

***Holy Trinity Parish  
St. Matthew Church, Plymouth, NH  
Our Lady of Grace, Bristol, NH***



***The Baptism*  
OF THE LORD**

“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.” - Lk 3:16bc

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**Saturday, January 8**

4:00 PM **St. Matthew Church**  
Health of Linda & Alan Tasker  
by the Hill family  
*Rosary by Catholic Daughters 3:30 PM*

**Sunday, January 9**

8:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**  
†Henry Ahern Sr. by the family  
9:30 AM **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**  
For all parishioners  
*Rosary before 9:30 AM Mass*  
11:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**  
†Matthew Balch by the Renkert family  
†Wayne Fortier by the Renkert family

**Monday, January 10**

8:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**  
Health of Rita Davey by the Hill family

**Tuesday, January 11**

NO MASS

**Wednesday, January 12**

NO MASS

**Thursday, January 13**

8:00 AM **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**  
MASS  
*Adoration at North American Martyrs 8:30 - Noon*

**Friday, January 14**

8:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**  
†Jesse Bartlett by his wife, Jeannine Bartlett

**Saturday, January 15**

4:00 PM **St. Matthew Church**  
†Leonard Sawyer by Brenda Connell  
†Debra Ann Norwood by Brenda Connell  
*Rosary by Catholic Daughters 3:30 PM*

**Sunday, January 16**

8:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**  
†Cindy Gilbert by Sandy & Ed Hauser  
9:30 AM **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**  
†Judith Colcord & Melissa Barrett  
by the Colcord family  
*Rosary before 9:30 AM Mass*  
11:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**  
†Barbara Christie by the Renkert family  
†Stephen Huggard by Kathy Tardif

**Saturday, January 8**

AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 AM

**Sunday, January 9**

K of C Breakfast, Pope Francis Hall, 8:00 AM  
Theology of the Body, CLC Conference Room, 9:15 AM

**Monday, January 10**

AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon  
K of C #7073, Marian Hall, 6:00 PM

**Tuesday, January 11**

AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

**Wednesday, January 12**

AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon  
Cub Scout Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 7:00 PM

**Thursday, January 13**

Men's Cursillo Group, Marian Center, 10:00 AM  
AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon  
Boy Scout Troop, Pope Francis Hall, 6:00 PM

**Friday, January 14**

AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

**Saturday, January 15**

AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 AM  
Catholic Daughters Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 2:30 PM

**Sunday, January 16**

Ad Altare Dei, CLC Conference Room, 9:15 AM

**CHURCH SUPPORT  
December 25/26**

<b>Offertory:</b>	<b>\$8727.80</b>
<b>Christmas Offering:</b>	<b>\$1786.00</b>
<b>Snow removal:</b>	<b>\$96.00</b>
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>\$240.00</b>
<b>Retirement for Religious:</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
<b>World Mission:</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
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<b>Evangelization:</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

**January 1/2**

<b>Offertory:</b>	<b>\$4120.00</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary:</b>	<b>\$381.00</b>

**December Online Giving**

<b>Offertory:</b>	<b>\$9449.39</b>
<b>Second Collections:</b>	<b>\$5159.78</b>

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*



Christmas this year was surely a strange one with dangerous Christmas Day travel, New Year's Day on Saturday and Epiphany on Sunday. We were also dealing with the ongoing COVID concerns. But as they say, we got through it and the rest is history.

I want to thank you once again for your participation in the Christmas holidays. It was a joy to see so many of you home for the holidays from your college dorms or out of the area jobs.

Please come back to visit soon. I'm sure your families enjoyed your presence and you enjoyed your presents.

Thank you for all who made the Christmas Season a time of jubilation and an opportunity to help the poor. Also, let us stay close to the Lord who is always the REASON FOR THE SEASON at Christmas and the rest of our lives too.

Fr. Leo

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT OUR LADY OF GRACE**  
Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays at Our Lady of Grace will now be at North American Martyrs Oratory (across the street in the Marian Center). from 8:30 AM to Noon. If you would like to sign up for a slot, please let Chris know at [holytrinitybristol@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitybristol@gmail.com)

**ONLINE GIVING QR CODE**

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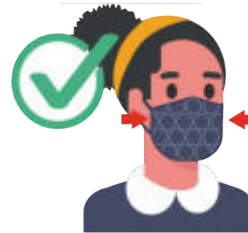
**PLYMOUTH KNIGHTS BREAKFAST**



The Knights of Columbus in Plymouth invite you to the best breakfast in town this Sunday, January 9th after the 8:00 AM Mass. Have you seen the menu?

- ◆ Eggs
  - ◆ Homemade Toast
  - ◆ Pancakes (including choc. chip)
  - ◆ Bacon and sausage
  - ◆ Sausage gravy over biscuits
  - ◆ Home made muffins
  - ◆ Coffee and juice AND MORE!!!
- Proceeds go to the charities the Knights support. Come on down!

**Please Wear Your Mask**



Masks are strongly suggested at Mass while the numbers of COVID cases are at a severe level. There are masks at the church doors if you need one. Please help us to keep our parish family as safe and healthy as possible. If you are feeling ill, please stay at home.

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

**JANUARY 2022 SECOND COLLECTIONS**

January 9th: PARISH/Energy, Fuel  
January 16th: DIOCESAN/Seminarian Fund

**2021 CONTRIBUTION LETTERS**



If you are in need of a record of your contributions for the year 2021, call Sandy at the Plymouth office at 536-4700.



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## ONLINE MASS MUSIC FOR JANUARY 9

### **GATHERING SONG: RIVER OF GLORY**

River of glory ,springs of our birth,  
Flood of God's riches poured on the earth,  
We are born from the darkness and clothed in the light,  
We are bathed in the glory of God.

### **RESP. PSALM: THE LORD WILL BLESS US WITH PEACE**

The Lord will bless us with peace,  
The Lord will bless us with peace.

### **OFFERTORY: FLOW RIVER FLOW**

Flow river flow, flow over me  
I living water, poured out for free,  
O Living water, flow over me.

### **COMMUNION HYMN: GOD WITH US**

You are holy, holy, God Almighty, God with us.  
You are holy, holy, God Almighty, God with us.

### **CLOSING SONG: CITY OF GOD**

Let us build the city of God,  
may our tears be turned into dancing,  
For the Lord our light and our love,  
Has turned the night into day.

### **ONLINE MASSES**

The following Masses will be available to be viewed online on our YouTube channel, Holy Trinity NH.  
Jan. 9: Baptism of the Lord/Jan. 23/Feb. 6/Feb 20  
March 6: 1st Sun. of Lent/March 20: 3rd Sun. of Lent  
April 10: Palm Sunday/April 17: Easter Sunday

## **READINGS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless us with peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

### **I HOPE I AM LIKE HIM**

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?" Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it. Consider the figure of John the Baptist, a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power, a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah. But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ, and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament, he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

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