

January 10, 2016

The Baptism of the Lord

MASSES for the WEEK

"It is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the living and the dead." (II Mac. 12:46)

Sunday, January 10, 2016

7:00 AM Dec'd. Mbrs. Angelo Family
Req. Carmella Albanese
 8:30 AM Elizabeth Mazzuto (13th Anniversary)
Req. Daughter, MaryAnn, Son, Peter & Family
 10:00 AM Geraldine Carbonello
Req. Anthony Del Spina
 11:30 AM Sylvia Nuzzi (1st Anniversary)
Req. Toni and Lee Cavalluzzi
 1:00 PM The Wardenski Family
Req. Mary Wardenski

Monday, January 11, 2015

7:00 AM Joan Scardaville
Req. Husband, Anthony
 8:30 AM Dec'd, Mbrs of Scollon Family
Req. Marion and John Reddy
 9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

7:00 AM Teresa McAteer
Req. Husband, Mike
 8:30 AM William H. Barry
Req. Wife, Jean and Family

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

7:00 AM Thomas Basalari
Req. Wife, Vivian
 8:30 AM Pace, Cascio & Chimento Families
Req. The Wood Family

Thursday, January 14, 2016

7:00 AM Mary and Nick Scotto
Req. Son, John
 8:30 AM Richard Gulya
Req. Wife, Helen

Friday, January 15, 2016

7:00 AM Sharon Elizabeth Street
Req. Mike Wulf
 8:30 AM Josephine Smith
Req. Terry Schiavone

Saturday, January 16, 2016

7:00 AM James Fitzgerald (1st Anniversary)
Req. Wife, Peggy
 8:30 AM Josephine Turso
Req. Husband, Joseph
 4:00 PM Mary Srsich
Req. Pat and Tom Srsich
 5:30 PM Thomas Yeager
Req. William and Patricia Vella

Sunday, January 17, 2016

7:00 AM Alfred Feliciano
Req. Wife, Josephine
 8:30 AM Julie Leppard
Req. Mary Nolan
 10:00 AM Randy Whesper
Req. Roseann & Ralph (Parents)
 11:30 AM Ann Brennan
Req. Joan Antczak
 1:00 PM The Eigner Family
Req. Marge Wardenski

**Multiple Mass Intention
Monday at 9:30 AM
January 11, 2016**

In Memory of: Rev. Francis E. Santitoro
The Santitoro Family (*Living & Deceased*)
Rev. Frank Porazzo, & Porazzo Family
Kathleen & Anthony Jackomin
Joseph P. Flaherty
Steven Kilianski (Speedy Recovery),
Req. Grandmother
James Burns, *Req. Wife, Doris*
Patricia Veni (Anniversary),
Req. Mother and Family
Antoinette Iacullo, *Req. Anne Iacullo*
Jan J. Wolek, *Req. Nieces and Nephews*
Vito & Rose Melillo, *Req. Ann Bederka*
Robert Stefanic, *Req. Lillian Stefanic*
Katherine "Kay" Malloy,
Req. Josephine Roeder
Valerie O'Leary, *Req. Peg Burke and Family*
Chester Goczkowski, *Req. Niece, Helen Kwiatkowski*
Joseph Chuck (5th Anniversary),
Req. Helen Kwiatkowski, Sister
Michael Niscia, *Req. Patricia Guerin*
Theresa Smyth, *Req. Margaret Looney*
Jean Kirkowski, *Req. Daughter, Chris*
Florence Field, *Req. Anita Crowell*
Conor McCaden, *Req. Shannon*
Brendan Vesey, *Req. Wife, Bridie and Family*

Michael Niscia, *Req. Catherine Kent*
John Wolek, *Req. Norma and Jerry Giannattasio*
Rocco D'Amato, *Req. Frank and Pat Natoli*
Michael Niscia, *Req. Bertha Griffin*
Lucille Rohde (Living), *Req. Daughters*
Philip Paternoster, *Req. Ines and Joseph Vanvakotis*
George Rademacher, *Req. Al & Barbara Giamarino*
Robert Gerber, *Req. Marian & Walter Kowalski*
Thomas W. Clarke, *Req. Sean & Nancy O'Brien*
Billy Doody, *Req. Sean & Nancy O'Brien*
Jerry Cicalese, *Req. A Grateful Customer*
Patrick Riley (1st Anniversary),
Req. Paddy & Agnes Kelly
Thanksgiving to Jesus, Mary & St. Therese,
Req. Agnes Kelly
Rose Smyth, *Req. Paddy & Agnes Kelly*
Eleanor & Tony Lowry, *Req. Rich and Ann*
Chap & Anna Gannon, *Req. Rich and Ann*
Tom & Mary Beth Gannon, *Req. Rich and Ann*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of January 9, 2016 to January 15, 2016

