

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## JANUARY 10, 2016

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### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I think it is a good idea to write again about the Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy which we are now living, but first a word about Holy Years in general.

The tradition of special Holy Years goes back to 1300 A.D. when Pope Boniface VIII desired to bring back an Old Testament custom in which debts were forgiven and slaves freed. The Pope wanted to transform the Holy Year unto a spiritual year of remission. At first, they occurred every 100 years, then 50 and, in 1974, Pope Paul VI decided they should take place every 25 years, as well as on special occasions or anniversaries.

For many centuries, the only Holy Doors during Holy Years were in Rome. The idea was that a person had to make a symbolic pilgrimage to pass through the Door from sin into grace. In 1999, Pope (Saint) John Paul II decided that there should be other Holy Doors during Holy Years as well. This Jubilee Year from December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016 is called a Holy Year of Mercy to once again stress God's forgiveness but also His mercy and love for us (the reason for His forgiveness). With Holy Doors in every Cathedral in the world and many other churches and shrines, there are currently more than 10,000 Holy Doors for Catholics all around the world to visit as on a pilgrimage and repent of sin to receive the Jubilee Indulgence. The Holy Father's wish is that the..."Indulgence may reach each one as a genuine experience of God's mercy, which comes to meet each person in the Face of the Father, who welcomes and forgives, forgetting completely the sin committed."

To receive the Indulgence, one has to be resolved to have nothing to do with sin; go to confession; receive Holy Communion; visit a Holy Door (eg. St. Patrick's Cathedral or the Marian Shrine in Stony Point) and say some prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father (like one Our Father and one Hail Mary). All of the above within 20 days of visiting the Door.

Much more could be written, but it suffices to say Jesus wants us to turn away from sin and receive His grace and mercy because of His love for us.

Sincerely in Christ,



### A PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees God.

Show us your face and we will be saved. You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the church be your visible face in the world.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. *Amen*

--- *Pope Francis*

### JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015-November 20, 2016

#### ***Corporal Works of Mercy***

To Feed the Hungry  
To Give Drink to the Thirsty  
To Clothe the Naked  
To Shelter the Homeless  
To Care for the Sick  
To Visit the Imprisoned  
To Bury the Dead

#### ***Spiritual Works of Mercy***

Convert Sinners  
To Instruct the Ignorant  
To Advise the Doubtful  
To Comfort the Sorrowful  
To Bear Wrongs Patiently  
To Forgive Injuries  
To Pray for the Living and Dead

### THANK YOU!

Sacred Heart Parish is most grateful to **Scarr Funeral Home** for once again donating the annual Parish Calendar.



**WASHINGTON D.C.  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016  
LAST CALL**

On the 43rd anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision legalizing abortion, come and walk for the sake of the unborn on Friday, January 22, 2016.

**Buses will leave from Sacred Heart in Suffern at 5:30am.** We will depart from Washington, D.C., around 6 pm. **Adults \$30 Students \$15**

For more information, call Marie at 845-596-6138 or visit our website Rockland RTL. Org.

Can't go? Donations to sponsor a marcher are gratefully appreciated. Want to go but need a sponsorship? Call us. **All payments must be received by January 13, 2016. Reservations necessary.**

Mailing address: Rockland Right to Life, PO Box 9348, Bardonia, NY 10954.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK  
FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS:  
A CATHOLIC RESPONSE**

**January 24 through January 31, 2016**

Nearly 325,000 children have difficulty affording food; that's 22% of children in the 10 counties of the Archdiocese. **Since hunger has no season, the Archdiocese is choosing the week of Sunday, Jan. 24 thru Jan. 31, 2016 for the Feeding Our Neighbors Campaign.**

The three simple ways to participate are:

- Donate money to support emergency food programs
- Participate in the food drive Sun. Jan.24 to Jan. 31 by bringing food to the parish
- Volunteer at a food pantry

**DEBT AND DEFICIT REDUCTION COLLECTION  
JANUARY 23 & 24, 2016**

The Parish Debt and Deficit Reduction second collection will take place on January 23 & 24. The monies collected will be evenly divided between our parish and the Archdiocese of New York. Please be as generous as possible. Thank You.

**THANK YOU FROM BIRTHRIGHT**

Dear Msgr. Giandurco,

Kindly thank your parishioners for the extremely generous donations of baby gifts and diapers. Our Moms and their babies will be overwhelmed with the presents. It bolsters their self-esteem to know that they are loved!!

