

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Think of what it's like to wait a long time. Can you imagine what it would be like to wait for centuries? No one person lives that long, of course. But for the Israelites, they had heard the stories from generation to generation. They had been conquered time and time again, and now "the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." They had been waiting for a Messiah, one who did miraculous deeds and said profound things; someone aglow with the glory of God. We all know what it's like to hope and be disappointed. But what if your hopes were fulfilled?

That day at the Jordan River, an audience had gathered. Among the crowd for baptism was an unknown man. Perhaps he was dirty from weeks in the desert. His hands had the calloused palms of a tradesman, a carpenter. He and John the Baptist may have embraced with the familiarity of the cousins they were. This man wades into the Jordan for a good, solid dunking. As he rises from the water, the One who breathed life into Adam gasps for air like any other man.

But then "heaven was opened." The clouds in the sky part miles above. "And the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." An apparition with substance sails through the sky. It exudes gentleness and power all at once. "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Can you imagine the sight? For the crowd, there is no doubting what they have seen, who they have seen. Can you imagine this encounter with our God who keeps His promises? What are you waiting for?

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### Sunday Collection

Sun. Collection for Dec. 30/2018-Jan 1, 2019 - \$2,960.

Sunday Collection for Jan. 5/6, 2019 was \$3,070.00

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### New Stuff

#### Divine Mercy Parish Concert Series

Please join us for our next concert in Divine Mercy Concert Series:

New Stuff-New Music for Cello with Dan Barrett  
Our own Father Tom will be a special guest player on the double bass, and Justin Fields will have a new piece premiered.

**The Concert is at 7:00 pm**

**Friday, January 18th**

Being held at the Green Door Gallery on the corner of Humboldt and Skillman. Admission free.

# El Bautismo del Señor

La liturgia de la Iglesia concluye la Navidad con esta Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor. En su bautismo Jesús, pone el punto de partida para su misión ministerial. El Padre del cielo lo acompaña de manera especial. Se narra que se abrieron los cielos y que el Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él y se manifestó en forma de paloma...del cielo vino una voz: "Tú eres mi Hijo, hoy te he dado la vida" (Lucas 3, 21-22). En aquel tiempo, las personas que escuchaban la predicación de Juan y de Jesús tenían que elegir seguir a Jesús o seguir a Juan. Momentos de tensión surgieron. Ahora, la Iglesia nos invita a ver que el bautismo es un segundo nacimiento donde se abre la puerta para entrar a formar parte de la de familia de Dios.

¿Has tenido la oportunidad de reflexionar lo que significa el bautismo? ¿Cuánta importancia le das al ser hijo o hija de Dios? El Papa Francisco nos dice lo siguiente acerca del Bautismo: "En el Bautismo somos consagrados por el Espíritu Santo. La palabra "cristiano" significa esto, significa consagrado como Jesús, en el Espíritu con el cual ha sido consagrado Jesús en toda su existencia terrena. Él es el "Cristo", ungido, consagrado, los bautizados somos "cristianos", es decir, consagrados, ungidos. Entonces, queridos padres, queridos padrinos y madrinan, si quieren que sus hijos se hagan verdaderos cristianos, ayúdenlos a crecer "consagrados" en el Espíritu Santo, es decir, en el calor del amor de Dios, en la luz de su Palabra. Por esto, no se olviden de invocar siempre al Espíritu Santo, todos los días". (Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor, Capilla Sixtina, domingo 11 de enero de 2015). ¿Qué te impresiona del mensaje del Papa?

#### Readings for the week of January 13, 2019

Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday:	Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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### A Message from Father Tom

During his baptism and in the key moments in his life Jesus prays. The account in the St. Luke Gospel is extraordinary in this regard. Let us take an opportunity to reflect upon prayer; which is an essential aspect to Luke's Gospel which will accompany us during 2019. We find the following:

- Before calling his first disciples, Jesus prays (6:12).
- Before the multiplication of bread and fish, Jesus prays (9:18).
- Before the transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor, he prays (9:28).
- Before sending forth the 72 disciples—the first missionaries—Jesus prays (10:2).
- During his passion and agony in the garden, Jesus prays (22:45)
- On the cross, Jesus prays.

