New Spiritual Beginnings...

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). There it is! Right on the pages of God's Word we are told that we are being made new. We can choose to believe it and walk in that truth, or we can deny the power of God and His power to change even the deadest of hearts into hearts softened with love. He is making all things new, He is bringing the dead back to life!

"He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him" (Psalm 40:3). The Psalms are full of praise and singing NEW songs to God! When you find yourself in a scary new place, sing a new song of praise to our God! Praise is our weapon against the enemy and fear.

"See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind" (Isaiah 65:17). Sometimes we just need to let go of the past and embrace the new season. Just like God does.

"The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah" (Jeremiah 31:31). The new covenant was given to us through the blood of Jesus. This is our hope. Newness is our inheritance. Jesus is the truest gift of newness in our lives. Newness of heart. Newness of eternity. From death to life.

"Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all" (Colossians 3:9-11). It doesn't matter who you are or where you're from, who you've been or what others think. Christ is all and in all. We are putting off the old self and putting on the new self. We are being renewed in Christ daily!

Prayer for the Week

Eternal Father, you have given us your only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and revealed him to us at his baptism in the River Jordan, grant that we, who have been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11 Based on Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)



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St. Anselm is a Catholic faith community centered in the Eucharist, seeking to live the love of God through worship, word and service.

"The Spirit of God is seen coming upon Christ. The words of Isaiah are beginning to be fulfilled."

"After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

(Cf. Mt 3:16-17)

January 10th, 2021
The Baptism of the Lord
1st Reading
Isaiah 55:1-11
2nd Reading
1 John 5:1-9
Gospel Mark 1:7-11

January 17th, 2021
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading
1Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
2nd Reading
1Cor. 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel:John 1:35-42



Most Rev. Patrick C. Pinder, S.T.D., C.M.G. Archbishop of Nassau.

Fr. Noël Clarke, Pastor Rev. Mr. Ricardo Demeritte, Deacon

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MASS SCHEDULE:
SUNDAYS: 7.00 & 9.00am
WEEKDAYS: 6:15 am
Wednesdays - Adoration at
5.30pm & Mass
HOLIDAYS: 8:00 a.m.
Bible Study Monday
6:15pm—Virtual
CONFESSIONS:
SUNDAY: by appointment

BAPTISMS: Call Parish Office to arrange

#### A WARMAND LOVING WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS!

Please come again and if you would like to become a member, our contacts are listed above.

To our members, We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers!



# Let us Pray

Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease, realize that they are chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Amen.

Sir Basil Albury, Alice Anthony, Paul Barnett Sr, Rosemary Black, Dorothy Curry, Tommy Demeritte, Jacqueline Dyce, Michael Farrington, Hartman Johnson, Edward Kerr, Marjorie Knowles, Ruth Knowles, Terrance Knowles, Paula Lundy, Barbara Morley, Hosea Moss, Carmel Mortimer, Shirley Pinder, Mackey Rolle, Martha Roberts, Vernon Ritchie, Kyandre Sands, Giovani Small, Mable Smith, Dorothy Symonette, Lucinda Symonette, Jacinta White, and Monique Young, the imprisoned, the homebound, the hospitalized and persons in the Geriatrics Hospital. (If you, or a member of your family is ill, or if you know of a parishioner that is ill, please notify the parish office).



