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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"Behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him." Mt 3:16

January 11, 2026

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm(Spanish)
Monday - Friday: 12:00pm in the church
Saturday: 9:00am in the church,
5:00pm in church (Anticipated Mass of Sunday)
Holy Days & Holidays: As announced in Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:45pm
Daily: Upon request following the 12:00pm Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents should contact the parish office to schedule an interview and register for the required baptismal preparation session.

Preparation: in the church at 7:00pm

Sacrament: in the church at 3:00pm
Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Apr. 4, May 17, Jun. 14, Jul. 12

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Common Policy for Marriage in all Catholic parishes of New Jersey requires couples to begin preparation at least one year prior to the planned wedding date. It is advisable to contact the parish office before any other arrangements are made.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Anointing of the Sick is available for all seriously ill members of our parish family. Please call the parish office.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the Church's process to prepare to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please call the parish office.

PARISH REGISTRATION / OFFICE HOURS

We invite all new members of our parish family to register at the Parish Office during regular office hours: 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday - Friday; Saturdays and Sundays Closed.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

It seems that, at times, the people around Jesus just didn't quite know what to make of this itinerant preacher. Jesus never did anything "by the book." He didn't "play by the rules" of the day. He certainly did things that were totally unexpected and said things that must have been counter to the popular opinions of His day. Jesus made people feel uncomfortable - He asked them to do things they would rather not do.

John the Baptist pleaded with him that it was he who should be baptized. A few years later, Peter would argue that Jesus would never wash his feet. The Pharisees liked to point out that anyone who frequented with tax collectors and sinners could not possibly be the long-awaited Messiah, the Holy One promised to deliver the Israelites from their enemies.

But all throughout His ministry, Jesus unveiled a new plan, one revealing a startling new way of looking at the promised reign of God; one that would come about not through power, or force or military conquest, but through compassion, gentleness and peace ("a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench"). The Baptism of Jesus was a beginning - the beginning of the mission of peace and justice, pre-figured in the Servant passage of Isaiah and echoed by the heavenly voice: "This is my beloved in whom I am well pleased."

Though many of us may have been too young to appreciate it, baptism is an extraordinary time in our lives as well: a time of wonder and awe, a celebration of hope and promise for us and for our families. But it is also the beginning of a challenging commitment to live the difficult and demanding life of the Gospel.

The whole of the Christian life is like a great pilgrimage to the house of the Father, whose unconditional love for every human creature is something we rediscover anew each day. This pilgrimage takes place in the heart of each person; it begins there, but should extend to the believing community, and then reach out to the whole of humanity.

The challenge of Baptism is one that requires us to look deeply into our own hearts and souls. We have been blessed to have received the Good News of Salvation. But this is a continuing challenge.

Like those who have gone before us in faith, we do not have the option of saying: "I can't do this - I'm not trained for this - there are others more qualified." John had to baptize, Peter had to be washed - the ministry of service exemplified in the life of Jesus is our inheritance and our responsibility.

The mission of Baptism calls us to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior - even when the Gospel message is unwelcome- in our own hearts or in the world around us. We must truly become brothers and sisters, a pilgrim community in which all are loved, honored, and respected. And it is our responsibility - our public ministry - to be the presence of Christ in the lives of others - even among those who do not believe.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings the beginning of "Ordinary Time" in the Liturgical cycle. The Scriptures and Liturgies of Ordinary Time will remind us of the ongoing implications of our Baptism: that moment when God seized each one of us, made us His own in a special way, anointed us with His Spirit, and commissioned us to continue the mission of Jesus. This will be a time when we are again seized by God, anointed by the Spirit, declared to be His beloved - to be light - to bring justice - to heal the bruised - to help keep flickering lights from going out.

Christmas Memorial Flowers

The following members of our parish family gave a gift in memory of a loved one.

