

The Baptism of the Lord



Dear Parishioners,



This weekend, as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we mark the end of the Christmas season. I hope and pray that all of us were able to look beyond the secular celebrations and really embrace the gift we have been celebrating, the manifestation of God's Love in the birth of His Son Jesus and the gift of a Savior. In the midst of the ongoing pandemic, we need to focus on that more than ever before.

I know that for me it was a particularly powerful Christmas. I was moved by the wondrous examples of several of our parishioners that reminded me of the multitude of ways that we can make room in our hearts to allow Christ to be born into the world again. There was the parishioner who yearly makes an anonymous donation to help those in need (it was used to assist several of our school's families); several other parishioners who gave money to assist families in need; the parishioner who knitted blankets for each of the younger students in our school; the parishioner who knitted mittens for all the school children; the parishioners who donated money so we could purchase gifts for all of the students; the staff members who took the time to purchase the gifts; and the teachers who used their own time to wrap all of the gifts. Thank you to all of them not just for their generosity but, even more importantly, their faithful witness. I have said many times how our school is a tremendous blessing. There are so many ways throughout the year that we can reach out to the children and their families and, in serving them, to make room in our hearts for the Lord Jesus.

As the Christmas season is coming to an end, I want to make note of two additions to our parish Nativity Scene. The Innkeeper was donated in memory of Jim Arena and the Angel donated in memory of Peter and Mary Caruso. We are blessed with such a beautiful Nativity Scene; it really helps a person to focus on the true meaning of this season. Let us remember in prayer all those who donated these beautiful figures and those in whose memory they were donated.

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As we celebrate the Lord's Baptism this weekend, let us keep in mind our own Baptism when we were claimed for Christ. Let us pray for one another, encourage one another, and support one another to live out our Baptismal commitment throughout this year.

You are all in my prayers each day; please remember to pray for me.

In Christ,
Fr. Caruso

REMINDER:

Monday, January 18

The Parish Office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR COOKBOOKS???



The Cookbooks came in in the nick of time for Christmas and we were so happy to be able to get so many out with pickups and deliveries!!! Hopefully everyone that wanted them for Christmas got them. For those that didn't, give us a call at the parish offices 315-422-7163 to arrange for pick up/delivery.

Thank you again and again for your support!!!!

A Way of Bringing Harmony to the New Year

A "PEANUTS" cartoon shows Charlie Brown warning Snoopy, the dog, not to go near Lucy's house. "She's having a 'Crab-in' today," says Charlie. Instead of heeding Charlie's warning, Snoopy goes straight to Lucy's house and knocks on the door. When the unhappy Lucy appears, Snoopy gives her a great big kiss. Then he trots off, saying to himself, "THAT'S HOW YOU BREAK UP A 'CRAB-IN!'"

This Week We Remember...

Monday: *January 11*

9:00 am

In Honor of Our Lord/Maria Solimini

12:00pm

Terry Connors/Rose Mary Connors

Tuesday: *January 12*

9:00 am

Anthony Borelli, Ann/Children

Mary DeFrancisco, Ann/The Borelli Family

12:00pm

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Wednesday: *January 13*

9:00 am

Fannie Passafiume/Joanne Licitra

12:00pm

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Thursday: *January 14*

9:00 am

Antoinette DiScenna/Nikki and Alfia

12:00pm

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Friday: *January 15*

9:00 am

Antoinette Musolino//Bob Mussi

12:00pm

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Saturday: *January 16*

4:00 pm

Joseph DeLorio/Frank and Sue

Frank Giannantonio (B)/Anna

Matteo (B) and Antoonietta Paduano/Daughter, Cnora Cooper

Benny and Terry Cimino/Son, Joseph

5:30 pm at St. John's/Holy Trinity

Jeanne Viggiano/Peter and Odetta DiBello

Helen Kwasigroch/Rose Mary Connors

Sunday: *January 17*

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am

Robert Kalska/Son, Paul

9:00 am at St. John's/Holy Trinity

Joan Schreyack/Max and Karen

11:30 am

Deceased Members of the Solimini Family/Maria

Mary and Anthony Catalino/Family

Phil and Sharon Catalino/Family

Angelantonia Colavita/Husband, Leonard and Family

5:00 pm

For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

OLP/St. Peter Collection:

Christmas Offering: \$15,448.00

Thank you for your generous Christmas donations.

December 27, 2020 \$5,912.00

January 3, 2021 \$5,854.00

SJ/HT Collection:

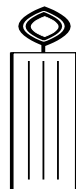
December 20th \$3,601.00

December 27th \$3,317.00

Christmas Offering: \$5,358.00

Thank you to all those parishioners who have faithfully been mailing their envelopes because they still cannot attend Mass. If you have been away or have been unable to attend Mass, please remember to send your donation to the Parish Office. We appreciate whatever you can do during these unusual times.

Padre Pio



Devotional Candle Burning

For the Intentions for

James E. Ready

And

Aileen Kilcommons

Vocations

In the moment of our Baptism, we were claimed by God as his own and set aside for a very unique purpose. Ever since then, God has been giving you graces to help you figure out what the purpose is!! Has the Lord been preparing you to live out your calling as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Fr. Jason Hage at 315-470-1468 or write: vocations@syrdio.org.



THANK YOU...THANK YOU...

Once again, thank you to all who purchased candles this Advent season. Your continued support in this fundraiser is much appreciated.

