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PUBLIC EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS
with COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

You may attend Mass **in person** or continue to participate through **Livestreaming** on Facebook. Mass Schedule is:

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 am

BAPTISM: Parents please email the Parish Office to arrange for instructions and Baptismal date.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage, contact the Pastor at least one year in advance. Participation in a Marriage Preparation Program is expected.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm in the Parish Center, main floor, large classroom.

HOME & HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please notify us if you know of someone who is ill or homebound.

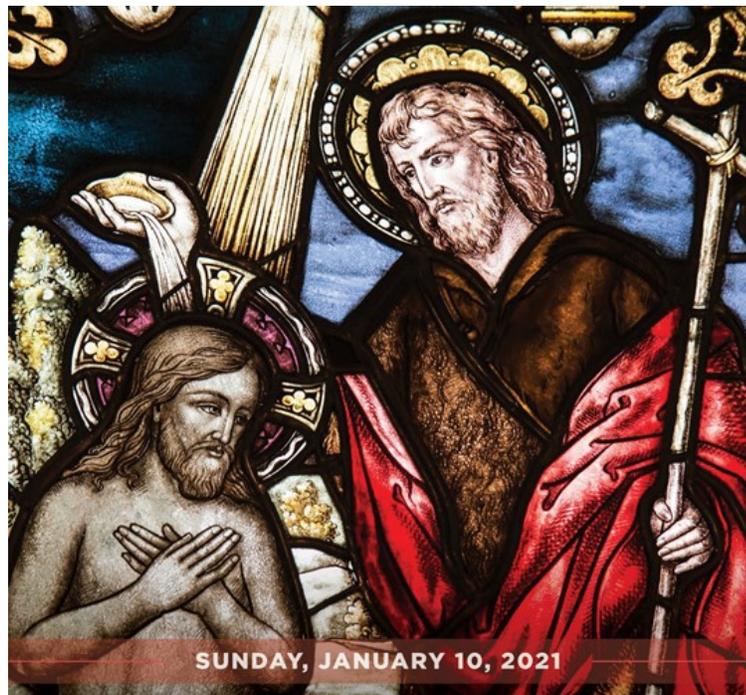
NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We hope that you will become an active part of our parish family. Please introduce yourselves at your first opportunity, or call the Parish Center to register.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE: Call with your requests.
508- 886-2206 Paula Stidsen or PaulaStidsen@gmail.com
508- 886-4724 Jackie O'Brien



Handicap accessibility by the elevator entrance on the left driveway side of the Church building.

January 10, 2021



SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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Dear Lord,

Open our hearts
to realize we are blessed and called
to share our gifts with others.

Help us to be good stewards
of the gifts entrusted to us,
to share our time, our talent and our treasure
to connect, serve and impact the world.

Amen.

PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363 (direct, confidential line).



Papal Tweet

Jesus is the eternal Word of God, who has always thought of us and wanted to communicate with us.



**Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars**

January 18: *St. Patrick's Holy Hour* 6:30 pm, in the Church

January 28: *Annual Mass for Life* 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 19 Chatham St., Worcester. All are invited to join Bishop McManus in this celebration. A special Holy Hour for Life will follow at 7:30 p.m. Please join us as we remember the 48th tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade and pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation.

February 7: *Rosary* following the 10:30 am Mass, all are welcome.

February 12: *Holy Hour to Prayer for Priests:* 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish, 353 Grove St., Worc. All are welcome.



Mass Intentions

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PUBLIC MASSES HAVE RESUMED WITH COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS INCLUDING: WEARING MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING, AND USE OF HAND SANITIZER PRIOR TO RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST.

TO SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION OR REQUEST A TABERNACLE LAMP PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

* PERSON IS LIVING

NOTE: PUBLIC MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK SO YOU MAY PARTICIPATE FROM HOME.

Saturday, January 9:

5:00 pm John Galli, Rose and Matt Dolan
Requested by Wife and Daughter Mary Galli

Sunday, January 10:

8:00 am Emil & Josephine Novak
Requested by Daughter, Chris Aufiero

10:30 am All Souls in Purgatory

Monday, January 11:

8:00 am Clea Blair, Sr. , One Month
Requested by Dave & Connie Bunker
Moved from January 4th as Mass was canceled due to weather

Tuesday, January 12:

8:00 am * The People of St. Patrick's

Wednesday, January 13:

8:00 am James & Claire Badgio
Requested by Lauren Maldonado

Saturday, January 16:

5:00 pm *Our Altar Servers
By a Grateful Parish

Sunday, January 17:

8:00 am *For those who Clean/Sanitize our Church
By a Grateful Parish

10:30 am *For our Ushers
By a Grateful Parish



"Love to be real,
it must cost
-it must hurt
-it must empty
us of self."

