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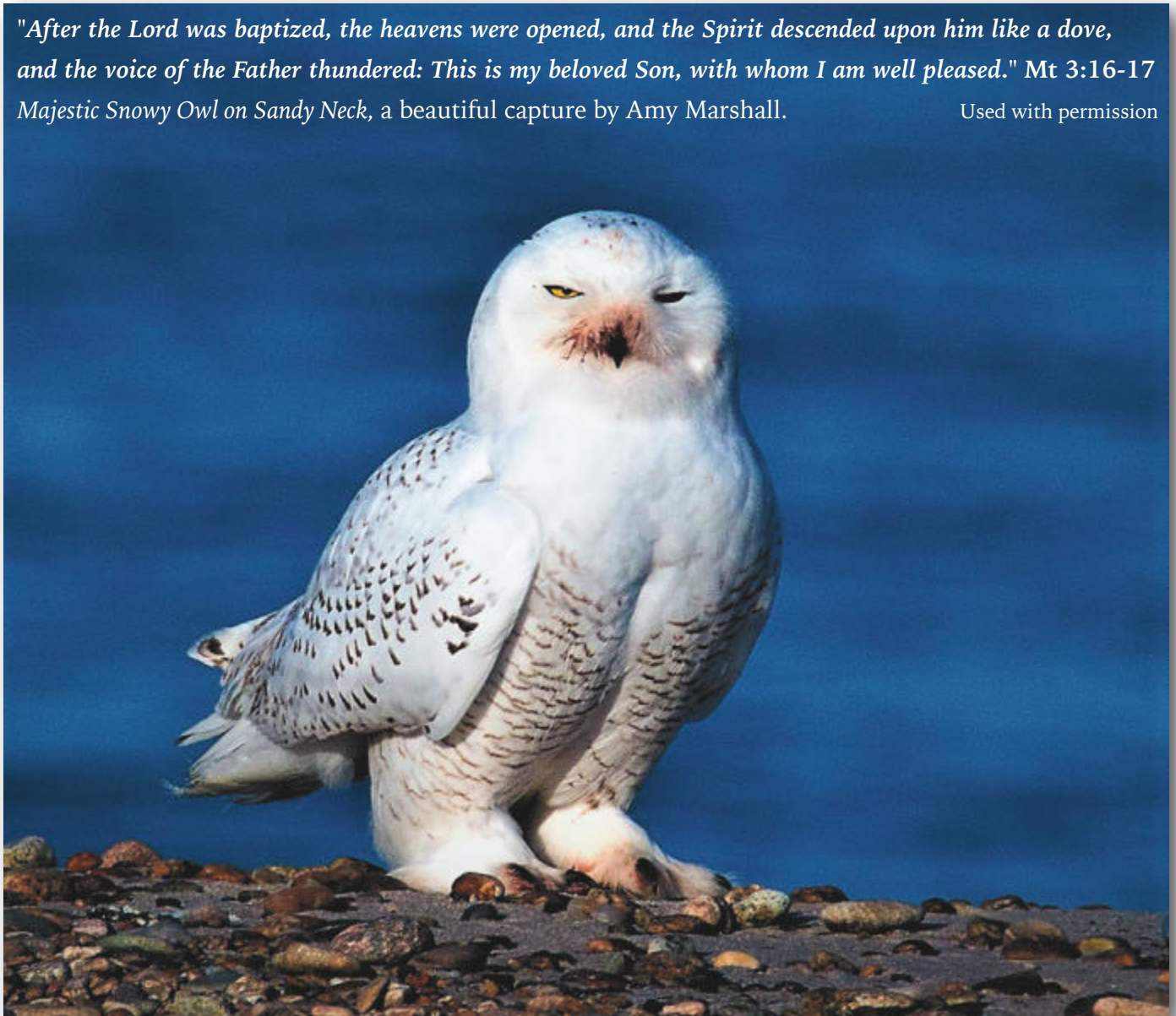


The Weekly Newsletter of St. John the Evangelist Parish

"After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Mt 3:16-17

Majestic Snowy Owl on Sandy Neck, a beautiful capture by Amy Marshall.

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Our Mission

We are a Roman Catholic Family of Faith that seeks to help one another to love the Lord with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves. Our life centers on the Eucharist and the sacramental life of the Church. From these encounters we seek to be Christ's eyes, hands, voice and heart in the world. We warmly welcome visitors and seekers and anyone who is curious about faith, Church and God; we rejoice in the Lord when returning brothers and sisters join us at Table.