Prayer demonstrates our absolute dependence upon God. Prayer shows that we are concerned with the life of the spirit in which we have been baptized. This is an important thing to remember in our modern world. It is easy for us to believe that we define ourselves, that we are the ones who confer identity upon ourselves. This understanding, so common today runs counter to the foundation of Christian life which is the Sacrament of Baptism. We are first claimed, chosen and called by God. "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you." It is our election by God through a human rite. If we are really honest with ourselves, we can easily see that we are weak and fragile. We need the help of God and of the Christian community in order to make it through the many trials of this life and discern the way that we should best live and follow God. The action of the Holy Spirit first given to us during our Baptism helps us and guides us. If it was necessary to Jesus—the Son of God—to continually ask for this relationship through prayer—how much more do we need to depend upon God and continually ask for his help to bring the fruit of baptism into eternal life with God.

**Fr. Tom**

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### The 2019 Mass Book

The Mass book for 2019 is open for intentions from January to June. Come to 219 Conselyea St. to book your Masses. Parish Office is open Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

### Your donation can save 3 lives!

#### BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, January 13, 2019

8:00 am to 2:00 pm

St. Francis of Paola Auditorium

Only 2% of our eligible population donates blood.

NYBC Eligibility Line 1-800-688-0900

[www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org)

[www.mydonoradvantage.com](http://www.mydonoradvantage.com)

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### Transfiguration Men's Shelter

January 20 to January 26, 2019

February 24 to March 2, 2019

We are once again asking for volunteers to provide a hot meal for the men of the Transfiguration Men's Shelter, our Parish will be serving the weeks of Jan. 20 to Jan. 26, **and** Feb. 24 to March 2, 2019.

We are required to provide a complete meal including beverage and dessert.

Whether you decide to do it personally, as a family or with a group or organization, please know that your generosity and kindness is appreciated!

Anyone who is interested in providing food or helping with serving please contact Angela Scotti at 718-782-3881, or the Parish Office at 718-387-0256.

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### Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns

#### Diocese of Brooklyn / Queens

Presents The

Two Thousand & Nineteen

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Prayer Service

*Theme:* "...for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

**Monday, January 21, 2019 – 12 Noon**

*Location:* Our Lady of Lourdes, 92-96 220 Street

Queens Village, New York 11428

*Guest Speaker:* Fr. Peter Damian Harris, O.P. Diocese of Houston, Texas

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### GIFTS OF LOVE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH ALL ARE WELCOME

*For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome...” (Matt. 25:35-36)*

Our work continues as a New Year begins. We fervently pray that we will finally see a reduction in the number of pantry clients coming to us for assistance. Yet together with you, our benefactors, and our loyal volunteers we stand ready to do what needs to be done to provide support to our neighbors in need.

Specific items needed: **Coffee, Tea, Hot-Chocolate.**  
Food Pantry Volunteers

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### St. Francis of Paola Church Memorial Gifts – January 13, 2019 BREAD & WINE

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Virgin Mary, San Rafael & the Angels, San Apollonia & the Saints by Gertrude Vidot Linares

### ALTAR CANDLES

Maria Canalini by Nancy Speranza & Family  
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### Bulletin Ad Sponsors Help Still Needed

Brigitte Stieglitz from LPI, our bulletin publisher, was with us securing advertisers for our bulletin. We would like to thank all of the advertisers who have generously committed to the Bulletin for this year!

We still have space available and humbly ask that you consider advertising your business or remembering a loved one in our weekly bulletin.

If you would like to advertise in the weekly bulletin please contact Briditte at 917-434-4833, or via e-mail to [bstieglitz@4lpi.com](mailto:bstieglitz@4lpi.com). Thank you.

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### Save the Date

Mon. Jan. 21	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Sun. Feb. 10	World Marriage Day
Thurs. Feb. 14	Valentine’s Day
Tue. March 5	St. Anthony’s “Carnevale”
Wed. March 6	Ash Wednesday

### Mass Intentions for the Week St. Francis of Paola Church

#### Saturday, January 12, 2019

5:00pm Carmela San Pietro by Family

#### Sunday, January 13, 2019

8:00am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

11:30am Consuelo Mantilla De Rangel by  
Gabriela De Rangel & Angelina Jaffe

#### Monday, January 14, 2019

7:45am Ann Farco by Rose Martinez

#### Tuesday, January 15, 2019

7:45am Michele & John Rasquariello by Rosa

#### Wednesday, January 16, 2019

7:45am Deacon John Orlandello by Rosa

#### Thursday, January 17, 2019

7:45am Palok Culaj by Mr. & Mrs. Passaro

#### Friday, January 18, 2019

7:45am Saveria & Raffaele De Sarno by Mr. &  
Mrs. Aniello De Sarno

#### Saturday, January 19, 2019

7:45am Anthony & Jennie Torre by the Torre  
Family

5:00pm Fr. Calendo on the Feast of St. Sebastian  
by Frasca Family

#### Sunday, January 20, 2019

8:00am Open Intention

11:30am Maria Canalini by Christine Caccavale

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### Join us on a

Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage  
To The Holy Land

**March 7-15, 2019**

Bishop Neil Tiedemann, Spiritual Director  
Msgr. Kieran Harrington, Chaplain.

