

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

Saturday, January 9

8:30 am - St. John - *in pectore*

9:00 am - 9:30 am - Confessions at St. John

3:15 pm - 3:55 pm - Confessions at St. John

4:00 pm - St. John - Roger, Theresa & Reggie Bessette by Mr/Mrs Ed Zuccaro

Sunday, January 10, Baptism of the Lord

7:30 am - 7:55 am - Confessions at St. John

8:00 am - St. John - Barbara Caldbeck Lyons

by her children

9:35 am - St. Elizabeth - Mass for the people

11:30 am - Queen of Peace - Betty Munson

by Deacon/Mrs. David Baker

Confessions at QP before Mass (*time permitting*) or following Mass as needed

Monday, January 11

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth - John Hall

by his estate

Tuesday, January 12

8:30 am - St. John - NO MASS

Wednesday, January 13. St. Hilary

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John

5:15pm - St. John - Deceased Members of the Folsom Family by Susan Dugan

Thursday, January 14

8:00 am - St. John - Beth Degreenia

by Amy Marcinko

Friday, January 15

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth - John Wall

by the estate

Saturday, January 16

8:30 am - St. John - NO MASS

9:00 am - 9:30 am - Confessions at St. John

3:15 pm - 3:55 pm - Confessions at St. John

4:00 pm - St. John - In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Jesus

Sunday, January 17, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - 7:55 am - Confessions at St. John

8:00 am - St. John - Mass for the people

9:35 am - St. Elizabeth - Keith Miille

by M/Mrs. Ed Zuccaro

11:30 am - Queen of Peace -

Confessions at QP before Mass (*time permitting*) or following Mass as needed

Please keep our parishioners in mind who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Pam Austin, Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, Charlie Weis, & Randy Thomas, Dick and Anita Bedor

Jan. 17, 2021	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
LECTORS:	4pm M. Noyes 8:00am H Robertson	9:35am B. Gessner	11:30am D.Rivard

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THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, Corpus Christi Conference offers assistance in name of Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call: Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542 Ann Lovett: 751-8187; or the Rectory: 748-8129 We will arrange a visit to see if we are able to serve you!

PARISH EVENTS

Dec. 10th: Confirmation Class 6pm-7:30pm FLC

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650

Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$64,090+ On-Line: \$41,043.55

Collections & Receipts: December, 2021 Reg .Offertory:\$3246.00

Who Are the Knights of Columbus?

Helping men to exercise the Grace of Baptism

Founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 by Bl. Father Michael J. McGivney and a group of parishioners. Their intent was to bring financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy members and their families. All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

Charity – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by donating to local food pantries, volunteering at Special Olympics, supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies, and through support of many other charitable causes. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. In God’s love, we answer the cry of the needy. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need. Ask around, you can be proud of your local council and all they do!

Unity – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus know that together we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together – we support one another. That doesn’t mean we always agree, or never have a difference of opinion, but it does mean that as a Knight of Columbus you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

Fraternity – Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died, often prematurely. The Order’s top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do the good works of individual Knights, who gave more than 75.6 million service hours in 2017, illustrating how Catholics serve each other in fraternity and mercy.

Patriotism – Members of the Knights of Columbus are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it’s in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nation and are amongst the greatest citizens.

Ask Fr. Hahr, or another Knight of Columbus about becoming a Knight!

Fran Gingue is turning 90 on Sunday Jan 17th! And her family and friends are planning a card shower for her at 1795 Higgins Hill Road Waterford VT 05819. Also, a birthday drive-by will occur on Sunday the 17th. Please gather at the Gingue Farm at 1pm where the big pile of feed is covered with tires. There's a large hoop-type building also, and plenty of space for cars to line up. Someone will be directing cars. The drive-by will come out onto Higgins Hill Rd and cross over to the white farmhouse where Fran will be on the porch! Thank you in advance!

Questions may be directed to Rosemary at (802) 535-7514.

Baptismal Water

Since man is of twofold nature, soul and body, the purification also is twofold, the one incorporeal for the incorporeal part, and the other bodily for the body: the water purifies the body, and the Spirit seals the soul; that we may draw near unto God, *having our heart sprinkled by the Spirit, and our body washed with pure water* (Heb 10:22). When going down, therefore, into the water, think not of the bare element, but look for salvation by the power of the Holy Ghost: for without both you cannot possibly be made perfect. It is not I that say this, but the Lord Jesus Christ, who has the power in this matter: for He says, *Unless a man be born anew* (and He adds the words) *of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God* (Jn 3:3). Neither does he that is baptized with water, but not found worthy of the Spirit, receive the grace in perfection; nor if a man be virtuous in his deeds, but receive not the seal by water, shall he enter into the kingdom of heaven. A bold saying, but not mine, for it is Jesus who has declared it: and here is the proof of the statement from Holy Scripture. Cornelius was a just man, who was honored with a vision of Angels, and had set up his prayers and almsdeeds as a good memorial before God in heaven. Peter came, and the Spirit was poured out upon them that believed, and they spoke with other tongues, and prophesied: and after the grace of the Spirit the Scripture says that Peter commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 10:48); in order that, the soul having been born again by faith, the body also might by the water partake of the grace.

