

**Baptism
of the
LORD**



"You are my beloved SON; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:22

The Catholic Community of

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**OPEN Monday 10:00am - 11:00am and
by appointment, calling the number above!**

New Office Hours (Nuevo Horario de Oficina)

Monday - Thursday (lunes - jueves)
10:00 am. - 11:45a.m.; 1:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.

Closed on Holidays

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

CALL THE RECTORY DURING
REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

MARRIAGE

CALL THE OFFICE AT LEAST
ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE

SWEET 15 & 16

BLESSINGS CALL THE OFFICE AT LEAST
ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

PLEASE, CALL THE OFFICE!

MISAS / MASSES

Horario / Schedule

Domingos / Sundays

9:00 a.m. English (Church) / Inglés (Iglesia)
11:00 a.m. Spanish (Church) / Español (Iglesia)
1:00 p.m. Spanish (Church) / Español (Iglesia)
3:00 p.m. Spanish (Church) / Español (Iglesia)

Miércoles y Viernes / Wednesday & Friday:

5:00 p.m. Spanish (Chapel) / Español (Capilla)

Misa por los Enfermos / Mass for the Sick

Último martes (Last Tuesday) 5:00 p.m.
(Capilla/Chapel)

HORA SANTA/HOLY HOUR

CADA JUEVES/ EVERY THURSDAY 5:00 p.m.
(Capilla/Chapel)

RECONCILIATION/CONFESIONES

Wednesday/Miércoles & Friday/Viernes

4:30pm: Chapel/Capilla

Or by appointment: call the office
O por cita; llame a la oficina

BAUTISMO DE NIÑOS

LLAME A LA RECTORÍA DURANTE
HORAS DE OFICINA

MATRIMONIOS

LLAME A LA OFICINA CON AL MENOS
UN AÑO DE ANTICIPACIÓN

QUINCEAÑERAS

LLAME A LA OFICINA CON AL MENOS
UN AÑO DE ANTICIPACIÓN

MINISTERIO AL CUIDADO DE LOS ENFERMOS

FAVOR DE LLAMAR A LA OFICINA



12 enero 2025

Oración de apertura: Señor, llena mi corazón de expectativa. Lléname de gozosa anticipación de tu paz, amor y misericordia. Que pueda recordar con gratitud los dones que el Espíritu Santo me da: Entendimiento, Conocimiento, Fortaleza, Consejo, Sabiduría, Piedad y Temor del Señor. Continúa trabajando en mi corazón, acercándome a ti.

Encuentro con Cristo:

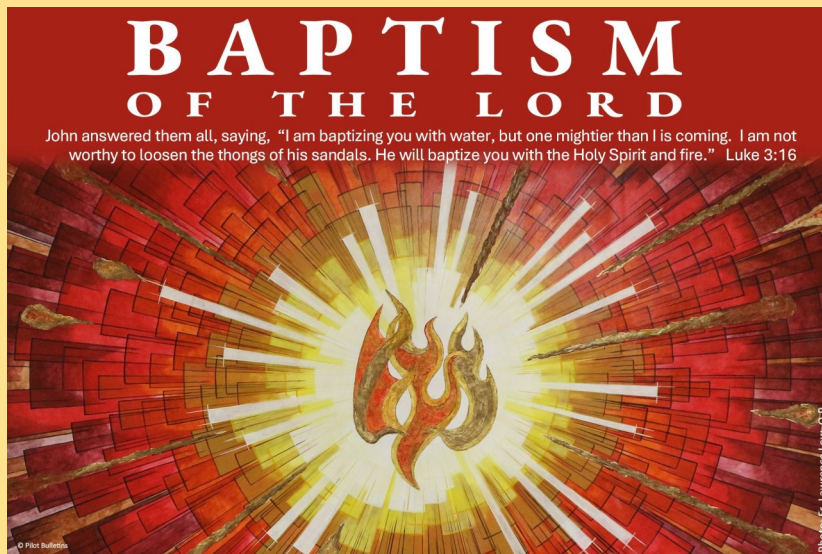
No soy digno: Juan el Bautista, un gran santo y hombre de Dios, se dio cuenta de que realmente no era digno de desatar la correa de las sandalias de Jesús, una tarea humilde realizada por un sirviente. Vemos esto en todos los santos: este conocimiento instintivo de que no importa lo que logremos o cuán santos nos volvamos, nunca podremos ser dignos del amor de Cristo. Aunque se nos exhorta a ser "perfectos, así como vuestro Padre celestial es perfecto" (Mt 5:48), podemos consolarnos sabiendo que "para los seres humanos es imposible, pero no para Dios. Todo es posible para Dios" (Mc 10:27).