For a brochure contact Prestige Worldwide Tours,  
1-866-293-0982 or [samantha@pwwtours.com](mailto:samantha@pwwtours.com).

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### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Maria Hernandez & Timothy Mingo  
St. Nicholas Church

Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 12 noon

JANUARY 13, 2019

**Mass Intentions for the Week  
St. Nicholas Church**

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**

10:30am Open Intentions

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

7:00pm Open Intention

**Sunday, January 20, 2019**

10:30am Open Intention

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**Pray For the Sick:** John Porcelli, Anthony DeSena, Anthony Porcelli, Rose Cecilia Deluca, Louis Charles Deluca, Wanda Sadwarny, Maryann Picora, Carmella Caiafa, RoseAnn Frank, Remi Schandel, Anthony Scala, John Colasanti, Rae Pacifico, Sawziy Ali, Umberto Caleotafiore, Giuseppe Guadagno, Donato D'Asosto, Aniello De Sarno, Frank Morena, Clara Chang, Joe Bavuso, Marie Bavuso, Annie Sanfilopo, Kathleen Sullivan

**Pray For the Recently Deceased**

Jean Joan Orsino, Maria Canalini, Carlos Linares, Alba Martorella, Frank DeSena, Kim Camarand, Rosa Elvira Bastidas

**WEDDINGS 2018 Divine Mercy Parish**

January 28, 2018 – DMP / St. Cecilia  
Alexander Chen & Joanna Flores

June 30, 2018 – DMP / St. Francis of Paola  
Antonino Como & Assunta Gangone

July 21, 2018 – DMP / St. Cecilia  
Larry Magagna & Kristine Luat

August 4, 2018 – DMP / St. Cecilia  
Christopher Franco & Fabiola Messina

October 7, 2018 – DMP / St. Cecilia  
Robert Grifo & Jasmellie Pacheco

October 12, 2018 – DMP / St. Cecilia  
Gavin M. O'Boyle & Courtney A. Dunne

December 22, 2018 – DMP / St. Cecilia  
Ruben Castro Zarate & Emiliana Gabriel Tapia

December 26, 2018 – DMP / St. Cecilia  
Daniel Malkowski & Jaqueline Palomo

**Mass Intentions for the Week  
St. Cecilia Church**

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**

9:30am Bernadette Criscio (Anniversary)  
Barney & Angie Cavallo  
Lucy & Peter La Veglia  
Caliendo Family  
Rose & Sam De Angelis  
7:00pm Open Intention

**Monday, January 14, 2019**

8:30am Open Intention

**Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

8:30am Open Intention

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

8:30am Giovanna De Sarno by Marie Sepe

**Thursday, January 17, 2019**

8:30am Arthur Knapp, Jr. 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Friday, January 18, 2019**

8:30am Michael & Peter Romano by Carl & Valerie Battista

**Saturday, January 19, 2019**

8:30am McCauley Family

**Sunday, January 20, 2019**

9:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish  
7:00pm Susan Gernert

**St. Cecilia's Church**

Memorial Gifts January 13, 2019

**Bread & Wine**

In Memory of: John, Lillian, Rose Marie & John Young  
Donated by: Lorrie Sefcik

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**Join us for the National Prayer Service  
25<sup>th</sup> Annual National Memorial  
for the Preborn**

**and their Mothers and Fathers**

March for Life in Washington, DC

**Friday, January 18, 2019**

at historic DAR Constitution Hall.

Visit: [www.NationalPrayerService.com](http://www.NationalPrayerService.com).

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**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

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### **RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES**

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94<sup>th</sup> Precinct who took the time to speak at a few concerning public safety issues. The old adage applies—If you see something, say something. Following is some information about reporting criminal or suspicious activity.

Call 911—Emergencies

Call 311—Quality of Life Issues

P.O. Andrea Haro

Office: (718) 383-3879

Cell: (929) 371-4355

[Andrea.Haro@nypd.org](mailto:Andrea.Haro@nypd.org)

Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm