

HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

OPENING HYMN: RIVER OF GLORY

Refrain

Riv - er of glo - ry, springs of our birth, flood of God's
rich - es poured on the earth. We are born from the dark-ness
and clothed in the light! We are bathed in the glo - ry of
God! God, bathed in the glo-ry of God!

1-4 to Verses Final

Verses

1. Foun-tain of mer - cy, grace flow - ing free, streams of sal -
2. Here there is ha - ven, heal - ing and health, joy for the
3. Bread for our jour - ney God will pro - vide. Hope for all
4. Dark - ness is ban - ished, night turned a - way. Christ is our

to Refrain

1. va - tion, spill - ing with love from a tree!
2. ask - ing, love in a - bun - dance of wealth!
3. a - ges, Je - sus, com - pan - ion and guide!
4. sun - light, lift - ing and lead - ing our way!

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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The Lord will bless _____ his peo - ple with peace.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

A READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

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.**

OFFERTORY HYMN: COME TO THE WATER



1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the
2. And let all who seek, let them come to the
3. And let all who toil, let them come to the
4. And let all the poor, let them come to the

1. wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,
2. wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,
3. wa - ter. And let all who are wea - ry,
4. wa - ter. Bring the ones who are lad - en,

1. let them come to the Lord: with - out
2. let them come to the Lord: with - out
3. let them come to the Lord: all who
4. bring them all to the Lord: bring the

1. mon - ey, with - out price. Why should you pay the
2. mon - ey, with - out strife. Why should you spend your
3. la - bor, with - out rest. How can your soul find
4. chil - dren with - out might. Eas - y the load and

1. price, ex - cept for the Lord?
2. life, ex - cept for the Lord?
3. rest, ex - cept for the Lord?
4. light: † come to the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me. Permit me not to be separated from you. From the wicked foe, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you That with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: HE IS THE LORD

Sing to the Lord with shouts of joy, let all cre - a - tion re - joice! —
8 — Come join the song of praise to our God! He is the Lord! He is the
16 Lord! Cry out with joy to the Lord, all you
Give thanks to God our Fa - ther for his
24 Great is the King of cre - a - tion, he is
na - tions! Serve the Lord. Serve the Lord.
love. Bless our God. Bless our God.
33 faith - ful. Praise his name. Praise his name.
— Come be - fore him sing - ing for joy!
— His mer - cy is for e - ver!
— Sing of his sal - va - tion!


Please Pray for the Sick



Ed Rish, Steven Rish, Danielle Esposito, Connie DiCarlo, Anna Adamovich, Sandra Overlock, Laura Luzzi, Pamela Willis, Mark Cefaloni, Patricia McDonnell, Janice Barone, Damian Horbury, Frank DeLucia, Nancy Cavallo, Rob Sapitowicz, Paul Gawron, Michele Schioppo, Victoria Diana, Laura Daddio, Michael Cosenza, Joseph Moore Sr., Joseph Moore Jr., and Jim Puleo

Please contact the Parish Office to add or remove names from the Prayer List.

Please Pray for those serving in the Military



Pvt Nicholas Rickel, (Army), Captain Alexander Carpenter (Army), Captain Patrick Carpenter Jr., Captain Benjamin Steven Santandreu (Army), SEA BEE Nicholas Listro, (Navy) Lieutenant John Philip Morrissey (Army) Lieutenant Matthew Hansen, Major Daniel Morrissey, (Air Force) Lieutenant Colonel Seth Krummrich (Army), Captain Samuel Hurchala, Lieutenant Sean Leary, Kevin Murphy, Danny Murphy, Pfc. J. Adams, Emily O'Hara, Jonathan Sanchez, Alice Mary, Eric Trivette, Meara O'Hara, Zachary Simpson, Jon Farwell, Sergeant Brian Streit, Ryan Rausch, Mary O'Connell, Andrew Gnidula, and LCPL Glenn Warner.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, January 8, Vigil, Baptism of the Lord

5:00 P.M. +Stephen Andrussian (Zak Family)

SUNDAY, January 9 Baptism of the Lord

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

9:30 A.M. +Cynthia Schultz (husband, Charles)

11:30 A.M. Open for Mass Intention

MONDAY, January 10 Weekday

9:00 A.M. Open for Mass Intention

TUESDAY, January 11 Weekday

9:00 A.M. +Josephine Sandora (Joseph & Mary Ellen Kendzierski)

WEDNESDAY, January 12 Weekday

9:00 A.M. Birthday Remembrance Hiram Carrington Jr. (wife, Joan)

THURSDAY, January 13 St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

No Mass

FRIDAY, January 14 Weekday

9:00 A.M. +Dominic Proto (Family)

SATURDAY, January 15 Weekday

8:30 A.M. Open for Mass Intention

SATURDAY, January 15 Vigil, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. People of the Parish

SUNDAY, January 16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

9:30 A.M. In Thanksgiving to an Anonymous Organ Donor (John & Linda Reilly)

11:30 A.M. +Robert Walther (Family)



The Sanctuary Lamp burns at the Mother Church in memory of Hiram Carrington requested by his wife, Joan.

