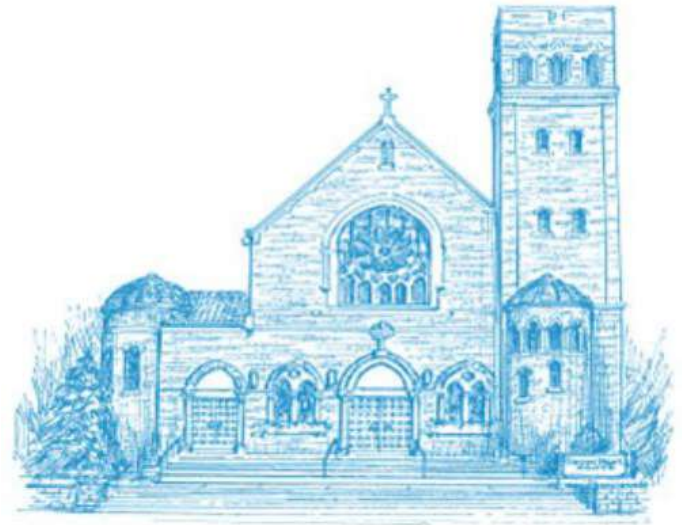


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Saturday 10 AM - 6 PM

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Anytime, please contact one of the priests at (718) 442-0058.

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Please contact the pastor for an appointment to arrange the Baptism.

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Couples should contact the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange the time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conference.

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### Websites:

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**JANUARY 10, 2021**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**READING 1 IS 42:1-4, 6-7**

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

**Responsorial Psalm Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6.**

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

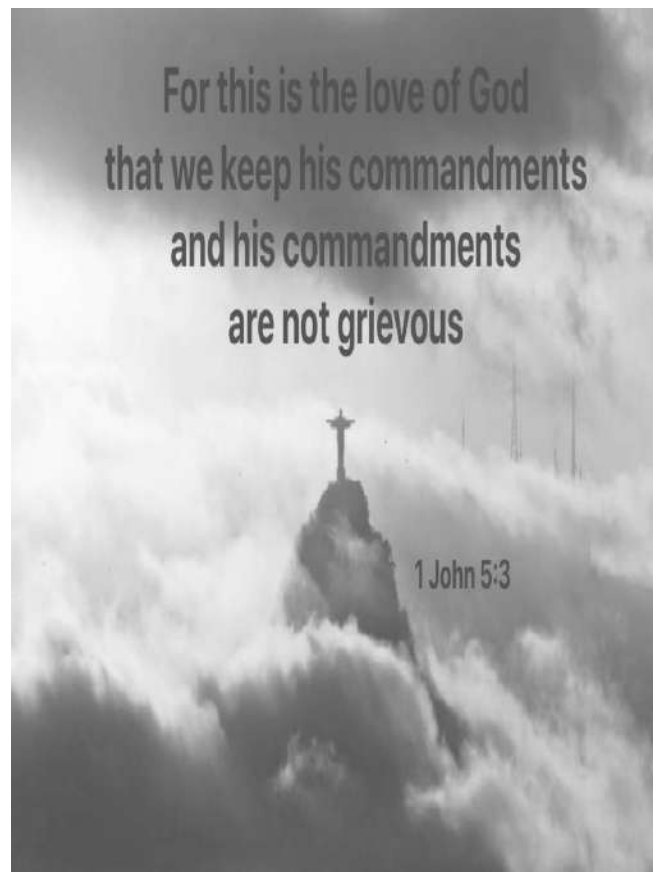
**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

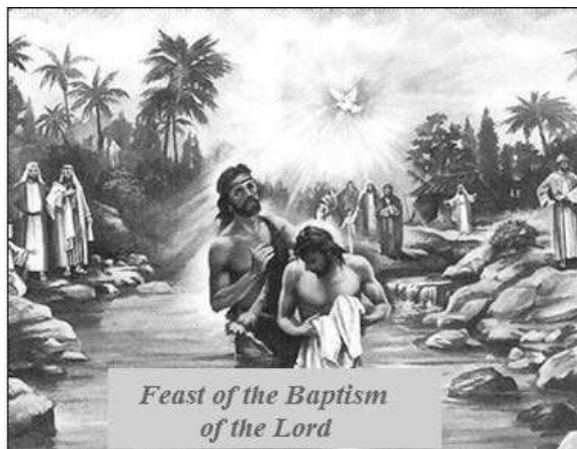


**READING 2****1 JN 5:1-9**

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

**ALLELUIA****CF JN 1:29****R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Feast of the Baptism  
of the Lord*

**GOSPEL****MK 1:7-11**

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin a new year, we grow closer to death. Death does not frighten a true Christian, like St. Paul, who once said: *We would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.* (2 Corinthians 5:8). There is the lighter side of death. “In 1971, Brother Gerard was dying. A lay brother with a very strong personality, the former sacristan of the Bourges cathedral, he had returned to Sept-Fons [Monastery] after several departures. He was in charge of the chicken coop. There, Brother Gerard took care of a famous cat, called Minette. At the approach of his death, Brother Alain, a very pious monk, was charged with accompanying him. He saw that Brother Gerard was in bad shape. He approached and asked him to repeat the invocation: ‘Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I give you my heart, my spirit, and my life.’ Brother Gerard did not respond. He then said to him: ‘Jesus, Mary, Joseph, assist me on my deathbed.’ He still was not responding. Brother Alain was not discouraged: ‘Jesus, Mary, Joseph, allow me to die in your holy company.’ Brother Gerard then cried out: ‘And what about Minette?’” (Nicolas Diat, *A Time To Die: Monks on the Threshold of Eternal Life*, 2019).

