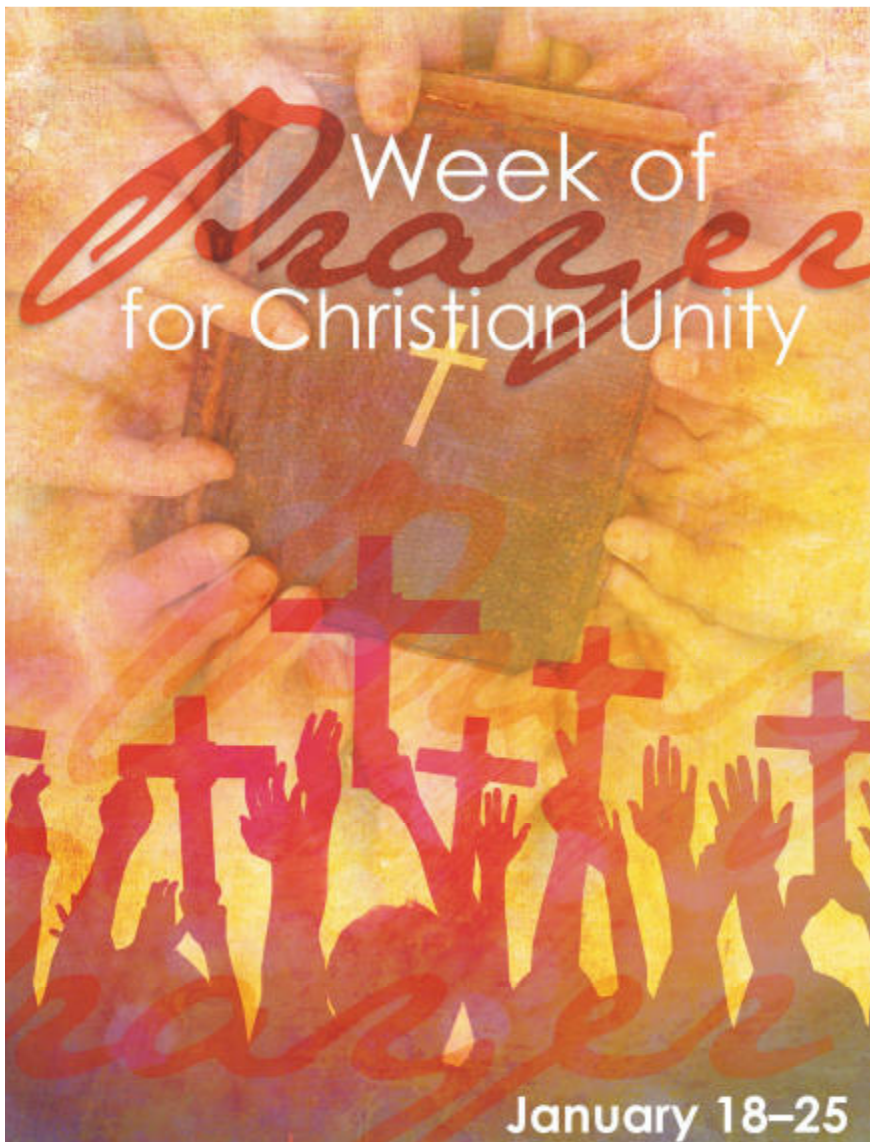




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**THE LORD'S DAY: MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday evening ..... 5:00 pm  
 Sunday ..... 9:00 & 10:30 am & 12 pm  
 Weekdays ..... 9:00 am  
 Saturday ..... 9:00 am

*Sacrament Information on Page 6*

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**PARISH REGISTRATION**

We welcome all new members to our parish family. Please register at the parish office. We want to know and serve you. Please become an active part of our parish community. All adults (over age 21) who are working should register in the parish themselves and should use envelopes or website link to eCatholic online giving to support the parish. Tithing is 5% of income; stewardship is your decision in prayer. Please notify the parish office if you are changing your address or phone number so that we may have accurate records! This registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish family, especially for Baptism and Confirmation sponsorship letters and for scheduling baptisms or weddings.

The deadline for bulletin items is Monday 12 noon of each week, unless it's a holiday, then it is due the Friday before at 12 noon.



## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
Monday	St. Anthony Abbot
Tuesday	January 18-25 is the week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Wednesday	Wednesday Second Week In Ordinary Time
Thursday	St. Fabian Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Friday	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

5:00 pm Patrick Flynn

5:00 pm Kathleen A. Bruno

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00 am Francie & Mary Duffy

10:30 am Parishioners of St. Augustine

12:00 pm Andrew Blinn

### MONDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 am Thomas Mellia

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00 am Terry O'Sullivan

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00 am Marianne V. Downes

9:00 am Thomas A. Downes II

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 am Anne McCabe

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 am Adam & Mary Ozimkoski

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00 am Vincent Considine

5:00 pm Carol Becker

5:00 pm Robert Palko

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

9:00 am Mary Kuriakose

10:30 am Parishioners of St. Augustine

12:00 pm Vincent Pasqualino 18th Anniversary

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## PRAYER LIST



Christopher Troy, Albert & Diane Marino, Jose Padilla, Marilyn Dumas, Marie Zanicchi, Marcia Camacho, Paul Hurley, Erika and Darrel, Mary Poli, Susan Gerardo, Christopher Costa, Mark Tominac, Sharyn Miller, Michael Varley, Libby Fusco, Tina Gandolfo, Tess Callow, Diane Schneider, Mary Ann Plaia, Will Rolston & all those who have passed away, or are still suffering from Covid-19.

TO ADD NAMES & INTENTIONS TO THE PRAYER LIST CALL OR EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE.



## ST. SEBASTIAN | JANUARY 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

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## FAITHFUL DEPARTED

**Question:**

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

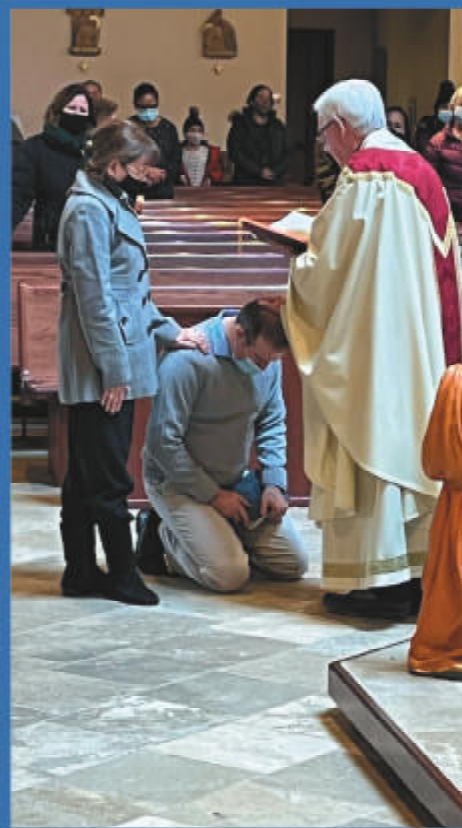
**Answer:**

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

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On Sunday, January 9th, The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, one of our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) candidates was received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

Christopher Iacovides was a member of the Greek Orthodox Church, and as a baby received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation - Chrismation) in the Greek Orthodox tradition.

Chris has been attending our RCIA sessions, held after the 9AM Mass in the Parish Center. Our team realized very early on that Chris was very knowledgeable about his Christian faith.

Due to the fact that Chris had already received all of the required Sacraments, he would only be required to recite the Nicene Creed and make a brief Profession of Faith.

Chris stated "I believe and profess all that the Holy Catholic Church believes, teaches, and proclaims to be revealed by God." Chris was accompanied by his mother Kathleen Iacovides who served as his Sponsor for the Reception.

In the photo you see Chris, his mom Kathy and Fr. Bill during the Rite of Reception.

Any adult interested in completing their Sacraments of Initiation, or becoming a member of the Catholic Church should contact Deacon Jim by calling the parish office at 845-634-3641.

## SAVE THE DATE

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## Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

The parish office will be closed on Monday, 1/17/22.