El Espíritu Santo y el fuego: Las palabras de Juan fueron una predicción de Pentecostés, cuando el Espíritu Santo descendería en lenguas de fuego, inspirando a los Apóstoles asustados y afligidos a dejar su escondite y salir a predicar las Buenas Nuevas. Una de las mayores pruebas de que Jesús es el Mesías es la historia de Pentecostés. Los seguidores de Jesús temían por sus propias vidas después de ver a su amado rabino brutalmente ejecutado. Estaban escondidos, convencidos de que los soldados acabarían con ellos si los encontraban. Sin embargo, algo sucedió en su escondite que transformó a estos fugitivos en valientes proclamadores de las Buenas Nuevas. No hay explicación humana para esto. Solo podría ser el poder de Dios Todopoderoso lo que obligó a este grupo de hombres de un país pobre y ocupado a convertirse en los intrépidos líderes del mayor movimiento religioso que el mundo haya conocido.

El don del bautismo: En su ministerio público, Jesús a menudo tomó decisiones que iluminaron un camino para sus seguidores. Su decisión de ser bautizado señala la belleza y necesidad de nuestro propio Bautismo. El hecho de que el hombre que lo bautizó afirmó ser indigno nos recuerda que ninguno de nosotros, ya sea sacerdote o laico, es digno. "Todos pecaron y están privados de la gloria de Dios" (Rom 3:23). Nuestra fe está en Dios, no en sus mensajeros a veces imperfectos. En el libro de C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*, describió a un diablo mayor que aconseja a su protegido que el mejor momento para distraer a un cristiano es cuando está en el culto. Aconsejó al diablo menor que llenara la mente del cristiano con pensamientos críticos sobre el sacerdote y sus compañeros de adoración. Verdaderamente, al enemigo de nuestras almas le encantaría alejarnos de la necesidad del Bautismo y los otros sacramentos distrayéndonos con pensamientos negativos sobre un sacerdote en particular o la Iglesia en general. Pero Jesús nos recuerda poderosamente por su propio Bautismo que mantengamos nuestros ojos en Dios y sus dones de los sacramentos. Aquí en las Escrituras vemos el primer sacramento, el Bautismo, administrado al Señor por un hombre que reconoció su propia indignidad. Y la importancia de este momento fue reforzada por una voz audible del Cielo que proclamaba: "Tú eres mi Hijo amado; en ti estoy muy complacido."

"Conversación con Cristo: Señor, tranquiliza mi corazón. Te agradezco por este tiempo contigo. Sé que todo lo que hiciste durante tu tiempo en la tierra fue hecho con un propósito. Enséñame a abrazar y buscar con gratitud los sacramentos. Ayúdame a mantener mi enfoque en ti.

Resolución: Señor, hoy por tu gracia aprovecharé tus impulsos para recibir los sacramentos, ya sea para asistir a la Misa diaria, sentarme en Adoración o ir a la Reconciliación.



January 12, 2025

Opening Prayer: Lord, fill my heart with expectation. Fill me with joyful anticipation of your peace, love, and mercy. May I gratefully remember the gifts the Holy Spirit gives to me: Understanding, Knowledge, Fortitude, Counsel, Wisdom, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. Continue to work in my heart, bringing me closer to you.

Encountering Christ:

Not Worthy: John the Baptist, a great saint and man of God, realized that he was truly not worthy to loosen the thong of Jesus' sandals—a lowly task performed by a servant. We see this in all of the saints: this instinctive knowledge that no matter what we accomplish or how holy we become, we can never be worthy of Christ's love. Although we are exhorted to be "perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48), we can take comfort in knowing that "for human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God" (Mk 10:27).