To be truly happy, find a way to serve God. ~ Father Tom Frechette

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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist

Mass Schedule

All Masses Live Stream and live attendance

Sundays:

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
4PM Saturday Vigil

Daily Mass:

7:30 AM Monday-Thursday

Bourne TV's Public Channel 13 (Comcast - 1 week delay)

Saturday: 3:00 PM Rosary: 7 days a week at 7:30 AM
Sunday: 3:30 PM

Live Stream & Archives: <https://www.stjohnspocasset.org/livestream>

Daily Rosary (in-person or live stream): Monday - Thursday 6:50 AM, Friday 7:30 AM

Holy Days: Vigil 4PM; Holy Day: 7:30AM, 7 PM *Check newsletter to confirm times*
New to Our Faith Family? We are blessed you could join us at the Eucharistic Table! It is our hope and prayer that you find a welcoming, faith-filled, spiritual home as you grow in your relationship with God. Stop by the Welcome Center. If you are interested in or curious about any of our offerings and don't know where to begin, a Staff Member will be happy to help.

Welcome Center & Store Hours (508) 563-5887:

Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 1 PM Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Faith Formation Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 4 PM Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 6 PM
Sunday: By Appointment

Sacraments

Baptism: Please contact the Welcome Center prior to making any arrangements. Parents and the child will meet with the Deacon. All will be explained and a date will be selected for the Baptism at that meeting.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 2:30-3:00 PM or by appointment.

First Communion & Confirmation: Formation is conducted in a two-year Sacramental preparation program. Contact Deborah for more information. Baptized Adults 18+ seeking Confirmation should contact Father Tom or Deacon John.

Marriage: Congratulations! Please contact the Welcome Center at least six months prior to the intended wedding date.

Sick & Homebound: Contact the Welcome Center to arrange regular visits.

Holy Orders: Please contact Father Tom for more information.

Becoming Catholic: Are you an adult looking to become a Roman Catholic and wish to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? We are happy to accompany you along this faith journey. Contact Father Tom or Deacon John for more information.

† Our Parish Calendar †

Some events may require
prior sign-up.

Check inside for more details
or call the Welcome Center.

COVID-19 protocols: Masks are no longer required but we ask you to respect each individual's decision to wear or not wear a mask in church. Please respect each other's personal space.

If you feel at all under the weather, or if you have been or suspect you have been exposed to COVID-19, for your own health and safety and that of those around you, DO NOT attend Mass or any other church function.

Please note: All church events are Live attendance and live-streamed.

Week of January 9, 2022**Sunday, January 9: Baptism of the Lord**

- **Sunday Mass** 8:00, 10:30 AM

Monday, January 10:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Walking With Purpose** WC Afternoon 1-2:30 PM
Evening 6:30-8 PM

Tuesday, January 11:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Lunch Bunch~HOT Lunch** 12 Noon WC Hall

Wednesday, January 12:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - 9:30 - 11 - WC Hall
- **Small Group - Schutten** Room 1 10:30-12 Noon

Thursday, January 13:

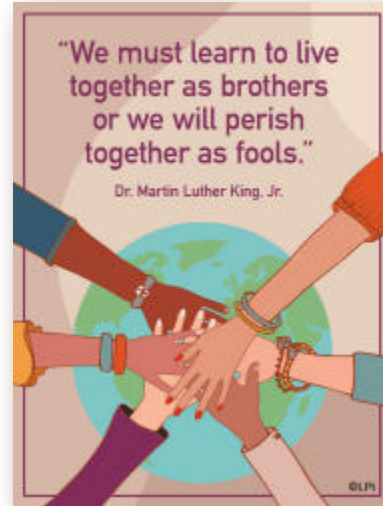
- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Prayers For Priests** Immediately following Mass

Friday, January 14:

- **Rosary** 7:30 AM

Saturday, January 15:

- **Reconciliation** 2:30 - 3 PM
- **Mass:** 4 PM

**Week of January 16, 2022****Sunday, January 16:**

- **Sunday Mass** 8:00, 10:30 AM

Monday, January 17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day:

- **Welcome Center Closed**
- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **No Walking With Purpose this week**

Tuesday, January 18:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Lunch Bunch** 12 Noon WC Hall

Wednesday, January 19:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - 9:30 - 11 - WC Hall
- **Small Group - Schutten** Room 1 10:30-12 Noon

