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January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord

LIVING OUR FAITH

In the sacrament of Baptism, God claims us for God's self. In today's Gospel when Jesus was baptized a voice from heaven said, "*You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.*" God says the same thing to us at our baptism:

"You are my beloved sons and daughters; with whom I am well pleased."

When we realize we are chosen by God, we come to see that we are special people. From the moment we recognize this we are charged with the responsibility to become who we are meant to be. It is one thing to simply say, "*I am beloved.*" But it is an entirely different reality to embody those words and truly make them our own. Belovedness is not about superiority or acclaim. It is, rather, a humble acknowledgement that God lives and moves in each of us.

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter tells the community that Jesus "went about doing good and healing all those oppressed." We share the same call by virtue of our common baptism. This universal call to holiness grounded in God's love for us, is the duty of each and every Christian. We pray that we can tear down any forms of division among us, for as Peter says, "*God shows no partiality.*" This is true even within the church. While our lives may take different directions and forms, all of us share a common call.

Questions for the week:

What is your relationship to the Holy Spirit? Do you ever pray to the Holy Spirit? How do you prepare the way of the Lord in your family, neighborhood, career and community?

UPDATED COVID PROTOCOL

From now through (at least) January 15th, by Archdiocesan and State mandate, everyone must wear a mask while at services inside the Church.

This applies regardless of vaccination status.

Thank you for your cooperation as we live through this together.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS CANCELED FOR JANUARY 9th

Due to the recent surge in Covid cases and the anticipated post-holiday surge, and at the request of the Archdiocese of NY, we have decided to cancel in-person REP class for this Sunday, January 9th.

The decision whether or not to cancel class is an important one, and one that we do not make lightly. It requires that we take many factors into consideration. Of course, as a Church, protecting God's most precious gift of life must always be our first priority.

We ask that our Religious Education families participate in our livestreamed Mass, Sunday morning at 10:00. We will be taking attendance, so please be sure to comment that your family is present. As indicated on our calendar, January 16th will remain on online Mass Day, as well.

We will keep you informed as we make decisions beyond the next 2 weeks.

We thank you very much for your flexibility and understanding as we continue to navigate through these uncertain times.



Hymns for this Weekend (10:00 am Mass)
Musical selections yet to be determined.



Readings for this Weekend (January 9th)
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Readings for next Weekend (January 16th)
Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

Weekly Offering for January 2nd:
\$ 1,416
We Share Online Giving:
\$ 230.64
Total:
\$ 1,646.64

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our Parish!



We join our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his prayer intentions for January 2022:

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list for the sick, please contact the Parish office. We kindly ask that you do not request a name to be included without the express consent of the person for whom you are requesting prayer. While the request may be very well-intentioned, we want to respect people's right to privacy.

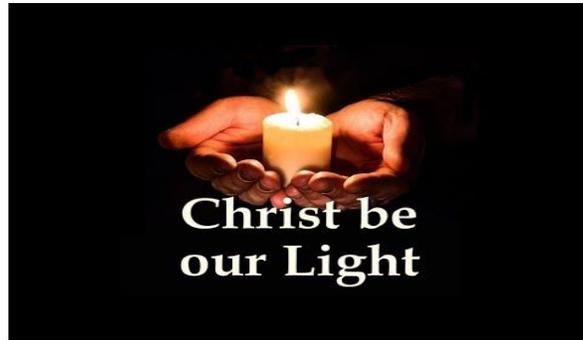
We ask for prayer for Charles Thomas and his ministry, Betty and Robert Friedland, Kathryn Jones and her family, Brian and Maria Cosgrove, Richard Rakin, Andrew Mikulski

PRAYERS FOR THE DEARLY DEPARTED

We lovingly remember in prayer all of our deceased family members, friends and parishioners and in particular:

Bobby Smith, Anthony Lanza, Juliana Frangipane, Robert Dubas, Nestor Mir, Jarred Doughty, Donald Hendrickson, Adalberto Santiago, Carl Belfiore, Darlene Henry, Elenore Whitney Pirrota, Steve Nicoli, Nubia Quintero-Edwards, Stanley Jacobs, William Cardone, Vincenza Siciliano, Louisa Butler, Judith King, Bernard Jones, Robert DeStefano, Jr., Raymond Collins, Lorraine Rakin, Wilson DeMyer, Peter Cosentino

We also remember in solidarity our common losses, as we pray for all those lost to the Pandemic, as well as those affected by the recent violence in schools and communities across our nation, and in the natural disasters across our nation. May those lost rest in God's eternal presence, and may the family and friends who mourn them find God's peace, comfort and consolation.



A Coronavirus Prayer for the Weary Winter

Jesus Christ, Light of the World,
You understand what it is like to feel alone in the midst of great suffering.

Remain with us as we continue to endure the coronavirus pandemic.
Awaken our hearts as we bear witness to the sickness, the sacrifice, even death.
In these dark months we cry, "How long, O Lord?"

Help us to watch and pray for signs of your hope.
When we long for a world returned to normal, inspire us to work toward a world transformed.
When we feel forgotten and lonely, help us to find solidarity through your love.

When we cannot see your face, help us to see you in others, especially the essential workers,
first responders and medical professionals who labor tirelessly.

As we walk through this time of darkness, give us faith that we are headed toward brighter
days.

When we feel only sorrow in our souls, help us to know that the joy of the Gospel remains as
true now as ever.

When we feel only grief in our hearts, help us to find consolation in knowing that those who
are sick or have died are held in your loving embrace.

Give light to our eyes. Let us show that light to one another.
Even in winter, when the ground appears barren, it is warmed by the light of your creation;
seeds are nourished and green shoots are pushing up toward the sun.

Jesus Christ, be our light.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism



Our Parish Family lovingly welcomes

***Kathleen Rose Garigliano,
Abigail Lenox Garigliano
and
Barbara Giana Isla***

to the Christian Community!

*Kathleen, Abigail and Barbara recently received the Sacrament of Baptism.
May they continue to grow in grace and love of our Lord!*

Free Catholic Marriage Workshop

January 6-20, 2022



Marriages can go through seasons. Marriages can go through winter. Marriages can run cold. Negativity, criticism, distance, fighting, or even just getting bored, taking each other for granted, or getting stuck in a rut as romance fades.

All these things can bring a chill to the affection, joy, and emotional connection that should warm a marriage. That's why it's so wonderful to have the bright example of St. Thérèse, the Little Flower, to warm our hearts!

In this workshop, you will learn how to do small things with great love in your marriage . . . and you will learn which small things make the biggest difference for bringing in more warmth, joy, peace, and grace to your relationship.

As the year begins, we're going to take two weeks to unlock the simple secrets of joy in marriage.

*You bring your marriage blocks and commit to a journey of discovery.
We will bring simple but powerful tools for how to reconnect and get on the same page.*

How the Workshop Works

Over the course of 4 pre-recorded videos, you will learn how to apply the Little Way of St. Therese to your marriage, no matter what stage of marriage you are in.

In addition to the videos, we also provide PDF downloads with additional guidance to help you make real progress in your marriage.

To register for the videos, visit: <https://www.littlewayofmarriage.com/register>

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OUR REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday evenings at 7 PM:

Mass in Spanish

Sunday mornings at 10 AM:

*Mass in English ***

Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM:

Mass in English

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 AM

Mass in English

*****We will continue to livestream our Sunday morning Mass on Facebook Live
(Communion will be available after Mass for those who wish to come to the Church to
receive the Eucharist.)***