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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 2, Apr. 19 (8:30pm), May 18, Jun. 1

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 is somewhat ironic, that for most of us as Catholics, the day of our baptism, is not something that we remember. Most of us were infants when we were baptized. Our parents brought us to church. Usually we were dressed up in some special, white baptismal garments. And almost always, lots of pictures were taken. They took pictures of us with our godparents. They took pictures of us with our grandparents. They took pictures of us with the priest or deacon that baptized us. We may not remember the actual event. But thanks to Kodak, and Polaroid, and Nikon, and now the cameras on our phones, we've got pictures to prove the event took place. The pictures make the event that much more real for us, who can't remember that far back.

And yet, how important it is that all of us remember our baptisms! That's a big part of this Feast Day today and every year. As we come to the end of our Christmas season, before we head into Ordinary Time, we take the time to remember that we ARE baptized people. And that is what makes us different. We aren't like everybody else. We are a unique creation of God. We have died to Christ. From the moment that all that water poured off our heads, we were a new creation in Christ. We were born again. Everything started a new! How important it is for us to NOT forget that!

Today we celebrate Jesus' Baptism and the beginning of His public ministry. But today demands that we also remember our own baptisms and the beginnings of our own walks with Christ. "You are my beloved in whom I am well pleased..." Jesus never did anything "by the book." John the Baptist pleaded with him that it was he who should be baptized. Peter argued that He would never wash his feet. The Pharisees pointed out that anyone who frequented with tax collectors and sinners could not possibly be the Messiah, the long-awaited conqueror. But Jesus reveals the startling difference that the reign of God will come about not through military conquest, but through compassion 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 compassion and justice, pre-figured in the Servant passage of Isaiah and echoed by the heavenly voice.

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 should extend to the believing community, and then reach out to the whole of humanity.

Bringing the Good News of God's love and mercy into the world is the work of all baptized women and men. It takes place in the everyday dynamics of life, especially in the family, in the workplace, in schools, within neighborhoods and during moments of recreation and leisure. The Eucharist, the central and focal point of our lives, strengthens us to become this kind of witness. Can there be any better criterion for our actions in the Church?

Our baptism challenges us to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior - even when the Gospel message is unwelcome in our 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.

Now is the time to live as baptized people, working together in the Church, for the salvation of all people. Our Baptisms not only buy us a whole new way of life, but our Baptisms also get us the job and responsibility of carrying the Good News of Jesus Christ out to many others. Just like for Jesus, following His Baptism, it was time for Him to go to work. So too for us, following this Feast Day, we are reminded that it is time for all of us to go to work, building the Kingdom of God, and bringing His Gospel to every person that we come in contact with. This is a great day. On this Feast Day, we are sent out to a world that so desperately needs us, just like Jesus was, two-thousand years ago!

May we bear witness to our Baptisms with our lives, not just with our words. May we live out our Faith every day. And may we put into action, Jesus' good news, by the way that we care and get involved!

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, Stephen Michael Maleczkowicz

Mr. & Mrs. John Aquino-in memory of-Alice & Anthony Aquino, Michael & Mary Tallent, Norman G. Arcos, Aniello & Rose Aquino, Ralph DiPietro, Bret Oatin

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

Celeste Cappadona-in memory of-The Cappadona Family

Isabel & James Cavalcante-in memory of-James M. Cavalcante

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

Nilde Coiro-in memory of-Philip Coiro & Members of the Coiro Family, Arsenio & Rose Aromando, Nick & Jean Aromando, Gerarda, Michael & Arsenio D'Amato, Lisa & Tony Aromando, Andrew Mastellone, Mark Monetta, Dominka Zic, Rose & Peter Coiro