Josefina Albinski-in memory of-Thomas James Albinski

Mr. & Mrs. John Aquino-in memory of-Alice & Anthony Aquino, Beatriz Arcos, Norman Arcos, Mary Tallent, Michael Tallent, Aniello Aquino, Rose Aquino, David Lester, Bret Paton

The Baumann Family-in memory of-Joseph & Rosemarie Baumann, Albert & Helen Greenrose, Rose Hennessey, Leila Kukuruzza, Stephanie & Stephen Krand

Celeste Cappadona-in memory of-The Cappadona Family

Isabel & James Cavalcante-in memory of-James M. Cavalcante, Fr. Robert Brennan

Thomas Cecot-in memory of-Walter & Anne Cecot, Randy H. Walters

Nilde Coiro-in memory of-Arsenio & Rose Aromando, Philip Coiro & Members of the Coiro Family, Nick & Jean Aromando, Lisa, Tony & Donald Aromando, Gerarda, Michael & Arsenio D'Amato, Andrew Mastellone, Mark & Elio Monetta, Dominka Zic, Arceli Vargas, Rose Estrella, Gloria & Al Roche, Pina Episcapo & Family

Michael & Joan Coyne-in memory of-Ambrose & Coyne Families

Joe & Margaret Dacchille-in memory of-Vito & Grace Dacchille, Robert & Lucille Llewellyn

Janet DeFrino-in memory of-Jeanette and Nicholas DeFrino, Geraldine DeFrino, Elizabeth Toole, Marie Siculietano

Lucretia Demilio-in memory of-Alfonso Demilio, Laura Manning, Marilyn Worman, Bill, Henry & Annie Mae Bray, Jerry & Terry Demilio, Mary Carusona, Armand & Annie Louise Carusona, Rita & Mattia Demilio, Anna, Vincent, Janet & Matt Giardelli, Carmella & Fred Carusona

Robert Derby-in memory of-Eleanor & Arthur Derby, Louise & Anthony Radice, Mary & George Derby, Angela Malzone, Barbara Ruzika, Richard McGill

Joann DeSerio-in memory of-Frank DeSerio

Lillian Dondero-in memory of-Joseph & Agnes Dondero, Rosemary Dondero

Heidi C. Doria-in memory of-Juan & Pilar Cantos, Sr., Juan Cantos, Jr. & Eupania, Monica & Modesto Estrella, Eufrocinia & Saturnino Cantos, Socorro & Natividad, Igancio Espiritu, Robert Lumbang, John & Jenny Casiello, John Casiello, Jr., Edita Ocenar, Nancy Jusi (Healing & Recovery)

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Durham-in memory of-Theresa Durham Wiley, Robert K. Durham, Jr., Kay Bianco, Joseph Bianco, Ann Nayman & Stephan Nayman

Phyllis Esnes & Edward Varga-in memory of-Stella & Eugene Esnes, Agatha & Alex Varga, Maria & Martin Macko, Joseph Varga, Michael Varga, Lauren Esnes, Dorothy Seago, Carrie Goodrich, Ches Spencer,

Robert & Mary Hero-in memory of-Joseph & Evelyn Famularo

Bridget Horgan-in memory of-Bernadette Lynch, Maureen O'Gorman, Peggy Hamilton

Theresa Klim-in memory of-John Z. Klim & Children, Frank & Femie Karolasz

Marjorie Lejda-in memory of-O'Mara Family, Lejda Family

Dorothy Mayerchak-in memory of-Joseph Mayerchak, Mayerchak Family, Marguerite & Harrt Schneider & Family, Harry Schneider, Jr., Mc Kenna Family

Ted & Sue McPherson-Huber-in memory of-Malcolm & Miriam McPherson, Sr.

Brian & Carol O'Keefe-in memory of-Patrick & Sean O'Keefe, Vincenzo & Catalina Valentino

Maddalena Passero-in memory of-Luigi & Filidea Di Bianco, Pellegrino Di Bianco, Matthew Di Bianco, Gino & Elisa Di Bianco, Martha & James Kennedy, Gabriella Ricci

Laurie Paolazzi-in memory of-The Paolazzi Family

Patty & Joe Pavlica-in memory of-Joseph J. Pavlica, Jr., Camille & Patrick Ferrara, Florence & John Pavlica

Rose Peros-in memory of-Krizan Peros, Krese & Ivana Peros, Antonio & Maria Meli, Joseph Meli, Anthony B.V. Meli, Rina De Marco, Louise Van Decker, Maria Torino Meli, Joseph Cannella

Dolores Petrillo-in memory of-Carol Petrillo-Lintz, Conrad, Angie & Louis Petrillo, Kay & Al Galindo & Family, T. Riley Family, G. Gaston Family, F. Nagler Family, C. Klein Family