Thursday, January 20:

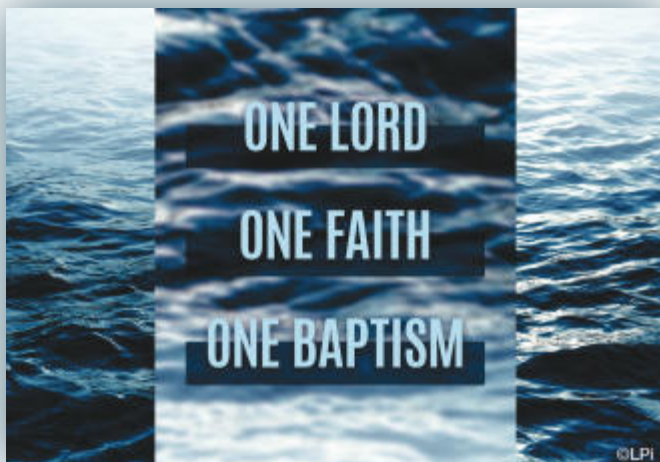
- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Prayers For Priests** Immediately following Mass

Friday, January 21:

- **Rosary** 7:30 AM

Saturday, January 22:

- **That Man Is You - Men's Program** 7-8:30AM~WC
- **Reconciliation** 2:30 - 3 PM
- **Mass:** 4 PM



† 2021 Christmas Flower Donations~Thank You! †

Christmas Flower Offerings

In Memory of

Clarence and Florence Brady	F. Bayard and Dolores Gerry	Sylvia and Joseph Pina
James and Robert Brady	Donald D. Gerry Sr.	Bernard R. Pleau Sr.
Paul Brady	Frank and Emma Gerry	Helen Pomeray
John Bryant	Mark B. Gerry	Silvia Preda
Jim and Marguerite Bullock	Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Glasheen	Frances and Joseph Prioli
Camuso Family	Pat Graves	Francis and Alice Quirk
Romeo Canavan and Cerretani Families	Greenwood Families	Adeue Riedel
Adelino and Mary Caldeira Sr. (x2)	Mr. and Mrs. William Gordon	Evelyn Riedel
Camara and Walsh Families	John and Emily Gushue and Family	Paul Riedel
Romeo and Gabel Cantara	John E. Margaret Haney	Mary Roche
Stephen Caramello	Mr. Tom Hearily	Richard Roche
Catherine Carroll	Gloria Hiltunen	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rochefort
John Carty	Merle Horne	Charles and Betty Rose
Paula Cately	Members of the Hussey/Romano Families	Reinhold Rothfuss
Joe Cawley	Ruth Jakola	Edward Satkevich
Billy Cerretani	Florence Joyce	Mr. and Mrs. Walter Savosik
John Cerretani	H. Paul Kelley	Joseph Schall
Richard D. Cerretani	Valerie Kelley	John Shields
Amy Chase	Robert and Rosemarie Kennedy	Michael Shields
Elizabeth Chute	Mr. and Mrs. E. LaFrance	Virginia Shields
Aurea Cintron	Mrs. Sherry LaFrance	James Sidoni
Michael and Edna Coen	Larry and Mary Langton	Linda Sidoni
Larry and Viki Coffin	Mr. and Mrs. Normand Lanoue	Louis Sidoni
Susan Cole	Marie Leger	Michael James Silva
Conroy and Flynn Families	Jim and Lorraine Lengyel	Silvia Families
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crimi	Marion N. Lennon	Dorothy Silvestro
Timothy Cronin	Kathy Levin	William Simmons
Jeffrey Curran	Robert MacIntosh	Sinopoli Family
Alan Donheiser	Helen Marotta	Small and Jacques Families
Carol Duffy	Dan Martin	Eric T. Starek
Bishop Paul F. Duffy, OMI	E. Joan McCann	Andrew Stoughton
Marjorie and Nelson Dulong	John V. & Daniel McCarthy	Jean Sullivan
Dick Dunn	Mary T. McDonald	Mary Svirsky
Dr. Bill and Fran Duserick	Harold Mellin	Mr. Ed Sweeney
Ann Early	Suellen Miller	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tighe
Joseph Early	Mr. and Mrs. William Molesk	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tighe Jr.
Marion Early	Mary Jo Montani	George Towers
Mary Carole Earnst	Diana Murphy	George R. and Anna Towers
Beverly J. Egan	Paul Murphy	Kathleen Vaillancourt
Randy Emmons	Richard Murphy	Stephen A. Walsh
Fay Fahey	Leo Neddo	Lillian Wardell
Paul J. Fahey	Viola Neddo	William Wardell
Mrs. Anne Farrell	Katie Nemeth	Bryan Way
John A. Ferroli II	Bill and Bette Ann Nolan	Peg, Roy & Doug Wiggin
John and Lena Ferroli	AnnMarie O'Brien	<u>In Honor of</u>
James and Rose Flanagan and Family	Mr. and Mrs. George O'Brien	Marissa Boucher
Richard Flanagan	George O'Brien Jr.	Clancy and Borgatti Families
Ella Flynn	Danny O'Carroll	George and Ann Denmark
Barbara Gabriel	MaryLou O'Halloran	Duserick Grandchildren
Warren Gabriel	Anette Papa	Newman and Eileen Flanagan,
Jean Galbo	Charles Patriquin	children and grandchildren
Nora Galbo	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perchard	Cay McCarthy & Family
Samuel J. Galbo, M.D.	Donny Perkins	McGarr Family
	Trudy Petrino	Wiggin Family & Friends
	Florence, William and Edward Pezzoni	<i>Photo credit: Rob Craig</i>

† Happy New Year from Father Tom †

Dear Friends,

The turning of another year has occurred, and the immediate future is always a chancy prediction, but I hold great hope that we will soon finally be much closer to normal regarding our health status. And with that for at least a momentary focus, I want to thank all who allowed us to have a fairly normal Christmas celebration, despite the stress that is on us all.

If you had asked me last year at this time, I surely would have held that we would be beyond the health risks of this past two years, but that is not quite so, yet. We continue to hope for God's help as we continue on our journey with Him, knowing that we will always have that support and promise to lift the fear that can so easily take hold.

Over these past two years we were attentive and responded as best we could, and I can say that the people of our parish have fared better than many other groups of people who have endured isolation and a radical change in their usual pattern of socializing. We, as humans, are a community-based people, meaning that we are designed and built to interact regularly with others. The recent disruptions to this pattern have had very significant effects, but we are continuing to address these, and I believe overcoming them. This is due to the very fine people of our ministries, who at different times have acted heroically, regarding less their own welfare, but focusing on the needs of the parish overall. To all of you who have done this, from the Ministry Leaders to those who participate, to our staff that organizes and directs so many actions of the parish, we are so grateful. I say it all the time, and it is true, "We have a truly wonderful group of people and families!" Thank you to all who are sharing this journey, and supporting us all during these somewhat difficult times. We couldn't do it without you!

Looking forward, we will soon resume many ministries that have taken a break over the holidays. I would ask all who are reading this to consider being a part of what we do here. At the end of the summer I was highlighting the need for service in our lives. I renew that now, with the reminder that service is being a part of something that can serve others, but will always return to serve the one who offers time and energy to others – it's just how it works! If you want to be happy, be of service, and you will discover how deep joy can reach within your heart.

Of particular note are the restarting of the small groups. If you haven't already been a part of one of these, please consider doing so, as it will really help you and all those in your group. You have more to offer than you might think! It really is the model followed by the early Church, and if you wonder how they were able to grow and prosper from such a small number, come and find out how that dynamic works. You will always receive more than you give, for our God will not be outdone in generosity

With prayers for a really good year ahead, and asking God's deepest blessings on you and your loved ones, I wish you a very happy and blessed New Year!

In Christ,

Fr. Tom

† Worship Aid: The Baptism of the Lord †

NOTE: Please take this Newsletter home

Opening: On Jordan's Bank

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry, announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of Kings.
2. Then cleansed be every soul from sin; make straight the way for God within; prepare we in our hearts a home where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our sure reward: Shine forth and let thy light restore Our souls to heavenly grace once more.

Christmas Gloria

Response: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

A reading from the Book of The Prophet Isaiah:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!

Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by a strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm: O bless the Lord, my soul.