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

Joe & Margaret Dacchille-in memory of-Vito & Grace Dacchille

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

Joann De Serio-in memory of-Frank De Serio

Janet & Gerry DeFrino-in memory of-Our Parents--Jeanette and Nicholas DeFrino

Janet & Gerry DeFrino-in memory of-Our Sister--Marie Siculietano

Janet & Gerry DeFrino-in memory of-Our Sister--Betty Toole

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

Lillian Dondero-in memory of-Joseph & Agnes Dondero

Heidi C. Doria-in memory of-Juan & Pilar Cantos, Sr., Monica & Modesto Estrella, Eufrocinia & Saturnino Cantos, Socorro Guillarte, Ignacio Espiritu, Roberto Lumbang, John & Jenny Casiello, John Casiello, Jr., Edifci Ocenar

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

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

George Hirth-in memory of-Dorothy Hambach & Marie Hirth

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, Schneider Family

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

Richard Medellin-in memory of-Nana Silvia, Nana Anita **Maddalena Passero**-in memory of-Luigi & Filidea Di Bianco, Pellegrino Di Bianco, Matthew Di Bianco, Gino & Elisa Di Bianco, Martha & James Kennedy, Gabriella Ricci

Patty & Joe Pavlica-in memory of-Joseph J. Pavlica, Jr., Ferrara Family, Pavlica Family

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, Readie Family, Mc Ardle Family

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 , Joe & Sister Chris Corey

Carmen A. Rodriguez-in memory of-Almas en il Purgatorio

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, 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

Carol Stier-in memory of-Katherine & John Stier

Rosemarie Vaccari-in memory of-David Vaccari, Sr., David Vaccari, III, Carini Family, Vaccari Family

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

Kathy Valerius-in memory of-Miriam & Bill Rooney

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Varga-in memory of-Agatha & Alex Varga, Stella & Eugene Esnes, Joseph Varga, Micahel Varga, Lauren Esnes, Carrie Goodrich, Ches Spencer, Maria & Martin Macko, Eleanor & Stephen Macko

Arceli & Maria Vargas-in memory of-Manuel & Mercedes Vargas, Rudy & Ador Vargas, Florencio & Basilia Vargas, Arlyn Villarosa, Trinidad Balce, Wilfredo & Arnulfo Balce, Marcelino & Ester Samartino, Regalado Samartino, Cipriano & Emilia Gache, Placido & Estellita Ramores, Marcelino & Ester Samartino, Marcos Cruz, Theresa Stone

Geraldine Velazquez-in memory of-Juan & Anna Velaquez, Frank & Anna Fata, Carmen Rodriguez, Roemary Ortiz, Connie DiPasquale, Alma Defilippo, Madeline D'Aloia, Gerry Carbone, Anita Meyer, Clara Carrizzo, Camile Squitiera

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

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 Bucu, 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 Aspille, Anne Montillo, Margot O'Hara, Patricia Coughlin, Andrea Globis, Laura MacDonald, Ava Romano, Fr. Anthony Di Stefano, Ruben Arevalo Gacildone, Helen Dowling, Dr. Leticia Luna, Jeanette Knowlton, Martina O'Connell, Michele Gilmore, Milena Giacchi, Freddy Berrios, Maryann Sheridan, Naham, Rudy Rivas, Tania, Jaime Diaz, Romile Diaz, Brian Oppici, Robert Schaefer, Eric Dietz, Marion Dietz, Jamie Brown, John Santelli, Julius Single, Jr., Tina Gentile, John Llewellyn, Joann Di Giovanna, John De Stefano, Sr., Patricia Anne Coughlin

DECEASED: Rosemary Marranzino, Maria Estrella SamPedro

CATECHESIS IN A CAROL



"The Twelve Days of Christmas" celebrates the time in the Christmas season which starts on Christmas Day and ends twelve days later on the traditional Feast of the Epiphany. It is a catechesis wrapped in carol. Each verse recalls an aspect of our faith. Do you remember the words? Can you guess what faith aspect each verse may represent?

*The **partridge in a pear tree** was Jesus Christ, the pear tree was the cross.

***Two turtle doves** were the Old and New Testaments

***Three French hens** stood for faith, hope and love (Theological Virtues).

*The **four calling birds** were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.

