



Good and gracious God, physician and healer, we pray that you will lay your healing hands upon those who are sick and restore them back to health through your divine grace, love and compassion. In Jesus we pray. Amen

Idalia Vázquez, Kathy Barletti, Lucille Strychalsky, Maria Garcia Abreu, Lourdzery Bisono, Bob Tornese, Amanda Fonseca, Elva Abraham, Gina Rudelli, Dominick Ruocco, Elouise Davis, Vincent Porpora, Janet Decarlo, Joanne Rescigno, Barbara Steele, Marie Maignan, Dorcas Wilson, Daniel Williams, Steven Baez Yves Terrible, Margaret & Edward Helm, Craig Wells, Thomas Kelsey, Robert Fredrickson, Melissa Thompson, Maureen Heaney, Adriana and Alex.



O Lord, creator and redeemer of all your faithful people, we pray that those we love who have gone before us in faith may know your mercy, light, and peace; and the blessings of everlasting life. Amen

January – Luke Gallagher, Frances Caldararo, Natalie Aurichio
February- Steven Ortega

March – Marivel Suarez

April – Kermit Boreland, Jane E. Serio

May – Curt Anthony Virgin

June - Philip Skulsky, Mario Dominguez,
Cristina Benitez, Richard Vason

July - Monica May, Maria Vaquero, Larry Genova,
Essamma Thomas

August -Charlie Altatonna, Maria Sanabria Kenny
Mary Kelly, Rene Rosario

September- Juanita De Jesus, Lukas Roberts jr.

October- Ruth Nordone

November –Altagracia Cruz, Rolando Vázquez Frank Castro

December – Louise Castro, Msgr. James E. White,
Melina St. Hilaire, Rev. Carlos Rodriguez, Mary F. Norrington

Respect for Life

January is Respect for Life month. It is a time filled with prayer, penance and pilgrimage to raise awareness for all life issues in order to transform our society to embrace a culture of life. The March for Life in Washington D.C. will be held on January 24 2020. If you are interested in attending this march please call 914-963-0730, 914-562-4195 or 914-648-2174 to get more information and schedules for the buses leaving for the March for Life from New York.

The Virgin Mary is considered by many Catholics to be The Patron Saint/ or Protector of the Dominican Republic. A cloth painting of Mary is the Focus of this celebration in the Island Nation. The portrait which was crowned by a gold & silver Tiara by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1978, is located in the Basilica in Hiquey. We will celebrate the Feast of la Virgen de la Altagracia on Sunday, January 19,2020 at 9:45am mass followed by a celebration in the parish hall.

On Saturday, February 1,2020 we will celebrate the Feast of the Virgen de la Candelária at the 7 pm Mass. This celebration is also known in English as a candelmass Day.

~ ~ From the Pastor's Desk ~ ~

With the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, The Christmas season ends with the manifestation of Jesus as the beloved Son of God who has come to save us, restore justice in , bring light and freedom to the world as we see in the 1st reading (Is 42:1–4, 6–7):

Someone might ask, "Why would a holy man desire baptism?" Listen to the answer: Christ is baptized, not to be made holy by the water, but to make the water holy, and by his cleansing to purify the waters which he touched. For the consecration of Christ involves a more significant consecration of the water. For when the Saviour is washed, all water for our baptism is made clean, purified at its source for the dispensing of baptismal grace to the people of future ages. Christ is the first to be baptized, then, so that Christians will follow after him with confidence. Dear brethren in Christ, let us thank Our Lord for his humility and fidelity in fulfilling God the Father's Most Holy Will upon submitting himself to John's Baptism, thus, revealing the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity and instituting the Sacrament of Baptism, through which we have been washed away from the stain of original sin, have been made children of God and received the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit and God's presence in our soul in grace. As St. Gregory of Nazianzen put it, "let us do honor to Christ's Baptism in holiness," striving to keep our soul clean to be the dwelling place of God. Happy Feast of Our Lord's Baptism! Fr. Rolly Arjonillo

