

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 12, 2014



Sunday, January 12, Baptism of the Lord

- 5:00 + Daniel Sullivan
7:30 Parishioners of St. John Parish
8:45 + Bridget Armstrong
10:00 (Sp) + Angela, Jose and Martin Delgado
11:30 + Eleanor Jackson
1:00 (Sp) + Catalina Javier

Monday, January 13, Weekday

- 9:00 + Philip Rega
12:15 + Sebastian Martin

Tuesday, January 14, Weekday

- 9:00 Intentions of Stanton Grandchildren
12:15 + Mercedes Ocasio
7:00 (Sp.) + Jesus Torres

Wednesday, January 15, Weekday

- 9:00 + Scanlon and Hurley Families
12:15 + Thomas Hickey

Thursday, January 16, Weekday

- 9:00 + Thomas Hickey
12:15 + O'Sullivan and Knadler Families

Friday, January 17, St. Anthony

- 9:00 + Rahn and Goldbrunner Families
12:15 + John, Jean and Bobby Tramontozzi
7:00 (Sp) + Maria Ferreira

Saturday, January 18, Weekday

- 9:00 + Thomas Hickey
12:15 + Bernard, Mary and Dymphna Duffy
5:00 + Bridget and Joseph Murphy

Sunday, January 19, Second Sunday in Ordinary

Time

- 7:30 Parishioners of St. John Parish
8:45 + Philip Rega
10:00 Celebration of Our Lady of Altagracia
11:30 + Juan Rodriguez
1:00 (Sp) + Ariosto Lliguichuzca

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS

The Wine and Hosts consecrated in the Lower Church for the week of January 12-18 for the:
INTENTION OF MAUREEN JONES
The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower Church for the week of January 12-18 for the:
INTENTION OF MAUREEN JONES



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.....

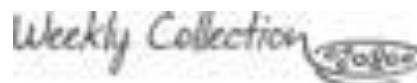
Christina Zingone, Fr. Peter J. McCrann, SMM, ,
Maria Rivera Malucci, Lindsey Guzman, William Cunningham, Alice Ann O'Donohue Mason.
We ask that you please notify the rectory when to remove a name from the list.



We ask your prayers for all loved ones serving our country in the Military:

Michael Mastrangelo, U.S. Army
SFC Kenneth Medina
USAF Armando Irizarry
Capt. Dennis Andrew Fitzgerald
PFC Marc Kuboy, U.S. Army
CPL Brian E. Brosnan, USMC
Sgt. Miguel Angel Cruz
S. Sgt. Marco Rodriguez, USMC
Andrew Konstantinidis, National Guard
PFC Steven Canela, USMC

Please advise the rectory if you wish a name to be removed from this list or to be added.



Each week to run the parish, the amount needed in the collection is approximately \$7,500.00.

December 15th Collection.....\$3,911.00

We ask your increased generosity in the collection each week.

ST. JOHN'S FLEA MARKET

St. John's Altar Rosary Society will sponsor their Flea Market on Saturday, February 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 3030 Godwin Terrace. Featuring clothing of all kinds, bric-a-brac, jewelry and household goods. For more information, please call Alba Sanchez at (718) 543-3003.

La asociación del Rosario del Altar de San Juan patrocinará su Mercado sobre ruedas el sábado 8 de febrero 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. en 3030 Godwin Terrace. Habrá ropas de toda clase joyerías y cosas para el hogar. Para más información llame al teléfono Alba Sanchez a (718) 543-3003.

MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE.....

You may memorialize a loved one by donating the cost of the Wine and Hosts, Altar Candles or Sanctuary Lamp for a week or a month. **Please contact the rectory, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Puede recordar a un ser querido donando, por una semana o por un mes, el costo del vino y las hostias, las velas o las lámparas del santuario. **Por favor llamar a la rectoría de lunes a viernes de 9:00 a.m.- 12 a 1:00 a 4:00 p.m.**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On Friday, February 7th, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 12:15 p.m. Mass until 6:45 p.m. We will then have Benediction to close out the day. Please set aside some time to visit the Lord during the afternoon.

En viernes 7 de febrero tendremos la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento después de la misa de las 12:15 hasta las 6:45 p.m. Se tendrá una bendición al final. Por favor visiten al Señor durante esa tarde.

PRAYER FOR HUMAN LIFE

Father, we praise you for the work of your hands. For human life, made in Your image, for the gift of your Son who saved our nature, for the power of your Spirit, who fills our hearts, for all you bestow upon us, we praise you, we thank you, we bless you. Help us to protect the life you gave us: support the aged, guide the young, lift up the failing, and heal the sick. To all people grant your truth in its fullness. May those who are yet unborn soon see the light of day and live to give you glory, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ORACIÓN POR LA VIDA HUMANA

Padre, le alabamos por el trabajo de sus manos. Por la vida humana, hecho en su imagen, por el regalo de su Hijo quien salvo nuestra naturaleza, por el poder de su Espíritu, quien llena nuestras corazones, por todo lo que usted nos concede, le alabamos, le damos gracias, le bendecimos. Ayúdenos a proteger la vida que usted nos dió: ayude a los ancianos, guíe a los jóvenes, levante a los que fracasan, u cure a los enfermos. Para todas las personas dele, su verdad en abundancia. Haga que todos los que no han nacido vean la luz del día y vivan para darle su Gloria, por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amen.