*The **five golden rings** recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

*The **six geese a-laying** stood for the six days of creation.

***Seven swans a-swimming** represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit - Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

*The **eight maids a-milking** were the eight beatitudes.

***Nine ladies dancing** were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit-Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

*The **ten lords a-leaping** were the ten commandments.

*The **eleven pipers piping** stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

*The **twelve drummers drumming** symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY

Mon. Jan. 20th 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 17 and reopen on Tue., Jan 21 at 9:00AM

JANUARY 12, 2025



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Bruce Southern

SUNDAY - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Mario Rente

10:30 am William Feeney

12:00pm Mary T. Scardino

1:30 pm Unborn Babies

MONDAY - Weekday(First Week In Ordinary Time)

12:00pm Monica & Modesto Estrella

TUESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm My Church Friends (Living)

WEDNESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm In Thanksgiving

THURSDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Anthony Scardino, Sr.

FRIDAY - St. Anthony, Abbot

12:00pm Nelia Neri (Living)

SATURDAY - Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Phyllis Scelsa

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Louise Paterawick

SUNDAY - Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Ciro Sarra

10:30 am William Feeney

12:00pm James M. Cavalcante

1:30 pm Souls In Purgatory

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Dec. 30

Sunday - \$6,296

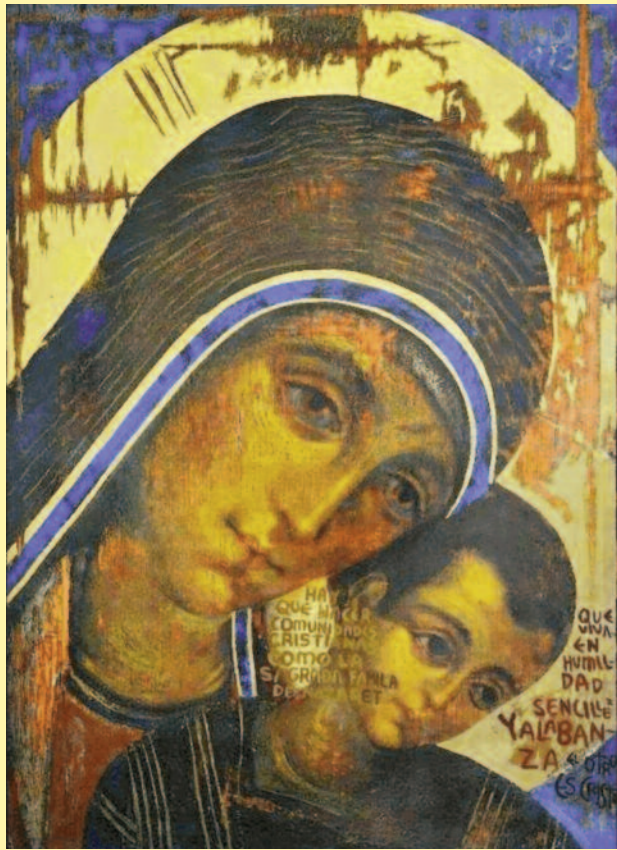
Solemnity of Mary - \$3,069

Sunday Jan. 5

Sunday - \$6,178

Assessment - \$2,482

Christmas To Date - \$20,282



COME AND LISTEN

“COME TO ME ALL WHO ARE TIRED
AND BURDENED AND I WILL GIVE
YOUR REST” Matthew 11:28

ARE
CARES & WORRIES
WEIGHING YOU DOWN?

COME & LISTEN
ONE WORD COULD CHANGE
YOUR LIFE.

**Mondays & Thursdays
8:00pm in Parish Center
(former Convent)**

**Enter through the
parking lot entrance
CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS
AND YOUTH (ages 13 & older)**

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. In addition to our food pantry clients, we were also able to donate gift cards to the Lyndhurst family that had a fire just before Christmas. This was all possible because of the generosity of the Sacred Heart Parish Family. Thank you to everyone who made the 2024 Giving Tree one of our best ever!