Parish Ministries for Next Weekend -January 18, 2020 & January 19, 2020

Time	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm	Pat Spana	Rich Spana, Carmel Healy Donna Permuto
8:30 am	Marybeth Courtney	Suzanne Palmadessa, Joseph Barletti Nancy Ramos
11:30 am	Danica Brown Sylvia Mahoney	Lizette Góngora, John LaMassa Donna Mazzola, Diane Papa Diane Koster
Greeters for 1/19/20: Georgia Douglas & Jeanette Rogers		

Calendar of Upcoming Events - January 13 - January 18, 2020

13 Monday	7:00 pm	Westchester Grupo de Oración – Parish Hall
14 Tuesday	7:00 pm	RCIA-Spanish -Parish Hall
15 Wednesday	8:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Meeting -Parish Hall
16 Thursday	9:45 am 4:00 pm	Morning Prayers in the Church PSR- Grades 1 thru Grade 6
17 Friday	4:00 pm 6:30 pm	Food Pantry Circulo De Oracion -Parish Hall
18 Saturday		



December 29, 2019 \$5,917.00 / December 30, 2018 \$4,613.00

January 5, 2020 \$4003.00 / January 6, 2019 \$4600.00

~~ Desde El Escritorio Del Pastor ~~

Respeto por La Vida

Enero es el mes del Respeto a la Vida, es un momento lleno de oración, penitencia y peregrinación para crear conciencia sobre todos los problemas y transformar nuestra sociedad para abrazar una cultura de vida. La Marcha por la Vida en Washington DC se llevará a cabo el 24 de enero de 2020. Si está interesado en asistir a esta marcha, llame al 914-963-0730, 914-562-4195 o 914-648-2174 para obtener más información y horarios para el Los autobuses parten hacia la marcha por la vida desde Nueva York.

La Virgen María es considerada por muchos católicos como la Patrona / o Protectora de la República Dominicana. Una pintura de tela de María es el foco de esta celebración en la nación isleña. El retrato que fue coronado por una Tiara de oro y plata por el Santo Papa Juan Pablo II en 1978, se encuentra en la Basílica de Higüey. Celebraremos la Fiesta de la Virgen de la Altagracia el domingo 19 de enero de 2020 en la misa de las 9:45, seguida de una celebración en el salón parroquial.

El sábado 1 de febrero de 2020 celebraremos la fiesta de la Virgen de la Candelaria en la misa de las 7 pm. Esta celebración también se conoce en inglés como el Día de misa en vela.

Con la Fiesta del Bautismo de Nuestro Señor, la temporada navideña termina con la manifestación de Jesús como el amado Hijo de Dios que ha venido a salvarnos, restaurar la justicia, traer luz y libertad al mundo como vemos en la primera lectura (Is 42: 1–4, 6–7):

Alguien podría preguntar: "¿Por qué un hombre santo desearía el bautismo?" Escuche la respuesta: Cristo es bautizado, no para ser santificado por el agua, sino para santificar el agua, y por su limpieza para purificar las aguas que tocó. Porque la consagración de Cristo implica una consagración más significativa del agua. Porque cuando se lava al Salvador, toda el agua para nuestro bautismo se limpia, se purifica en su fuente para dispensar la gracia bautismal a las personas de las edades futuras. Cristo es el primero en ser bautizado, entonces, para que los cristianos lo sigan con confianza. Queridos hermanos en Cristo, agradezcamos a Nuestro Señor por su humildad y fidelidad en el cumplimiento de la Santísima Voluntad de Dios Padre al someterse al Bautismo de Juan, revelando así el Misterio de la Santísima Trinidad e instituyendo el Sacramento del Bautismo, a través del cual nosotros han sido lavados de la mancha del pecado original, han sido hechos hijos de Dios y han recibido la gracia santificante del Espíritu Santo y la presencia de Dios en nuestra alma en gracia. Como dijo San Gregorio de Nazianzen, "honremos el bautismo de Cristo en santidad", esforzándonos por mantener nuestra alma limpia para ser la morada de Dios.

