

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



SATURDAY, JANUARY 9
5:00 DOMENICO MUCCI

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10
7:00 PAUL & EDNA GILKESON
9:00 WILLIAM SCHMIDT
11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 CHARLES DONOHUE
5:00 JOHN TIGHE

MONDAY, JANUARY 11
7:00 MARY LOUISE & TOM STUART
9:00 DARLENE FORLIZZI

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12
7:00 ANTONIA ALTAGRACE PRIGNE
9:00 VINCENZA & MICHAEL NICOLAIS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13
7:00 FOR ALL THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES
9:00 WALTER CHRISTIE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14
7:00 WILLIAM MARSH
9:00 DOMENICO PETRECCA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15
7:00 SPECIAL INTENTION-
ST. ANTHONY PRAY FOR US
9:00 ELIZABETH WIDMAYER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16
9:00 GUSSIE ACCURSIA MARTELLE
5:00 JOHN R. KUBASEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17
7:00 JAMES P. KELLY, JR.
9:00 AL & SUE AMORE
11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 MR. & MRS. JOHN PERRY
5:00 DIANA KISTO

The Bread and Wine are offered in loving memory of **Dennis Nix** by his Family.

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTERS

Saturday, January 16
5:00 Frank Ponterio Anne Siemer
Sunday, January 17
7:00 Joan Prenty
9:00 Don O'Shea Elizabeth D'Antuono
11:00 Ken Wisniewski Dorothy Tarafa
1:00 Charles Sullivan Shirley Fennell
5:00 Bob Mazzucco Efrain Ortiz

Lectors: There will be a lector meeting on Thursday, January 21st in the conference room of the rectory. There will be two sessions - one at 2:00pm and the other at 7:00pm. Please attend only one meeting at the time that is most convenient for you.



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Patricia Repoli, Tim Campagna, Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Jerry Russo, Anna Parente, James Parente, Ruth Manieri, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Richard Nagrowski, Theresa Mirante, Barbara Walsh, Christian Pepo, Joe Arrigo, Thomas Coppola II, Terrence Gibbons, Sondra Cronin, Jean Forte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, Bill Kiesewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Frances Bocignone, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar

Collections:
Christmas \$35,011.00
Christmas Flowers \$2,652.00

Regular December 27 \$6,419.00
December 50/50 \$474.00
Budget Deficit \$645.00

Solemnity of Mary \$3,310.00
Regular January 3 \$6,028.00

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Recently the Gospel reading for Mass spoke of how *Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.* (Luke 2:52). Following the Mass I was speaking to a parishioner, who is very dedicated to studying the Holy Bible. He asked me about that verse and it spawned a good discussion. We spoke of how Catholics are not to infer that Jesus somehow increased in His knowledge and wisdom over time. St. Cyril of Alexandria wrote that He is said to increase or advance, “not as if that nature that was perfect from the beginning received increase, but that by degrees it was manifested.” (*Liber Thesaurus*). In other words, from the public point of view, according to the common opinion of His age, Jesus seemed to be increasing in wisdom. As the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity with a human nature, Jesus cannot increase in knowledge or wisdom because He is already the absolute fullness of both. He calls Himself “The Truth” in John’s Gospel. (14:6). It is not that He became wiser, little by little, but that little by little He revealed His wisdom. St. Cyril continues, “Because something was to be yielded to the habits of our nature, lest He should be counted strange by those who saw Him, Jesus manifested Himself as a man with a body, gradually advancing in growth, and was daily thought wiser by those who saw and heard Him.”

St. Alphonsus Liguori explains further that from the first moment of His life, Jesus was full of all divine knowledge and wisdom: *In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge* (Colossians 2:3). But it is said that He advanced, because everyday He advanced in age He manifested more and more His sublime wisdom. It is said that He advance in grace with God and men; with God, because all His divine actions, though they did not render Him more holy or increase His merit,-since

Jesus was from the first moment full of sanctity and merit, yet, nevertheless, these operations of the Redeemer were all sufficient in themselves to increase His grace and merit. Alphonsus states that Jesus also advanced in grace with other people. “Oh, how Jesus showed Himself more and more amiable every day of his youth, showing more and more every day the claims He had upon men’s love! With what delight did the holy Youth obey Mary and Joseph! With what recollection of mind did He work! With what moderation did He take his food! With what modesty did He speak! With what sweetness and affability did He converse with all! With what devotion did He pray! In a word, every action, every word, every emotion of Jesus, inflamed with love the hearts of all those who beheld Him, and especially of Mary and of Joseph, who had the good fortune to see Him always at their side. Oh, how these holy spouses remained always intent on contemplating and admiring all the operations, the words, and gestures of this Man-God!” (*The Incarnation, Birth and Infancy of Jesus Christ*).

