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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

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PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:30pm

**The Catholic Faith Community
of
Our Lady of Victory
and the
Church of St. Andrew
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OUR LADY OF VICTORY

MASSES

Sunday: 10:15, 12:15pm Choir. 5:15pm

Mon. - Fri.: 8:15am, 12:15pm*

*** (All in Upper Church.)

* Following the 12:15, the Novena of the day follows.

Holidays: 8:15am, 12:15

Holy Day Vigil: 5:15pm

Holy Days: 7:15, 8:15, 11:45am

12:15, 1:15, 4:45, & 5:15pm

CONFESSIONS

Mon. - Fri.: 12:45-1:15pm

NOVENAS & DEVOTIONS

Mon.: Miraculous Medal

Sat.: The Rosary

Tues.: St. Anthony

1st Fri.: Sacred Heart

Wed.: St. Jude

Novena

Thurs.: The Holy Spirit

Fridays of Lent:

Fri.: The Rosary

Stations of the Cross

BAPTISMS: Please call the rectory for information.

ST. ANDREW'S

MASSES

No Mass at Saint Andrew Till Further Notice

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday: 5:45pm – Legion of Mary (OLV)

4th Friday: 5:45pm – Patrician Catholic
Discussion Group (OLV))

As Announced: FiDi Catholic Young Adults

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THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 55:1-11.

Psalms — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Isaiah 12:2-6.

Second Reading — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38) or 1 John 5:1-9.

Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

— Isaiah 55:1



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Valentine’s cards have appeared at the shopping mall, but in the Church it is still Christmas. Today’s feast spun off from Epiphany. Originally, a blessing of holy water was an important feature of the Epiphany feast, and in the Greek Church, this was a day for leaping into the sea in grateful recollection of baptism. The gratitude may not be quite as profound among the Orthodox Christians who have to chop holes in the ice to plunge into the waters! Still, there are few better days to celebrate a baptism, and to plunge our hands into the waters of the font. Jesus found the waters of the Jordan irresistible because of what had been done in those waters: people had confessed their sins, and had acknowledged their need to be forgiven and healed. Today, we are the people in the water, and Christ comes to be with us. You won’t have to chop a hole in the ice to celebrate your baptism. A beautiful bowl of water on the table tonight, a toast with sparkling water at dinner, or even a leap into the shower with a sign of the cross and a prayer of thanksgiving will suffice!

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*This is my
Beloved Son
In Whom I AM
well-pleased.*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Wednesday: St. Hilary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367)

January 13

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture.



The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, “the Latin Trumpet against the Arians,” heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ’s divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus’ challenge to his disciples, “You are the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Friday, January 15th 8:00 to 9:30 PM
MGN Online Support Group

Join us for the NY Chapter online Maria Goretti Network (MGN) support group for all those in any way affected by abuse (physical, sexual, mental, emotional, financial, etc) to experience healing in God's love and freedom through forgiveness. Abuse is never your fault and you are not alone. Contact nyc@mgoretti.org for more information or visit www.mgoretti.org

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/96385595312?>

AN ANCIENT BAPTISTERY

One of the most ancient and enduring sites for baptism in Rome is the church of San Giovanni in Fonte. This church is in fact a baptistery, and houses the font for the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of Rome. The Emperor Constantine sponsored its construction in the year 315, and it is therefore the oldest baptistery in the world. It is the model for nearly all later baptisteries, including perhaps the font in your own parish church.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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: **REHEARSAL**
: *Psalms are sung in the home and rehearsed*
: *in the streets.*
: —*St. Ambrose*
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FEAST OF FAITH
The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say “in the names,” but “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our yes to all this, our first profession of faith.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

6-DAY CANDLES AVAILABLE

You can now light a candle in the church and have it stay lit for almost a week for your prayer intentions, in thanksgiving to God or in memorial of a loved one!



These special votive candles have clear covers decorated with a cross design and can be placed inside one of the glass holders provided before the statues of Christ the King, Our Lady of Fatima, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Victory or Saint Anne, the Mother of Mary in the Upper Church only. Once lit, the candles will stay burning for your intention for about a week.

They are available for purchase from the parish office downstairs or from Carlos, our Sacristan, if you see him in the Upper Church.

If you wish, you can also purchase the candle and light for your home. The protective glass containers are also available for purchase.

The lighting of candles for your prayer intentions is a time-honored tradition in the Catholic Church that we are happy to provide at Our Lady of Victory and St. Andrew.

HOW ARE YOUR RESOLUTIONS GOING?

To keep my pledge to get fit, I decided to take an aerobics class.

I bent, twisted, gyrated, and jumped up and down for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotard on, the class was over.



**JOIN US IN PRAYING
THE DIVINE MERCY
CHAPLET
MON-FRI
at 3:00 PM
in the Upper Church**

**For the sake of
his Sorrowful Passion
have mercy on us
and the whole world!**

MASS INTENTIONS

*** Indications "for the intentions of"

OUR LADY OF VICTORY ST. ANDREW CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10:15am: Frances Moore

12:15 pm: Alexis Spatafora

5:15 pm: Carlo & Amalia

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*No Weekend Mass at
St. Andrew's location*

*No Weekday Masses at
Saint Andrew Till Fur-
ther Notice*

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

8:15 am: Antoinette Iorio

12:15 pm: Pam Galaga ***

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

8:15 am: Giovanna, Nicola &
Anna Lucignano

12:15 pm: Antoinette Di
Domenico

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

8:15 am: Mary Shpherd &
Linda Goff

12:15 pm: In Thanksgiving to
St. Joseph

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

8:15am: Thomas Rubino

12:15pm: Barbara Boursiquot

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

10:15 am: Robert Kenke

12:15 pm: Gerard Black

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

10:15am: Anthony & Regina
D'Alessandro ***

12:15 pm: Neal McManus

5:15 pm: Dave & James
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