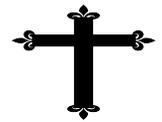


# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## JANUARY 13, 2019



### Weekly Mass Intentions



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#### Saturday – January 12

12:00am-† Fanny Mannino  
 12:00pm-† Charles Pommerenk  
 7:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish  
*By:* wife, Kay Pommerenk

#### Sunday – January 13

8:30am-† June Fair  
 10:00am-† Agnes Lattanzio  
 1:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
 3:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish  
*Offered by:* Fran & Susan Fele

#### Monday – January 14

8:00am-† Salvatore Russo  
 2:05pm-~ For Jack Faulkner's Health

*Offered by:* Mary Guardiani  
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#### Tuesday – January 15

8:00pm-† Joseph Masi  
 2:05pm-† Sally Cioffi

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish  
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#### Wednesday – January 16

8:00pm-† Vincent Esposito  
 12:05pm-† David Smith

*Offered by:* Annette Esposito  
*Offered by:* Mary Guardiani

#### Thursday – January 17

8:00pm- † Viola LaRocca  
 12:05pm-~ For Grace Kalbach's Health

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish  
*Offered by:* Mary Guardiani

#### Friday – January 18

8:00am-† Lawrence Valentine  
 2:05pm-† Arthur Mancuso

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish  
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#### Saturday – January 19

8:00am-† Martha B. Sorensen  
 5:00pm-† Robert, Virginia & David Hallinan

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish  
*Offered by:* Linda Graves

#### Sunday – January 20

8:30am-† Monserrate Velazquez Colon  
 10:00am-† Joan E. Raisley

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish  
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### Weekly Memorials

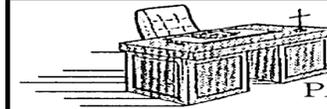
**Bread & Wine** ~

*The candles will burn this week for the following intentions*

**Tabernacle Candle** ~

**Memorial Candle** ~ **FOR ALL LORD**

**Memorial Candle** ~ **SAVIOR**



FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

### Baptism of the Lord "You are my beloved son" (Luke 3:22)

With the feast of the Baptism of the Lord we conclude the Christmas season. Today we listen to Saint Luke in his Gospel that proclaims what we celebrate since it says the voice of God who broke the heavens and heard "You are my Beloved Son in whom I am pleased." The liturgical feast wants to motivate us to reflect on our own baptism that introduced us to the family of God. We hope that as He did with Jesus 2000 years ago, God Himself will be pleased with our good deeds.

Both the first and the second reading set the stage for the baptism of Jesus. In effect, Isaiah proclaimed to the Messiah that he would come to bring peace and justice to this world and the first Christian communities were able to recognize that the salvation they had received through baptism was a salvation for all. The Gospel describes the Holy Spirit descending in the form of a dove upon Jesus after he was baptized. In the same way today let us reflect that it is the Spirit of Jesus who has descended in each one of us on the day of our own baptism.

In this year that begins and on the eve of returning to Ordinary Time, the Church wants us to reflect with the promises of God in the time of the Prophet Isaiah. That is why he takes his words in what has been called the "Book of Consolation." This book describes the promises of justice and peace that are capable of erasing the world of shadow and despair in which his people lived. Today the challenge is to live our baptism and face the disenchantments that can bring us ordinary life and to bet on the light and the reign of justice that is given to us in the salvation that Jesus brings us. In the same way Paul reminds the first communities and us of the duties and responsibilities that cannot be neglected in the here and now of our lives. Although St. Paul had not even imagined life in our times, it is no less true that the grace of God continues to work in the hearts of believers of all times.

May the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord motivate us to live the ordinary time in a prayerful way and so we may be attentive to the voice of God who speaks to us every day either through Scripture, or through coexistence with our parents and children or through the salvific actions that God continues to work in his people.

**Fr. Hernan, S.J.**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### January 13: 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 20: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5  
Psalm 96: 1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11



**PASTOR'S ADVISORY MEETING** – Everyone is invited to our next Pastor's Advisory Meeting to be held this coming Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Fr. Miguel Meeting Room. All parishioners are welcome to attend and help propose suggestions and advise on parish related topics. We continue to work on enhancing communication and transparency.

**BIBLE STUDY** - Join us for our parish Bible Study, meeting Sundays: January 20, February 3 & 17, March 3, 17 & 31. All dates we will start at 1:00pm and run until 3:00pm. If you do not have a bible, one can be provided for you.

**PRE-K FOR ALL Children born in 2015** - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - St. Benedicta School has a **FREE** full day pre-k program. If your child was born in 2015, they are eligible to attend pre-k for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration opens in early February. For more information, please call the school office.

**OLMC TOURING TUESDAY - January 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 11:00am.** Come visit our school and get information regarding registration. Pre-k for all full day program (free). Kindergarten - 8th grade (financial aid information available). For more information, call the school office 718-981-5131 or visit our website [olmcsb.org](http://olmcsb.org).

**FOOD PANTRY** - The next distribution date for our food pantry will be on Thursday, January 24, 2019 from 9am to 11am and 4pm to 7pm. (In front of the church.) For more information, call the rectory. *Because I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me. ~ Matthew 25:35.*

**TO ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH** - The Sisters of Life invite you to a **Feminine Genius Brunch** on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM at Nicotra's Ballroom at the Hilton Garden Inn Staten Island. This brunch borrows its name after those amazing God-given attributes endowed to you as women—receptivity, sensitivity, generosity, and maternity—all of which make up **the feminine genius!** In addition to a lovely brunch at a beautiful location, Sr. Virginia Joy, the director of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese will give a talk on the beauty of the feminine heart and these distinct attributes as women. Discover God's plan for your ultimate flourishing! Invite a friend, mother, or daughter (in-law)! RSVP by February 11<sup>th</sup> at <https://adnyfemininegeniusbrunch.eventbrite.com>. Any questions, please contact [sr.virginia.joy@archny.org](mailto:sr.virginia.joy@archny.org).

**DO YOU WANT TO WORK ON THE FRONT LINES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE** and live intentionally with other young leaders? Are you interested in full time service? You can put your faith into action with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. JVC places young professionals across the country to create a more just and hopeful world. If you would like more information, please email Rob at [rroa@jesuitvolunteers.org](mailto:rroa@jesuitvolunteers.org) or visit <https://www.jesuitvolunteers.org/howtoapply/>.

**CASC** - Community Agency For Senior Citizens, Inc. is a Friendly Visiting Program, Funded by NYC Department for the Aging. Are you interested in Volunteering an hour a week to homebound older adults? If so, please contact Rosanne McAllister, Friendly Visiting Coordinator at (718) 981-6226 ext. 141.

**COLLECTIONS:** January 6: \$4,701; Catholic Communications: \$1,400. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION** - Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trek conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly with- in the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of Johns Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism. At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since today there is a blessing on the water. At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time. *Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.*

**CALLED TO SERVE** - For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River. John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as one mightier than I. But he did as Jesus asked, and the Holy Spirit descended and heaven's voice spoke to Jesus, You are my beloved Son. Je- Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him. Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today's second reading, he announces the heart of the message, peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God's word. *Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.*