-Saint Theresa of Calcutta

**January 3, 2021 - Happy New Year
Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections**

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,544.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 2,807.96
Higher Utilities	\$ 91.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 570.00
Mary Mother of God	\$ 245.00
	\$ 7,257.96

Special Collections:

<i>Retirement Fund for Religious</i>	\$ 20.00
<i>Catholic University</i>	\$ 50.00

**Month of December
Weekly Offering/E-Giving Report**

Goal to Meet Budget	\$ 18,632
Total Offerings	\$ 15,700
(Deficit) for December (\$	2,932)

We are grateful to all who have been able to make their weekly offering or make use of on-line giving during this time. It is a great help to us. **Thank you!**

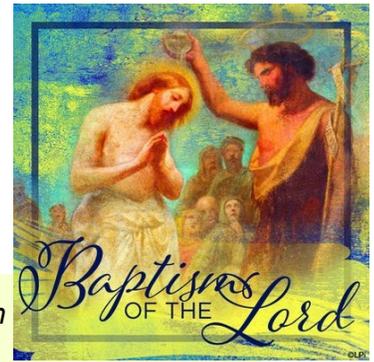


Come, O Holy Spirit,
Fill the world with your Love...

A Message from the Pastor...

Dear friends,

Why did Jesus need to be baptized? It's interesting because if he is who he says he is, it seems unnecessary. To answer this question, I pass along a short article from Catholic News Agency* on the topic.



So, why was Jesus baptized with the baptism of repentance that John was administering? Obviously he didn't have any sins.

First, from what we have explored so far we see that Jesus is completely identifying himself with Israel and its history. "All the Old Covenant prefigurations find their fulfillment in Christ Jesus" (CCC 1223).

Second, he is identifying himself with all of sinful humanity. The Catechism tells us, "He allows himself to be numbered among sinners..." (536). Later in Mark's Gospel Jesus speaks of his forthcoming suffering and death as a baptism. "Are you able to...be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" (Mk. 10:38). He is already anticipating his bloody baptism which will bring about the salvation of sinners.

In addition, heaven, which was closed because of Adam's sin, is now "torn open" because of Christ's obedience to the Father.

Third, through his Baptism Jesus is sanctifying the waters to prepare us to understand the sacrament of Baptism. This is done through his entering into the water, but also because of the descent of the Holy Spirit and the voice of the Father. Here we have a Trinitarian revelation, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus will give one final commission to his disciples to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." (Mt. 28:19).

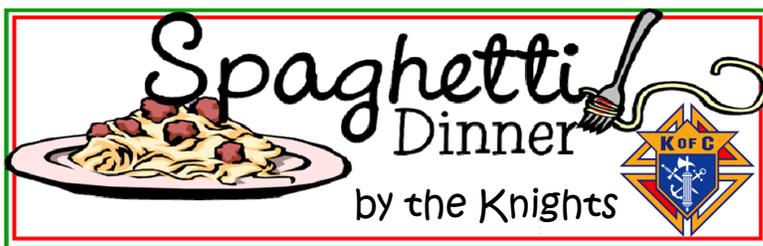
*We are called to Baptism, to receive Trinitarian life, so that we might be disciples of the Lord and adopted sons and daughters of the Father.**

Have a great week everyone!

God Bless, Fr. Jim

*-<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/column/baptism-of-the-lord-581>

Enjoy a Break from Cooking!



Take-out Only

Date: Friday, January 22, 2021

Pick-up Time: 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Location: Lower level of Parish Center

Cost: \$10 per meal (exact change appreciated)

This fund raiser will help our St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus meet its many philanthropic objectives.
Thank you for your support!

Take-Out Meal includes:

Spaghetti, sauce, meatballs (optional), salad with Italian dressing, and bread roll.