St. Therese Society

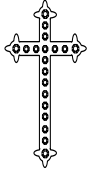
LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Weekend of January 16-17



4:00 pm OLP/St. P.	R. Scalzo
5:30 pm St.J/HT	O. Donovan
7:30 am OLP/St.P.	M. Etheredge
9:00 am St.J/HT	M. Barraco
11:30am OLP/St.P.	M. Merola
5:00 pm OLP/St.P	Fr. Caruso

BEREAVEMENT



Please remember in your prayers Anthony Nuzzo who passed away during this holiday season and was not listed in the bulletin previously.

This week we offer our prayers for Vincetta Cannizzo, Teresa LaGalante, Rosita Simiele, Rev. Frank Young and Msgr Frank Kennedy, who passed away recently.

Our deepest sympathy to their families.

May they rest in peace.

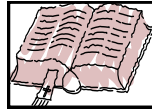
Let us Pray



Please remember in your prayers the sick of our two parishes and all those in hospitals, nursing homes and the home bound.

Christopher Aldrich, Vincent Aldridge, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Margaret Brigandi, Lena Campanino, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Rosemarie Capriotti, Cheryle Cacchione, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Joni Uva DelGiorno, Peter DiBello, Gen DiMento, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Aaron Doty, Dan Fahey, Marilyn Ferretti, Beverly Frey, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Mattia Kinslow, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Madge Maffei, Peggy Miccinelli, Annette Montgomery, Bill Moran, Michael Morga, Jean Padden, The Pavia Children, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Samuel and Sue Wilson.

Mass Book



Now is the time to book your 2021 requests for Mass Intentions, the Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Lamps, Eucharistic Angels and Padre Pio Candle.

Accepted donations are as follows: Bread and Wine is \$25; Sanctuary Lamps and Eucharistic Angels are \$10 for each angel/lamp. Please note there are two lamps and two angels. The Padre Pio Candle is \$10.00. The intentions are for the entire week for which the request is made (except for the Mass).

Please call or visit the Parish Office to book your request, 315-422-7163.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

(from the Office of Family Life Education)

The Gospel today points to Jesus' humanity; like us He needed RECOGNITION ("You are my son"), AFFECTION ("My beloved Son") and AFFIRMATION ("With you I am well pleased.") In our families it is easy to focus on irritating behaviors and take for granted all the positives. This New Year take a lesson from God the Father, be an AFFIRMER and not a BLAMER.

Milestones

We encourage you to call the Parish Office or mail us any recent milestone you would like to share with your fellow parishioners especially during these unique times of COVID. Some good news is always welcomed. For example: when someone receives an award; celebrating a 50th or longer wedding anniversary; a special birthday. We would like to hear more GOOD news from you, our parishioners. We look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your suggestions.

Please remember in your prayers...

Please pray for all health care workers of our parish serving in this crisis of Covid 19. That God helps to guide their decisions and to keep them safe as well. We pray for, **Dr. Patrick Abt, Alisa Albanese, PA, Gia DeMichele, Claire Dwyer, Nurse, Christopher Jacques, EMS, Lynda Keller, Nurse Ross Mathewson, Nurse, Joseph and Rita Nicoletti, Nurses, Robert C. Palucci, Nurse, Dr. Alyssa Toia, Stacy Toia, Nurse, and Lauren Townley, Nurse.**

Reminding all our parishioners who will be going to warmer climates: please notify the Parish Offices (315-422-7163) in advance so that your envelopes can be stopped until your return to the area, then we can reactivate the mailings. This should be a large savings in paying out the return postage fees. This worked very well in the past and we are hoping for the same good response. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Faithful Citizenship

Why: What faith teaches about the dignity of the human person and about the sacredness of every human life helps us to see more clearly the same truths that also come to us through the gift of human reason.

At the center of these truths is respect for the dignity of every person. Because we are people of both faith and reason, it is appropriate and necessary for us to bring this essential truth about human life and dignity to the public square.



The Christmas Flower Booklet will be online starting December 25th on the Parish website and also on Facebook.

If you wish to receive a paper copy, please call the Parish Office, 315-422-7163.

FOCUS: May our lives always reflect the powerful grace of our baptism.

God reveals the sacrament of baptism with dynamic power. The heavens are torn. The Spirit descends; the Father's voice is heard. Two brief verses paint a vivid picture depicting the unity of the Holy Trinity. Through our baptism, we are joined to the family of God and welcomed into the intimacy of the Trinity. Take hold of this gift.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Isaiah presents the Suffering Servant, sent to save God's people. In the Book of Acts, Peter declares salvation is available to all people, and is not restricted to the Israelites.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is baptized by John. The heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends like a dove, while God the Father calls Jesus his *Beloved Son*.

From Christ the King Retreat House:

May God be with you
Through the new year
And fill your life with
COMFORT, LOVE AND CHEER
May this day and the days ahead
Hold many **BLESSINGS**
For you and yours!!
Wishing you a safe, healthy and
prosperous New Year!!

All of us at Christ the King Retreat House want to thank you for your support his past year and we hope to welcome you back in the New Year.

Serving our Country

Always keep in your prayers all our brave servicemen and women. Especially the following:

**Anthony Cangemi,
Richard L. Cooper,
Jack McAndrew,
Matthew McAndrew,
Bryan M. Oakes and
Rob Smith.**

Thank you for your service..