



**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**January 14, 2018**

**Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 Mildred Giuffrida req. by The Paolucci Family
- 5:30 Maria Timpone Scuderi req. by The Scuderi Family

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Dominic DiLecce req. by Angela Bisaillon
- 10:30 John DeRuzza, Sr. req. by John DeRuzza
- 12:00 Mr. Oren Root req. by The Root Family
- 5:30 Michael Cruz req. by The Hicks Family

**Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Otto Siegwarth req. by the Santore Family
- 9:00 Dr. Robert E. Burke req. by The Cherniavsky Family

**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Don & Angela Bobziem req. by The Rose Family
- 9:00 Joseph LaMotta req. by Deena LaMotta

**Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Robert Sullivan req. by Nancy & Richard Stephans
- 9:00 Steven Dym req. by Pat & Tony Suppa

**Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 -
- 9:00 Jack McMahon req. by DeDe & Jack Burke

**Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Eileen O'Brien req by Sr. Kathleen Fitzgerald
- 9:00 Grace Patafio req. by The Olivier Family

**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 Francis Maloney req. by Pat & Tony Suppa
- 5:30 Michael Caruso req. by The Scuderi Family

**Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Frank Rizzi req. by The Desimini Family
- 10:30 Loretta Dym Req. by The Maloney Family
- 12:00 Jennie B. Rizzo req. By Maria & Matthew Ruvo
- 5:30 Beatrix Brownfield req. by Raymond Infarinato & Lisa Cribari

**RECENT COLLECTIONS**

January 7, 2018: \$6,415.00  
 Catholic University/Communication: \$1,658.00  
 Christmas to Date: \$58,046.00



***Pray for the Sick***

Rayyan Ahsan, Tatum Allen, Virginia Barrett, Zoe Bonowitz, Walter Brady, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Dominick Cannavo, Michael Casarella, Maria Colon, Conner Curran, Paula DeSpirito, Marie Doescher, Frankie Dezell, Maureen Doran, Mary Doyle, Meghan Farrell, Helen Flower, Jean Gallagher, Duane Goff, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Healy Pauline Marie, Molly Henry, Debra Ferman, Pauline, Francine M. Holley, Chester Hooper, Richard Hughes, Freeman Huntington, Christine Iannino, Kathleen T. Kelleher, Bill Killen, Maureen Laning, John Li Conti, Dominic Lombardi, Veronica Lopez, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, John Magnotta, Kevin Mahoney, Steve Mazzei, Jim Murphy, John Pasquale, Edward Prihoto, John Reardon, Madeline Sanford, Chris Schate, Matthew Scherer, Otto Siegwarth, Thomas Valentine, Michael Walsh, Mia Wiltse, Albert Young, Christine Young, Eileen Riley Zawada, Magdalena Zikely and all who request our prayers.

***Service Personnel Prayer List***

The name listed below is service personnel serving in our nation's armed forces who are relatives of our parishioners. Please keep them in your prayers.

Darren Adler/Marines  
 Charlie Carr /Air Force  
 Richard Hughes/Marines  
 Steven Scully/Marines

*It is a privilege and a duty for us to pray for those commended to our prayers. From time to time we start a new list to make sure that it is up-to-date. If we have removed someone who should remain on the list, please call the Parish Office at 234-3344.*

**Partner-in-Faith Prayer**

***Heavenly Father, we ask your blessings and protection on the people of Sacred Heart Parish. We, your children at St. Patrick's, invoke your name on their behalf. We are grateful for all you have given us and in return we are mindful of those who have less than we do. Bless us all and keep us close to you. May the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, be the strength that will make us one in you. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

# **FROM THE PASTOR'S**

## **DESK:**

### **The Baptism of the Lord**

The Commemoration of the baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season. Theologically, this is a most fitting conclusion to the season because the readings and prayers for the feast focus our attention on the implications of the event of Christ's birth and life among us. The feast is a fitting climax to the season of expectation and hope in the coming of the Lord in Advent and his manifestation to all the nations in Epiphany. This feast commemorates the inauguration of his earthly ministry and his role as servant of the Father.

The liturgy of the Eastern tradition emphasizes this feast as a theophany – God revealing himself to his people. A parallel is often drawn between the baptism of the Lord and his transfiguration since at both theophanies a voice from heaven declared Jesus to be God's Son and urged the witnesses to listen to his word of revelation.

The Eastern tradition also emphasizes the enlightenment and illumination that occurs at our baptism and which are renewed at this feast. The state into which we were born, known as original sin, is thus overturned; we now share in the life of the new Adam, Christ.

The composition of a new Mass formula for this feast in the revised liturgy and the recent addition of optional readings for the "B" and "C" cycles in the Lectionary attest to the importance which this feast now receives. It serves as an important hinge, disclosing the full meaning of the commemoration of his incarnation through the Christmas season, and pointing to the proclamation of his words and deeds on the Sundays through the rest of the liturgical year.

An important focus for the feast is the natural symbol of water and its use in Christian worship. A glance at the blessing prayer for water in the rite of baptism or the prayers for blessing and sprinkling water at the beginning of a Sunday eucharist shows how important water has been in the history of salvation and how central its use is in the sacrament of regeneration and rebirth. A theme that is seen repeatedly in the liturgy for this feast notes that the waters of the Jordan become holy by Jesus' baptism. Despite these positive associations, the fact that water is the place where the forces of evil dwell should not be forgotten. In fact, this ambivalence – that it destroys as well as it gives life – makes Jesus' baptism in water a sign of his triumph over the forces of evil and sin symbolized in water itself. The scene of the first verses of Genesis should be recalled when reviewing the gospels because it was the Spirit hovering over the waters that brought order to creation. Many patristic commentaries on the parting of the Red Sea at the Exodus speak of this as an example of the way God used water to save his people; hence, it is all the more significant that Jesus is baptized in water and that we are reborn and saved through the life-giving waters of the baptismal font. The thirst for living water seen both in Isaiah and in John's gospel are also part of the church's liturgical tradition. We are urged to thirst for Christ, the living water, the source of all holiness. The most obvious and central symbol of the event of Jesus' baptism, the water of the Jordan

river, should also figure into our appreciation of the liturgy's use of water and its full significance in our celebration.

