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PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Please register in the parish and use envelopes for your contributions.

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The Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00 PM April through October

4:00 PM November through March

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM in English & 12:30 PM Spanish

Holydays: Vigil: 6:30 PM English

Noon, 6:30 PM English., 7:30 PM Spanish

Check the bulletin for Christmas & Easter Schedules

Weekdays: Mon. – Fri.: Noon

Saturday: 9:00 AM

Confessions: Monday - Friday after the noon Mass, **3:00 PM Saturday**
and call the priest for an appointment

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office to make an appointment with a priest.

Marriage: A year in advance, Call the Parish Office to make an appointment with a priest.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact a priest at any time.

Communion calls: For anyone confined to their home, arrange with the office.

Devotions:

First Friday: Holy Hour with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, 11:00 AM

First Saturday: MORNINGS WITH MARY, begins with 9:00 AM Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet and reading diary of St. Faustina: 4th Saturday of the month before Vigil Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday after Mass

St. Jude Novena: Thursday after Mass

Societies of the Parish:

Bukas Loob sa Diyos - BLD: Fri. 7:30 PM - Parish Center

Filipino Choir – 3rd Sunday, 5:00 to 6:30 PM Church

Worship Apostolate, in Room 104

Reuniones Hispanas

Eucaristía Dominical: 12:30 PM

Bautismos: Porfavor llamar la oficina de lunes a viernes.

Matrimonio: Feligreses registrados tienen que presentarse un año antes de la boda.

Reconciliación: Confesiones cada Domingo 12 hasta 12:30 PM

Unción de los Enfermos: Por favor llamar la oficina para visitas a las casa o hospital.

Educación Religiosa: 732-382-0004

Coro: Miércoles 7:30 PM

Movimiento Juan XXIII: – Jueves 8:00 PM – Parish Center, Aula 201

Grupo Guadalupano -Martes 7:00 PM - Iglesia

Grupo Juvenil "Angeles de Jesús" - Sábado 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Aula 208

Grupo de Oración - Sábado 7:00 PM Connell Hall

Escuela "Jesus el Buen Pastor" Todos los Lunes, 7:30 PM, clases de Biblia, Connell Hall

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The Baptism of the Lord

As our Church officially brings down the great blue and silver curtain on the Christmas season for another year, we have our personal memories of the season to savor all winter and beyond. No doubt, the season is one for gift giving and receiving. But before we turn our attention elsewhere, the occasion of the Lord's baptism presents us with an opportunity to consider gifts of a different kind. Don't bother searching websites and online catalogs. These are spiritual and special.

We can begin with the ultimate gift our parents gave us in their trusting co-operation with God in continuing the human race by bringing no less than us into the world. Never to be forgotten, this gift demands lifelong respect due our parents as they age and perhaps grow more and more dependent on us. After all, we gave them many sleepless nights and piles of diapers and everything involved with food, clothing and shelter for at least 18 straight years. Not to omit love, education, love, support, correction and love. (Did I mention love?)

Then, soon after birth, for most of us anyway, they went a step further and gave us something even greater than themselves: our baptism. Our share in God's very life. Our adoption by God as His child also. Our "ticket" so to speak, to eternal happiness in heaven. What we have done with that "ticket" is a story for another day.

No doubt you know your own birthday. But do you know the date when you were born again at the parish font? Do you ever celebrate it? You should, you know. You really should. Have a candle nearby of a sturdier type than the little ones on your cake, lit for yourself and anybody who asks as a reminder that on that day you became part of God's family too. This is a way to evangelize, that is, preach the Gospel without words for the next generation, and to do it in a family setting.

Obviously, we're not saints yet. Lighting that candle reminder is not meant to say differently. However, like so many other moments that come our way, any reminder of Baptism brings up the thorny question of how well we have done with this project of getting ourselves home to

heaven by staying close friends with God. Obviously we need Christ's help to keep that account solvent. And that He will do if we make regular prayer "deposits" and keep current with good deeds for our neighbor.

In living out our baptismal obligations to be good persons; good members of the Church; good missionaries by example, always be careful of anyone selling shortcuts. When James Garfield, later to become President of the United States, was principal of Hiram College in Ohio, one father asked him if the course of his studies could not be shortened so that his son might be able to complete his studies in less time. "Certainly," Garfield replied. "But it all depends on what you want to make of your boy. When God wants to make an oak, He takes one hundred years. When He wants to make a squash, he requires only two months." *Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

NEW ELECTRONIC BELLS

New electronic bells have been installed to call us to worship. The pricetag was \$12,507.00. Anyone wishing to donate a portion of the cost is welcome to contact the Parish Office.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Please take note that the Parish Office hours have changed and are now 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM Monday through Friday.

BENEDICTINE RETREATS

The Benedictine Center of St Walburga Monastery, Elizabeth, NJ, offers **Praying with Thomas Merton**, a retreat presented by Sister Marlene Milasus, OSB and an Oblate team. As Thomas Merton's relationship with God deepened, so did his prayer. We are invited to the same growth. Spend a day or a weekend with this companion in prayer as we reflect on his life and work.

February 2, **9AM-3:30 PM.**, \$35 for the day, lunch included. February 1-3. Weekend \$135. For information and registration contact Sr Marita, 908-353-3028; maritaosb@aol.



SANCTUARY GIFTS	ST. MARY'S	SUNDAY READINGS
Tabernacle Lamp	Fr. Myers	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Altar Bread	Fr. Hermanns	Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Altar Wine	Msgr. Buttner	Titus 2:1-14; 3:4-7
Altar Candles	Fr. Kasper	Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 12
4:00 PM Catherine Ragusa

Sunday, January 13
The Baptism of the Lord
8:00 AM Robert Dolan
9:30 AM Gloria Garcia
11:00 AM Albert F. Reitemeyer
12:30 PM Cirina Perez

Monday, January 14
Noon People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 15
Noon William & Connie Flanagan

Wednesday, January 16
Noon Emanuel Talamera

Thursday, January 17
Noon Joan Di Gregorio

Friday, January 18
Noon Stephanie's 30th Birthday

Saturday, January 19
9:00 AM John Reitemeyer
4:00 PM Guadalupe Zacatula

Sunday, January 20
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Adam Rozanski
9:30 AM John Hladinec Jr
11:00 AM Jeanette & Gerdt Pierro
12:30 PM Olga Maria Chicaiza



Please remember the souls of those who have recently died.
Louise Nocenti
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them.

LORD, PROTECT THOSE WHO PROTECT US



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As we begin the new year, we are in need of funds to continue our mission. We are open every Sunday to serve the needy of our community. Your generosity helps us help the hungry. Thank you for all you have done so far to make this a success. Please help us to continue.

Thank you.



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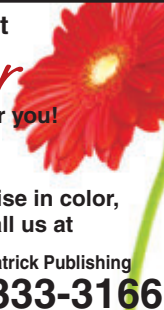


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