

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, January 12, 2020
The Baptism of the Lord



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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Saturday 8:30 am (except Wednesday)

Wednesday 7:00 pm

First Friday Mass 2:00 pm
@Homestead Nursing Home

Holy Days 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 pm

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the office to arrange.

Masses for the Week 

Saturday, January 11

1 JN 5:14-21 / JN 3:22-30

8:30 am Intentions of Barbara Froetscher

by Barbara Froetscher

5:00 pm In Memory of Justina Muller

by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller

Sunday, January 12

IS 42:1-4, 6-7 / ACTS 10:34-38 / MT 3:13-17

7:30 am Intentions of Judge Andrew Napolitano

by Sylvester Family

9:00 am Charmaine Howell

by Jim & Sue Calvert

11:00 am Teresa Marchese Contento

by Parish Staff

Monday, January 13

1 SM 1:1-8 / MK 1:14-20

8:30 am Benardet Bielu

by Parish Staff

Tuesday, January 14

1 SM 1:9-20 / MK 1:21-28

8:30 am Fr. Jean Claude

by Parish Staff

Wednesday, January 15

1 SM 3:1-10, 19-20 / MK 1:29-39

7:00 pm Victor Mazza

by Parish Staff

Thursday, January 16

1 SM 4:1-11 / MK 1:40-45

8:30 am George Romano

by Mr. & Mrs. Marty Chapkosky

Friday, January 17 - Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbott

1 SM 8:4-7, 10-22A

8:30 am Evelyn Del Vecchio

by Marie & Ray Nazzaro

Saturday, January 18

1 SM 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 / MK 2:13-17

8:30 am Oliver Drustan

by Parish Staff

5:00 pm Helen Weisser & Robert Muller

by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller

Sunday, January 19

IS 49:3, 5-6 / 1 COR 1:1-3 / JN 1:29-34

7:30 am Eleanor Ann Sylvester

by Sylvester Family

9:00 am Gloria Biamonte

by Mr. & Mrs. Marty Chapkosky

11:00 am Katie Smith

by Parish Staff

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Ted Cassera, Joseph Colon, Olivia Compton, Fr. Angelus Croce, Stephanie Cuomo, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, Ray Doyle, Richard Hennings, Barbara Ingallinera, Eva Kieger, Ava Kljajic, Michael Kochanski, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, John Kucinski, Kden LeoGrande, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Greyson Christopher Mueller, Deacon Ed Muller, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Stephen Osborn, Jason Parker, Harry Pasternak Sr., Lorraine Paxton, Peter F. Reynolds, Tammy Rivers, Charles Schult, William Schult, Carol Rock, Colleen Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samsok, Greg Schmiditty, Marianne Skrocki, Debbie Smith, Stephanie, Andrew Sorce, Richie Sorce, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, Connie VanHoven, David & Vince Ventresca, Fred Worman, Brooke Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, January 5	\$ 2,878.50
Online Giving	\$ 300.00
New Year's Day	\$ 1,058.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**This weekend's 2nd collection is for the Diocesan Assessment*

*This Week the
Sanctuary Lamp Burns for
The Intentions of
Deacon Ed Muller*



WOMEN AND MEN OF THE ARMED FORCES

We ask God the Father, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, to protect all the men and women in our Armed Forces. May they be brought back safely to those whom they love: Major Brandon Bennett, NJ Army National Guard (Federal); Larisa Furs, US Navy; Capt. Jason Gieniewski, US Army; Pvt. Daniel Michael Mobilio, Army; Captain Richi M. Pazdzierski, US Army; Captain Jane Petrick, Army; Lt. Daniel T. Pevarnik, Jr., National Guard; Pvt. Chance Phillips, Army; Captain Cheryl Ryan, US Army; Seaman Recruit Tyler Joseph Salonia; Ethan Swartz; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Pvt. Kyle Titus, US Army; Pvt. Zachary Wharton, Robert Williams, Airman



Bereavement and Funerals

Because of our belief not only in the immortality of the soul, but also in the resurrection of the body, the Church professes hope in the face of death, and acts with charity in the funeral rites. The Church provides a number of **prayers** for the faithful to offer both to accompany the dying of a loved one and to strengthen our faith upon their death. Through private prayer and public **funeral rites**, we strengthen our faith and hope, comfort those who mourn, and bury the bodily remains of the deceased with care befitting what was the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

The following excerpts are taken from the General Introduction of the Order of Christian Funerals:

-At the death of a Christian, whose life of faith was begun in the waters of baptism and strengthened at the eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end nor does it break the bonds forged in life. The Church also ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them in the funeral rites with the comforting word of God and the sacrament of the eucharist.

-Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life which has now been returned to God, the author of life and the hope of the just. The Mass, the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Christian funeral.

