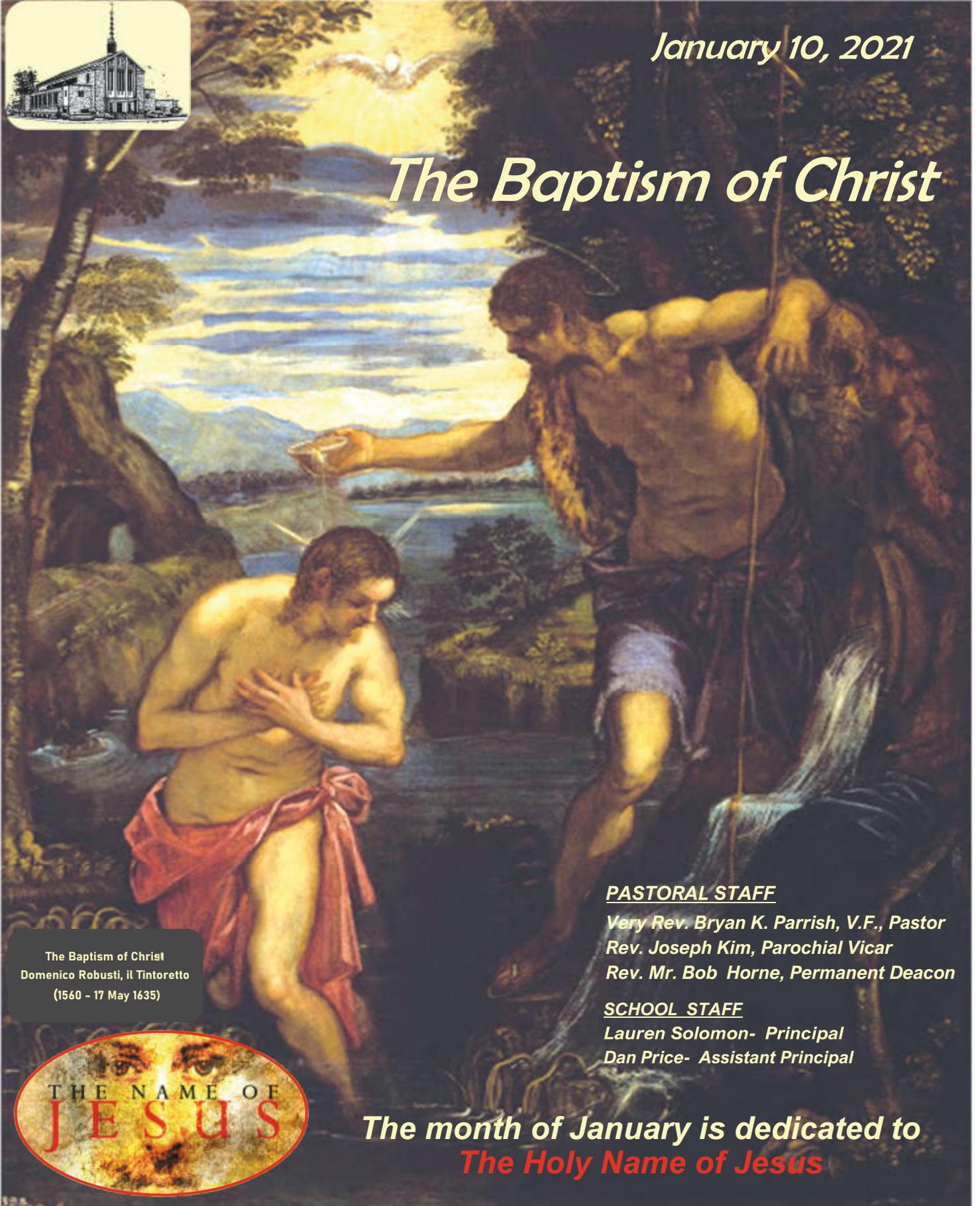


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*January 10, 2021*

## *The Baptism of Christ*



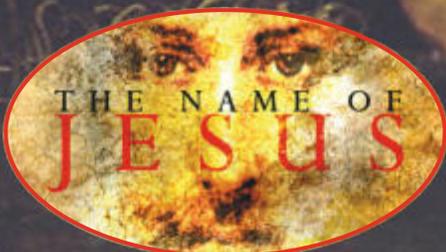
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The Baptism of Christ  
Domenico Robusti, il Tintoretto  
(1560 - 17 May 1635)



