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Good News!

January 12, 2014
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Mt 3:13-17

In the sacrament of baptism, we stress that the person is no longer bound by original sin; rather, despite still retaining the wounds caused by original sin, he or she becomes free to live as a child of God, embracing the will of God through discipleship in Jesus Christ. We're free to live not as the world dictates, but as those who know, love, and serve God in this world and look forward to being with him in the next.

Adults who go through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults have time to reflect on the conversion necessary for such transformation, but for many of us, the significance of our baptism as infants gets lost in the long years between childhood and adulthood. We stop being mindful of the power of grace and the necessity of turning our lives over to God regardless of the work we do or the community we belong to.

We may have wondered why Jesus presented himself for baptism. Wasn't he God, born without sin? Of course, the answer is yes. But Jesus came to his baptism as a public witness of the need to turn over our lives to God. Like us in all things, Jesus approached John for the ritual washing that signaled a new beginning. It was a sign for us and a wonderful way to mark the beginning of his ministry.

Matthew records that he heard the voice of God saying, "This is my beloved Son." In baptism, God welcomes all of us as beloved children. Out of gratitude and praise, we, in turn, follow Jesus.

And so we submit our lives to God proclaiming justice, doing good, and loving God and others as we love ourselves.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JAN. 11– JAN. 12, 2014

Triple Play Café Breakfast 8-10A.M.

Blood Pressure Screening Available

Maintenance Collection

USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, JAN. 11 –

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Jerry Chemerka & +Thomas O’Neill request of Sheila Chemerka

Coffee Social after 4 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, JAN. 12 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of the Dean & Bloznalis Families

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation

9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JAN. 13 – No Mass

5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M.— Progressive Jackpot \$100

TUESDAY, JAN. 14 – No Mass

7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Billy Maneggia & His Family request of the Edward Murphy Family

THURSDAY, JAN. 16 – No Mass

FRIDAY, JAN. 17 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JAN. 18 –

3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4 P.M. MASS

Last week’s Offertory — January 5 — \$4,092

Last year’s Offertory — January 6 — \$5,030

“And a voice came from the heavens, saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’” Matthew 3:17

At the Baptism of Jesus, God made it clear that He was giving us the greatest gift He could give. He was giving us His only Son. When you really think about the magnitude of that gift of Jesus sent to save us, plus all of the many other blessings that God has entrusted into our hands, it is very humbling. God has given us so much. What do we give in return?

NEXT WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JAN. 18– JAN. 19, 2014

USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, JAN. 18 –

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +John Garvan request of Marion Gelinaz

Altar Servers: Maria Cineza

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

Coffee Social after 4 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, JAN. 19 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Antonina, +Josef and +Jan Hajdasz request of Helen Kurys and family

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino

Lector: Lynn Mancino

Eucharistic Minister:

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Amilia Herasimowicz

Lector: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JAN. 20– No Mass

5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21 – No Mass

7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +May Guttay request of Mary Mumford and family

THURSDAY, JAN. 23 – No Mass

FRIDAY, JAN. 24 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JAN. 25 –

3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of January 12, 2014

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

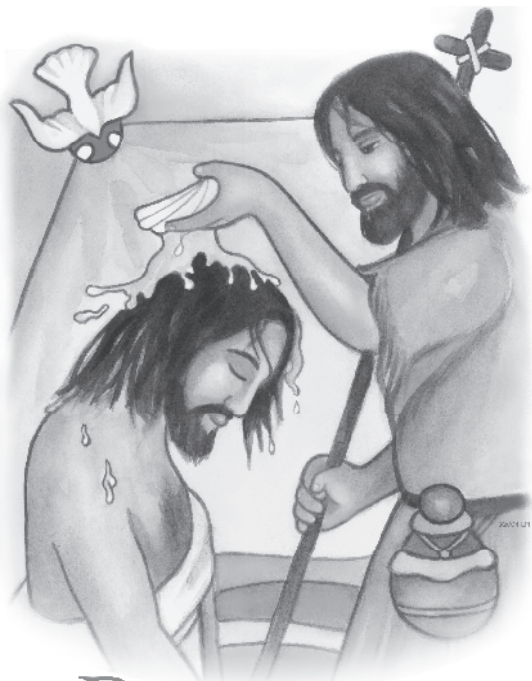
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Defending Our Religious Liberty

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor recently agreed to block temporarily the contraceptive mandate in the HHS implementation of the federal health care law. The mandate forces religion-affiliated organizations to go against their religious beliefs by providing contraception as part of their health plans. Justice Sotomayor's action is a step in the right direction, but the relief is only temporary.

We must continue voicing our opposition to the HHS mandate by contacting President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the health care mandate, as currently written, is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

March for Life – January 22, 2014 in Washington, DC Bus Trip.

January 22, 2014 marks the 41st anniversary of the Supreme Court's legalization of abortion. From that decision, over 50 million pre-born babies have died from abortion. On January 22nd people from across our nation will assemble in the largest Pro-life event in the world, with a peaceful demonstration in Washington, D.C. to March for Life and end abortion. Consider attending if you have never experienced being a part of the March for Life. On Tuesday, January 21st at 9 P.M., buses sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of Connecticut Right to Life will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 80, I-395) and travel to D.C. to attend the March. Bus fare is \$65 per person. For information, to reserve a seat or if you cannot go, to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362.

Marriage Preparation Upcoming Classes for Engaged Couples

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage". To register for a 3 session class call the Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext. 283. Upcoming classes: Sat., Feb. 8, 15, 22, 9:30am-12:00pm, at St. Joseph Church, Occum. Fri. Mar. 7, 14, 21, 6:00pm-8:30pm, at St. Francis Church, Middletown. Sat. Mar. 15, 22, 29, 9:30am-12:00pm, at St. Matthew Church, Tolland.

Reaching for a lifeline for your troubled marriage? Serious

marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is that lifeline. At a Retrouvaille weekend couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. A series of 6 post sessions follows the weekend phase. For information or to sign up for the next weekend on January 17-19 in Hartford area call 413-525-1634. Website www.retrouvaille.org.

Marriage Encounter Weekend~

"We thought we had a great marriage, but now our love is so much deeper than anything we could have imagined!" Rediscover each other with a heart-to-heart **Marriage Encounter**. To register for the January 24-26 weekend in East Hartford or for information call 860-376-0440. www.wwme.org.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, February 1st ~ 8:30 a.m.

Please join us at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch will follow the Rosary.

Natural Family Planning Classes ~ For Married and Engaged.

(NFP) is the safe and loving alternative to the dangerous, chemical, synthetic hormonal side-effects of contraception and birth control. NFP is scientific, helps with fertility problems and 99% effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. Discover the beauty of NFP! A class begins in Gales Ferry on Jan. 25th, call the Schantz's at 860-464-0741. A class begins on Feb. 5th in Westerly, RI; call the Bliers at 401-596-9582.

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