-The Church through its funeral rites commends the dead to God's merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins. At the funeral rites, especially at the celebration of the eucharistic sacrifice, the Christian community affirms and expresses the union of the Church on earth with the Church in heaven in the one great communion of saints. Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayers and intercession. At the rite of final commendation and farewell, the community acknowledges the reality of separation and commends the deceased to God. In this way it recognizes the spiritual bond that still exists between the living and the dead and proclaims its belief that all the faithful will be raised up and reunited in the new heavens and a new earth, where death will be no more. Canon 1176 from the Code of Canon Law states, "Deceased members of the Christian faithful must be given ecclesiastical funerals according to the norm of law." Others who are eligible for an ecclesiastical funeral include:

*Catechumens

*Children whom the parents intended to baptize but who died before baptism, and

**"In the prudent judgement of the local ordinary, ecclesiastical funerals can be granted to baptized persons who are enrolled in a non-Catholic Church or ecclesial

community unless their intention is evidently to the contrary and provided that their own minister is not available" (canon 1183.3).

Youth and Family Experience

March for Life 2020-Friday, January 24th

This year our Lady Queen of Peace parish, Branchville, NJ will be running 2 buses: the 1st trip to Washington, DC will leave the day before and will be providing a special opportunity for families to have an overnight trip which provides the opportunity to attend the Youth Rally for life and the mass for life with numerous Cardinals, Bishops and hundreds of priests joined by contemporary Christian musicians and youth evangelists giving witness talks before the March. The second bus will be our traditional one-day trip to the March for Life, leaving in the early morning of the March. For more information, please contact Our Lady Queen of Peace parish office (973)948-3185 ext. 1.

Remember Me in Your Prayers

Have you ever thought about sending or requesting Mass for a friend, a loved one living or deceased as a Christmas gift? Why not offer such a beautiful gift to them. The reason that this tradition has been passed on for centuries is because of the many spiritual fruits that result from this form of prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist is the highest form of worship in the Catholic Church because we unite ourselves with Christ's sacrifice on the cross in worship of His Father.

1.) It doesn't cost anything...but if you're able to give, an offering is appreciated: There is no price tag on the Mass, however, it is customary to give an offering when requesting a Mass for an intention. That said, money should never be the reason for deciding against this beautiful tradition. Simply make your request known and talk with a priest who will make sure that a Mass is able to be said.

2.) A Mass can be offered for a person who is still living: Though we often think of having a Mass said for those who have passed away, Masses can be offered for those who are still alive. The Council of Trent says that Mass may be said "for the living and the dead, for sins, punishments, satisfactions, and other necessities." In other words, if you know someone who could benefit from the spiritual graces that come with having a Mass said on their behalf, there is no need to delay in doing so.

3.) You can have a Mass said in Thanksgiving or for a celebration: Again, most people remember to have a Mass said for the death of a loved one and a few may think to have a Mass offered for a special intention for a friend who is suffering, but rarely do we think of having a Mass offered for a celebration! Is there a better way to show our gratitude to God? Masses can be said for birthdays, anniversaries, in celebration of the reception of the sacraments, or for prayers that have been answered!

Honoring the Name of Jesus this January
What the month of January Means to Catholics and How to Honor it in Your Home

by Fr. Lawrence Lew

Did you know that in the Catholic Church, each month of the year has a devotional theme? January is the month of the holy Name of Jesus and it's an ideal time to strengthen our connection to the beautiful name of our Lord. In fact, all names are to be treated with respect. Do you know the meaning of your own name? it's interesting to discover. A name is an emblem of one's dignity but the name of Jesus in particular should be held in the highest regard; spoken and heard only in a sacred way.

The beautiful name "Jesus" means, "God saves." So the name of Jesus is not only the name of our Savior but also, by its meaning, states the purpose of His existence, reminding us of the incredible blessing of salvation. Let us therefore give that name great honor! Also, let us remember that Jesus' name in Aramaic is "Yeshua." So that is what Jesus was called in His own language (the name Joshua is derived from this name too). Here are some ways you can honor the Holy Name of Jesus this January:

Take a stand against taking the Lord's name in vain - Turn the channel, turn off the television, or walk out of the movie theater when you hear God's name taken in vain, which has become all too frequent. Vow never to take the Lord's name in vain (sounds like a perfect new Year's resolution!) and to make reparation immediately if you accidentally do. One way is to have this perfect aspirational prayer at the ready: "Admirable is the name of God." That prayer of praise for the Holy Name of God given to Sr. Marie of St. Peter is also a prayer of reparation for blasphemy.

Bow your head when you hear the name of Jesus - Adopt the pious practice (that used to be more widely practiced and is so meaningful and fitting) of bowing your head whenever you say or hear the name of Jesus (just as we should bow or genuflect before the Real presence in the tabernacle or make a sign of the cross as we pass a Catholic Church). Scripture tells us: "At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). The Council of Lyons in 1274 stated: "Each should fulfill in himself that which is written for all, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow; whenever that glorious Name is recalled, especially during the sacred Mysteries of the Mass, everyone should bow the knees of his heart, which he can do even by a bow of his head." This devotion also helps to make amends for blasphemous use of the Holy Name.

