

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 10, 2015**



Mass Intentions for the Week
January 10– January 17

SAT:	5:30pm	Natale & Camille Zazzero
Sun:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Margaret & Charles Fuller Patrino & Van Sciver Families
	11:30am	Domnic & Helen Profenno
	1:00pm	Two Unborn Babies
MON:	7:30am	Dorothy Chojnowski
	12:10am	Francesca Torre
TUE	7:30am	Robert Hoffman
	12:10pm	Antonio Mastria
WED:	7:30am	Carmen Gapay (Living)
	12:10pm	Vero Carmelo
THUR:	7:30am	Michael J. Mingolla
	12:10pm	John "Jack" Hoag
FRI:	7:00am	Patrick J. Coscette
	12:10pm	Rev. Matthew Newcomb (Living)
SAT:	8:00am	Vito Romito
	5:30pm	Mary Catherine Ingrassia
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Eugenio & Luczezia Aurora-Fotino Francesca Loguercio
	11:30am	Marie & Anthony Yukoweic



PRAY FOR
Patricia Holland
Anthony "Tony" Gesztesi
Anthony Aversano
Michael Smith Jr.
Catherine Guerra

Note: Monday through Friday, 12:10 mass is offered for an increase in vocations. An additional intention may be requested

YEAR OF MERCY

What is the Year of Mercy?

Pope Francis declared an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy to be a "special time for the Church" in which Catholics throughout the world recall and celebrate God's mercy.

BAPTISM AND LIFE

Today we are presented with the mystery of Christ's baptism and our own. Jesus is baptized in order to reveal himself as God's only Son, and to reveal His mission of sharing that son-ship with us sinners. The reality of His mission, and our status as baptized Christians, help us understand our commitment to a culture of life.

Baptism gives us our identity as "the people of life." "Baptized into Christ's victory over death, we are also sent to proclaim, celebrate, and serve that victory. When we renew the vows of our baptism, we say that we "reject Satan and all his works." Chief among those works is death. Yet the Son of God has destroyed death, and that means that we who follow Him likewise are called to stand against it. Abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty are all a contradiction to baptism. Baptism expresses the hospitality of God's Church, and the responsibility incurred by the fact that God has entrusted us to the care of one another.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Please join us for the annual March for Life bus trip to Washington, DC on Friday, January 22. The March has rapidly grown into the largest pro-life event in the world. This peaceful demonstration has followed on the somber anniversary of Roe v. Wade every year since 1973 witnessing to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time – legalized abortion on demand.

St. John the Evangelist Parish in Goshen will have a bus to the March. They will have Mass at 4:15 am in the Chapel in Goshen. For those not attending Mass please be at the Chapel in Goshen by 4:45am, the bus will depart at 5:00am, and return by midnight. The cost of the bus is \$30.

Please contact Dawn at (845)325-4823 to reserve your seat on the bus.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. In the Gospel account we hear now the Holy Spirit descended upon Him and the Father testified to Him, "You are my beloved Son: with you I am well pleased." At our own baptism the same Holy Spirit came upon us and we made the vow to renounce Satan and sin and to follow Jesus. In order to strengthen ourselves against the temptations of this earth we need to pray. When we come before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament we come face to face with Our Lord in prayer of worship and thanksgiving, in reparation for our sins and in petition for our needs and those of others. **Do not waste this time of the Year of Mercy.** Commit to being a Guardian of the Eucharist. Choose one specific hour night or day. Jesus is waiting for you. Call Marty/Clarice 692-4510.

While **every hour is available** to you if you are able to take one of the following it would be a great blessing:

Monday 3-4AM
Tuesday 1-2AM
Tuesday 3-4AM
Tuesday 4-5AM
Wednesday 3-4AM
Wednesday 4-5AM
Saturday Midnight-1AM
(For Winter Closings, Call 341-0587)

Come let us adore Him. This was our song and prayer throughout the Christmas season. What will you do to continue your adoration? Come and adore Jesus present in the Eucharist exposed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

CHURCH PARKING/SNOW EMERGENCY

Please be advised that overnight parking on the church or cemetery grounds is not permitted. In the event of bad weather, it is essential to have the parking lots cleared of all vehicles. If you leave your car in the parking lot during a snow emergency, it may be necessary to have your car removed at your expense. Similarly the City of Middletown does not permit parking on the street during a snow emergency or at night.

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER

Parishes of the Orange County Vicariate are uniting in prayer each day throughout the year for the members of our beloved clergy. Please remember:

January 10	Most Rev. Dominick Lagonegro, DD
January 11	Rev. Bladi Socualaya Rev. Michael Palazzo
January 12	Rev. Niranjan Rodrigo Deacon Emmett Noonan
January 13	Rev. Matthew Newcomb Rev. Michael Cedro
January 14	Rev. Joseph Emmanuel Deacon Timothy Curran
January 15	Rev. Joseph Fallon Rev. Thomas Roslak
January 16	Priests and deacons who have served in the vicariate

PRAY DAILY FOR OUR CLERGY

Please pray each day for individual priests, deacons and bishops who are in active service; other days we pray for seminarians, for vocations and for sick and deceased clergy.

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION:
www.sjchurch.com

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Do you have changes in your contact information? If so we would like to know so we can update our records and serve you better. If you have moved, changed phone numbers or any other major changes please let us know. You can email us at parish@sjchurch or call us at 845-343-6013.

FRANCISCAN SPIRIT TOURS

Franciscan friars Fr. Michael Sevigny, OFM Cap. And Fr. Julian Jagudilla, OFM will lead several upcoming pilgrimages to Holy sites around the world, including a special pilgrimage for the Canonization of Mother Theresa in Rome. Proceeds benefit the work of the Franciscans. For more information, or to arrange a private, custom pilgrimage, please contact Franciscan Spirit Tours toll free at 646-736-7964 (in New York City), at info@FranciscanSpiritTours.com or on the web at www.FranciscanSiritTours.com.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20, Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17



SHORTER NOTICES

†**ST. JOSEPH'S LAY APOSTLES** will meet today, January 10th at 3:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Everyone is welcome. Come and join us. For more information, call 1-845-673-5339.

†**ARCHDIOCESAN LITURGY OFFICE** - Introduction to Chant Course at St. Joseph's Seminary (Yonkers) on Monday nights from 7-9:30pm. Taught by Dr. Jennifer Donelson, DMA. For more information call 914-968-6200 x8177 or liturgy@archny.org.

†**DON BOSCO PREP CONCERT** - The Julliard Trombone Choir, under the direction of Joseph Alessi, will perform in concert on Saturday, Jan. 23, at 7:30pm at the Don Bosco Prep Chapel in St. John's Hall. Tickets

available by calling 201-327-8003 ext. 188. Tickets are \$15 per person.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We are asking all families who have not returned the Calendar Raffle money to do so immediately. Although the raffle has already started, it is not too late to send in your money or to buy more-there are prizes awarded every day.

All Second Grade and Special Sacrament 2 parents who could not attend the parent meeting, there will be a make-up meeting announced soon.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

A charitable gift annuity allows you to make a significant gift to St. Joseph's Parish while earning annual income for yourself and a loved one. To learn more, please call the Office of Gift Planning at (646) 794-3317 or email gift.planning@archny.org

ST. JOSEPH'S CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

There is still time to purchase your 50/50 calendars. Calendars cost \$10.00 each. To purchase calendars or if you have any questions please call the rectory at 343-6013. Please help support this worthwhile project and make it a great success.