

# The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2016



## INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2016

Tabernacle Lamp & Altar Candles	-----	
Altar Bread & Altar Wine	The Fiorello -in-laws	
<b>MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2016</b>		
Monday, January 11	7:00am	Rev. Michael Walsh William Zurey
	12:05pm	The intentions of Sister Patricia Cherry
Tuesday, January 12	7:00am	Rose Lazorisak
	12:05pm	Ann Lambro
Wednesday, January 13	7:00am	Clemintina Pena
	12:05pm	Andrew Gallopo
Thursday, January 14	7:00am	Robert Antoniewicz
	12:05pm	Roger Helmig
Friday, January 15	7:00am	Patrick Milde
	12:05pm	Kenn Lucas
Saturday, January 16	7:00am	Victoria G. Park
	5:00pm	Daniel L. Rollins
Sunday, January 17	7:30am	Maria Molina
	9:00am	Emil Roselli
	10:30am	Robert DeGraaff
	12:00pm	Antonio Riccardello Fr. Pat Rice Andrew Gallopo

## GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing Income Last Week	\$15,838.71
Income Same Week Last Year	\$12,557.01
Tithing Income 12/27/15	\$12,299.75
Income Same Week Last Year	\$11,211.95
Tithing Income Christmas 2015	\$53,466.14
Income Christmas 2014	\$46,962.68

**Please Pray for the Sick, Especially for:** Eileen MacMillian, Peggy Mulligan, Brian Piper, Fr. William Santeliz, Rita Coakley, Mary Ellen Scardo, Elizabeth Krajewski, Diane Carlson, Julianna Byank, Robbie & Christopher Rozyla, James Fitzpatrick

**GUIDELINES FOR NAMES LISTED HERE:** For privacy reasons, all names must be submitted by immediate family members only. We will also place names on our Prayer of the Faithful Announcement from the pulpit for 3 weeks. Twice annually (January & July 1<sup>st</sup>) Fr. Marc will clear the list. If you wish to have a person relisted on either list, simply call the parish office.

## ANGELS STILL NEEDED

Are you in a position to help a young boy or girl continue his or her Catholic Education? Economic hardships are placing several students in jeopardy of having to leave our school. You can be the "wings" to lift them up in these troubled times. If you can help, make your contributions payable to St. Therese School and send them to the rectory labeled "Angel Tuition Fund" but please make checks payable to St. Therese. Thank you!

**If you would like to make a donation, please contact the rectory for more information!!**

**You can also make a donation to the Angel Tuition Fund**

**in memory of or in honor of a loved one!!**

## SHOP RITE GROCERY & PHARMACY CARDS



Did you know that St. Therese purchases the cards at a 5% discount? When you purchase the cards at face value, St. Therese earns the 5%.

You can use the ShopRite Card to purchase ANY of the Gift Cards at ShopRite's Gift Card Central where you will find a spectacular selection of gift cards from popular retail stores, restaurants and others!

## FREE THROW COMPETITION



The Knights of Columbus Council 6320 will be holding a Free Throw Competition at St. Therese's Gymnasium on Saturday, January 16th, from 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm. You must be at the gym and registered no later than 3:30 pm to participate. The competition is open to all children between the ages of 9 -14 years old (as of Jan 1, 2016 - proof of age will be required – bring a copy). The winners of the local competition will move on to the District competition. Registration forms will be made available during Masses on Jan 2nd/3rd & 9th/10th. Registration prior to the event is strongly encouraged. You can also contact Tony Solazzo at [tsolazzokoc@gmail.com](mailto:tsolazzokoc@gmail.com) to register or with any questions.

## SCOUT SUNDAY



St. Therese will host **Scout Sunday** on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at the 12 noon Mass. All Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts are invited to attend. All scout leaders that are interested in participating with their Troops/Dens please contact the rectory at 973-584-8271.

## RED ROSE DECALS

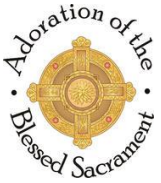


St Therese Knights of Columbus will be offering the Red Rose decals at the doors after all masses on the weekends of January 10th, 17th, and 24th. By donating to the Red Rose decals, you're supporting the culture of life efforts. The proceeds will be donated to maternity supported organizations such as Birth Haven and to fund our Roses for Parenthood program. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated.