But if any one wishes to know why the grace is given by water and not by a different element, let him take up the Divine Scriptures and he shall learn. For water is a grand thing, and the noblest of the four visible elements of the world. Heaven is the dwelling-place of Angels, but the heavens are from the waters: the earth is the place of men, but the earth is from the waters: and before the whole six days' formation of the things that were made, *the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the water* (Genesis 1:2). The water was the beginning of the world, and Jordan the beginning of the Gospel tidings: for Israel deliverance from Pharaoh was through the sea, and for the world deliverance from sins by the washing of water with the word (Ephesians 5:26) of God. Where a covenant is made with any, there is water also. After the flood, a covenant was made with Noah: a covenant for Israel from Mount Sinai, but with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop (Hebrews 9:19). Elias is taken up, but not apart from water: for first he crosses the Jordan, then in a chariot mounts the heaven. The high-priest is first washed, then offers incense; for Aaron first washed, then was made high-priest: for how could one who had not yet been purified by water pray for the rest? Also as a symbol of Baptism there was a laver set apart within the Tabernacle ... ~ Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

Duties of Godparents

Now it has been stated...that godparents take upon themselves the duties of a tutor. Consequently they are bound to watch over their godchildren when there is need for them to do so: for instance when and where children are brought up among unbelievers. But if they are brought up among Catholic Christians, the godparents may well be excused from this responsibility, since it may be presumed that the children will be carefully instructed by their parents. If, however, they perceive in any way that the contrary is the case, they would be bound, as far as they are able, to see to the spiritual welfare of their godchildren.

~ St. Thomas Aquinas



What does Baptism do?

- Remits all sins (both original sin and personal sin) and their temporal punishments. If one were to die immediately after Baptism, he would go straight to Heaven (assuming one presents no obstacles).
- Imprints an indelible mark on the soul of the baptized which marks him as God's, initiates him into the life of the Church, and allows him to receive the other Sacraments. It is through Baptism that we are born again – regenerated – of water and Spirit and receive new life.
- Infuses sanctifying grace, supernatural gifts, and virtues (according to the disposition of the soul receiving the Sacrament and providing he puts up no obstacles), making us true adopted children of God.

There is only one Baptism, therefore the Sacrament may be received only once (if one is unsure whether he was validly baptized, he is baptized conditionally). For those who have reached the age of reason, the Sacrament must also be received in faith. If one does not have faith in Baptism but receives it anyway, he is still validly baptized, but the fruits of his Baptism will be delayed until he does have faith. In the case of infants, it is the faith of the parents that operates until the child himself reaches the age of reason.

Catholic parents should arrange for the Baptism of their newborn as soon as possible. Ideally they approach the Priest with the intention to baptize their child even before the child is born, so that the baby is baptized within the first two weeks of having been born.

The name you choose for your child should, ideally, be that of a Saint; at the least, he should not be given a name that conflicts with the Faith. When planning for a Baptism, sponsors (called "godparents" in the case of children) are chosen -- by the parents or by the catechumen himself, if he is of age -- to stand up for the catechumen during the Rite. The godparents act as witnesses. There should, ideally, be one male and one female for this task, both baptized and Confirmed Catholics who are in good standing with the Church and who've reached the age of sixteen. There is no need for the two to be married to each other, but they may be. Parents cannot be Godparents for their own children. If two sponsors are unavailable, one will suffice.

Baptism and Repentance

And if you will be convinced ... that the baptism of John is a redemption from the threat of the fire, hear how he says, *O generation of vipers, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come ? Be not then henceforth a viper, but as you have been formerly a viper's brood, put off, says he, the slough of your former sinful life. For every serpent creeps into a hole and casts its old slough, and having rubbed off the old skin, grows young again in body. In like manner enter thou also through the strait and narrow gate* (Mt 7:13-14): rub off your former self by fasting, and drive out that which is destroying you. *Put off the old man with his doings* (Colossians 3:9), and quote that saying in the Canticles, *I have put off my coat, how shall I put it on?* But there is perhaps among you some hypocrite, a man-pleaser, and one who makes a pretense of piety, but believes not from the heart; having the hypocrisy of Simon Magus; one who has come hither not in order to receive of the grace, but to spy out what is given: let him also learn from John: *And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees, Every tree therefore that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire* (Mt 3:10). The Judge is inexorable; put away your hypocrisy.

~ Saint Cyril of Jerusalem