Micki Prokop-in memory of-Russ Prokop, Pat Zimmermann, Joe Dietz, Jim Dietz, Loretta & Joseph Dietz

Loma Readie-in memory of-William Readie, Mary Osborn

Jean Redner-in memory of-Thomas Redner, Louis & Betty Sottovia & Sottovia Family, Larry & Lena Redner & Redner Family, Rose Maria & Angelo Corino & Corino Family, Louis & Mary Ferrie & Ferrie Family, Roberta, Sr. Christine Corey, Rpberta & Joe Corey

Carmen A. Rodriguez-in memory of-Souls In Puragtory

Marge & Sal Russo-in memory of-Frances & Arthur Klein, Lee & Sal Russo, Alma & John Curry, Emma & Walter Klein

Charles Sofio-in memory of-Peter & Carmela Sofio, Sam & Ita Deo, Charles & Mary Sofio, Anthony Sofio, Sam Deo Geraldine Carbone, Madeline D'Aloia, Marcos A. Cruz, Arceli Vargas, Theresa Stone, Linda Clemente, John Neglia, Michael Carpino, Roni Mulligan, Joseph & Rose Motisi, Natalie Navatta, Fr. Robert Brennan, Joseph Mayerchak, Bill Davis, Deacon Stephen Rodack, Ruth Tracey, Ann Chiaro, Barbara Ruzika, Phyllis Scelsa

Rosemarie Vaccari-in memory of-David Vaccari, Sr., David Vaccari, III, Rose & Mike Carini Family, Margot & Vinnie Carini, Mickey & Nada Carini, Vaccari Family

MaryAnn Valente-in memory of-John Valente, Albert Alberti, JoAnn Fescos, Meagan Valente, John & Arminda Valente, Anthony & Caroline Naviello

Kathy Valerius-in memory of-Miriam & Bill Rooney

Geraldine Velazquez-in memory of-Juan & Anna Velazquez, Frank & Anna Fata, Fred & Nicky Fata, Carmen Rodriguez, Joseph Silva, Rosemary Ortiz, Alma DeFilippo, Camile Squitieri, Anita Meyer, Clara Carrozzo,

Joseph & JoAnn Vincenzino-in memory of-James & Eleanor Scotti, Peter & Mathilde Favaro, Orazio & Michelina Vincenzino, Al & Anna Mae Rapisardi

Bill & Barbara Whitford-in memory of-William & Lillian Whitford, Juan & Daysi Morales, Marco Cruz, Terry Stone, Joe Mayerchak, Linda Clemente, Arceli Vargas

**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord
And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them
May They Rest In Peace!**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

SICK: Baby Ryan Joseph Lomuscio, Sal Russo, Charles Klimkowsky, Nancy Namoviez, Giovanna Muscara, Al & Joan Viscuso, Lea Pappas, Anita Barcia, Denise Swanteck, Maureen F. Coughlin, John Smith, Julius Single, Dave Tzrepla, Frank Buco, Sr., Christopher N. Coughlin, Vladimir Pudoff, Isabella Lugo, Tess, Francesco Giacchi, Mario Alongi, Sr., John Scivetti, Ken Stone, Timothy Yushak, Jaxson Rivera, Marilyn Loughran, Luca Ataide, Donald Tetreault, Norma Altreche, Linda Vasquez, Joelle Montillo, Vincent Russo, Nenita A. Jacildone, Anthony Scorre, Fely Czeslowski, Ely Ongoco, Perpetua Aspile, Andrea Globis, Laura MacDonald, Ava Romano, Fr. Anthony Di Stefano, Ruben Arevalo Jacildone, Helen Dowling, Dr. Leticia Luna, Jeanette Knowlton, Michele Gilmore, Milena Giacchi, Freddy Berrios, Maryann Sheridan, Naham, Rudy Rivas, Tania, Jaime Diaz, Romile Diaz, Julius Single, Jr., Tina Gentile, John Llewellyn, Patricia Anne Coughlin, Cathy Horoieski, Josephine Burns, Arnulfo Orozco, Assunta Santangelo, Clementine Vocaturo, Tin Maung Khin, Monroe Madsen, Ymilce Badia, Rita Blanco, Jeanette Tucci, Linda Kost

DECEASED: Lorraine Ziolk

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH

In Honor of: Madeleine & Gennaro Ferrara

Donated by: Rosemary & Andrew Paleologos

FIESTA GUADALUPE THANK YOU!