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## WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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Throughout the year, Jesus' Real Presence is celebrated for 12 hours, from 7:30am to 7:30pm in the Adoration Room/Children's Prayer Room at St. Therese, through exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and culminating with Evening Prayer and Benediction. Come and be blessed! Stay for an hour or even a few minutes. You'll be glad you came!

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## EVENING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

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7:00pm – 7:45pm in the church. You're invited for Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours (also known as Vespers) and Benediction. We will provide an easy to follow "script".

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## SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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As you may know, for over 30 years St. Therese Church parishioners have helped out at the Trinity Lutheran Church Faith Kitchen (aka Soup Kitchen) in Dover. We help 3 or 4 Saturdays a month and we are in need of additional volunteers, both cooks and servers. The volunteers who cook help prepare meals for up to 4-5 Saturdays per year. Similarly the volunteers who serve are on the schedule 4-5 times per year to serve the meals at the Faith Kitchen. You are asked to spare approximately 3 hours each time you help out and all help is greatly appreciated. Please consider this worthy ministry and contact Carolyn Steinhauer at 908-850-4527 for additional information.

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## WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT MARCH 11-12, 2016

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The women of St. Therese Parish are invited to the fourth St. Therese Women's Cornerstone Retreat. Cornerstone is a unique and wonderful retreat conducted **for the women of our parish by the women of our parish**. It is an inspirational 27 hour spiritual journey that brings the women of the parish together to revitalize and deepen their spiritual lives, and to build community with each other.

This weekend, the Cornerstone ministry will be spoken about at every mass, inviting your participation. There will be more information after each mass at our table in the atrium. Please save the date – March 11-12, 2016. Give yourself the gift of a Cornerstone Retreat!

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## FROM ACROSS THE PARKING LOT ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS

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Students participated in a blessing of the school for the New Year on January 6. Our pastor, Fr. Marc, continues the annual tradition of this blessing at our school's front doors.

During our school Christmas concert students were treated to a re-enactment of the Nativity. However, what was certainly unexpected was that the eighth graders used a live baby for the scene! It was not until the audience began clapping that the baby moved and caused quite a stir in the crowd. Thanks to the Gesregan family for allowing us to have their baby as part of our concert. It certainly was a joyous way to end the evening.

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## *The Baptism of the Lord*

*By: Scott P. Richert*

At first glance, the Baptism of the Lord might seem an odd feast. Since the Catholic Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without sinning. Therefore, He had no need of the sacrament, as we do.

In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, however, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary--not for Him, but for us.

Many of the Fathers of the Church, as well as the medieval Scholastics, saw Christ's Baptism as the institution of the sacrament. His Flesh blessed the water, and the descent of the Holy Spirit (in the form of a dove) and the voice of God the Father announcing that this was His Son, in Whom He was well pleased, marked the beginning of Christ's public ministry.

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## END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

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To save postage and printing expenses, we ask that you **REQUEST** your financial statements for your Charitable Contributions for 2015. If you would like a financial statement for your taxes, please contact the rectory:

[stthereseoffice@optonline.net](mailto:stthereseoffice@optonline.net)

[stthereseinfo@optonline.net](mailto:stthereseinfo@optonline.net)

or call 973-584-8271 ex 712.

**STATEMENTS WILL ONLY BE  
PRINTED WHEN REQUESTED AS  
PER DIOCESAN GUIDELINES.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!!**

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## BASKETS OF HOPE

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January 16 & 17th Baskets of Hope will be collecting items for St. Augustine's, Newark. The selfless Missionaries of Charity Sisters have requested the following for their soup kitchen, crisis shelter, and CCD/Camp Programs:

Pine Sol, Bleach, Bathroom Tissue,  
Paper Towels, Napkins & Air Freshener

Please bring your items to the baskets in the atrium to help the sisters help "Jesus, disguised as the poorest of the poor." Thank you, and may God continue to bless you for the good you do.