The Holy Spirit and Fire: John's words were a foretelling of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit would descend in tongues of fire, inspiring the frightened and bereaved Apostles to leave their hiding place and go out and preach the Good News. One of the single greatest proofs that Jesus is the Messiah is the story of Pentecost. The followers of Jesus were in fear for their own lives after seeing their beloved Rabbi brutally executed. They were in hiding, convinced that the soldiers would finish them off if they were found. Yet something happened in their hiding place that transformed these fugitives into bold proclaimers of the Good News. There is no human explanation for this. It could only be the power of God Almighty that compelled this group of men from a poor, occupied country to become the fearless leaders of the greatest religious movement the world has ever known.

The Gift of Baptism: In his public ministry, Jesus often made choices that illuminated a path for his followers. His decision to be baptized points to the beauty and necessity of our own Baptism. The fact that the man baptizing him claimed to be unworthy reminds us that none of us, whether priest or laity, is worthy. "All have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23). Our faith is in God, not in his sometimes imperfect messengers. In C.S. Lewis's book *The Screwtape Letters*, he depicted a senior devil advising his protegee that the best time to distract a Christian is when he is at worship. He advised the junior devil to fill the mind of the Christian with judgmental thoughts about the priest and his fellow worshippers. Truly, the enemy of our souls would love to pull us away from the need for Baptism and the other sacraments by distracting us with negative thoughts about a particular priest or the Church in general. But Jesus powerfully reminds us by his own Baptism to keep our eyes on God and his gifts of the sacraments. Here in Scripture we see the first sacrament—Baptism—administered to the Lord by a man who acknowledged his own unworthiness. And the importance of this moment was reinforced by an audible voice from Heaven proclaiming, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

"Conversation with Christ: Lord, quiet my heart. I thank you for this time with you. I know that all you did during your time on earth was done with purpose. Teach me to gratefully embrace and seek out the sacraments. Help me keep my focus on you.

Resolution: Lord, today by your grace I will take advantage of your promptings to receive the sacraments, whether it is to attend daily Mass, to sit in Adoration, or to go to Reconciliation.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS



Bishop William E. Koenig invites all married couples in the Diocese of Wilmington to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on World Marriage Sunday, February 9, 2025, at 1:00pm at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, DE. Those celebrating significant anniversaries (5-year increments) - 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or any anniversary beyond 50, will receive a special certificate from the Bishop. Reservations are needed, no matter what the anniversary year. Reservations are required by February 4, 2025.

Bishop Koenig will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12:00 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. Questions may be referred to the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 302-295-0657 or by emailing OMFL@cdow.org. Registration can be completed by using the following link – <https://cdowcym.wufoo.com/forms/zdx6q1g0hx3ism/>



Retrouvaille

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 14 - 16, 2025 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Parish News

Información Parroquial

Actividades de ésta semana

Lunes 13: 6:30-Directiva Juan XXIII,
7pm Lideres de Renovación

Martes 14: 6:30 Legion de Maria
7 pm Circulo de oración

Miércoles 15: 4:30p Confesiones
5 pm Misa
6:30 Juan XXIII

Jueves 16: 5:00 Hora Santa
Rosario/Confesiones

Viernes 17: 4:30p Confesiones
5:00 pm Misa



"Santa Familia de Nazaret, haz tomar conciencia a todos del carácter sagrado e inviolable de la familia, de su belleza en el proyecto de Dios."

—Amoris Laetitia, 325

16 enero 2025

Rosario, adoración y confesiones

Intención del Santo Padre: ENERO

Por el derecho a la educación.