Bread & Wine – Chapel
Michael Niscia, *Req. Patricia Guerin*

Altar Flowers – Chapel
Eleanor Manno, *Req. Lorraine Alberti*

Bread and Wine – Church
Rev. Francis E. Santitoro & Marie Santitoro, *Sister, Req. Andre and Ann Santitoro -Vispetti*

PARISH NEWS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar Rosary Society meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 1:00 PM. Coffee and cake will be available prior to the meeting.

Rosalie Fuentes- (732) 505-4432

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Holy Name Society will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 12:30 pm. Coffee and cake will be available prior to our meeting. Dues are now due! Please pay your dues by the February meeting.

Andrew Turco (732) 286-6353

LEGION OF MARY

Our meetings take place on Mondays from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

The Legion of Mary is pleased to offer a weekly visitation of the Blessed Mother's statue to homes within the Parish community.

If you are sick or homebound and would like to say the Rosary with someone, kindly call:

Jean Hanna (732) 473-9755

JUBILEE HOLY YEAR of MERCY

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In honor of the Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy which started on the Blessed Virgin Mary's feast day of December 8th and lasts till Jesus, King of the Universe Sunday of November 2016, why don't we pray in a special way for the peace and safety of our Country?

One good way is to take away 15 minutes of TV everyday to pray with family or neighbor for the protection and spiritual growth of the United States of America.

To celebrate the mercy of God even more in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we have a framed blessed picture of Jesus as the Divine Mercy (14" X 17" with stand) that you can take home for a week. This way it can be passed about throughout the parish during the holy year.

Sign up now for your week by contacting the Parish Office. (732) 914-0300

PARISH NEWS

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP TO RESORTS

Date: February 1, 2016

Cost: \$23.00 Coins: \$25.00

Tickets are sold by the Parish Auditorium on Tuesdays from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. or call: Mr. Sandy Monda (732) 349-0143

The bus leaves for Atlantic City from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church promptly at 9:15 A.M.

Note: All Cancellations are non-refundable.

ADORATION

The Adoration devotion is to join the Holy Father in praying for the unborn and for the special intentions of our families. The Adoration is held on Fridays from:

12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

January 16, 2016– The Columbiettes

Saturday – 9:30 am

Lucille Iasiello (609) 412-3828

January 23, 2016

Ancient Order of Hibernians

Saturday- 10:00 am

Jack O'Shea (732) 341-9084

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All the meetings will be held in the Parish Hall of the Church.

Trivia (Answers on Page 9)

1. The planetarium in D.C.'s Nation Air and Space Museum is named for what renowned German speaking scientist ?
2. Chicago has a world class natural history museum named for a department store founder?
3. What eastern state capital was named in honor of Queen Anne of England?
4. Cleveland, Ohio's best known city park is named for one of the city's best known and richest resident?
5. Which American President is named for Harvard's School of Government in Massachusetts?

BINGO...BINGO... BINGO

Bingo is held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the Parish Hall auditorium. Doors open at 10:00A.M. and the games begin at 12:00 Noon.

Food is also available for purchase.

ARTS & CRAFTS

The group is continuing to meet on Mondays, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Come join us and bring some of your ideas.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

The weekly devotions of Bread and Wine; Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candles and Flowers are available for 2016 for the Church and Chapel.

Stop by the Parish Office during our business hours to request your special week.

COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for the Diocesan Cathedralium.

INDIVIDUAL MASS BOOK FOR 2017

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The Individual Mass Book for 2017 will open on Friday, January 15, 2016.

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Due to the demand of these individual Masses, three Masses a year is permitted per family.

(Phone calls for all Masses will no longer be accepted, except from homebound parishioners.)

ST. MAX'S SMILE CORNER

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Dolly woke Dudley up from a sound sleep and yelled, "There's a mouse in the house. Listen do you hear it squeaking?"

Dudley responded to Dolly as he rolled over, "What do you want me to do? Get up and oil it?"

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 10899

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the First Communion Breakfast of the New Year on Sunday, January 31, 2016, after the 7:00 am, 8:30 am and 10:00 am Masses.