Thank to the sponsors of our Fiesta Guadalupe that help to make the event such a success: CASA GIUSEPPE, LAZZONI, GELONE, LYN-DHURST PASTRY, TERO'S, MICHAEL'S SALUMERIA, MYKONOS, MR. GEEZ, VILLA ITALIA, LA VENERE, PIZZERIA FOSCHINIS, and FERRAZOLI'S; GLOW CO. GLOW NEIL, BELLA NEIL.

Singer and Animator "JULIAN ADRIAN".

Thank you also to those from our parish family who organized it, set up, served, and cleaned-up!! Thanks also to everyone who joined us or a gave a donation.

St. Patrick's Celebration - March 7th

Your Help Makes A Difference

Your Unwanted Christmas Gifts Needed

Before you put those unwanted Christmas gifts that you received in the back of your closet, consider donating them to our parish. All **NEW ITEMS** will be used to make baskets for raffle that we will have at our St. Patrick's Day Celebration. All items can be left near the shrine of the Sacred Heart in the back of the church.

If you would be interested in helping set-up, serve or clean-up at the event, please call the parish office.

MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY

Mon. Jan. 19th is the Martin Luther King holiday. The Mass will be celebrated at its regular of 12:00PM. In observance of the holiday, the parish office will close at 2:00 PM on Fri., Jan 16th and reopen on Tue., Jan 20th at 9:00AM

JANUARY 11, 2026



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm David Cuce

SUNDAY - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Thomas Robert Walsh

10:30 am Anne Montillo

12:00pm Pasquale Cedola

1:30 pm Carlos Christian Ruiz

MONDAY - Weekday(First Week in Ordinary Time)

12:00pm Mary T. Scardino

TUESDAY - Weekday/St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

12:00pm Monica & Modesto Estrella

WEDNESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Rose Marie Albinski

THURSDAY - Weekday

12:00pm William Stehn

FRIDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Anthony Scardino, Sr.

SATURDAY - St. Anthony, Abbot

9:00am Anthony & Anna Girado

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Alfredo Jaceldone

SUNDAY - Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Antonio Martirano

10:30 am Anne Montillo

12:00pm John Du Bois, Jr.

1:30 pm Carmela Palma

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY JANUARY 4TH

Sunday - \$6,151

Assessment - \$2,164

Christmas To Date - \$18,683

Reminder: We need \$7,900 in the Sunday Collection to cover our budgeted expenses. Thank you for your continued generosity!!



COME AND LISTEN

ARE YOU SUFFERING WITH NO ANSWER?
DO YOU WORRY ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?
ARE YOU SEEKING HAPPINESS?

JESUS CHRIST IS LOOKING FOR YOU

**CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS
AND YOUTH (ages 12 & older)**

ONE WORD COULD
CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

Mondays & Thursdays
Starting Monday, January 12th
8:00pm in Parish Center Chapel
(former Convent)
Enter through the
parking lot entrance

Food Pantry Update



We are stocking up our parish family food pantry to help our brothers and sisters in need during the cold winter months. Can you help us make winter a little warmer for those living with food insecurity?

If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated: Cereal, Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Pasta (including Spaghetti), Potatoes (small packages or canned), Vegetables, Coffee (regular and instant), Peanut Butter, and Jelly, Tuna, Macaroni & Cheese, Beans. Note that great vegetable and fruit prices can be found at Lidl's and Aldi's. Food items can be left near the shrine of the Sacred Heart in the back of the church. Thanks to all for the donations which help keep our food pantry stocked! **We would not be able to**

help our brothers and sisters struggling with food insecurity without you!

As a reminder, we are unable to package out-of-date food products for distribution to our families.

GIVING TREE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Giving Tree. It was a huge success. We were able to give a food card to every family plus cards to be used for clothing for members of the family. This was all possible because of the generosity of the Sacred Heart Parish Family. Your generous food donations throughout the year also allows us to assist our brothers and sisters struggling with food insecurity year round.

Thank you to everyone who made the 2025 Giving Tree one of our best ever!