



The Baptism of the Lord ~ January 12, 2019



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – January 11

8:00am-† Thomas Vitale
5:00pm-† Nerida Quiles
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Sonia & Tito Morales

Sunday – January 12

8:30am- † Charles Pommerenk
10:00am-† Agnes Lattanzio
11:30am-† Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Family
Offered by: Fran & Susan Fele

Monday – January 13

8:00am-† John Brinster
12:05pm~ Donna Keegan’s Health

Offered by: Loyola School
Offered by: Mary Guardiani

Tuesday – January 14

8:00am-† Emma Hernandez
~Birthday Anniversary~
12:05pm-† Carl Cangialosi

Offered by: Enrique & Fernando Martinez
Offered by: Angelina Varrassi

Wednesday– January 15

8:00am-† Thomas LaMantia
12:05pm-† James T. Parsons

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Mary Guardiani

Thursday – January 16

8:00am-† Daniel J. Fuentes
12:05pm~ For Mr. Thomas’ Health

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Mary Guardiani

Friday – January 17

8:00am-† Elizabeth K. Nilsen
12:05pm-† Mary L. Brown

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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Saturday – January 18

8:00am- † Dorothy Spicer
5:00pm- † Virginia & Robert Hallinan

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Linda Graves

Sunday – January 19

8:30am- † Carmine Fallacara
10:00am-† Carmine Fallacara

By: Doreen, Rusty & John Kidd
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



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become a good pastor and priest. It has been my desire since the day of my ordination to the present day to day to serve all with love and joy, and if possible with a big smile. Let us pray that our way of living our faith is in Jesus' style of relieving the needy and bringing the good news to the poor. Let us pray that we be faithful to the grace we received in our own baptism.

Happy Baptism of the Lord.

Fr. Hernán, S.J.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“The Spirit of the Lord descended like a Dove”
(Matthew 3:13)

Jesus went to be baptized by John. It is very important to realize that Jesus was baptized even before He had begun his ministry of preaching, teaching and healing.

That is, before everything began, Jesus experienced the strength of God's Spirit that descended upon Him like a dove. And a heavenly voice proclaimed:

“This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased, LISTEN TO HIM”. That is why today,

almost two thousand years apart, each of the baptized has the task of carrying out the mission of preaching, teaching and even healing broken hearts. Jesus was the first, but we go after Him because we have the same Spirit that makes us children of God. Let us begin this liturgy opening our hearts to the action of the Holy Spirit that wants to work through us. Now that we begin his year 2020, may our good works lead us to fulfill the desire of God that began in us the day of our own baptism.

The revelation of the Son of God occurred gradually. The prophet Isaiah speaks of the **Lord's servant** who will bring justice and compassion. Peter on the other hand, preaches to a group of Gentiles that God worked in Jesus Christ carrying out a message of healing and hope for all. The Gospel reinforces this idea when it presents the baptism of Jesus as the beginning of our salvation that started in Him who is beloved by his Father. How different our world would be if each of the believers accepts that salvation is for everyone. How different our world would be if we would be open to a change that is already beginning. Paraphrasing Pope Francis "we are the present of God."

Christians of all times know and proclaim that in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, all the prophecies have been fulfilled. Isaiah in what has been called **“The Song of the Servant”** proclaim beautifully this message. For those of us who have faith, Jesus is the Servant of God. He is has justified many as we celebrate in each liturgy. Isaiah’s Servant songs are to help us to remember the saving mission of Jesus.

Indeed, Jesus is called from his very birth to bring justice, health to the sick, freedom to the captives and salvation to all. Jesus as Isaiah himself foretold with his suffering will make the redemption of all. Personally, the mission of Jesus beautifully outlined by the Prophet of Hope, has been a challenge to

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcsi.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

January 12: The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38

January 19: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 42:3, 5-6
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Corinthians 1:1-3



CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES - Presents a FREE Information session and legal consultations for all. When? **FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020**. Time? 10:00AM-3:00PM. Where? Mt. Carmel School (285 Clove Rd). They will have immigration consultations for everyone; Free assistance for DACA renewal and residence cards; Services and resources for immigrant families; Training "Know Your Rights" (what to do during contact with ICE); Information about the driver's license. The event is by appointment **ONLY**. To make your appointment, call 347-921-0631 or send an email: ccscommcliniccc@gmail.com.