PASTORAL NOTES

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly
The Baptism of the Lord

Did You Know?

The Baptism of Jesus, which is celebrated the Sunday following *Epiphany*, is one of the few Biblical accounts to be recorded in each one of the four Gospels (*Matthew* 3:13-17; *Mark* 1:9-11; *Luke* 3:21-22; *John* 1:29-34).

It is interesting to note the slight differences and variations in these narrative accounts which reflect each evangelist's theological understanding and significance of this event. Take out your Bible, carefully read these four Gospel accounts, and discover the differences.

Still Looking for a New Year's Resolution?

While we are still in the early part of the New Year, it is not too late to consider making a spiritual resolution for 2014. The notice posted at the entrance of our lower church offers these fine words for consideration:

Be thoughtful. Be silent. Be reverent.

Before Mass, speak to God.

During Mass, let God speak to you.

After Mass, speak to one another.

March For Life

The annual pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. to join in prayer and public witness to reverence of all stages of human life will take place on Wednesday January 22nd. Buses will be traveling from different parts of the Archdiocese. For those interested in attending or supporting this endeavor, please visit www.FLRL.org for further information.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers prayer resources for *Nine Days of Prayer, Penance, and Pilgrimage* to take place January 18-26. Please visit the USSCB website www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities

Adult Confirmation Preparation Program

The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office is offering a Confirmation Preparation Program for baptized adult Catholics who have already received their First Holy Communion but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings 6:00-7:30 PM (February 25-April 15) at Our Lady of Peace Church (237 East 62nd Street, Manhattan). Please contact Fr. Kerrigan for registration information if you are interested in attending.

We bring the Christmas cycle to a close and begin the public ministry of Jesus at the Jordan. As we reflect on the passage of Isaiah, it might be easy to apply the words to the person of Christ. It is surely appropriate to do so.

May we fast forward to our own day, and see how appropriate these words are for all disciples of Jesus Christ. The call of the Lord is for us today. Our fears and hesitation are alleviated when we latch on to His hand. I am stronger in my Christian life today, than I was one, five or twenty five years ago, because of my growth in union and knowledge of Jesus Christ. I enjoy the richness of the life of grace, my life in the Lord.

I too have a mission, one selected by the Lord for me alone. It is my task which He places in my hands and on my heart. The blind are those who cannot see the goodness of Jesus Christ in their lives. Criticism and ignorance abound. 'I don't need the church.' How sad. Open their eyes!

Prisoners are the incarcerated for whom I pray, their families left behind, and the victims of injustice. But others are caught in the prison of addiction, evil habits or despair. Rather than flee from them, seek them out, offer support and become a companion for them. A.A. and N.A. and other support groups are viable answers. Invite them!

When I appreciate God's gifts and approach my Christian living in this way, the echo of the words spoken at the Jordan resounds loudly, I too become a light for the nations.

SU PALABRA HOY
por el Reverendo William J. Reilly
El Bautismo del Señor

Traemos el ciclo de la Navidad a un final y comenzamos el ministerio público de Jesús en el río Jordán. Cuando reflexionamos sobre el pasaje de Isaías, es posible aplicar las palabras a la persona de Cristo. Ciertamente es apropiado hacerlo.

Al avanzar a nuestro presente vemos cuán apropiadas son estas palabras para todos los discípulos de Jesucristo. El llamado del Señor se nos hace a nosotros hoy. Nuestros miedos y titubeo se alivian cuando nos aferramos a Su mano. Hoy soy más fuerte en mi fe cristiana de lo que fui hace cinco, o veinticinco años debido a mi crecimiento en unión y conocimiento de Jesucristo. Gozo de la riqueza de la vida en gracia, mi vida en el Señor.

Yo también tengo una misión, una seleccionada por el Señor sólo para mí. Es mi tarea, la cual El ha puesto en mis manos y en mi corazón. Los ciegos son aquellos que no pueden ver la bondad de Jesucristo en sus vidas. Crítica e ignorancia abundan. 'No necesito la iglesia.' ¡Qué triste, abran los ojos! Los prisioneros son los reos por los que oro, sus familias dejadas atrás, y las víctimas de la injusticia. Pero otros están atrapados en la prisión de la adicción, terribles hábitos o desesperación. En vez de huir de ellos, búsqúenlos, ofrezcan su apoyo y conviértanse en compañía para ellos. Los grupos de apoyo de A.A. (Alcohólicos Anónimos), de N.A. (Narcóticos Anónimos) y otros son posibles soluciones. ¡Invítenlos! Cuando aprecio los dones de Dios y abordo mi vida cristiana de esta manera, el eco de las palabras habladas en el Jordán resuenan fuertemente, y yo también me convierto en una luz para las naciones.