

Saturday, January 9

9:00 am Marlyn Meoli + | Daughters of St. Anne

5:00 pm Marlyn Meoli + | Phil & Shirley Eppard

Sunday, January 10 (Baptism of the Lord)

9:00 am For the Parish

11:30 am Roberta Murray + | Robert Murray

Monday, January 11

8:30 am Marlyn Meoli + | Bill Hardy

Tuesday, January 12

8:30 am Gloria Wilen + | Bill Hardy

Wednesday, January 13 (St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)

8:30 am Gloria Wilen + | Phil & Shirley Eppard

Thursday, January 14

8:30 am Sister Lettehaimanot (Hai) | Bill Hardy

Friday, January 15

8:30 am Lillie Gerald + | St. Philip Sodality

Saturday, January 16

9:00 am Lillie Gerald + | Lorraine Wright

5:00 pm Lillie Gerald + | Pat Brooke

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON KELLEY

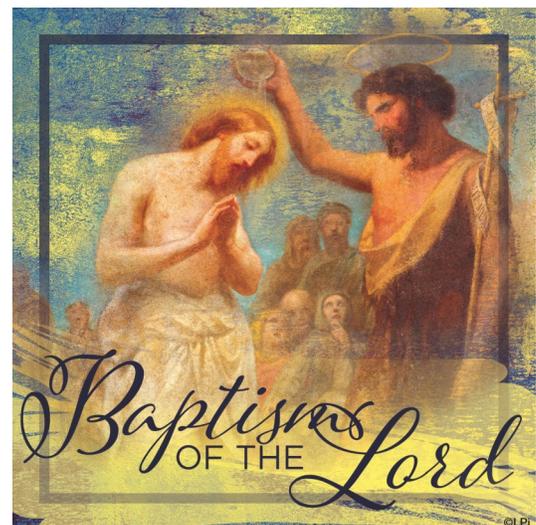
Our baptism is the most important day of our life. We often forget this important fact but truly our lives are instantly changed at that moment. At baptism, we become a new person. We become children of God. We are cleansed of original and personal sin. We receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Catechism No. 1277 states that "Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord's will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, with we enter by Baptism." In the gospel of John, Jesus taught that Baptism was necessary for salvation. He said, "No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and spirit." Jesus is the foundation of Christian Baptism. Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist before he started his public ministry. Did he need baptism? No, because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. Why then was he baptized? Saint Gregory of Nazianzus says this: "He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water." Jesus did this for us. He did this to show us a way to a new life and a way to true freedom. His baptism, his immersion in water, is a sign to all of mankind of the necessity to die to oneself to do God's will. This Christian life starts with our baptism. Therefore, it is important as we journey through life, that we remind ourselves of our baptism and reflect on its meaning and continue to die to our passions and sin.

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PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM:

Duffy Askin Family, Bradley Baker, Evan Beck, Pat Brooke, Counihan Family, Phil Eppard, Martin (Red) Fahey, Walter Harley, Lukas Hjort-Tyson, Hoehl Family, Art Grenier, Mary Gressett, Bert Latimer, Tonya Lee, Ralph Loveless, MacMannis Family, Lina Maralit, Jennifer Whipple-Marciano, Leondre Massey, Denise McHale, Grace Mueth, Nancy Palmedo, Deborah Pritts-Murray, Joe Norris, Shannon O'Connell, Matthew Pineda, Father Michael Quill, Barbara Ruf, Robert Wayne Saul III, Dolores Steinhilber, John Tierney, Elijah & Marilyn Thorne, Nellie & Ruth Wade, Suzanne Walters, Shawn & Tommy Webb, Dineen Whipple, Bee Duncan, Alma Streicher, Shoko Ferguson, Ryan Murray, and Patrick Baggott, Bee Dunkin

RCIA

RCIA classes are being held on Sunday's in the rectory or via Zoom from 10:15am – 11:15am. If you know someone who may be interested, contact Deacon Kelley at deacon@stphiliptheapostlechurch.org

Evangelization Team

Are you interested in evangelization? Do you have a heart for reaching out to others? If so, please contact Deacon Kelley at deacon@stphiliptheapostlechurch.org

2021 Religious Education

Would you like your child to learn about the Bible and Church from religious Sisters in the order founded by Mother Teresa? Does your child enjoy learning through play, visuals, and imitating grown-ups?

Then, we have an exciting new opportunity for you at St. Philip's! The Missionaries of Charity are offering the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at our parish. Mother Teresa asked her sisters to use this program to help build our young people's love of Jesus and their experience of His love for them. We are blessed to have them coming to our parish! All children ages 3-11 are invited to attend weekly on Saturdays.

If interested, please fill out the registration at www.stphilip.net/religious-ed-registration

ADW Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass

The VIRTUAL Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass will take place on Saturday, January 16th at 5pm and will be celebrated by Cardinal Gregory. This year's event is being cosponsored with Howard University's Catholic Ministry and Catholic University of America's Center for Cultural Engagement. A link to the livestream can be found here:

<https://adw.org/event/rev-dr-martin-luther-king-jr-celebration/>

ADW Youth Rally Mass & March for Life

For the first time ever, there will be no cap on attendance for the annual Youth Rally and #Mass4Life. Live streaming on multiple platforms, beginning at **8:30 AM on Friday, January 29**. Ditch the charter bus and join us from your living room! Register today:

www.bit.ly/2XIOxPj

The Baptism of the Lord

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

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