

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020



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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sacrament of the Eucharist:

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30am

Sat. Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am &
10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday: 3:00pm -
3:30pm and *anytime* by
appointment.

Anointing of the Sick & Ministry to the Sick:

Call the rectory anytime a
person is sick and would
like anointing or a visit

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please call our parish
office to arrange pre-
Baptismal instruction and
the time of the ceremony.

Sacrament of Holy Orders:

Contact Fr. Joe Ashe or
Fr. Walter Nagle, 860 434
1660, if you want to *learn
more about becoming a
priest or deacon*, or
contact Fr. Greg Galvin,
Vocations Office: 860 887
9294.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Preparation for marriage
must begin at least six
months before actual
ceremony. Please call our
parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Confirmation preparation
begins in the 9th grade and
the sacrament is received
in the 10th grade. Adults
can join the RCIA.

Holy Days of Obligation:

7:30am & 6:30pm

(No evening Mass the day
before the Holy Day.)

The Rosary is prayed
Tuesdays at 4:30pm.

Sexual Misconduct Services:
800-624-7407

The Sign of Peace and the distribution of the Precious Blood *will be suspended* until further notice (due to the rise of influenza). Holy Communion should only be distributed to non-ordained liturgical ministers and the faithful under the species of the Consecrated Host. Communicants should be encouraged to receive in their hands rather than on the tongue. These are temporary safety measures.

(From the Bishop's Office)



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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Winter Weather

*If there is a school cancellation or delay
due to snow, morning Mass
will be celebrated at 12:00pm noon.*

MASS Schedule this Week

Saturday Jan. 11

4:00pm Frank Vesce r/b Cookie and Mark Staves

John Wilcox r/b Bob & Susan Wickland

SUNDAY Jan. 12 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00am Vincent Wilczynski r/b his family

10:30am Gertrude Curioso r/b her daughter Shirley

Mon. Jan. 13

7:30am Sheila Abbati r/b Maggie Taylor

Tues. Jan. 14

7:30am The Parishioners of Christ the King

Wed. Jan. 15

7:30am Robert and Marguerite Graves

Thurs. Jan. 16

7:30am Varkey Mattam r/b family

Fri. Jan. 17

7:30am Joan Castel Conway r/b Paul and Jeanne Carroll

Saturday Jan. 18

4:00pm For all victims of abortion

SUNDAY Jan. 19 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am For all victims of abortion

10:30am Varkey Mattam r/b family

For all victims of abortion

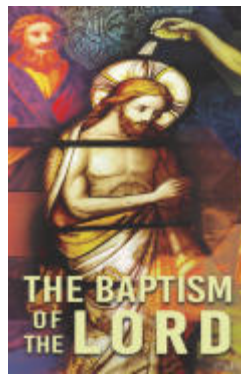


The SANCTUARY lamp in JANUARY
will be lit for Elinsky, Bedard, Clemmons & Tibbo Families

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Q: Why do Catholics baptize infants, while some other Christian denominations wait until adulthood?

A: To understand when we baptize, it's important to know what baptism is. Baptism removes original sin, and we are reborn into the family of God, adopted as His sons and daughters. We become joint heirs with Christ and sharers in his mission. Early on, baptism was given immediately upon personal conversion, such as the three thousand baptized at Pentecost. Some Christian churches today emphasize baptism specifically as personal conversion. As such, they would not baptize young children who have not yet consciously chosen to follow Christ. As the Church slowly grew, whole households were baptized together upon the deep conversion of one of the leaders (Acts 16). From this evidence, we can surmise that may have included children who were just beginning to hear the Christian message. This would not have been uncommon, especially for Jewish converts. Circumcision marked entrance into the Old Covenant for men. This occurred, without the express consent of the infants, to male children eight days after their birth.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

(Matthew 3:13-17)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is "to be our model of holiness." All of Jesus' words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we're meant to be. Jesus' baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. "This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased." And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit's grace and power to continue Christ's mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can - and should - invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? Right now, let's do as Jesus did. Let's live in our own baptism!

Readings for the week of January 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1
Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



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Marce Girard, Julia Roy, Florence Lavoie

LIFE. We are here to add what we can do, not to get what we can from life. -Samuel Taylor Coleridge



47th March for Life in Washington D.C.

On **Friday, Jan. 24, 2020**, a quarter of a million people from across the nation will assemble in Washington, D.C. to visibly express their support of human life. January 22, 2020 marks the somber 47th anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous abortion -on-demand ruling. Because of that decision, tens of millions of pre-born babies have been denied their most basic right - their right to life.

On **Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 9 P.M.**, buses sponsored by the Connecticut Right to Life Eastern Chapter will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 11, I-395) and travel to D.C. to attend the March For Life on Friday, January 24, 2020. Bus fare is \$70 per person.

If you are unable to attend the March For Life, consider sponsoring a seat on the bus. For information or to reserve a seat or to sponsor a seat, please call Lisa Duda at 860-494-0049.



"We can do no Great Things...Only Little Things with Great LOVE." - Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta

On **Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020**, Academy of the Holy Family Teens of Pro-Life Club will be hosting a **TOP-Life Cafe with food, entertainment, and speakers from 6:30-8pm**

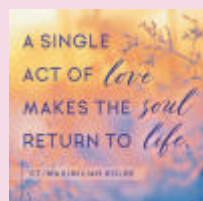
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Or, visit the Website at
www.retrouvaille.org, or
helpourmarriage.org



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**Saint John
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- Sunday, Jan. 26th, 10am–noon,
- Wed., Mar. 18, 9-11am & 6-8pm
- Thur., May 7th, 9-11am (PreK3, PreK4 & K only).