*The month of January is dedicated to*  
*The Holy Name of Jesus*

## ***SAINT JOSEPH PARISH—PASTOR'S CORNER***

**Bulletin**  
**1.10.21**

*Dear Friends:*

*Once again, I am so grateful for all who helped make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful here at St. Joseph's. Amid challenging times, the heart of the Christmas event remains true and eternal: "God so loved the world he gave us his only Son."*

*I hope you have noticed one of the wise men in the upstairs church manger scene. He is the one on the lower sanctuary step, facing out and gesturing not to the Christ Child as are the other wise men, but to you and me. I know this wise man well because I almost inadvertently knocked him over at the first Christmas Mass! His pose is stunning. He is, as it were, looking into the eyes of all who pass by and saying: "Look my friends and come close, here He is, our long-awaited Messiah, the Light of the world and the Hope of all nations." That wise man is speaking to you! Jesus was born into our world not to remain a baby in a manger but to save us from our sins. As believers and disciples, we are called to share His light and love in our own daily lives, through concrete words and actions. The whole point of the Baptism of the Lord, which we celebrate today in conclusion of the Christmas Season, is to reflect on our own baptism and the responsibility we have to share the gift of faith in word and deed. "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." May the Light of Jesus shine brightly in your hearts and in your lives!*

*Speaking of sharing gifts, I wish to offer my sincere thanks to parishioner Brian Rose, who designed and built our new outdoor manger scene, with the assistance of his crew. The manger is still a work in progress and, as you can see, is beautifully expressive of our Catholic faith. In his quiet and humble manner, Brian has given a special gift to our parish family. May the manger proclaim God's unconditional love to all who pass by.*

*God bless,*

*Father Bryan Parrish*



### ***Congratulations Sister Cecelia Sacca !***

St. Joseph Parish is delighted to congratulate Sr. Cecelia Sacca on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her Profession of Final Vows to the Sisters of Charity on December 19<sup>th</sup>. What a blessing it has been for our parish to come to know Sister Cel and benefit from the many ways she serves us. After having spent 47 years as a missionary in foreign lands, Sister Cel came to Needham three years ago. Thank you, Sr. Cel, for all that you have done in your ministry and continue to do as a beautiful servant of God and witness of faith. God bless you!

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH



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Religious Education classes have begun, but we are still accepting registrations. Please go to the Parish website for the link to the registration form and register as soon as possible.

**Classes resume for grades 7th to 10th today January 10, 2021.**

Please pray for the two dozen children from the Religious Education program and St. Joseph School who received God's love and forgiveness for the first time through the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend. While their lambs may not be on the altar as in past years, we know they are reconciled with the Good Shepherd.

Though the Religious Education Office remains closed, Melissa Harrigan, Director for Gr. K-6 and Debbie Coyle, Coordinator, Gr. K-11 can be reached via their emails:

[mharrigan@saintjoes.com](mailto:mharrigan@saintjoes.com) and [dcoyle@saintjoes.com](mailto:dcoyle@saintjoes.com)

## The Baptism of the Lord, Cycle B Sunday, January 10, 2021

**Gospel Reading**

**Mark 1:7-11**

**Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist.**

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In most years, this feast is celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. When Epiphany falls on either January 7 or 8, the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Monday after Epiphany.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism; it was a preparation for the Christian Baptism we celebrate today, and through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. In accepting John's baptism, Jesus, though sinless, united himself with all sinners.

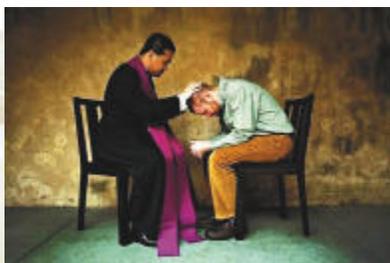
The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, Jesus' baptism was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to all who are present. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism shows that something new is beginning through the baptism and ministry of Jesus.

The baptism of Jesus is considered an important manifestation of God in the person of Jesus, another epiphany. Jesus' baptism inaugurates his mission. Mark's Gospel moves quickly from the report of Jesus' baptism to Jesus' temptations in the desert to his ministry in Galilee after John's arrest. The end of the ministry of John the Baptist is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

Surprisingly, on this the last day of the Christmas season the Gospel does not tell a story from Jesus' childhood. Instead the Gospel reveals Jesus' relationship to God: the Son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. We believe that through Baptism we are also made children of God.



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# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

## CARDINAL RECEIVES COVID-19 VACCINE URGES PUBLIC TO BE VACCINATED

December 28, 2020  
BostonCatholic.org

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley received the first of the two dose protocol of the Moderna vaccine approved for COVID-19. The Cardinal received the dose on December 24, 2020 at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton, MA. The second dose is scheduled to be administered in late January 2021 at St. Elizabeth's. Cardinal Seán, who is 76 years old, hopes to demonstrate that the vaccine is safe and wishes to encourage people to be vaccinated when possible.



Photo credit: St. Elizabeth's Medical Center

### CARDINALS STATEMENT:

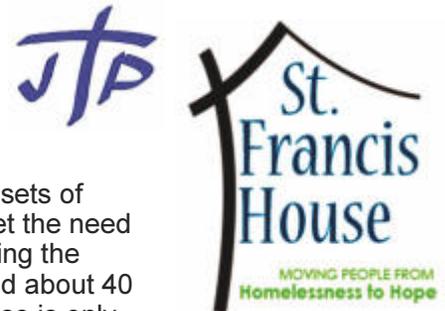


"I am very grateful to Dr. Joseph Weinstein, Chief Physician Executive of the Steward Health Care Network who, noting that I qualified for the COVID vaccine, very kindly offered to facilitate my inoculation at St. Elizabeth's. With recognition of the importance that all persons be vaccinated when possible I was very happy to receive this invitation. Mr. James Terwilliger, President of St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, one of the Steward Health Care hospitals in the Archdiocese and Chaplain Elizabeth Goeke, Director of Spiritual Care, welcomed me to St. Elizabeth's, where highly skilled nurses and medical personnel are directing and overseeing the vaccination process. I am grateful to have been in line for the vaccine and encourage all people to be vaccinated as the opportunity is presented, as an important action of care and concern for our loved ones, our communities and our nation. With the help of God and the excellent medical care provided at St. Elizabeth's and many other hospitals, we will make our way through and beyond the pandemic."

### St. Francis House Clothing Drive-

St. Francis House provides shelter, food and clothing to the poor and homeless of Boston. Each week they distribute approximately 250 complete sets of clothing to their guests. For many years St. Joseph's Parish has helped meet the need by having a Warm Winter Clothing drive of new and gently used clothing during the month of January. In the past with your generosity we have been able to send about 40 bags of clothing. However because of the Covid pandemic St. Francis House is only accepting donations of new clothing this year.

To make donations easier and contact free, St. Francis House has created an **Amazon Wish List** which we hope you will consider donating from during the Month of January. Please refer to the Parish website or online Parish bulletin to directly access the link to make your donation. <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/RYCZP1DG51NM>.

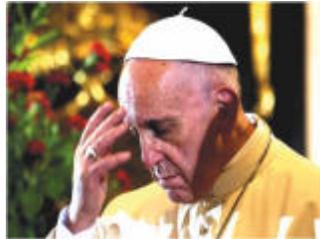


*Pope Francis  
wishes 2021 is  
'a year of peace,  
a year of hope'*



# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

## The Holy Father's Intention for January 2021 Human fraternity



May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**Adoration** in the lower church every Friday following the 6:50 a.m. Mass. Adoration concludes with Reposition at 12 noon.



Pay a visit and speak to the Lord.

## Mass Intentions

Stewardship			
Offertory: Week 27 January 3, 2020	Received	Goal	Variance
In Church & by mail	\$9,754		
Online – Weekly	\$2,615		
Online – Monthly	\$4,083		
<b>TOTAL for Week</b>	<b>\$16,452</b>	<b>\$15,500</b>	<b>\$952</b>
<b>TOTAL Year to Date</b>	<b>\$404,489</b>	<b>\$418,500</b>	<b>(\$14,011)</b>
Grand Annual 2020/21	Received	Goal	Still to go
Number of Gifts	276	325	49
Amount	\$194,755	\$180,000	\$0

### Saturday, January 9

8:30	Anne Flynn– Memorial
4:00	Frank McDonnell– Memorial

### Sunday, January 10

7:30	Donald Sr. and Donald Ravinski– Memorial
9:00	Adrienne Garrido– Memorial
11:00	Alice Kennedy– Memorial