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! you are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak. You have spread out the heavens like a tent-cloth;

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

You have constructed your palace upon the waters. You make the clouds your chariot; you travel on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers, and flaming fire your ministers.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have wrought them all; the earth is full of your creatures; the sea also, great and wide, in which are schools without number of living things both small and great.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

They look to you to give them food in due time. When you give it to them, they gather it; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Titus

Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Cantor, then All repeat: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

John said: One mightier than I is coming; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you: **All: And with your spirit**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 2:1-12

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Nicene Creed: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, **(all bow your heads for the next two lines)** and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in

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one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the Faithful

Preparation of Gifts: Baptized in Water

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit cleansed by the blood of Christ our king; heirs of salvation, trusting his promise - faithfully now God's praise we sing.

2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king; one with his rising, freed and forgiven thankfully now God's praise we sing.

3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king; born of one Father, we are his children - joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

Amen

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have mercy, have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have mercy, have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
Grant us, grant us peace

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, and allow me to unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

Communion Hymn: Behold the Lamb

1. 1. Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight; we who live, we who die are grateful for his gift, thankful for his love.

Refrain: Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all, all who dwell in God shall come to know his glory.

2. Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with

understanding of the wheat, of the wine united with his word and the love we share. **Refrain**

3. Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table. Bless our lives; nourish all who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace. **Refrain**

Meditation Hymn: Down to the River to Pray

Refrain: As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord show me the way!

1. O *Sisters let's go down, Let's go down, come on down
O Sisters let's go down Down to the river to pray

2. O Brothers...

3. O Fathers...

4. O Mothers...

5. O Sinners...

Closing Hymn: Joy to the World!

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness
and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of His love.

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† Around the Parish †



Happy New Year! We are so excited to be announcing that our next Small Group session will begin **the week of January 24th!** If you have not yet experienced a Small Group this is a wonderful opportunity for you to jump in!

The SJE Small Groups are usually 6-12 people who meet to discuss faith, go deeper in the weekly message and who support one another in their relationship with Christ. This is a place to care for others and to be cared for.

Fr. Tom's Christmas gift book, "Life is Messy" by Matthew Kelly, will be used as our main discussion piece. Please come by the Welcome Center Office if you would like a copy....it really seems to be the right book at the right time!

Our weekly meetings (in-person and zoom) run for 7-8 weeks.

Monday 7-8:30 pm 20's & 30's Small Group
 Tuesday 1:15-2:30
 Tuesday 3-4:30
 Tuesday 6-7:30 - FULL
 Wednesday 10:30-12
 Wednesday 3-4:30
 Thursday 9-10:30
 Friday 4-5:30 ZOOM

If you are interested in Facilitating a Small Group at a time that suits you better, please let us know! It's a very rewarding way to serve God and our Parish! As Fr. Tom reminds us...We are meant to be together as a community of faith, and by that communal gathering we accomplish the mission Christ calls us to. Please call or stop by the Welcome Center Office to register for a Small Group and to pick up your copy of "Life is Messy"! We look forward to seeing you! Patty and Gina

Baby Bottles

We offer a huge "THANK YOU" to our thoughtful and generous parishioners who have kindly continued to support Pennies for Babies by dropping off checks, coins and bills, plus donating beautiful hand knit baby outfits over the Christmas holidays.

Birthing and A Baby Center are so very grateful for any and all contributions. These items help them bring special assistance to children and families here on Cape Cod who are in need of extra services during difficult times. Your contributions make a difference in the lives of many households. God Bless everyone for caring for the less fortunate. Connie Murphy/ Women's Guild

St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

In 2005 an 11 year old boy named Dylan wanted to find a way to honor our troops for the Services and the Dedication they provide to our Country. Fast forward to 2021, and **Cape Cod 4 the Troops** is a volunteer organization that has shipped over 39,000 care packages providing humanitarian aid and support to veteran and military families here at home. Another program called **'Talking to the Moon'** supports caregivers of our wounded men and women, and **'Rocky Warriors'** is their program providing canine care packages to military dogs. Our white stars with a flag on our Giving Tree this year led us to this wonderful



place located nearby in Harwich. Your donations of goods for our troops once again shows the Love and Generosity so often seen in the Ministries at St. John's Church. The folks in Harwich were overjoyed when Paula and Jack pulled in, their car full of Hope and Care. Thank you once again, the gift cards from the Tree will go a long way towards helping folks in our Community, St. Johns has found new avenue of helping others, and once again through our wonderful Giving Tree YOU have opened your hearts to answer God's call to love one another. Special thanks to members Paula and Jack O'Neil for the effort and care they so selflessly provide in all they do. Keep connected to us in this newsletter as in the coming year we can join with Cape Cod 4 the Troops and assist them in other programs! Thank you and God Bless!