See our facilities, talk to our staff and learn about our challenging curriculum, enrichment and extracurricular after-school programs, our competitive sports and clubs. Please register in advance by visiting our website.

- Come visit also on "Walkabout Wednesdays". Parents are invited to visit St. John School on Wednesday mornings from 9-10am to experience a typical day. You will have the opportunity to tour the facilities, peek in on the classrooms, tour the gym, computer lab, science lab, Spanish/music room, library, gymnasium and briefly meet with the Principal. **These special tours will be offered on Feb. 5, March 4, 11, April 8, 22, May 6.** Registration is required. You are invited to hear about "Educating the Whole Child" from PreK3 to Grade 8. Registration for 2020/21 academic year will commence in February 2020, after current student enrollment. For more information and to register for open house or "Walkabout Wednesdays", see our website, saintjohnschool.org. To arrange private tours or a shadow day for your child, please call the school office (860) 388 0849. All are welcome.

New Altar Servers Needed: If you are interested being an altar server, please contact the office, 860-434-1669, or see Mrs. Young. We need new altar servers at all masses, but especially at the 4pm Vigil Mass, children or adults. *Fr Joe will schedule a training session in January.*



Thank you!

A very heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped in making our 2019 Giving Tree Project a wonderful success! Your monetary donations and gifts of games, clothing and household supplies will go a long way to support those in need. God bless your generosity!!



Have you been thinking about praying the Rosary with a committed group praying for peace and other's needs?

Give us a try... we are a small group who meets regularly (**Tuesday @ 4:30pm**). We welcome more devotion to Our Lady as she urges us to "Pray the Rosary".

The Thursday Bible Study, 9:00 - 10:30am

The regular meeting place will be in the large classroom. Deuteronomy is the subject of this year's study. **Come join us - we can loan you a Bible if you do not have one. All are welcome!**



A new group, a **Small Christian Community** has just begun meeting at **7pm, Wednesday evenings**, at Christ the King Church. Open to *any adults interested in discussing the past Sunday's scriptures* and what effect these readings have on their lives. Any questions please call Peter Kulas at 203-490-7766. Hope to see you there!

Regularly scheduled parish events:

Children's Choir	Tuesday 6:15pm
Adult Choir	Tuesday 7:30pm
Eucharistic Adoration	M-F 6:15-7:15am
Rosary	Tuesday 4:30 pm
Men's Club	1 st Thursday 6:00pm
Holy Trinity Pro-Life Group	1 st Wednesday 7:00pm
Small Christian Community (scripture sharing)	Wednesday 7:00pm
Bible Study (for all)	Thursday 9:00am
Women's Bible Study	Wednesday 9:30am
Parish Pot Luck Supper	last Friday of month 6:00pm
'God Squad' Prayer Group	M-F mornings after 7:30am mass
Shoreline Soup Kitchen <u>Sign-up</u>	2nd Sun, even months
Shoreline Soup Kitchen <u>Serve</u> (Sat. breakfast)	3rd Sat, even months
N.L. Soup Kitchen <u>Sign-up</u>	1st Sun, odd months
N.L. Soup Kitchen <u>Serve</u> (Sun. Supper)	2nd Sun, odd months



Our Second Grade Faith Formation children celebrated their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday morning. Please keep the children and their families in your prayer as they focus now on preparing to receive First Holy Communion this spring.

Bereavement Ministry: We gather on the **2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the St. John's rectory.** If you want to be with others who understand feelings of loss, please join us. Contact: Donna MacNeill 860-395-7326.



Women's Bible Study, Wednesday 9:30-11:30am

"Walking With Purpose", a 22 week Bible Study with refreshments & childcare. Grow in faith through fellowship with other women & learn how scripture applies to your everyday life. Contact Suzanne 860-759-6769, SuzanneWWP@gmail.com, or Renee 949-337-3426, ReneePray@hotmail.com

Christ the King Prayer Line

We are a people of faith. Prayer makes a difference. **You may request prayer confidentially.** The Prayer Line is a group, currently 18 people, who pray for received petitions. As the request moves down the phone chain, those two individuals often pray together, then each person keeps petitions in their daily prayers. **To request prayers for any intention, for help, or in thanksgiving, please call Michele at 860-434-8529.** (We are also seeking new members to add to our chain. The time required is small; sometimes we get three requests in a week, but other times fewer. Please consider joining the prayer line.)



OUR PARISH SUPPORT:

December 22, 2019	\$ 11,949.13
Christmas Flowers	\$ 3,500.00
Christmas	\$ 17,829.00
December 29, 2019	\$ 11,093.13
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1,974.00
January 5, 2020	\$ 8,616.96
Debt Reduction	\$ 3,258.00

Thank You for your generosity!

Do you want to register with the parish? Welcome!

Have you changed your address, are you moving out of or into the parish, or would like to receive envelopes? Please call the office, 860-434-1669. Or, you can fill out the following and return via the basket, drop it at the office, or mail to: 1 McCurdy Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

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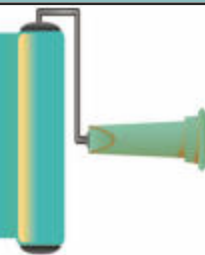
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