### Monday, January 11

6:50	Abe Kniaz– Memorial
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### Tuesday, January 12

6:50	Poor Suffering Souls in Purgatory
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### Wednesday, January 13

6:50	Alena Mrazova– Memorial
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### Thursday, January 14

6:50	The People of Saint Joseph Parish
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### Friday, January 15

6:50	Michael Foster– Memorial
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### Saturday, January 16

8:30	Marian and Jack Tighe– Memorial
4:00	Charles Butters– Memorial

### Sunday, January 17

7:30	The People of Saint Joseph Parish
9:00	John Quagliaroli– Memorial
11:00	Tyrone Bourguignon– Memorial



## St. Joseph Grand Annual Appeal

We are grateful for everyone's support of the Grand Annual Appeal. As you know, the appeal supports the day-to-day needs of the parish such as employee and clergy compensation and benefits, utilities and building maintenance, faith formation and various pastoral ministries.

Through the generosity of 276 donors, and the anonymous family who gave a \$6,000 matching gift, we have collected over \$194,000. That exceeds the financial goal that was established and will help offset the lower offertory collections during this time of limited Mass attendance.

The appeal will remain open until the end of January for those who may still want to make a gift. Packets and envelopes are available at the entrances to the church or you may visit the parish website to make an online gift [www.stjosephparishneedham.com](http://www.stjosephparishneedham.com).

## Rose for Life–

Each week roses are placed beside the tabernacles as reminders to pray for the unborn.

**The week of Jan 10 roses are donated in memory of Madeline and Bill McCarthy, and C.J. and Alice Chisholm.**



## *Saint Joseph Parish - Needham, Massachusetts*

### Parish Staff

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Mario A. Clavell, Jr., Administrative Assistant

#### Religious Education

Melissa Harrigan, Director (K-6)  
Michael Lescault, Director (7-11)  
Debbie Coyle, Coordinator (K-11)

### Parish Staff

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Mary Beth Cox, Director

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Robert English, Asst. Children/Family Choir

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM:

To request the Sacrament of Baptism for your child please fill out the form found on the parish website at: <http://www.stjosephparishneedham.com/baptism> or if you don't have online access or have a question, please contact the Parish Office at 781-444-0245.

### RECONCILIATION (Confession) :

**Saturday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm and by Appointment.**

### MARRIAGE:

Contact one of the parish priests to schedule a date. A preparation period of at least six months must be allowed between initial contact and the date set. Couples are required to attend a Marriage Preparation Program during this time.

## SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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..... Fax: 781-444-7713  
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..... Needham, MA 02492  
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Website:..... [www.saintjoes.com](http://www.saintjoes.com)  
Development Office..... 781-896-2538

## TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE

### Upper Church

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am  
9:00 am  
11:00 am

Daily Mass 6:50 am (Monday to Friday)  
8:30 am (Saturday)

### Temporary Church Prayer Hours

#### Lower Church

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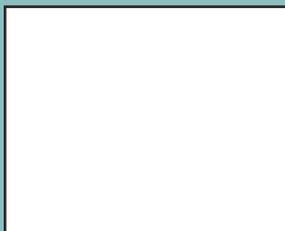
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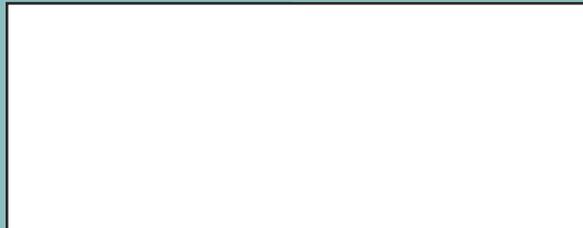
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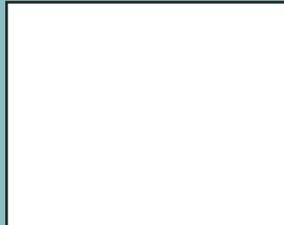
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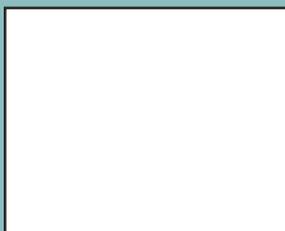
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