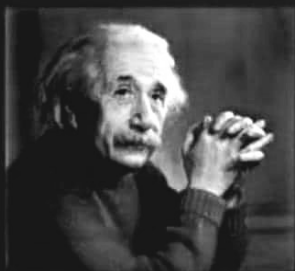




- **Daily Mass** every Thursday at **9:30am** (Rosary @ 9:10)
- **A mass celebrating the Holy Mother of God** —11:30am Jan. 1st
- **Bible study** in the parish hall **Thursdays 10-11:30** . It will resume after the New Year's on Thursday January 8th.
- **Women's' Club Meetings** meet regularly each **Second Monday** of the month /11am . Any & All women of the parish please join us this Monday!
- **Oratory Valentine Celebration**—February 13th at St. Philip Neri —see bulletin insert.

Albert Einstein on the Catholic Church



"Only the Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing truth. I never had any special interest in the Church before, but now I feel a great affection and admiration because the Church alone has had the courage and persistence to stand for intellectual truth and moral freedom. I am forced thus to confess that what I once despised I now praise unreservedly."

-- Albert Einstein, *Time* magazine, 23rd December, 1940 p. 38

Women's Club NEWS

- Thank you to all who helped clean the church last Monday. We appreciated the help.
- The Women's Club will be meeting Monday Jan. 12th. All women of the parish are welcome.



Submissions for bulletins must be made by Tuesday to: stjcoordinator@gmail.com

Or to Bob Renaud~ brenaud65@gmail.com



ST. JOSEPH
Catholic Church

JANUARY
is the Month of
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS!

MASS SCHEDULE:

Thursday – Weekday Mass 9:30 am (Rosary 9:10am)

Saturday(Anticipated Mass) 4:00pm

Sunday 12:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3-3:45pm Saturdays
(or by appointment)

All other sacraments please call parish office to inquire.

Rev. Agustin L. Guzman, CO, Pastor

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Emergency: Home 803-327-2098 Cell: 803-627-5297

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January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

UPCOMING FEAST

12 St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
13 St. Hilary Poitiers
14 St. Gregory Nazianzen
15 St. Devashayam Pillai
16 St. Berard & Companions
17 St. Anthony of Egypt
18 St. Charles of Sezze

Let Us Pray

... that our baptism continue to bless us
and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit
we grow ever closer to God. Amen.

MINISTRY (Sat./Sun.) SCHEDULE :

LECTOR: Sat. V. Paragon/J. Rothe

E.M: Sat. S. Robinson/J. Schumacher

LECTOR: Sun M. Lifsey /R. Whisonant

E.M: Sun. K. Hutto/K. Hutto

LAST WEEK OFFERING:

Envelopes \$1560.00

Loose \$181.00

Total: Under Budget \$1741.00

Other: candle ,refurb, special \$1494.00

Weekly Budget: \$1847.00

St. Joseph online Donation:

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarysrh/funds/st-joseph-church-chester-donations>

**IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE CONSIDER
INCREASING YOUR WEEKLY GIFT**

ORATORY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALTY

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The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord,

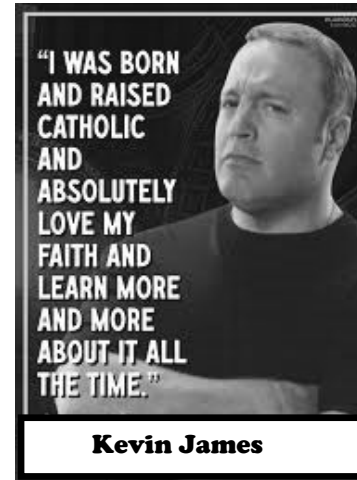
or Theophany, is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally the baptism of Christ was celebrated on the Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Magi.

The baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist is described in all four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), though the Gospel of John presents it differently, focusing on John the Baptist's testimony rather than a direct narrative of the event, while Matthew, Mark, and Luke provide parallel accounts highlighting the Holy Spirit's descent and a voice from heaven, marking the start of Jesus' public ministry.

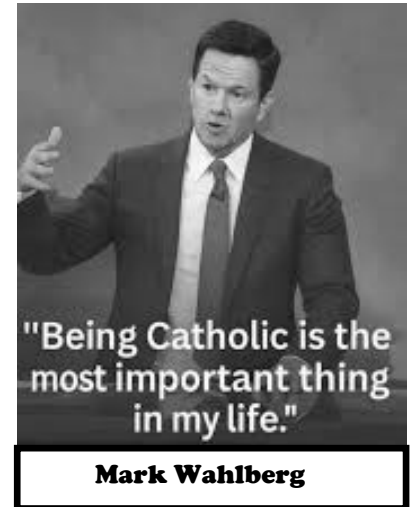
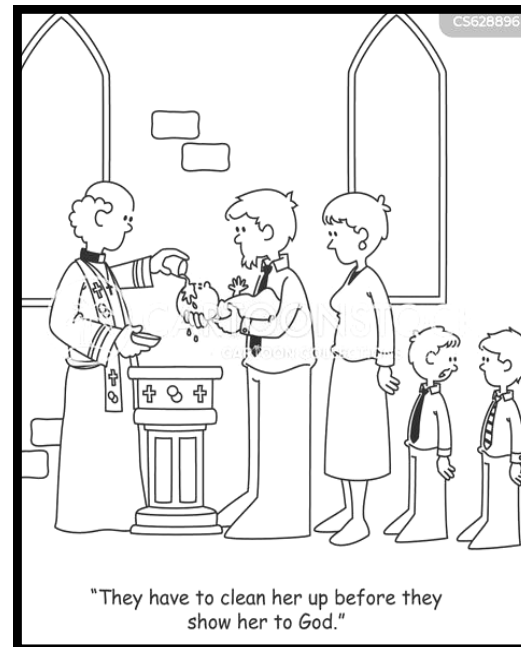
In Christian theology, especially Catholic tradition, baptism incorporates believers into Christ, sharing His threefold office as *Priest, Prophet, and King*, calling them to sanctify the world, witness to God's truth, and serve with humble leadership over themselves and creation. As *priests*, they offer spiritual sacrifices and intercede; as *prophets*, they proclaim faith through words and actions; and as *kings*, they exercise self-mastery and guide others toward God's kingdom, reflecting Christ's own roles.



Bible Study has once again resumed each Thursday following the 9:30am mass. However, attendance is very low and leader, Bob Renaud is looking for suggestions on how to increase attendance to keep this important ministry going. Please consider giving it a try. Thank you.



Holy Humor



Coffee With the



"Everything that happened to Christ lets us know that, after the bath of water, the Holy Spirit swoops down upon us from high heaven and that, adopted by the Father's voice, we become sons of God."

- St. Hilary of Poitiers (CCC 537)

**St. Hilary of Poitiers
pray for us!**

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\$35 adults

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Jan. 3 - 4 & 10-11



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- *We pray for the conversion of all sinners including ourselves.*

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