Many of the themes associated with this feast in the tradition and in our present liturgy are summarized in the following prayer from the Byzantine liturgy:

"Today heaven and earth rejoice, watching the Lord being baptized and drowning in the water the great load of our sins."

"The human soul is illuminated because, delivered from the shadow of sin, she puts on a divine and incorruptible garment."

The Kingdom of God is at hand. Christ, announced by the Law and the prophets, comes to regenerate us in his divine baptism.

You are a mighty torrent, you who have created the sea and the water springs; you come to these waters to wash us yourself, who are to everyone cleanliness and purification.

You are a gulf of truth, O Christ!

You, the undefiled water source! How could the Jordan hold you?

You are the sun that knows no twilight!

You have illuminated your sacred flesh as a torch in the midst of the Jordan.

You have found man's image soiled with passion and sin, and have washed it through your baptism.

Such a text shows how we are incorporated into this mystery and share in the life of God through Christ who himself underwent baptism for our sakes.

As the eight-century Missale Gothicum states:

"For those who are baptized, who seek the chrism, who are crowned in Christ, to whom our Lord has been pleased to grant a new birth, let us beseech Almighty God that they may bear the baptism which they have received spotless unto the end."

Our baptism is the moment of incorporation into Christ, but as an initiation, it is the beginning of a lifelong process of conforming ourselves more and more deeply to Christ. Thus, the weekly celebration of the eucharist with its rite of water blessing and sprinkling and the annual commemoration of the Lord's baptism invite us to renew our adoption as God's sons and daughters and to witness before the world the light of Christ granted us at baptism.

# WORDS OF INSPIRATION

## Speak, Lord!

Our vocation is to do little things well for the love of God. God speaks to us in the duty of every moment. We must ask our Lord to open our eyes so that we might see deeply the need of Christ and his pain in our fellow man. Then, seeing, we arise, no matter what the time or the cost, and we hasten to help, to console, to assuage Christ's pain in others. As we love Christ in our neighbor, everywhere and always, he will draw us unto himself. For our vocation is to be contemplatives, to contemplate God in the depth of our souls. It is given to us to touch him, converse with him, serve him – in others. Christ always comes to us in others.

~ Catherine de Hueck Doherty  
*The People of the Towel and the Water*

## **St. Patrick's Men's Ministry**

The St. Patrick's Men's Ministry invites you to a new series that seeks to deepen and broaden our experience of God's will in our everyday lives by discussing the varieties of ways we come to know it.

This series is based on the teachings of St. Francis de Sales but the focus is on sharing our own faith experience in a collegial setting.

If you have been thinking about trying Men's Ministry, this would be a perfect series for you. We start each **Saturday at 7:30pm in the Church meeting room.**

**We hope to see you this week!**

## The Women's Faith Sharing

The new **Women's Faith Sharing** will continue meeting in the Cenacle, **Tuesday evenings from 7-8:15pm** for 6 consecutive weeks starting January 9th through February 13th. We will be discussing the book "*The Jesus I Never Knew*" by Philip Yancy.

Please join us as we journey together in faith and fellowship. We welcome newcomers at any time. Consistent attendance is not required. Homework can be enriching but is also not a requirement!

## Respect Life Committee

### MARCH FOR LIFE:

This January marks the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion during all nine months of a woman's pregnancy. The March for Life will again be held in Washington D.C. on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in going, contact one of these Parishes to reserve a seat:

St. Patrick's in Yorktown  
Contact: Maria Litrenta (914) 962-1815

St. Augustine in Ossining  
Contact: John Mark (914) 224-7192

Assumption in Peekskill  
Contact Juliet Juarez (914) 382 3185

### LOCAL PRAYER RALLY FOR LIFE:

Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> Consider joining your neighbors in spending an hour of prayer and public witness for lives lost since the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion. A Prayer Rally for Life from 12pm to 1pm on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> outside of the All Women's Health and Medical Service abortion clinic at 222 Mamaroneck Avenue (corner of Maple Avenue) in White Plains. **Dress warmly!**

## **Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries**

**Capuchin Youth Leadership Training** Jan 19-21, 2018: Be Bold! Be a Leader! Join the thousands of high-school teens CYFM has helped acquire leadership and teamwork skills, communication and confidence, project planning tools, critical thinking and decision-making, goal setting, emotional intelligence experience working with different personality types, Participants Gain: real accomplishments they can put on their resume, new and valuable friendships, practice reading, writing, presenting, Christ-like Leadership, and other important skills. CYFM's Leadership training empowers teens with skills useful in school, youth group, parishes, CYFM & in life! \$125 includes materials, meals & lodging; all paperwork & non-refundable \$60.00 deposit must be received by registration deadline, Jan. 16. For info and application contact CYFM or visit our website: [www.cyfm.org](http://www.cyfm.org) and click on "events" Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flocknote: CYFM Garrison.

**Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries**, 781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY (845) 424-3609



## **CALLING ALL BOY SCOUTS, GIRL SCOUTS AND CUB SCOUTS!!**

**St. Patrick's Scout Sunday  
will be held at the 9am Mass  
on February 4<sup>th</sup>!!**  
**Wear your Scout uniform  
and join us for a  
reception following!**