BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 9, 2022

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Dear Parishioners,

On this Sunday after the Solemnity of the Epiphany, we are celebrating the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which ends the liturgical season of Christmas. Today, we fix our gaze on Jesus, who was baptized at the age of about 30 by John in the Jordan River.

It was a baptism of penance that used the symbol of water to express the purification of the heart and of life. John, known as the "Baptist", that is, the "Baptizer", preached this baptism to Israel in preparation for the imminent coming of the Messiah; and John the Baptist told everyone that someone else would come after him, greater than he, who would not baptize with water but with the Holy Spirit.

And so it was when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, the Holy Spirit came down and settled upon him like a dove, and John the Baptist recognized that he was Christ, the "Lamb of God" who had come to take away the sins of the world.

Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan is also an "epiphany", a manifestation of the Lord's Messianic identity and of his redeeming work, which will culminate in another "baptism", that of his death and Resurrection, for which the whole world will be purified in the fire of divine mercy.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb

The second collection this weekend is for Catholic Communications and the Catholic University of America.
Please give it your prayerful consideration.
Cardinal Dolan writes: **"Your contributions help to underwrite the University's financial aid office so that students, young and old from across the country will have access to quality academic and spiritual programs". "..through the Catholic Communications campaign, the conference of bishops is able to serve all the dioceses of our nation by providing educational and spiritual programs for radio and television".**
To learn more visit https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-communicationcampaign
and https://engage.cvatholic.edu/giving/howgive/national-collection.

Griefshare, **the bereavement course, will begin today, *Sunday, January 9th at 3pm* in the Saint Peter and Paul Meeting Room and run for approximately 13 weeks.**
Please call the parish office if you plan on joining.
Suggested donation is $20.

Fr. Newcomb will begin a class tomorrow, Monday 10th, and the following Mondays as well the 24, 31, 7th @6:30pm in the St. Paul and Peter meeting room based on: Dr. Ben Akers welcomes Tim Glemkowski, Director of Strategy for the Archdiocese of Denver, to have a conversation about the Apostolic age in which the Church finds herself. In four sessions, Dr. Akers and Tim will cover the times we are in today, an apostolic mindset, and an apostolic spirituality for both the individual and the parish.

Liturgical Ministers for January 15th/16th, 2022

Mass	Lector		Altar Servers
4:00pm	B. Heckman		M. Hockenberry
8:30am	M. Latini		J., and J. Santiago
11:30am	S. Ragone		A., and R. Robertson

The Junior Catholic Daughters will meet in the St. Paul and St. Peter Meeting room on Monday, January 10th from 6:30pm until 8pm.
All young ladies ages 8 to 18 are welcomed.

St. Mary's Food Pantry **distribution date will be Friday, January 14th. We are accepting donations of all hygiene products like laundry detergent, bath soap, and feminine hygiene products.**

St. Joseph's Table **Dinner will be on Friday, January 14th from 5pm until 7pm. They will be serving Lasagna, salad, and dessert.**

St. Mary's All You Can Eat Breakfast will be on Sunday, January 30th $10/adult/ $7 for children from 8am until 11:15am. Children under 5 FREE! Bring a friend!

Respect Life Corner:

Abortion can leave women and men suffering from guilt, shame, depression, anxiety, and isolation from God and others, sometimes for many years.

Action: For help-1-877-586-4621, Email lomina@postabortionhelp.org

We are taking reservations for the bus to the March for Life, Friday, January 21, 2022. Reserve now with payment of $45 and get a free Archdiocese NY scarf (must act now so the order can be placed.)
Reserve and pay for your seat by January 14, 2022.
Call Nancy Smith for more information. 845-856-4610. To reserve a seat you may call the parish office as well 845-856-8212.

Save the Date!
Annual Fish Fry by Tastefully British
Friday, March 18th

Announced Masses

Monday, January 10
9:00am Richard H Hagen, by Elizabeth Hagen
Tuesday, January 11
9:00am Barry Longwell, by Dick and Barbara Drew
Wednesday, January 12
9:00am Joseph Riordan, by Paul and Diane Hartmann
Thursday, January 13 (Hillary, bishop and doctor of the Church)
9:00am Joseph Riordan, by Deacon Rich and Joanne Marino
Saturday, January 15
4:00pm John Launt, by Dick and Barbara Drew
Sunday, January 16
8:30am Enid Decker, by Aggie Devore
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Catherine Simons, Robert Witherow, Allen Lynch, Jackie Mundy, Ken Mundy, Gloria Hicks, Stephanie Gaide, Stephen Angiulo, Eppie Harford, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, James Lincoln, Melissa Smith, Raquel Maldonado, Aedan Roach, James Roach, Robyn Radzikowski, John F. Flynn, Jr., Brittany Vleck, Jack Brooks, Amy Essing, Donald Wolff, Rosemary Marcolina, Nenita Costescu, Craig Caliciotti, Jean Lombardi, Jose Brito, Jr. , Jose Yamil Tavarez, Mary Longwell, Christine Chmura, Anthony Cavaliere, Michelle Phillips, Walter Szpakowicz, Maria Vyskocil, Marianne Van Auken, Eleanor Canfield, Neil R. Stasilli, III, William Conklin, Mary Gonzalez, and Francis Cruz.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DECEMBER LOTTERY WINNERS!
WE ARE CURRENTLY SELLING TICKETS FOR FEBRUARY.
TICKETS ARE STILL ONLY $10 AND GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN MULTIPLE TIMES DURING THE MONTH.
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MAINTENANCE OF ALL CHURCH BUILDINGS.

The collection for January 1st/2nd was $6,535. Thank you for your continued generosity.