May God bless you all. Sincerely,  
**Karin A. Lancellotti**

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, January 10 Baptism of the Lord  
(Christmas Season Ends today)**

CYO – 2 to 5pm

**Monday, January 11**

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm in the school

Rel. Ed. – Grade 7 – 7:00pm in the school

**Novena – 7:15pm**

**Tuesday, January 12**

Religious Education– Grades 3-5 – 4:30pm in the school

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Religious Education – Grade 8 – 7:00pm in the school

**Wednesday, January 13**

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

Hispanic RCIA – 7pm in the 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Classroom

RCIA – in the rectory at 7:30pm

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

**Thursday, January 14**

CYO – 5-9pm in the gym

**Friday, January 15**

CYO Games – 6:30pm the gym

**Saturday, January 16**

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

Rel. Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am in the school

CYO -11am – to 4pm in the gym

**Sunday, January 17**

CYO – 2pm to 5pm

**SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'S NAME**

**December 27<sup>th</sup> Collection - \$14,879.**

**Last Year's Collection-\$ 14,176.**

**Christmas Collection – \$80,387.**

**Last Year's Collection -\$66,402.**

**Flower Collection – \$5,256.**

**Last Year's Collection –\$5,938.**

**Solemnity of Mary, January 1<sup>st</sup> \$6,500.**

**Last Year's Collection - \$6,048.**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup> Collection –\$ 15,859.**

**Last Year's Collection - \$ 11,753.**

**Catholic Communications & Catholic University**

**Last Week's Second Collection -\$3,561.**

**Last Year's Collection – \$3,681.**

**Christmas Donation Tree - \$2,980.**

**Last Year's - \$3,755**

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR AMAZING  
GENEROSITY!**

**2015 CONTRIBUTION OFFERINGS**

The year-end reports for 2015 from the envelope company and parish pay if you have signed up for online giving, will reflect totals for the year 2015 for envelopes on which parishioners' numbers and amounts have been recorded on the outside throughout the year. Statements will be mailed by the end of January. **Thank you for your generous support!**

**CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE  
GOOD COUNSEL HOMES**

For Pregnancy emergencies call  
Any time of day: 1-800-723-8331  
[www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org)

**ANUNCIOS**

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 16 de enero, 2016 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, friends, benefactors, relatives, priests and religious and especially **Jerry Le Blanc**.



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Larry Adler, Keith Alanis, Daniel Albarelli, Frank Paul Allegretti, Jenna Applebaum, Christine Arehart, Andrew Biondo, Boano Family, Harris Brownstein, Lisa Eckert Brownstein, Annette Burbridge, Frank Calfa, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Lilla DiBerardino, Teresa Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Joan Donahue, Nickie Douglas, Florence Downey, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Gio Vannia Gasparre, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, John Grasso, Anne Hart, Frances Hunter, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Verna & Susan Jarkiewicz, Mary Kierman, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Elizabeth Lempka, Nick Liso, Laura Mack, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, Ken Meyer, Christine Mengan, Florence Mohan, Chic Nappo, Betty O'Brien, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Stacey Olayan, Tina Osika, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Susan Saladino, Erica Scully, Frank Schwarz, Ruth Schwetz, Claudia Spano, Claudia Spallanzani, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Carol Van Vandt, Kenneth Vanadio, and Millie Vazquez.

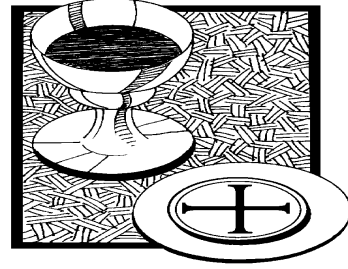
**ALTAR MEMORIALS**

**FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2016**

**Altar Wines, Altar Breads, Altar Candles  
And the  
Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of**



**EDMUND "TED" ASHMAN**



**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9**

9:00am – Rosemarie Parisi & Tyrone Poole

**SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY**

6:00pm – Robert Colbath

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10**

7:00am – Bernard J. Wysocki

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Claire Horskey

11:30am – Dolores Mendolia

1:00pm – Special Intention Veronique, Matthew, Gregory, and Rebecca Hazell

5:30pm – All Parishioners

**MONDAY, JANUARY 11**

7:00am – Millie Ingui

9:00am – Claire Helms

**7:15pm – NOVENA**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12**

7:00am – John Curley

9:00am – Joseph W. Sorce

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13**

7:00am – Cissie Farrell

9:00am – Paula & Stephen Gangone & Tony Chiulli

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14**

7:00am – Catherine Howard

9:00am – Eugene & Rose Magurno

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15**

7:00am – Marion C. Walsh

9:00am – Andrew Statham

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16**

9:00am – Justin Forman

**SATURDAY, VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY**

6:00pm – Ellen Redgate

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17**

7:00am – Paul Jensen

8:30am – Parish Memorial Society

10:00am – Dolores Mendolia

11:30am – Daniel Greeley

1:00pm – Gaglione Family

5:30pm – All Parishioners

**BOOSTER CLUB WINNER**

**WEEK 25 – Mr. & Mrs. DiCasoli**