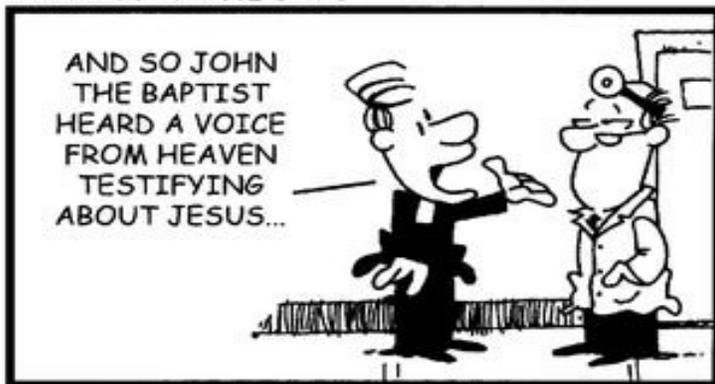
To Order:

- Sign up by Monday, January 18th
- Send Email to: turgeodj@gmail.com
 - Include your full name, telephone number, and the number of meals you would like.
- Don't have email access? Call Denise at the Parish Office 508-886-4984

To Pick Up on January 22nd:

- Enter the double doors to the lower Hall, Parish Center
- Pay and pick up your meal at the door.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



9 Days for Life is a focused period of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage set aside to mark the tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion during all nine months of pregnancy. **The novena will take place nationwide from January 21 through 29, 2021.**

During this time, all are invited to participate by joining together with thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a new intention each of the nine days. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to learn more and to download a free app for your smartphone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages with each day's prayer intention. Your prayers matter! Your sacrifices make a difference!

Inspiration for the week

We carry a greater depth of self-confidence and chance of succeeding when we have affirmation, a sense of direction and clear purpose in life. Each of these serve to provide our lives with meaning, allowing us to clearly establish priorities and goals. They also are necessary for integrity, which is the conviction and single mindedness that keeps us grounded in the truth of who we are. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus' baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God. He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. We are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Rutland Food Pantry
Here to help...

Upcoming Distribution Dates Drive-Thru Distribution Only

Date	Time
<i>January</i>	
Thursday, January 14, 2021	6:00 - 7:00 PM
Saturday, January 30, 2021	9:00 - 10:00 AM
<i>February</i>	
Thursday, February 11, 2021	6:00 - 7:00 PM
Saturday, February 27, 2021	9:00 - 10:00 AM

Food Pantry Immediate Wish List



- **Soup**
(We need lots of Soup!)



- **Canned Tuna**
(We need lots of Tuna!)



- **Hot and Cold Cereal**
(Low Sugar also needed)



- **Tea/Cocoa/Coffee**



- **Hamburger Helper, Pasta Sides**

“THE
FUTURE
STARTS
TODAY,
NOT
TOMORROW.”

ST. JOHN PAUL II



The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Is 55:1-11

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm: Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

R You will draw water joyfully
from the springs of salvation.

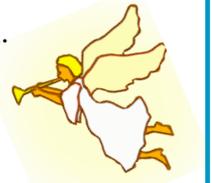
God indeed is my savior;
I am confident and unafraid.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior. With joy
you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. **R**

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;
among the nations make known his deeds,
proclaim how exalted is his name. **R**

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;
let this be known throughout all the earth.
Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel! **R**

Second Reading: 1 Jn 5:1-9

Beloved:
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God,
and everyone who loves the Father
loves also the one begotten by him.
In this way we know that we love the children of God
when we love God and obey his commandments.
For the love of God is this,
that we keep his commandments.
And his commandments are not burdensome,
for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.
And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.
Who indeed is the victor over the world
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
This is the one who came through water and blood,
Jesus Christ,
not by water alone, but by water and blood.
The Spirit is the one who testifies,
and the Spirit is truth.
So there are three that testify,
the Spirit, the water, and the blood,
and the three are of one accord.
If we accept human testimony,
the testimony of God is surely greater.
Now the testimony of God is this,
that he has testified on behalf of his Son.



Alleluia:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:
“One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”
It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee
and was baptized in the Jordan by John.
On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open
and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.
And a voice came from the heavens,
“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Select Mass Prayers

Penitential Act Form A (Confiteor)

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Preface Acclamation

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection
against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray; and do Thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the Power of God, cast into hell
Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



The Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious
Virgin Mary, that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thy intercession
was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence,
I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins,
my Mother; to thee do I come;
before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy
hear and answer me. Amen.



Prayer In Time of Pandemic : O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial. Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always. Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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