Menu:

Scrambled eggs; Home Fries; Choice of Pancakes or French Toast; Bacon; Sausage; Coffee, Tea, Juice and Desserts.

Tickets are \$8.00 per person and will be sold on January 10th, 17th and the 24th.

The Knights of Columbus

Benefit Concert

On Sunday, February 7, 2016 from 4:00 to 6:30 PM, St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish the Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes Auxiliary will sponsor a concert/dance featuring the cast of "The Jersey Four" a Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons tribute band in the Church Parish Hall. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. See the Knights representatives after every weekend Mass.

NEW JERSEY RALLY FOR LIFE

A Rally for Life will be held on Friday, January 22, 2016 at the State House in Trenton. 125 West State Street from:

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Bus will depart from Saint Maximilian Kolbe Church parking lot at 9:15 am, and from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church parking lot at 9:45 am.

The bus fare is \$10.00 per person. To reserve a seat or inquire additional information call: Ed - (732) 341-9029

DECEMBER 50/50 DRAWING

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1st Prize #003079 Amount: \$365.00

2nd Prize #003195 Amount: \$219.00

3rd Prize #000699 Amount: \$146.00

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Congratulations to all the winners of our December raffle and to all the parishioners who won the 50/50 drawing during the year.

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

May the wisdom of the saints inspire us in our daily lives.

- January 10 St. William, Bishop
- January 11 St. Paulinus
- January 12 St. Benedict (Bennet), Abbot
- January 13 St. Hilary, Bishop
- January 14 St. Sava, Bishop
- January 15 St. Ita of Killeedy
- January 16 St. Marcellus, Pope
- January 16 St. Berard & Companions

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Our Christmas collection amounted to \$41, 073. We thank you so much for your generous contribution to our Church.

God Bless You!

TRUE JOY

+True joy expresses itself in action.

- Joy is not simply a feeling of tranquility or a warm, fuzzy sensation.
- Joy expresses itself in small gestures like writing a note of encouragement or smiling at a stranger. In bigger acts of service and self-sacrifice like caring for an aging parent.
- Joy finds fun and fulfillment in every simple task.
- Joy helps a new neighbor move in.
- Joy makes cookies for someone for no special reason.
- Joy picks up the telephone and calls a lonely person.
- Joy sings while vacuuming.
- Joy notices the beautiful floral patterns on dirty dishes.
- Joy volunteers for cleanup duty and joy spills over into the lives of others.

Encouragement and support are actions of joy, but the most joyous action of all is forgiveness and reconciliation.

Enriching Your Character

Did You Know?????

The letter "Q" is the only letter that does not occur in any of the American States names.

A PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Dear God:

Give me understanding and teach me patience and acceptance.

Whatever happened in the past, happened for the best. Whatever is happening now, is also happening for the best.

I came with nothing and I will leave with nothing. What belonged to someone else yesterday is mine today. What is mine today will belong to someone else tomorrow.

In this ever changing world, is an unchanging principle. Which is within my own being.

Contentment and freedom arise from true understanding.

Lord, help me to know when to act and when to wait. Amen

COLORS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR

Advent begins this year on Sunday, November 27, 2016. Violet (Purple) is used for both Advent and Lent. It symbolizes both penance and preparation.

Red is used for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost and for the feast days of the Apostles and martyrs.

White vestments are used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter, for the feasts of our Lord outside of the Passion and for Marian feasts.

Green is used throughout Ordinary Time when otherwise replaced by another color.

BERMUDA CRUISE

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Date: June 5, 2016

7 Nights Bermuda Cruise

Celebrity Summit

For pricing and information on this trip call:

Barbara Kwiatek, CTC MCC

Cruise or Tours – (848) 227-3963

Book your trip early as cabins sell quickly.

This ship will be newly refurbished in February 2016.

Bus will provide transportation to (Cape Liberty) from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church & back. (Based on 25 passengers).

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

Occasionally in this space will appear a short article covering the lives of the saints, especially with reference to those saints whose likeness appear on the stained glass windows in the church and chapel, or whose statue is present in the chapel area or the candle room area.

ST. ITA (IDA) OF KILLEEDY

Abbess and Foster Mother of the Saints of Ireland

Ita was born into a prominent Irish family in County Waterford. Her given name was Deirdre, only later she was called Ita, which means 'thirst for holiness.'

Although she wanted to take a vow of life-long virginity, her father wanted her to marry a wealthy suitor. After fasting and praying for three days, her father finally gave his consent and Ita traveled to County, Limerick where she established a monastery for women.

Considerate and conservative, Ita accepted only four acres of land on which to grow food for her convent, though she was offered larger pieces of land. She lived an austere life, fasting and praying and had a special devotion to the Holy Trinity. The remainder of her time was spent serving the sick and any who sought her advice.

Ita established a training school for boys, many of whom went on to become saints. The most famous was Brendan, the abbot of Clonfert and missionary to Ireland. When asked by him which three words please God most, Ita answered:

"True Faith in God with a pure heart, a simple life with a grateful spirit and generosity inspired by charity."

Endowed with the gift of prophecy, she was greatly admired and respected by her contemporaries. Ita is the most famous female saint in Ireland after St. Brigid.

Lives of the Saints

There will never be too many "Lives of the Saints." The reason is because the saints are friends of God; for they bring us closer to God and as we see it.....the world does need God.

ST. HILARY

Patron of France and Protector against snakes

When Hilary was born to pagan parents in Poitiers, France, no one could have guessed he would one day be exiled for defending Christian beliefs. After a thorough education, Hilary married and they had one daughter, named Afra. All who knew Hilary said he was a friendly charitable and gentle man. According to the practice which then existed, married men were sometimes promoted to the episcopacy, but as St. Jerome clearly testifies, they ever after lived in continence.

Hilary's studies led him to read Scripture. He became convinced that there was only one God whose Son became man and then died and rose to save all people. This belief led him to be baptized a Christian along with his wife and daughter.

The people of Poitiers were impressed with Hilary and chose him to be their bishop. Hilary spoke out against Arianism. He warned people of this heresy that denied that Christ was God. When Emperor Constantius II wanted Hilary to sign a paper condemning St. Athanasius, the great defender of the faith, he refused. Furious, the emperor exiled Hilary for three years.

In exile for three years, he did even greater good through his preaching, writing and suffering. The followers of Arianism begged the emperor to send Hilary home. Hilary's writings show that he could be fierce in defending the faith, but in dealing with the bishops who had given in to the Arian heresy, he was very charitable. He showed them their errors and helped them to regain and to defend their faith.

Although the emperor called Hilary "a disturber of the peace" Saint Jerome and St. Augustine praised him as "teacher of the church."

Saint Hilary died at the age of fifty-three.

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Our Faith

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that those who believe in Him may not perish, but may have life everlasting."

(John 3:16)

THE BIBLE AND TRADITION

What is the Bible?

The Bible is a collection of writings, inspired by God, which reveal the message of salvation.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching."

What does "inspired by God" mean?

"Inspired by God" means that God chose some men and moved them to write down faithfully all the things and only those things, which He wanted written down.

"For not by will of man was prophecy brought at any time, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

(2nd Peter 1: 21)

Is it possible to misunderstand the Bible?

The answer is Yes...even the Bible itself says so.

"In those epistles there are certain things difficult to understand, which the unlearned and the unstable distort just as they do the rest of the Scriptures also, to their own destruction."

(Peter 3: 16)

What is Tradition?

The understanding of God's word as passed on to us by the Apostles in their preaching and by their successors in the Church to the present day.

"So then, brethren, stand firm and hold the teachings that you have learned, whether by word or by letter of ours."

(2nd Thessalonians 2:15)

Do you believe in Tradition?

Yes, because Tradition hands on a full understanding of God's word. Sacred Tradition together with Sacred Scriptures form one sacred deposit of the word of God.

The early Christians learned everything by Tradition, since only later on, were some of the teachings of Jesus written down, the last writing being done at the end of the first century.

Are we permitted to believe whatever we want?

No... we are obliged to accept all the truths contained in the Bible and Tradition, since this is how God speaks with us as His friends.

How can we come to know and understand the right meaning of God's Word?

The task of officially explaining the meaning of the word of God in the Bible and Tradition has been entrusted to the living teaching church which our Lord founded.

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"Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." (St. Jerome)

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The story of the creator of the world and the human race, for example was not intended by God to be a scientific explanation, but merely a simple way of instructing uneducated and educated people in religious matters.

Catechism for Adults
Rev. William J. Cogan

Trivia Answers from Page 4

1. Albert Einstein
2. Marshall Field
3. Annapolis, Maryland
4. John D. Rockefeller (made Cleveland the base for his lucrative Standard Oil empire).
5. President John F, Kennedy

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