



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

BRIDGEPORT • PENNSYLVANIA



The Most Rev'd Steven J Lopes
Bishop

The Rev'd Samuel Keyes
Pastor

The Rev'd Mr. Roger Converse
Deacon

William Gatens, D. Phil
Organist

The Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2025



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



All common prayers and responses can be found in the "Order of Mass" booklets in your pew.

Welcome, families! A nursery with a live video feed is available in the lower church for parents and children who need a break. To find it, exit either of the rear stairwells or ask an usher for help.

Voluntary: "Christ our Lord to the Jordan came" (BWV 684)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Entrance Hymn 545: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Woodbird

Introit: *Dilexisti*

Psalm 45:7, 1

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity: wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. (Psalm) My heart is inditing of a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made unto the King. *Gloria Patri.* Thou hast...

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him, he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not fail or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the islands wait for his law. "I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness."

Gradual: *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Psalm 72:18, 3

Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel: which only doeth wondrous things. V. The mountains also shall bring peace: and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Brethren: the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly

through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Alleluia: *Inveni David*

Psalm 89:21

Alleluia, alleluia. V. I have found David my servant: with my holy oil have I anointed him. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

At that time: As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Offertory Antiphon: *Benedictus qui venit*

Psalm 118:26-27

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: we have wished you good luck, we that are of the house of the Lord. God is the Lord who hath showed us light. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Offertory Hymn 477: "God himself is with us"

Tysk

Communion Antiphon: *Omnes qui in Christo*

Galatians 3:27

As many of you as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Ablutions Hymn 370: "Spirit divine, attend our prayers"

Graefenberg

Final Hymn 53: "Songs of thankfulness and praise"

Salzburg

Voluntary: "In thee is gladness" (BWV 615)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Cover: Maître de Rheinfelden (mid-15th century), *The Baptism of Christ*, c.1455, tempera on wood, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Dijon.

If you would like a personal blessing for birthdays, anniversaries, etc., or would like sacramentals blessed, please approach the communion rail after the closing hymn.