¡Feliz fiesta del Bautismo de Nuestro Señor! El p. Rolly Arjonillo

January 12, 2020 – The Baptism of the Lord: Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Last November my Alma Mater, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook PA issued its glossy journal simply called "The Brook." It featured several profiles of the new priests ordained from there the previous spring. Reading through them offered proof positive that each young man had a pivotal moment when a person or event in his life ultimately led to his decision to be a priest. I believe that most of us have experienced such moments in our own lives whatever our calling is. It is fair to say that Jesus had one of these at His baptism in the Jordan that fateful day. It was pivotal for Him. We cannot know just how His divine nature intermingled with His human nature. But if Jesus truly was "like us in all things but sin" then He could not have known His future any more than we do. So it took a great amount of trust for Him to approach the Baptist and ask for baptism. What would happen to Him? What would follow? We could say that for John the Baptist to accede to Jesus' request also took a certain trust, because he intuitively knew that Jesus did not need any baptism meant to wash away sin. In Him there is no sin. So Jesus had to convince John that the ritual was necessary in order to fulfill what He called "righteousness." We could take that word to mean "the proper order of things." The occasion also offered up a "theophany," or manifestation of the Divine. So Jesus heard the heavenly "Voice" of His Father and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove over Him. Pivotal event indeed! So we rightly celebrate this happening not only as a milestone in Our Lord's life and the launch of His unique mission as an adult, but also as the "closing of the curtain" on yet another Christmas season in our lives, where we focused on Jesus as a Babe in a manger. This then becomes an opportune time for us to ponder the great gift our parents gave us in our own baptism. No matter how far we have journeyed in faith from that long ago day, or how we just began to travel from the 2019 Easter Vigil, this was the true sacramental beginning of that journey. Our parents believed this to be true, and they fulfilled their duty in passing on the treasure of the faith to us. How well we have lived it, however, is a fit subject for review. As much as they loved us, neither our parents nor anybody else will be with us when our face to Face appointment with our just Judge comes due. By then we will have built our profile. That is why we should not only celebrate our own baptism by which we became part of Christ, but also today renew those promises our godparents once made for us. I was deeply impressed by the decision of my close bishop friend who chose to add the date of his baptism on the reverse side of his ordination commemorative card. You don't often see that, but it was a bit of evangelization done right at the start of his new high calling. Certainly a pivotal moment for him. Jim Eliot, a dedicated missionary in Ecuador who was killed by the Auca Indians in 1956, said of his baptismal calling: "Father, make of me a crisis man. Bring those I contact to a decision. Let me not be a milepost on a single road; make me a fork, that men must turn one way or another on facing Christ in me." I might add that would be a pivotal moment.



Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2020

Saturday, 1/11/20	9:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Robert "Bobby" Mojica (12 th Anniversary in Heaven) Mary Brouder (Deceased) No Intenciones en Español
Sunday, 1/12/20	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:30 am	María Laura Ferreira (Deceased) Rahmi Makashi (Eternal Blessings in Heaven) Luke Gallagher (1 st Anniversary in Heaven)
Monday, 1/13/20	9:00 am	Kathleen Sheridan Stricks (Deceased)
Tuesday 1/14/20	9:00 am	No Mass Intentions Requested
Wednesday, 1/15/20	9:00 am	Geraldine & Frank Goddard (Deceased)
Thursday, 1/16/20	9:00 am	Moran Family (Special Intention)
Friday, 1/17/20	9:00 am	Luke Gallagher (1 st Anniversary in Heaven)
Saturday, 1/18/20	9:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Luke Gallagher (1 st Anniversary in Heaven) Mary Mellette & Family (Living) No Intenciones en Español
Sunday, 1/19/20	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:30 am	No Mass Intentions Requested Graciela Abreu & Serafina Pino (Anniversary In Heaven) William Reul (Deceased)