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## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

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**BINGO:** Smoke Free games start on Sunday at 6:45PM and on Monday at 7:15PM in the school auditorium. Join us!  
**BINGO HOTLINE NUMBER: 973-970-9757.**

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** Second Monday of each month August-May. Mass at 7pm, Rosary after Communion, meeting follows in the All Purpose Room. Call Vivian Sclafani at 973-584-1792 or Maureen Stella at 973-361-1263.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** First & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM (call prior to attending as dates may vary!) at the Seasons Glen Clubhouse in Mt. Arlington. Open to everyone. Call KerriAnn Mulligan at 973-479-0845 or by email to [kam3@optonline.net](mailto:kam3@optonline.net)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Every Wednesday 7:30am – 7:30pm. Immediately after the 7:00am Mass until Benediction in the Prayer Room. All welcome to stop by anytime; to become a scheduled adorer call Lucy Balko at 201-390-4287.

**EVENING PRAYER & BENEDICTION:** Every Wednesday evening in the Church Sanctuary. 7:00 – 7:45pm. All welcome.

**ST. TERESE PRAYER GROUP:** Every Wednesday evening, Rosary and Novena after Evening Prayer 7:45pm in the Church. Open to everyone. Melba Corpuz 973-204-4315.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** First and Third Wednesday of each month at 8:00PM at the KofC Hall in Netcong. Call Frank Wos, GK at (973) 398-2805, [fwos@chromalloy.com](mailto:fwos@chromalloy.com).

**SPANISH PRAYER GROUP/UN GRUPO DE ORACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL:** Every TUESDAY evening, 6pm – 7pm in the Prayer Room. Call Yolanda at 862-219-5850.

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## DESTINATION DUNOW - 2016



Have you begun making plans for next summer? Why not consider joining us on our mission trip to Dunlow, West Virginia? We invite teens, college students and skilled adults to consider spending a week making a difference in the lives of a small community in

Appalachia. Yes, it's a week of hard work, but it is also an opportunity to bond with teens and adults from St. Therese and to grow spiritually as you respond to Jesus' call to see his face reflected in those you serve. So SAVE THE DATE: July 17 – July 23. We are limited to 26 young people. Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to Juniors and Seniors in the selection. Look for more information on applying in February.

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## LITTLE ANGEL PLAY GROUP



Come meet other moms while giving your "Little Angel" a great opportunity to learn about sharing, friendship, and God's love. We'll sing songs, pop bubbles, have a snack, make a craft, and have time for some free play with toys. Siblings are welcome. Little

Angels Playgroup will meet on Tuesday, January 19th from 9:30am-11:00am in the All Purpose Room. Contact Jacki Rozanski to register [jacqueline.rozanski@gmail.com](mailto:jacqueline.rozanski@gmail.com)

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## YOUR PARSIH BOOK CLUB

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### What is our "Parish Book Club?"

*A group of parishioners and their guests who get together on a regular basis to read and discuss books.*

### I can read a book on my own. Why would I want to join a "club" to read a book?

*Of course you can read a book on your own! However, the Parish Book Club is an excellent way to significantly enhance the enjoyment of reading a book and challenge your mind.*

### Will I know anyone if I attend the Parish Book Club?

*Most likely. A parish book club can be a magnificent avenue to meet like-minded people, those who probably have some of the same interests as you do!*

### Well, okay. Now, I am curious. Tell me more...

*Sure.*

The first meeting of 2016 will be **Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:30am, in the All Purpose Room of the Church.**

Our book is: *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*. The author is James Martin, S.J. You can obtain the book online or at any local bookstore.

Take notice of a few of the praises of those who have read the book:

*"It is part travel guide, part spiritual reflection and part Scripture study- a delightful read."* Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan

*"There are no dull moments in this book."* Joyce Rupp, OSM

*"This is a book for everyone. This is James Martin at his best."* Ronald Rolheiser, OMI.

### So, will I see you at the meeting? I have a few extras of his book, if you desire to obtain it from me?

*I am free that morning according to my busy schedule. So, I'll be there. And, I will start by reading the first and second chapters today.*

Fr. Marc, (Moderator)



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## BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday January 14, 2016 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road, Parsippany at 7:30pm in room 101.