Parish Giving:

January 2, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: 9:00 A.M. At the Mother Church
(1700 Litchfield Tpke, Rt. 69, Woodbridge)

(NO MASS ON THURSDAYS)

SATURDAY: 8:30 A.M. (Center Road)

WEEKEND MASSES: SAT. VIGIL 5:00 P.M.,
8:00 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 11:30 A.M (Center Road)

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4:00 TO 4:45 P.M
OR BY APPOINTMENT

FROM FATHER LAVORGNA

My dear friends,

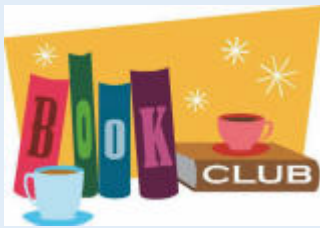
I am happy to extend Christmas Season greetings and best wishes to all in our community. I have been asked to provide some background information as I soon begin my assignment as Pastor in Woodbridge and Bethany; I am excited to be among you soon. I am very grateful to Father Christopher Ford for his friendship to me and his faithful leadership as Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption these past years. We all support him as he takes on significant responsibilities as Chancellor of our Archdiocese and Pastor of Saint Peter Claver Parish in West Hartford.



I was born in New Haven and was raised in the Elm City and also in Hamden. (So I am familiar with the neighborhood!) My home parishes growing up were Saint Rose and Saint Francis in New Haven, and ultimately Saint Ann in Hamden. My parents are Egidio and Palma and I am so grateful for their love, guidance, and many sacrifices, rooted in our faith and heritage. My older brother, Egidio Jr. is married to Stefanie, and I am blessed with great nieces and nephew, as well as devoted relatives and friends. I have truly special grandparents, now all deceased, but their memory lives on in my heart and prayers. I am also thankful for the companionship of so many colleagues in the ministry throughout the Archdiocese and the countless parishioners I have been called to serve through my varied assignments. Most of all, our dear Lord Jesus and our Catholic faith remains at the center of my life. Jesus calls us together as the Body of Christ, the Church, and holds us close to His Sacred Heart through the hope, peace, and strength that only He can give us.

May God be praised by our efforts to seek and do His holy will. Our fundamental identity is as a child of God. That makes all the difference. Our positive achievements are reflections of God's grace and the care of others. I share the requested information below, with gratitude for the many blessings that come through the experiences and opportunities we are given along the journey of faith.

All the way - to God's embrace. Sincerely, *Father Lavorgna*



FRIDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB Beginning Friday, January 21 and for the following five weeks, we will gather in the Rectory Meeting Room from 10:00 – 11:15 A.M. to share and discuss Fr. Michael Buckley, S.J.'s book, *What Do You Seek*. In his book, Buckley meditates on fourteen key personal questions that Jesus asks in the Gospel of John—such questions as, “What do you seek?”, “Do you know what I have done to you?”, “Do you take offense at this?”, “Do you love Me?”.

These questions challenge and unsettle; they cut to the heart of human experience. Like a plow plunging into hard soil, they split life open!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, THE 21ST; the book is \$18 and are available at the Rectory Office. Be the catalyst in starting this New Year of Grace—2022-- off to a good start! For more information, contact Sr. Carolyn at carsev2000@yahoo.com or at 203-387-7119

FATHER FORD'S ADDRESS

If parishioners would like to send correspondence to Fr. Ford, his new address is:

Rev. Christopher M. Ford
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THE ABC'S OF ANNULMENT

Father Philip Schulze, Pastor of Saint Margaret Parish, 24 Academy Street, Madison, Connecticut, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, Connecticut, will host "The ABCs of Annulment" on Saturday of January 22nd, 2022, from 10 am to 12:00 pm, in the Church Hall at the address above.

Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, and Jim Tottenham.

Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday January 29th, and February 12th and 19th, from 10 am to 12:00 pm. Br. Larry, Jim Tottenham, and other members of the Annulment Team, will be present for the Workshops.

The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com.

THE POPE FRANCIS LIST

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.

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