



January 10 - 11, 2009

The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b - 10, 19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c - 15a, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35 - 42

Mass Intentions

Saturday January 10th

Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

4:00 PM Lucia Salamone
Requested by her three daughters & family

Sunday, January 11th

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8:00 AM Charles & Alice Cosentino
Requested by John & Gina Fanelli

10:30 AM Dominic Dantini

Requested by his grand & great grandchildren

Monday, January 12th

7:00 AM Normand Lavallee
Requested by a Friend

Tuesday, January 13th

St. Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Parishioners

Wednesday, January 14th

5:30 PM Bridget Curran (Anniversary)
Requested by her family

Thursday, January 15th

7:00 AM Irving & Mary Smith
Requested by the Dwyer family

Friday, January 16th

7:00 AM Vincent Anderson
Requested by Marion & Arthur Racicot

Saturday, January 17th

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Barry Wyson (Anniversary)
Requested by his wife & children

Sunday, January 18th

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Danny Testa
Requested by Margaret Marrone

10:30 AM Maria & Francesca Marabello & sons Frank & Tom

Requested by their family

PREVIOUS WEEK OFFERINGS

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offering	\$4,850.00
Children's Collection (\$14.00)	\$14.00
DEFICIT this week	\$25.00
SURPLUS Year to Date	\$720.00

Finance Committee meets Tuesday, January 13th @ 6:30 in the rectory. All are invited to attend.

Item of the Month - The Youth Group is accepting donations for Our Father's House and the Veterans' Homestead. **This month's item is deodorant.** Items can be placed in the marked boxes at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your support.

A VERY SPECIAL TRIP TO ITALY

Father Bob has joined with Nick Desimone's family to organize a trip to Italy to witness Nick's ordination to the transitional diaconate at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome this October. There will be an informational meeting on **Sunday, January 18, 2:00 PM, at St. Anthony's Church Hall.** There's a website with more information: www.travelillum.com/trc/dea, or speak with Father Bob.

2008 Tax Information

Any parishioner who would like to receive an Annual Contribution Report for all money given during the 2008 year must call the office to request one. These reports will only be sent upon request. You may call the office @ 978-342-4706 during regular office hours of 9:00 - 3:00 PM Monday through Friday with the exception of Tuesdays when the office is closed all day. Please do not call the rectory.

If you know of any parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home and would like to receive the Eucharist, please notify Jo Belli at 978-537-4802. Also, when someone is admitted to the hospital please notify the office. Because of privacy laws the hospital can no longer notify us.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
Edward White, Jr., & Edith Cravedi
who died recently. May their souls rest in peace.



Dear Friends,

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord ends the Christmas season and the cycle which began on the First Sunday of Advent, November 30. The "backstory" has been told and now it is time for us to listen to our Messiah and respond to what He has to say. Therefore, this feast is a true commencement: an ending of the preparation and a beginning of something new.

Through our own individual baptisms we have been brought into this newness in Christ. Through baptism, the power of the Holy Spirit enters our lives to erase sin and to incorporate us into the Body of Christ. It's the most important day in our lives. It's a pity that for most of us, our baptisms occurred when we were too young to remember it. But we can experience it again in a partial manner. The Sacrament of Confirmation, while it does not supersede Baptism, is an opportunity for those baptized in infancy to renew in their own hearts the affirmations of faith made of their behalf by their parents and godparents.

In addition, we have the opportunity every morning when we say our prayers to make a morning offering, to dedicate this day to the Lord through Christ Jesus. To begin every day with that freshness of God's grace is a tremendous blessing indeed.

Pace e Bene,

Married Couples: Want to give a gift that keeps on giving? Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It's the best gift you'll ever give each other and your marriage! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are **January 16-18, February 13-15, and March 6-8.** for more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-9963.

The Serra Club of Worcester North invites you to join us in offering daily prayer for priests and seminarians of our Diocese. The names for the week of January 11th through January 17th: Rev. Thomas Borkowski; Deacon Steve Gendron; Rev. Thomas Walsh; Rev. Emerito Ortiz; Deacon William Colon; Rev. Joseph Dolan; Deacon Benjamin Nogueira.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Items

Please don't forget about the pantry. Items needed are: bathroom tissue, cereal, canned vegetables, beef stew & canned soups, spaghetti sauce, jam or jelly, canned fruit, tuna, macaroni & cheese, Pasta Roni, canned meat. Many people rely on this weekly service that St. Francis provides. Continue to do what you can. Thank you!

Mount St. Alphonsus Pastoral Center, 1001 Broadway, Esopus, NY, 12429, one of the largest Roman Catholic centers in the world, announces its upcoming programs.

DAY OF PRAYER: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM. The theme for the January Day of Prayer is "St. Paul's Letter to Philemon". The day will include presentations and discussions, and celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist. There will also be time to enjoy the Mount's majestic building

TAIZE PRAYER: Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 7:30 PM. come here the Mount's choir sing these simple repetitive and scripture-based chants made glorious with harmonies, in candlelight only. Donations are welcome. Thousands of people from around the northeast make a pilgrimage to the Mount each year. For more information, please visit www.VisitTheMount.com, or call (845) 384-8000.

The Jeanne d'Arc Circle #44 Daughters of Isabella will not meet in January or February. The next scheduled meeting will take place on Monday, March 9th at the Knights of Columbus, Fitchburg at 2:00 PM. Interested in joining? Please call Anita Winters @ 978-345-5279.

January Concert – Friday, January 16th at St. Camillus Church there will be concert at 7:00 PM in the church with Misty Cruzan, who is a backup singer for Tatiana who performed here during Lent last year. No admission will be charged, just a free will offering. Mark your calendar.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON? Find out everything you need to know about being a deacon. Come to the Information Session scheduled on **Monday, January 12, 2009 at Our Lady of Loreto Parish Center** located at 33 Massasoit Road, Worcester. If you've ever thought about becoming a deacon and wanted to know more about what it would involve, now is your opportunity! There is no obligation. Married and single men between the ages of 31 and 60 who hold a college degree or equivalent are invited to attend. Wives are encouraged to attend. The Session begins at 7:00 PM (Snow date: 1-26-2009).

Catholic Men's Conference Annual Mass & Planning Breakfast – All men who have been serving as parish representatives (and/or those who would like to do so this year) for the 9th Annual Conference are invited on **Saturday, January 24th, at Christ the King Parish in Worcester, for Mass at 8:00 AM with breakfast to follow.** To 'pre-register' for this planning breakfast, which is necessary, please contact Bob Haran at 508-852-0551 or bobharan@earthlink.net.

Attention all parents of children who use weekly envelopes: Any money given by your children will be added to your family contribution totals. Because of this we will need to ask you to put your envelope number on your child's envelope(s), as well as including the first and last name of your child. If we no not see a family envelope number we will not be able to record payment. Thank you for your time and understanding.

A Reminder: Any item you would like to have printed in our weekly bulletin must be submitted to the office no later than the MONDAY before you would like it to appear. We will make every effort to include these items as space permits (PARISH activities have first preference). Thank you.