We too do well to contemplate and admire all the words and deeds of Jesus, especially through the daily Rosary, which is a meditation (with Mary) on the Word of God. When we read the bible we always aim not only at what the text says, but, more importantly, what it means.

God bless you!

Father Eric

March For Life 2016:

Save the Date - 1/22/16. Join us - we will depart for Washington DC directly after a special 6:30AM Mass at Sacred Heart. See flyer for further information.

CCD JANUARY HAPPENINGS

Regular Classes Resume in 2016:

January 13, 20 & 27th

Confirmation Retreat: Saturday, January 23rd
9:00 AM at the School for all Confirmation
Candidates

Sacred Heart School - Radio Bingo

Friday, January 15, 2016 7pm

\$30 pp- Join us for a night of fun, games, music, raffles and dancing! Call Francine Rizzuto at Sacred Heart School (718) 442-0347 for questions or reservations.

Sacred Heart School- Registration 2016-2017

Now accepting applications for September 2016. Re-registration for continuing students is also required

Free Full Day Universal Pre-K for All 4 yr olds
Pre-Kindergarten 3

Kindergarten and Grades 1-8

Open House Dates:

Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 9:00am - 11:00am

Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 9:00am - 11:00am

Sunday, February 7, 2016, 11:00am - 2:00pm

We have several students who have honored Sacred Heart School by winning various awards in December. We are very proud of the following:

Ahava Collado, Grade 8- 2nd Runner Up in the Catholic School Region of SI Spelling Bee.

Laura Laureano, Grade 8 - 1st Place in the CYO Christmas Card Contest, Masters Division

Abigal Garcia, Grade 2- 2nd Place in the CYO Christmas Card Contest, Novice Division

Michelle Chen, Grade 7 - Grand Prize Winner of \$1,000 for tuition in the NY Encounter Essay Contest

Kelly Shashaty, Grade 5- Grand Prize Winner of \$1,000 for tuition in the NY Encounter Poster Contest

PASTORAL COUNSELING is a combination of psychological and spiritual counseling, a clinical approach to unite the whole person - both mind and soul. Vera Sabella, a Pastoral Counselor, has made herself available for Sacred Heart parishioners. A sliding scale fee will be assessed and counseling sessions will be held in parish facilities. For referral, please call 347-210-1127.

Choir News ♪

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Parish Choir/France Traveling Choir sings today, January 10, 2016 at 11AM-The Baptism of the Lord- don't miss it!

If you *loved* the Christmas music, why don't you *join a choir* and help create the music yourself?? There are *so many wonderful* blessings involved in serving a choir! The New Year is a *perfect time* to join a choir at Sacred Heart:

Parish Choir (ages 8-120) rehearsals 1st and 3rd Wed. Sing for Mass 2nd & 4th Sunday 11AM

France Voyager Choir sings 1st & 4th Sundays 11AM in preparation for choir tour to France Feb. 16-23, 2016

Kids Praise Choir (ages 5-11) rehearses every Wed. 5-6 chapel sings 1st Sunday 11AM

Family Choir all family members (age 0-120) sing together 1st Sunday 11AM Prizes! Treats! Coffee!

Make 2016 the year you join a choir at Sacred Heart!! Bring a friend!! Wishing you peace and joy in 2016!! Pamela and the Choirs (VM 24)

Family Choir sings today, February 7, 2016 at 11AM- Uncle Joe, Ant Sue - Come on up & help create an inspiring 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass!! Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!!

Join a Choir today! Buy a CD! Put away a Hymnbook!!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE JAN 16 & JAN 17

Saturday, Jan 16

5:00 Margaret Donovan & Eric Koleci

Sunday, Jan 17

7:00 Patrick & Keifer Regan

9:00 James Esco & Samantha Baniswal

11:00 Matthew & Julia Ahern

1:00 Marc Artuz & Jack Lotito

5:00 Kathleen & Mary McCafferty

FLOWER DONATIONS: Total cost of two flower arrangements for the Altar is \$80.00, and flowers may be donated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate anniversaries or other special occasions, or for special intentions. Please call Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 for further details.