# Daily Scripture Reading

Monday Hebrews 1:1-6

11th Resp. Ps. 97:1 and 26, 6 and 7c, 9

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday Hebrews 2:5-12

12th Resp. Ps. 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9

Gospel: Mark 1:1-28

Wednesday Hilary, Bishop, Doctor

13th Hebrews 2:14-18

Resp. Ps. 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9

Gospel:Mark 1:29-39

Thursday Hebrews 3:7-14

14th Resp. Ps. 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11

Gospel:Mark 1:40-45

Friday Hebrews 4:1-5, 11

15th Resp. Ps. 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8

Gospel:Mark 2:1-12

Saturday Optional Memorial of the Blessed

16th Virgin Mary

Hebrews 4:12-16

Resp.Ps. 19:8, 9, 10, 15

Gospel: Mark 2:13-17

#### HappyBirthdayGreetings are extended to:

Marissa Knowles, Julien Veronica, Drew Wood, Kaylan McCartney, (Today) Kendra Cartwright, Kaelyn Demeritte, Anthony Hepburn, Valrea Sturrup, (Mon) D'Angelo Antonio, Warren Brown, G'Angelo Edgecombe, Gregory Edgecombe, Janet Neely, Phillippa Rolle, (Tue) Dellareese Woods-Isaacs, (Wed) Amay Darling, Felipe Major, Donnell Owens, (Thur) Acheabea Dyer, Creola Kelly, Dannia Kemp, (Fri) Jeffrey Deal, Arnold Ferguson, Edmund Laing, (Sat)...

and to all celebrating this week.

# <u>Commentators & Lectors</u> The Baptism of the Lord — January 10th, 2021

7:00am Verdell Ferguson —1st Reader

Kevin Fernander—Commentator/2nd Reader

9:00am Phillandra Bain-Wood — 1st Reader Vann Gaitor — Commentator/2nd Reader

#### 2nd Sunday in ordinary Time — January 17th, 2021

7:00am Delora Moncur —1st Reader

Daria Adderley—Commentator/2nd Reader

9:00am Mya Demeritte — 1st Reader

Marici Thompson — Commentator/2nd Reader

Prayerful condolences to Janet Ritchie Fountain & Family on the death of her husband, William Fountain who died on Friday, January 8th. Funeral service to be announced.

#### Marriage Renewal Programme

Married Couples Only...Virtual Day of Reflection & Romantic Evening ....Saturday, February 13th, 2021 - Cost:\$50.00

# Reflecting on the Word

#### **Peace and Justice**

The progression from the <u>First</u> to the <u>Second Reading</u> is from justice to peace. The servant prophesied by Isaiah "shall bring forth justice to the nations and establishes justice on the earth: I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice."

The response announces that "The Lord will bless his people with peace," and a reading from Acts follows which characterizes God's message to the people of Israel as "the good news of peace." The <u>Gospel</u> includes the image of the dove, a symbol of peace.

Catholic social morality has always linked peace with justice. Perhaps this would be a good time to remind ourselves of the connection between good order in national and international relations (peace) and good order in all human relations (justice).

As "children born of water and the Spirit, we share in the sonship of Christ" and in a calling to "follow in his path of service" by promoting the peace that flows from justice. Peace results from that order structured into human society by its divine Founder, and actualized by men as they thirst after ever greater justice.

~U.S. Bishops, *The Challenge of Peace* (1983) 60 ~Gerald Darring~

### Registration for Admission to Catholic Schools

Registration for CATHOLIC PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN children wishing to enter Catholic Schools in New Providence will be held from WEDENSDAY, JANUARY 6TH to FRIDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 2021 between 8:00am to 4.00pm. Students entering PRE-KINDERGARTEN MUST BE 3 YEARS OLD BY MARCH 31st, 2021 and students entering KINDERGARTEN MUST BE 4 YEARDS OLD BY MARCH 31ST, 2021.

Parents/Guardians MUST present a copy of the birth AND baptismal certificates before receiving a registration form. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### CCD News

Virtual Classes will resume on Saturday, January 16th, 2021 at 10.00am. Confirmation II will resume on Thursday, January 14th, 2021 at 4.30pm to 6:00pm in the parish hall.

Bible Studies resumes on Monday, January 18th, 2021.

#### Marriage Preparation Course

The next Marriage preparation Course is scheduled to commence January 25th through February 25th, 2021. The class will be executed via the Zoom Webnar platform to ensure we maintain the Covid-19 protocols. Interested couples can contact Mrs. Eulie Elliott at the Chancery Office at 322-8919.

# Collection envelopes 2021

Collection envelopes for 2021 are now available at the parish office.