Decorate your table - Decorate in colors of white (first half of January is the liturgical season of

Christmas, represented by liturgical color of white for purity) and green (second half of January begins ordinary time with the liturgical color green representing hop as a sprouting seed) and the letters IHS, perhaps decorated and framed. IHS is a Christogram (combination of letters representing the Holy Name). St. Bernardino, a saint devoted to the Holy Name of Jesus, would hold up the monogram of Christ's name - the letters "IHS" for veneration.

As you pray, try paying special attention to these words of the Our Father, "hallowed be Thy Name," and purpose to live according to that teaching: helping to keep holy the name of God.

Write His name on your house - Literally! - As Mary's son is adored and worshipped by the three Wise Men, let us adore Him, too. Literally write the name of Christ upon your house. It is beautiful to bless your home with "CMB" written in chalk over your front door, which not only stands for Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, the tradition names of the three kings, but is also an abbreviation of "Christus mansionem benedicat" (may Christ bless the house).

Daily ask for Mary and Joseph's intercession - The name of Jesus, which means Savior, was revealed to Joseph in a dream and to Our Lady at the Annunciation. Pray to Joseph and Mary to increase your love for their Son, along with your reverence for His Holy Name.

Add a special prayer this month - Pray or begin a novena to St. Bernardine of Siena, who had a special devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. Or pray the Golden Arrow Prayer in reparation for blasphemies against His Most Holy Name.

Sing a praise song - Listen (and even sing along) to the Catholic hymn "At the Name of Jesus" and/or to: "What a Beautiful Name Is This" by Hillsong Worship. Both are great songs to give the Holy Name praise and honor.

Youth Group Announcement

****SAVE THE DATE****

Youth Group Chili Cook Off will be Saturday, February 1st after the 5:00 pm Mass. More information to follow.

Religious Education Announcement

Sunday, January 19th - In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day there will be no CCD and Confirmation

Sunday, January 26th - Next Catechetical Gathering from 9:30 am - 10:45 pm



He walked into the deep waters of Jordan, and the heavens were opened for Him with the voice saying...

More than two thousand years ago, our Lord was baptized in the River Jordan. Most of us were baptized when we were infants, so we don't remember it. The question is: "Why did Jesus get baptized?" He obviously was free of sin. Unlike all the others, He had nothing to repent. Why did He go through this ritual? Why did He do it? Even John was surprised by this, for Jesus was the one person who needed no repentance. John also objected, it was he-John who was supposed to be baptized by Jesus, not the other way around. "But Jesus had come to identify with John's ministry, to accept the passing of the baton of ministry from John to Himself. And Jesus had also come that day to identify with all humankind. Just as in the birth of Jesus, God immersed Himself in humanity, so in the baptism of Jesus, God again waded into the pool of humanity."

Matthew says that when Jesus came up out of the water "the heavens were opened." And a voice from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased." That is a significant statement! The Gospel writer is not suggesting some change in the atmosphere overhead, he is stating the reason for the presence of Jesus on earth in the first place. "Jesus came to open up heaven to earth, and to open up people on earth to heaven. He was the stairway to heaven, the link between heaven and earth. Christ's Baptism marks the beginning of His public ministry." By His Baptism, He shows solidarity and love with us. He wants to tell us, "I'm with you" "I want to walk with you" This is why the Church always teaches the importance of Baptism as a gateway to our salvation and also a gateway for other sacraments.

This Sunday, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, is a good opportunity for us to reflect beyond the water and the oil and the prayers used at baptism. It is a time to reflect the significance of baptism in our lives. By Baptism all sins are forgiven, Original Sin and all personal sins, and temporal punishment due to sin is removed. After one has been reborn in Christ, there is nothing to prevent one's entry into God's Kingdom. However, though all sins are removed, there remains, as an effect of Original Sin, the inclination to sin that is called concupiscence. "We can resist them through the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of the Eucharist, prayer, a deepening spirituality, growth in virtue, and a wholehearted dependence on God. Baptism also gives us new life as adopted children of God. We become sharers of divine life and temples of the Holy Spirit. By Baptism we become members of the Church, the Body of Christ. We share in the priesthood of Christ as well as his prophetic and royal mission. We enjoy the community we find in the Church, share our talents and gifts with its members, respond willingly to its teachings and requirements, and assume the responsibilities that our membership implies. Through baptism we bond with other Christians. Baptism provides a common foundation among all Christians, including those not yet in full communion with the Catholic Church. Christ's baptism marks the beginning of His great mission."

My dear friends, remember that Christ's mission is our mission. The same Spirit that accompanied Christ accompanies us as we strive to live the gospel, to love beyond all measure, to make the world new. Baptism gives us the grace to do that. It has made each of us a new creation. As we recall the baptism of Christ, and its significance for our own baptisms, let us strive every day to be that "new creation"; to embrace our baptismal commitment and all that it entails; and to support and welcome those in our community celebrating this sacrament.

—Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Let each of us accept the truth of the following statement and try to make it our most fundamental principle: Christ's teaching will never let us down, while worldly wisdom always will. Christ Himself said that this sort of wisdom was like a house with nothing but sand as its foundation, while His own was like a building with solid rock as its foundation."

—Saint Vincent de Paul