OUR PARISH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - Admissions Applications are now being accepted for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - St. Benedicta School grades, Kindergarten thru 8th. Visit us on the next open house, **Tuesday, January 28, 2020** from 9 AM to 11 AM. For more information, call the school office 718-981-5131.

FLU SEASON - For those parishioners who do not wish to shake hands at Mass during the flu season, the Church allows for some other gestures such as a wave or a nod during the sign of peace as well as the Our Father. Additionally, in order to avoid getting the flu, you should wash your hands frequently, cough into your arm (not hands) and if possible, get the flu shot. We must all be cautious in our daily interactions so that our parish Family can be a Healthy Family.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES - Sponsor Certificates are signed and sealed documents attesting to the fact that you are a practicing Catholic (going to Mass every week and living the Catholic faith). A Sponsor Certificate is required if you are being asked to be a sponsor for Confirmation or a godparent for Baptism. Please do not be offended if you can not receive a Sponsor Certificate because you are not living up to the requirements of becoming a sponsor. You may ask at the rectory how to become a qualified sponsor.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP - BECOME AN OFFICAL MEMBER; All Families and individuals are welcome to our parish so we can be of service to you. Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. The priests and ministers are here to serve your needs, to share your joy and to help lighten your burdens. We take seriously the words of Jesus: "Love one another, as I loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)

ONLINE & SOCIAL MEDIA - STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR PARISH! You can read all our recent parish bulletins on our website; olmcsi.org. You can also follow us on FaceBook; Olmc SI.

STATEN ISLAND THEOLOGY ON TAP - Tuesday, January 14th at 7:30 pm. The Liberty Tavern (382 Forest Ave.) Join us at our NEW LOCATION and NEW DAY! Do you have unanswered questions about the Church's teachings? Well you're in luck! Join for Catholic Staten Island's Theology on Tap to find out the "WHY" behind the "WHAT." Bring friends and coworkers, and come excited for a great talk while sipping on a fantastic brew! The Archdiocese will be paying for some appetizers. Doors open at 7 pm with the talk starting at 7:30 pm.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIVES BACK - Our parish could share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, running or not that is donated the Society will give back to our church \$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718 491-2525. Web page: svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org

COLLECTIONS: January 5: \$5,255; Second Collection: \$1,511. Thank you for your continued generosity to OUR Parish!

CHRIST'S MISSION IS OUR MISSION - As Jesus came out of the baptismal waters, the Holy Spirit descended upon him and a voice from the heavens was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." In joining himself to humanity, Jesus opened the heavens for us, and in doing so, was confirmed in his mission of mercy and love. In baptism, we are joined with Christ. Immersed into his life and love, his mission is our mission. It is still early in this new year. Today, reflect on your baptismal call to live as a member of Christ's body. In what ways do you love God and others? In what ways might you grow as a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ? How are you living the mission of Christ, to make God's love and mercy known in the world? Is Christ's mission your mission?

PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Next week the Church will enter the brief Ordinary Time period right before the Lenten Season. Since the Gospels moving forward will focus on Jesus' mission, the readings will be about calling. In the first reading, Israel is called to be a light to the nations (Is. 49:3, 5-6). In the second reading Paul greets the people of Corinth as one called by God to be an Apostle of Jesus Christ (I Cor. 1:1-3). In the Gospel John will point out Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and encourages his disciples to follow Christ (Jn. 1:29-34). As we prepare for the liturgy, we should take time to contemplate on our own calls to discipleship.