JANUARY 09, 2022
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Baptism of the Christ is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Our baptism is not a one-time event. Rather, it is an ongoing expression of Christ working through us. May the **Baptism of the Lord** inspire us to live our faith with joy as we engage our lives with his power.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 8
5pm **Sean Curtin;** Fran Henderson

SUNDAY 9
9am **Louis Allen;** R. & J. Tuzio
10:30 **Daniel Dreyer;** family
Noon **Catherine Titlebaum;** Rich & Mary Collins

MONDAY 10
8am **Estelle Rivera;** St. Columba Ladies Aux.

TUESDAY 11
8am **Scott Dansker;** Donald & Erin Higgins

WEDNESDAY 12
8am **Christopher De Paulis;** De Paulis family

THURSDAY 13
8am **Daniel W. Stoddard;** Ed & Norma Stoiddard

FRIDAY 14
8am **For the intention of Fr. Frank Gorman;** Ed & Norma Stoddard

SATURDAY 15
8am **Maria Morisco;** Welsh family
5pm **Ed Lyver & Maura Boyle;** Peggy & John Boyle

SUNDAY 16
9am **Marjorie Garvilla;** family
10:30 **Angelina Fratto;** Eileen & Diane Bailey
Noon **Christine Wilson;** Rich & Mary Collins

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Collection:	**$6,938.00**
We Share (online giving):	**$3,060.00**
Total:	**$9,998.00**

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Dear St. Columba Family,

The Church throughout the world today celebrates the Baptism of the Lord. This beautiful feast day gives us the opportunity to reflect on our own baptism. It is easy for us perhaps to not realize how important this day was. So many of us we were infants and have no recollection of this day. Yet baptism really is the doorway into the life of the Church. Every sacrament that we have received from that point forward is because of what was done that day at the font of salvation. Adopted into the family of God, a new younger brother or sister of our Lord Jesus and infused with the sanctifying grace given by the Holy Spirit. It was on that day that we received our true identity. The money we make, the home we own, our 401(k), none of this defines who we are. Who we are is who you were claimed as on that day of our baptism. You and I are beloved sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father. That is what defines us. So many things in this life are transitory, they rise up and then pass away, but our identity, who we are as sons and daughters is something that can never be taken away from us. As we begin this new year, as we focus on who we are, our origin and our destiny, let us never forget how at the core, at the center of who we are, is our identity as a beloved son or daughter of God our Heavenly Father. If we understand that, everything falls into place after.

Fr. Chris

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN THE MILITARY, BOTH HERE AND ABROAD SAINT MICHAEL . . . PLEASE KEEP THEM SAFE.

Siobhan Higgins, Vincent Pungello, James Davis Jr., Rocco Church, Tyler Correa, Alex Davis, Mark Gonzalez, Michael Grasso, Erin Johnson, Alex Kaczor, Kayla Marion Katt, Mark Lawlor, Lauren Lucena, Matthew Mackay, Draven Mena, Ryan Michaels, Evan Pacer, Michael Polanski, Cory Seipp, Josh Truman

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

For information regarding the Knights of Columbus contact local Membership Director Larry Rosen 917-747-0558 ljrosen2016@aol.com

RAFFLE HAS BEEN EXTENDED
PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING A CHANCE
ON THIS LOVELY STATUE

The Youth Group is Raffling off a Nativity Set to raise funds to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference in June. Tickets are available for purchase in the Parish office, Thank you for your continued support.

HORIZONS YOUTH GROUP
NEXT MEETING: 01/09/22

All high school-aged students are welcome to the combined youth group meeting of St. Columba's & St. Mary's. Meeting is from 6:45pm to 8pm at St. Mary's Please contact Alessandro D'Anselmi by email: stmaryshorizons@gmail.com for more information.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Luca Treanor, Dorothy Dreyer, Jim Swryrt, Pamela Rosen, Natacha Porchette, Michael Burke, Fr. Tom Lynch, Bennet Berry, JoAnn Traina, Anthony Pastore, Thelma Figueroa, Carmen Tumbaga, Tom Jimenez, Olivia Picnicky, Janet Begnoche, Moquete, Christianna Scrobe, Maritza Montes, John Mattera, Connie Yacenda, Carmen Almirol, Daria Bekersky, Katie Rogan, Teresa Patruno, Mila Werlitz, Andrew Upson, James Fox, Nancy Rhodes Mayo, Justin Holland, Patrick Finley, Marie Tobin, Jon Sezack, Ruth Rivera, Vilma Rosario, John Schiano Jr, Claire Scunziano, Sean Devlin, Robert Scunziano, Brenden Hedding, Lorraine Kalafut, Gabe Fritz, Laura Favorule, Susan Zikoyanis, Mary Ackerman, Valerie Moore, Sylvia Muccio, Joe Kennedy, Allison Florio, Charles Youngberg, Alice Verlizzo, Cecilia Rivera, Vinnie Greco, Donna Fagan, Nikita Zanichkowsky, Karlene Gray, Rosa Maria Ramos, Ricky Calderin, Bob Gatt, Emily Scrobe, Marian McDonald

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CHESTER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all who generously and consistently contribute throughout the year. Please place your donations in the closet in the vestibule of the Church marked "Food Pantry." One of our parishioners volunteers to take the collected (nonperishable) food each week down to the Chester Community Food Pantry located in the Chester Presbyterian Church.

IN JANUARY, SANCTUARY LIGHTS ARE BURNING IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

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Red: **Virginia Leitner;** Small family
White**: Ronald Jovino;** family
Blessed Sacrament: **Margaret & Eugene Rayeur;** daughter, Rose

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

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HOST & WINE are dedicated this week in loving memory:
Nicholas Zaharchuk
req: Eric & Sue Anne Vogelsberg

WeShare . . . ONLINE GIVING

Your support for the Christmas collection at Mass, by mail & **WeShare** is a true gift helping Saint Columba to better serve our parishioners.

On our parish website: stcolumbachester.com, the **WeShare** box is on the first page. Click on it and follow the prompts. Thank you for your support during these challenging times.

TWO GRAND CLUB

The winners for this week:
#138 Kathy Szulwach and #36 Joann Maraglino

INSPIRE 14th ANNUAL PAJAMA DRIVE

There are hundreds of children living in our community who have never had their own pair of new pajamas. **INSPIRE** will be collecting new pajamas (newborn – age 18) until January 31st. Pajamas can be for any season. Thank you to all who have already donated pajamas. This annual drive is important to our community. Your generosity each year is much appreciated. All pajamas collected will be given to children in need from organizations in Orange County.