Program: *"New Year- New Beginning"*. Come and let us help each other learn how to begin again. For more information, please call Kathy Farrell at 973-335-9389.



The Mystery of God  
Who God Is and Why He Matters  
WHAT DO WE REALLY MEAN BY “GOD”?  
Beginning Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Number of Sessions: Scheduled for 8

Six of the sessions use Bishop Barron’s DVD-based course. A brief description of each lesson is detailed below

We are adding two additional sessions (at the beginning of the study) to discuss Darwin, evolution and outline the Big Bang Theory

Sessions are in the APR and begin at 7:30 PM and end promptly 9:15 PM

The cost for the study is \$26.00. This will cover the cost of your study guide (which is excellent).

PLEASE SIGN-UP ON or BEFORE JANUARY 26th

Description of the course (from Bishop Barron’s website): Atheism is on the rise. Skeptical thinkers like Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, and Sam Harris vigorously attack belief in God as irrational or, even worse, dangerous. The so-called New Atheism has attracted millions of young people thanks to bestselling books such as *The God Delusion* and *God Is Not Great*. How should Christians respond? How can we turn the tide of secularism and draw people back to God? You’ll discover how in "The Mystery of God," a new six-part film series and study program by Bishop Robert Barron. The lessons reach into our rich intellectual tradition. Using the insights of St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Pope Benedict XVI, you’ll uncover a clear yet sophisticated understanding of what we mean by “God”. Who is God? And why does he matter? Watch this series and you’ll not only learn the answers yourself, but you’ll discover how to share them with others - especially those who no longer believe.

#### LESSON 1 – ATHEISM AND WHAT WE MEAN BY "GOD"

There are lots of views about God. Some see him as a mythical fairy in the sky, others as the Supreme Being. Some consider him a threat to our freedom. But for Christians, God is not one being among many. He’s not a competitor to our flourishing. God is that than which nothing greater can be thought, the strange and unique source of being itself. Before discussing anything about God we must become clear about one question: who is God?

#### LESSON 2 – ST. THOMAS AQUINAS AND THE PATHS TO GOD

In the thirteenth century, St. Thomas Aquinas composed his famous five paths to God. His proofs don’t depend on the Bible or divine revelation. They simply start from the world around us—trees, birds, buildings, and even ourselves. Thomas noticed that none of these things have to exist. But if that’s the case, there must be some cause behind them, something grounding their existence. For Thomas and all Christians since, we know this source of all being by its ancient name—God.

#### LESSON 3 – THE DIVINE ATTRIBUTES

Once we understand who God is, we naturally wonder, "What is he like? How does he act?" We can never fully answer those questions. Yet we can know that God is self-sufficient—he doesn’t need the world but creates it out of love. God is omniscient, knowing all things. God is omnipresent, everywhere in existence. Through these attributes we discover a God who presses upon the world, always and everywhere, not aggressively but only with love.

#### LESSON 4 – PROVIDENCE AND THE PROBLEM OF EVIL

Perhaps the most difficult question in theology is this: Why does God allow evil? If God is all-good and all-powerful, then why are our lives marked with pain and suffering? These are not abstract questions. They go right to the heart of our experience. We have each wrestled with misery, wondering when God would intervene. As with Job, God does not give us answers. He instead offers a person: the crucified Jesus, through whom God enters our suffering and makes it his own.

#### LESSON 5 – EXPLORING THE TRINITY

The most important event in human history took place when God, infinite and incomprehensible, became a finite and familiar man, Jesus Christ. While some people reduce Jesus to a wise teacher, the testimony of scripture and the early Church makes it clear that Jesus of Nazareth was, and is, God incarnate. He’s the Second Person of the Trinity. And by his sacrificial death and glorious resurrection, we too can enter into Trinitarian life.

#### LESSON 6 – THE GOD WHO IS LOVE

The book of Genesis reveals that we are made in the image and likeness of God. What does this mean? For St. Augustine it affirmed that our own traits—our minds, our self-knowledge, our self-love—can tell us something about God as a Trinity. What is Christianity finally about? What is the deepest meaning of being and all reality? The Christian answer is this: God is love, a play of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

For additional information please contact Deacon Tony at: [dnasignorelli@optonline.net](mailto:dnasignorelli@optonline.net)

## CHILDREN'S NUTRITION PROGRAM

For the past 16 years, our parish has been extremely generous with their monetary donations we collect in September for our Children's Nutrition Program at our sister parish of St. Cecilia in the Diocese of Machakos, Kenya. Thank you very much for your past support.