Then there is the sublimity of death, captured well by the pen of St. John of the Cross. He writes, “One of the main reasons for the desire to be dissolved and to be with Christ (Philippians 1:23) is to see Him face to face and thoroughly understand the profound and eternal mysteries of His Incarnation, which is by no means the lesser part of beatitude. As Christ Himself says to the Father in St. John's Gospel: *This is eternal life, that they know You, the one true God, and Your Son Jesus Christ whom You have sent.* (John 17: 3). The first thing a person desires to do after having come a long distance is to see and converse with a deeply loved one; similarly, the first thing the soul desires on coming to the vision of God is to know and

enjoy the deep secrets and mysteries of the Incarnation and the ancient ways of God dependent on it.” (*Spiritual Cantic*, 37:1. Quoted in Ralph Martin, *The Fulfillment of All Desire: A Guidebook to God Based on the Wisdom of the Saints*, 2006).

Moreover, says John of the Cross about the soul in Heaven, “As her intellect will be the intellect of God, her will will be God's will, and thus her love will be God's love. The soul's will is not destroyed there, but is so firmly united with the strength of God's will, with which He loves her, that her love for Him is as strong and perfect as His love for her; for the two wills are so united that there is only one will and love, which is God's. Thus, the soul loves God with the will and strength of God Himself, united with the very strength of love with which God loves her. This strength lies in the Holy Spirit in whom the soul is there transformed, for by this transformation of glory He supplies what is lacking in her, since He is given to the soul for the sake of the strength of this love.” (*Spiritual Cantic*, 38:3).

The Christian has mixed feelings about death. He or she knows how serious it is because it is the end of our earthly life, in which consists our one and only opportunity to gain Heaven. Reincarnation is a lie found in other religions. On the other hand, for the authentic Christian, the practicing Catholic, there is a certain joyful anticipation, not for death itself, but for what comes next. *What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love Him.* (1 Corinthians 2:9-10).

God bless you!

Father Eric

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**JANUARY 10, 2021**



**Saturday, January 16:**

5:00 Jack Gordon

**Sunday, January 17:**

7:00 AM Theresa Zulch  
9:00 AM Kennedy Apoe  
11:00 AM Patti Jezycki  
1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, January 16:**

5:00 Sean Ahern

**Sunday, January 17:**

7:00 Christopher Basile  
9:00 Jason Suazo  
11:00 Elijah Greene  
1:00 Jack Smith

**COLLECTIONS:**

December 27th.....\$6,060.00  
Christmas.....\$39,255.00  
Solemnity of Mary.....\$3,125.00  
January 3rd..... \$9,402.00  
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**ATTENDANCE DEC 24/25TH: 433**

**DECEMBER 27TH: 423**

**JANUARY 1ST: 209**

**JANUARY 3RD: 416**

**CAPACITY: 210**

**Wedding Banns**

II. Giancarlo Anthony Gambino  
& Megan Lynn Fitzgerald

**Saturday, January 9:**

5:00 Thomas Malone (Living)

**Sunday, January 10:**

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn &  
McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 Deceased Members of the Perry Family  
11:00 In Honor of St. Jude  
1:00 Charles Donohue

**Monday, January 11:**

9:30 Stanley & Edith Modzelewski

**Tuesday, January 12:**

9:30 George E. Brain III

**Wednesday, January 13:**

9:30 Peter A. Manzione (60th Anniversary)

**Thursday, January 14:**

9:30 Hillary Curley

**Friday, January 15:**

9:30 John R. Kubasek

**Saturday, January 16:**

9:30 Dermot & Vera Cooney  
5:00 Diana Kisto

**Sunday, January 17:**

7:00 Ben Zarrelli  
9:00 Al & Sue Amore & Susan Pellecchia  
11:00 Thomas McNamara (10th Anniversary)  
1:00 Frank & Mary Santora (76th Anniversary)

## St. Michael Prayer

**Saint Michael The Archangel, Defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness & snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan & all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

**Maria Goretti Group:** The next online meeting for the Maria Goretti Network is scheduled for Friday, January 15th, at 8PM. The group seeks to help the survivors of any type of abuse (sexual, mental, emotional, physical or financial) find support and healing. Their website is [www.mgoretti.org](http://www.mgoretti.org).

### **Catholic University & Communications:**

The annual collection for Catholic University & Communications will be taken up this weekend at all the Masses. Since its inception in 1987 The Catholic University of America has educated students from all 50 states in theology, philosophy and the arts and sciences. The Catholic Communications collection goes to help support our diocesan radio and television programs. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

**Sts. Peter & Paul:** Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, 53 St. Marks Place, are looking for a part time receptionist from 9 AM - 5 PM, Monday thru Wednesday. The job includes answering the door and telephone, posting collection gifts and looking up sacrament dates. The ability to read, write and speak Spanish is essential to the job. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Janet Kelly at 718-727-2672.

**March for Life:** The annual March for Life trip to Washington will take place on Friday, January 29th. St. Charles will be having 2 buses leave from Staten Island at 7 AM. The cost is \$55 per person and sanitizer and masks will be supplied. If you are interested in going on the trip please contact Angela DiBenedetto at 347-896-2307 as there is a limit of 28 people per bus.

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