# GOSPEL MEDITATION, JANUARY 16 2022

## DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from

our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

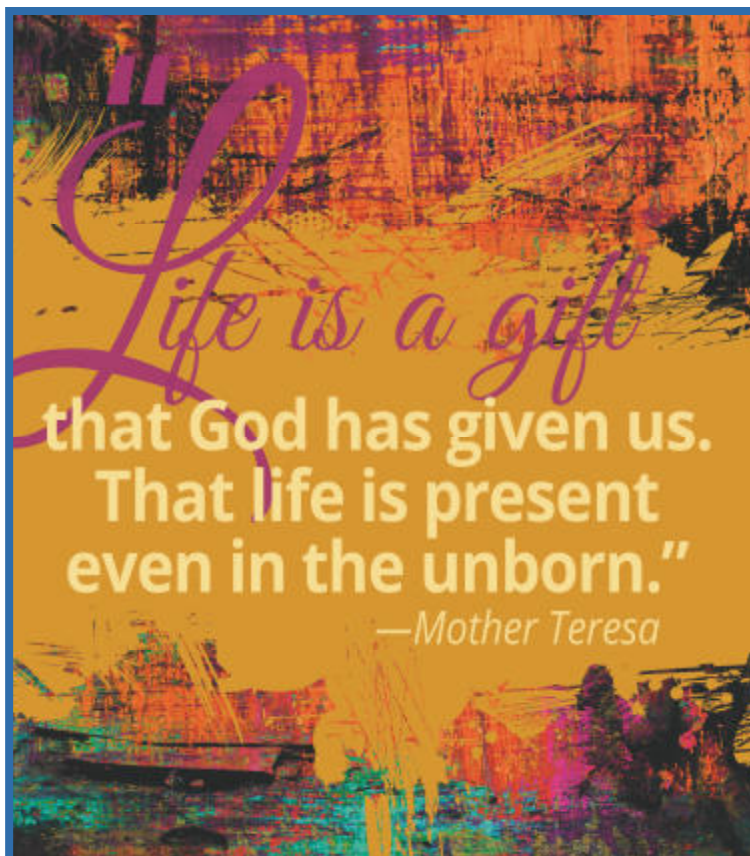
God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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### Longest Married Couple Search

World Marriage Day, February 13, 2022

The search begins for the Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of New York! To enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York. The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by his Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The winning couple will be interviewed and featured in an article in Catholic New York. Winners are determined by how long the couple has been married as of World Marriage Day, February 13, 2022. For further information, or to submit an entry, contact Kathleen Crayne at the Family Life Office at [kathleen.crayne@archny.org](mailto:kathleen.crayne@archny.org) (preferred method) or (646)-794-3182.







# WORSHIP

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM:

Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm (usually). There is a required Baptism class for the parents to attend prior to the baptism. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

### MARRIAGE:

Engaged couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance. Diocesan regulations require a marriage preparation program for all couples. Ask for a parish policy brochure at the parish office.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

The parish religious education program, grades 1-8, help bring about God's kingdom by proclaiming & teaching God's word,, celebrating the sacraments, & placing value on service to all people. Call the office for more details.

### DEVOTIONS:

Miraculous Medal: All are welcome to attend following the Mon. 9am Mass. Rosary: Recited each morning after the 9 am Mass. Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent 7:30 pm.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 pm. Anytime upon request.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Communal Anointing announced in the bulletin. Anytime upon request.

## SCHEDULE FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK

CELEBRANT	EME	LECTOR
Saturday, January 22 5.00 pm Fr. Bill	John Bruno Vinnie Reda Deacon Joe	Rob Christie
Sunday, January 23 9:00 am Msgr. LaMorte	Fr. Bill Deacon Joe will select Deacon Joe	Eileen Ryan
Sunday, January 23 10:30 am Msgr. LaMorte	Fr. Bill Gloria Toal Deacon Jim	Rosanne Hughes
Sunday, January 23 12:00 pm Fr. Bill	Agnes Sobieraj Marie Mobarek Deacon Sam	Dave Connors



Join us on Friday, January 21, 2022 for the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. Arrive at St. Francis of Assisi parking lot by 5:45 AM. Buses are comfortable & have lavatories. The Rally begins at noon & the March at 1 PM. Then we head to the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. We leave D.C. around 6 PM and are home by 11 PM. Cost: \$30 adults, \$15 students.

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