† Take Five for Faith †



Sunday, January 9, 2022

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Tell it like it is

The hidden days are over. When the Spirit descends on Jesus and the heavenly voice proclaims him beloved, Jesus is effectively outed as the Divine Son. Did Jesus know this was the hour when his private life would come to an end? When any dreams he may have had for a quiet domestic existence were surrendered for good? The underlying truth is that on the day of our Baptism, we each surrender the notion of a private world that's all about us. As Pope Francis puts it, "Immersing us in Christ, Baptism also makes us members of his body, which is the Church, and participants in its mission in the world." Be the beloved. Share the love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (21)

Monday, January 10, 2022

Give every child a chance

According to the National Center for Child Poverty, about 15 million children in the United States—21 percent of all children—live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line. The Christ Child Society seeks to address the critical needs of these children. U.S.-born Servant of God Mary Virginia Merrick, who died on this day in 1955, founded the Christ Child Society in 1887 at the age of 20—despite being paralyzed from a childhood injury. Today, its 6,000 members volunteer nearly 400,000 hours and serve more than 75,000 children and their families annually. You may find a chapter—or start one—at nationalchristchild.org.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20 (305).

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Pray the way to a more perfect union

Dom Lambert Beauduin, a Belgian Benedictine monk, died this day in 1960—but not without influencing the way we pray at Mass. As a liturgical scholar, Beauduin championed—years before Vatican II—the idea of worshipers actively participating in the Mass rather than sitting in pews to pray their private devotions. He promoted the idea of congregants literally “being on the same page,” able to follow along with the Latin by using worship aides to translate the words of priests and prayers. “Beauduin had an insatiable thirst for unity,” notes a biographer. Pray for greater unity in our church today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28 (306).

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Here I am, Lord

Jesus saw his healing ministry of the sick and spiritually oppressed as a call from God. It is the same call each of us receives, not only to serve God and his people but to serve ourselves—to be our best selves, which will bring us the greatest joy. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, known as an apostle of love, explains the profound grace that comes with responding to God's call in his “Jesus, the very thought of thee” hymn: “. . . how kind thou art! How good to those who seek! / But what to those who find? Ah, this No tongue nor pen can show; / The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know.”

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 13, 2022

MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

In defense of the faith

Saint Hilary (d. 468) was a bishop during a time of great contention in the early church. He was popularly selected to lead, and he undertook scholarship that continues to be recognized today. His informal title, “Hammer of the Arians,” has a violent ring to it, but in fact, he defended the Trinity against the Arian heresy through his writing, even though his opponents used the more forcible method of exile. Living a truly Christian life—loving those who oppose you, forgiving wrongs, turning the other cheek—has often been ridiculed by those who prefer the use of force. You can “defend” the faith by the way you choose to live.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45 (308).

Friday, January 14, 2022

I feel your pain

Healing gospel-style involves assessing the physical, mental, and spiritual health of the ill person. As Pope Francis says, Jesus asks us: “To stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them.” This holistic approach is slowly being embraced by Western physicians. Today's healthcare providers are encouraged to use such tools as the FICA method to assess a patient's faith; its importance in their decision-making; their connection to a community of like-minded believers; and the recommended action related to the spiritual assessment. We're all commissioned to be healers to some extent; the next time someone comes to you in pain, remember this compassionate approach.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12 (309).

Saturday, January 15, 2022

The stone rejected

In our continued observance of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, we are reminded by Pope Francis to consider the complexities of people's lives when we're tempted to judge their family or marital situation. “It can no longer simply be said,” writes the pope, “that all those living in any ‘irregular situation’ are living in a state of mortal sin.” Non-traditional families need to be offered “understanding, comfort, and acceptance.” We need to stop applying moral laws as if they were, in the pope's words, “stones to throw at a person's life.” Consider today the grace of God's mercy, compassion, and forgiveness operating in your own life.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17 (310).

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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† Pray for our Family of Faith †

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Monday, January 10

7:30 AM Adam Chalker

Tuesday, January 11

7:30 AM David Andrew

Wednesday, January 12

7:30 AM Keith Ellis

Thursday, January 13

7:30 AM Paul Lumadue

Saturday, January 15

4:00 PM John O'Grady

Sunday, January 16

8:00 AM Parishioners of St.
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Monday, January 17

7:30 AM Thomas A.
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Tuesday, January 18

7:30 AM George Oxley

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