To help us meet our pledged amount, I kindly ask you to consider making a donation to this very worthwhile effort. I can assure you every sacrificial monetary gift to the Children's Nutrition Program goes directly to Bishop Martin of the Diocese of Machakos, then it is immediately sent to the parish of St. Cecilia to purchase food. **Remarkably, every ten dollar donation feeds one of the nearly 1,500 children a cup of porridge for one year!**

For your convenience, please use the envelope enclosed in your weekly envelope packet and place it in the collection basket during the month of January. Thank you in advance for your support!

## ST. ELIZABETH TRICKY TRAY

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Flanders will host their annual Tricky Tray **here** at St. Therese on Saturday, January 23, 2016. The doors open 6pm. If you pre-purchase packet at \$70, you can enter at 5:30pm. Packets can be purchased from Sunday January 17th thru Friday January 22nd at 2pm in the parish office. Many baskets - the least being \$50 each. Any questions call Suzanne 973-927-1629.

## Catholic Schools Week - 2016

Sunday, January 31 – Celebrating the Parish  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pin and Ring Mass – 9:00AM**  
**Open House 12:30 – 2:00PM program**

Monday, February 1 – Celebrating the Community  
**Fr. Marc – Vocation Talk – 10:00AM (K-4), 10:30 (5-8)**  
**School-wide service project – Merry Heart Assisted Living**

Tuesday, February 2 – Celebrating the Student  
**Open House - 9:00 – 11:00AM**

Wednesday, February 3 – Celebrating Vocations  
**Wax Museum – 10:00 – 11:30AM**

Thursday, February 4 – Celebrating the Nation  
**Flag raising and prayer service outdoors – Roxbury police, fire, EMT invited – 9:00AM**  
**Volleyball games- 1:00 – 2:15PM**

Friday, February 5 – Celebrate Faculty, Staff and Volunteers  
**Staff Luncheon and Mass for volunteers – 11:00AM**

## Ministry Schedule

**Please find a substitute whenever you are unavailable to serve. Remember to sign in.**

Any changes or updates? Contact Mary Rotella at [rotellam51@gmail.com](mailto:rotellam51@gmail.com).

January 16th & 17th	5:00pm	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	12 noon
<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>					
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	S. Kander J. Maurella A. Oswald G. Panula M. Rotella L. Schaefer	A. Colucci A. Galan G. Galan J. Riker C. Saks A. Berlangieri	P. M <sup>c</sup> Donnell K.A. Mulligan S. Penney M. Pessolano M. Pessolano M. Smethy	G. Finckenor D. Medini A. Serpa D. Sparano A. White E. Wolan	C. Cmielewski L. Kali E. M <sup>c</sup> Carthy A. Mazzoni K. Mydosh C. Thomas
<b>Lectors</b>	M.A. Dudak	K. Fitzgerald	S. Smethy	A. Barbalaci	J. Dowd
<b>Altar Servers</b>	J. O'Rawe M. O'Rawe I. Espinosa	B. Istvan J. Istvan	A. Calabrese A. Nowel E. Uhlman	A. Kerr S. Osetec C. Reed	M. Andujar R. Block F. Kenyon
<b>Nursing Home</b>	M. Lepre & A. Colucci				
<b>Shop Rite Gift Cards</b>	B. & A. Barbalaci	M. Domen A. Colucci	D. & P. Caruso	E. DiCostanzo B. Dziedzic	A. Letizia L. Wallace
<b>Soup Kitchen</b>	<b>Note for Cooks:</b> Aluminum pans are available for use in the closet in the APR.		<b>Servers:</b> C. Barrett, L. Hull, J. & C. Whelan, J. Wolf, <b>Cooks:</b> L. Petrucelli, B. Robles, D. Bauer-Guido, J. & T. Irving		