



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD January 13, 2019

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12TH

5:00PM Nunzio Pelella req. by Wife and Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Dora Corrado req. by Frank and Kathryn Biasini

11:00AM Joseph Rodelli req. by Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH

9:00AM Barbara Evans req. by Karen Rouche

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15TH

9:00AM Jack O'Donnell req. by Bernadette Murphy

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16TH

9:00AM Frances Russo req. by Stan and Claudette Gecht

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH

9:00AM Andrew, Susan, Catherine, Theresa and

Joseph Bagatta req. by Susan and Tom McLaughlin

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18TH

9:00AM No Mass Scheduled

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19TH

5:00PM – People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20TH

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Grace and John Manion

req. By Libby and Jim Manion

11:00AM Joseph Rodelli req. by His Family

DIVINE MERCY GROUP



The next Divine Mercy meeting is Feb. 3rd after the 8 am Mass. The Chaplet will be prayed at 7:40 am. All are welcome to attend.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

At 4:30pm on the first Saturday of each month, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is sung before the 5:00PM Mass in St. Mary's Church. Won't you join us in this beautiful prayer.

TITHING REPORT

We have not been able to give you a report on collections for several weeks because the bulletin company needed holiday bulletins well in advance. Therefore, the collections for the past few weeks are as follows:



Christmas: Total collection was \$13,549.00

December 30th –Total collection was \$3590.00. 108 envelope users contributed \$2097.00; non-envelope users, \$1493.00. Our Holy Day collection was \$1423.00.

January 6th – Total collection was \$3838.00. 113 Envelope users contributed \$2503.00; non-envelope users, \$1335.00.

As always we thank you for your continued generosity. Within the next few weeks we hope to give you an overall accounting of what your donations are paying for in our parish.



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

We ask your prayers *Francesca Russo and Kenneth Herman* who recently passed away. May God grant them His Eternal Rest and give peace and comfort to their families and friends.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

Now that the holidays are officially over as of today and our students are "back in the swing" of classes, we are beginning to prepare for our Second Graders' First Reconciliation and Eucharist. Please note some important dates below for parents:

Wed., Jan. 23rd – Parents of children receiving 1st Reconciliation and Eucharist will meet in the Parish Hall during your children's class time. It is important that at least one parent is present.

Mon., Jan. 21st – No Class in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Mon., Feb. 4th – No Class – Marlboro School Concert Evening

TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like written confirmation of your contributions to St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mercy Church for the past year, we will be more than happy to send you a statement upon request.

If you requested a statement last year, your 2018 Statement will automatically be sent to you – there is no need to call. Please keep in mind that statements can only be provided to those parishioners who are weekly envelope users since we have no way to record contributions made by non-envelope users.

If you would like to begin using weekly envelopes, please call the rectory office and they will be mailed out to you. Thank you.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK...

... all who worked so hard to make our churches as beautiful as they were for the Christmas Season (and always during the year). Each week faithful parishioners of both Our Lady of Mercy and St. Mary's clean and decorate the churches. To all who helped in any way, we are so grateful for your continued faithfulness.

RENEW AND REBUILD CAMPAIGN

Our *Renew and Rebuild Campaign* is coming to a close and we would like to thank all of you who have responded to this Campaign. As of this writing, we have reached about 55% of our goal.

If you would like to consider a donation, there is material available at the Ushers' Tables in the Churches for you to look at. When the Campaign is closed, we will, of course, let you know the final results.

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SOME AREA OFFERINGS

PRESENTATION ON THOMAS MERTON- There will be a presentation on Thomas Merton at St. Joseph Church Hall on Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 P.M. with a snow date of February 7. (34 South Chestnut St., New Paltz) Merton was an American Trappist monk, writer, theologian, mystic, poet, social activist, and scholar of comparative religion. His writings, including the classic "Seven Storey Mountain" continue to inspire many people of faith and this presentation can help you explore his life and spirituality.

FILM ON LIVING SIMPLY- The documentary film "The Minimalists" will be shown at 7:00 P.M. in St. Joseph's Church Hall on Wednesday, January 16 with a snow date of Thursday, January 17. (34 South Chestnut St., New Paltz) Minimalism is a tool to rid yourself of life's excesses in favor of focusing in on what is important to help you find happiness, fulfillment and freedom. Please join us to explore a new way of thinking.

PAX CHRISTI- The Hudson Valley Chapter of *Pax Christi* is active once again and the next meeting will be on Saturday, January 19 at 1:00 P.M. in the library of St. Joseph's parish center (34 South Chestnut St., New Paltz) Come along and discuss issues of peace and social justice and what we can do locally to express our what we believe as Catholics about these issues. Please email Julie Slivka at lled400@gmail.com for more information.

PENNY SOCIAL- The Columbiettes will be holding a Penny Social in St. Joseph's Church Hall on Saturday, January 26 at 10:30 with the calling at 12:00. (34 South Chestnut St., New Paltz) Admission is free and there will be many wonderful items of all kinds to try for. There will also be refreshments, a 50/50 drawing and many gift certificate chances available. Bring your friends and even if you don't win anything you'll be guaranteed a great time! The snow date would be Sunday, January 27 at 1:00 with calling at 2:00.

RESPECT LIFE

Each Year the Respect Life Movement continues to travel to Washington, DC in support of Pro Life. This year there will be buses leaving the area on January 18 th. If you are interested in attending the "Annual March" this year, please contact the Rectory.

YOUR WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

As the 2018 year ended and we look forward to a happy and healthy New Year in 2019, we would like to mention your very generous support of all our collections.

The majority of the collections are for our Parish and all the expenses which are incurred throughout the year. In the coming weeks we will give you an accounting of how your donations are spent. The remaining collections are usually special collections requested by the Archdiocese for certain charities which their offices handle. Those are usually the second collections

We have noticed that several people in our parish sometimes indicate that their offerings are to be used solely for our parish and we would like to reassure you that those donations **ALWAYS** remain in the Parish and are deposited in our General Operating Account to pay our bills and salaries. In fact, the main collections taken in both Our Lady of Mercy and St. Mary's and the Monthly Collection taken on the 4th Sunday of the month are weekly deposited in our Operating Account. As always we are grateful for your support.

TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE by Rev. William J. Reilly



"The grace of God has appeared, saving all, and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age, and to await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and of our savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people of his own, eager to do what is good."

How fortunate for Titus to receive an encouraging letter from Saint Paul. As we bring the Christmas season to a close as Jesus' baptism takes place, we too are encouraged to make the instruction our own. Yes, Jesus has come and still lives among us. We are challenged each day to abandon godless ways and focus on keeping our eyes on Jesus.

If life was difficult for Paul's friends, how much more challenging it is for us, surrounded by the internet, porn, material and consumer attractions, drawing us in a different direction. How clear are Paul's words asking us to live temperately, when so many have nothing, to live justly, in a society which wishes to get ahead and put others down, and devoutly, when many look down on people with religious devotion, customs and traditions.

Paul knew his society and we are so aware of ours. Why not take the virtues Paul recommends and meditate on one each day. May this help us to become eager to do what is good.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Isaiah prophesizes that Jerusalem will again be held in high esteem by God. He states that all nations will witness its glory. He compares a groom's joy toward his bride to the joy that God will feel toward Jerusalem.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Paul discusses the different gifts and talents bestowed upon different individuals. He explains that each individual receives various talents so that everyone can contribute something to society.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus and Mary attended a wedding where Mary informed Jesus that there was no more wine. At first he said it did not concern him, but then he turned several jugs of water into wine. His disciples were also present, and believed in him more strongly after they witnessed the first sign of glory he revealed to them.

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