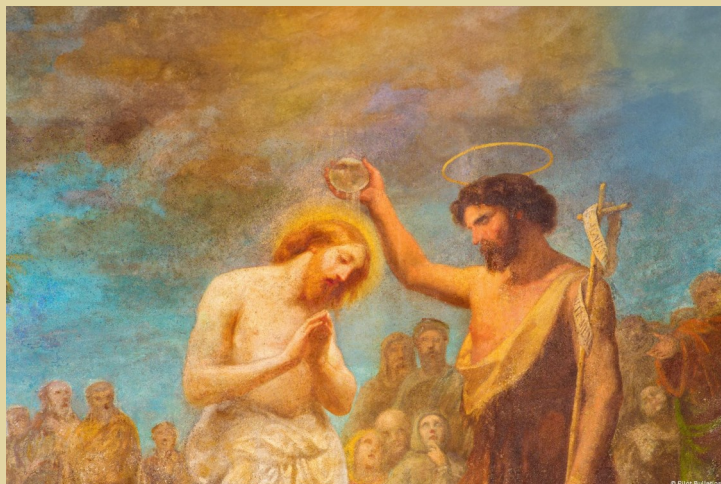
Oremos para que migrantes, refugiados y afectados por las guerras vean siempre respetado su derecho a la educación, necesaria para construir un mundo mejor.



Readings To-Go!

*The Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2025*

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!



Journey OF Faith

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

In Word & Deed

Some events are so significant they can serve two purposes, bring to a close one era and open a new chapter in our life. Weddings, funerals, graduations, an out of state move or a conversion to a new belief or way of life splits life in two: before and after. Once the change takes place, there is no turning back as one chapter is written and another presents a blank page.

The Baptism of Jesus ends one phase of His life and opens another. He leaves behind a life of relative obscurity and begins openly preaching the Gospel message. Heralded by John, Jesus begins the phase of His life that will lead Him to preach, teach, heal and forgive and then end in the horror and sorrow of His passion and death on the cross. He carried the hopes of Israel and of the whole human race.

Continued on back



Jesus comes out of the water, drawing the world with him, as it were, and raising it up when it had hitherto been sunk in the abyss. He sees the heavens, not being rent, but opening of their own accord. The first Adam had of old closed heaven to himself and us, just as he had seen the earthly paradise being closed to him, with a fiery sword barring access.

The Holy Spirit bears witness. Here all is in perfect harmony, for the testimony comes from heaven, just as he to whom the Spirit bears witness has come from heaven.

Gregory of Nazianzus, Fourth century

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sunday (1/12/25)

- 9:00a + Anne Bronislaus Trzyewski
 11:00a + Jose "None" Santiago
 1:00p + Jacqueline Rodriguez
 + Lucas Rafael Figueroa
 3:00p Feligreses

Wednesday (1/15/25)

- 5:00 p + William Leahy

Friday (1/17/25)

- 5:00 p +Ellen Berk

Sunday (1/12/25)

- 9:00a + George Kramill
 11:00a + Esperanza Rodriguez
 1:00p Feligreses
 3:00p + Laura Zemon



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PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATION COUNT

Please become a registered parishioner. Being a registered parishioner will help St. Paul's and help you in many ways. For example, many people ask for parish letters for immigration, sacraments sponsorship, or taxes. In order for us to write such a letter you need to be a registered parishioner for at least three months. This information is private and it is share with others only if you request it. There is a short parishioner registration form below. Please fill one out and deposit it in the collection basket.

TU DONACIÓN CUENTA

Por favor, sea un feligrés registrado. Al ser un feligrés registrado, ayuda a la Iglesia y se ayuda usted mismo. Si necesita alguna carta para inmigración, documentos legales, para ser padrinos de sacramentos, o para pro-pósitos de impuestos, debe estar registrado al menos por tres meses para poder recibir dicha carta. Esta información es privada y la compartimos solo si usted nos da la autorización. Encontrará un formulario pe-queño al final de esta nota. Llene el formulario y sea parte de la familia de la Iglesia San Pablo. Puede depositarla en la canasta de la colecta.

Weekly Collections

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December 1, 2024 Offerings

Amount Needed 1st Collection	\$3,500.00
Actual Collection	\$2,584.00
Amount UNDER	\$796.00
Religious Retirement	\$1,456.00
Christmas Tree	\$348.00
Thanksgiving	\$30.00

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La Corresponsabilidad

Register in Our Parish!!! ;Regístrate en Nuestra Parroquia!

Saint Paul Parishioner's Registration Short Form Formulario pequeño para ser miembro de San Pablo

First & Last Name: _____
(Nombre y Apellido)

Address: _____
(Dirección)

Phone #: _____
(Número de teléfono)

**The Secretary will call for more information.
(La Secretaria los llamará por más información.)**