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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD — JANUARY 11, 2015

# Good News!

January 11, 2015

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1–4, 6–7 or Is 55:1–11 / Acts 10:34–38 or 1 Jn 5:1–9 / Mk 1:7–11

A lay-minister acquaintance of mine keeps a framed copy of his baptismal certificate on his office wall. He says, “My diplomas show that I’ve learned a lot of things about theology, liturgy, and Scripture. That’s great, but my experience of Christ and my call to ministry come out of my baptism, and I need to remind myself of that every now and then.”

I was intrigued by his words. Baptism is the initiation into a community whose sole purpose is to worship and serve the Lord using the gifts God has given us. Most of us were baptized as infants, and we rarely take the time to reflect on what we’re called to do by God.

In baptism, we’re given the grace to live a transformed life following the commandments to love God and neighbor. How many times have we fallen short and needed to reconcile with God?

Mark’s story of Jesus’ baptism is a scant four verses. Jesus is baptized and hears God tell him, “You are my beloved Son.” After that, Jesus prevails against temptation and sets about his own mission without looking back. Our baptism gives us the grace to do the same, whatever mission we are called to.

Two good spiritual exercises for this week would be to ask God whether we’re doing what he has asked of us and to reflect on the ways in which our lives have brought us closer to God or taken us away from him.

Then it’s up to us to continue to serve God in the grace of baptism and in the company of the people who share this faith with us.

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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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD****JANUARY 10 – 11, 2015****USHERS GROUP III****2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND****SATURDAY, JAN. 10**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Jerry Chemerka —  
10<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
 request of Sheila Chemerka & Family

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***SUNDAY, JAN. 11**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

*CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass*

**8:00 A.M. — TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST**  
*Parish Center from 8:00AM to 10:00AM*

**9:00 A.M. — FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

**10:00 A.M.** Youth Mass  
Mass offered for +Michael Willette  
 request of Clifford & Sharon Scorso

*CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass*

**Parish Finance Report Review after Mass**  
*in the Parish Center. All Parishioners are welcome to attend.*

**MONDAY, JAN. 12**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Samuel Gugliemino

**TUESDAY, JAN. 13 — NO MASS**

**7:30 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14 — NO MASS****THURSDAY, JAN. 15 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, JAN. 16 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, JAN. 17**

**3:30 P.M. — ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

**STEWARDSHIP**

Last week's Offertory: Jan. 4 — \$3,705

Projected Amount needed \$3,370

"After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie." – MARK 1:7

We are put on this earth to love God, love our neighbor and make disciples. How many times does our own pride and ego get in the way on fulfilling God's plan for us? Humbling ourselves before God and putting Him first in all things should be our top priority.

NEXT WEEK**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****JANUARY 17 – 18, 2015****Order Grinders This Weekend****USHERS GROUP IV****SATURDAY, JAN. 17**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for +Lois Dunham  
 request of Linda Wiley

*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea

*Lectors:* Patti Cinea

*Eucharistic Minister:* Patti Cinea

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***SUNDAY, JAN. 18**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Samuel Gugliemino

*Altar Servers:* Shirley Warbeck & Jason Dean

*Lector:* Judy Knox

*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio

*CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass***No FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

*Altar Servers:* Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz

*Lector:* Paul Brown

*Eucharistic Minister:* Clifford Scorso

*CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*

**6:00 P.M. — ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

*in the Parish Center Library*

**MONDAY, JAN. 19**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Martha Turner  
 request of Lynn Mancino

**TUESDAY, JAN. 20 — NO MASS**

**7:30 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21 — NO MASS**

**7:15 P.M. — KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JAN. 22 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, JAN. 23 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, JAN. 24**

**3:30 P.M. — ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

**Readings for the Week of January 11, 2015**

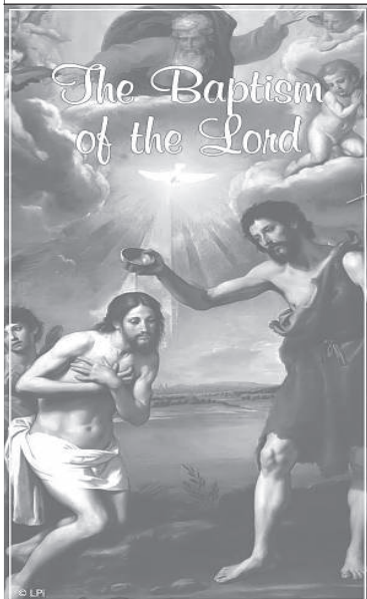
Sunday: Is 55:1-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/1 Jn 5:1-9 or  
 Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11  
 Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20  
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17  
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/  
 Jn 1:35-42

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**ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line, especially the new requests for this week. Thank you. Carol and Mary Ann.



This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."  
- Mk 1:7-8

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:**

**REVELATION:**

**THE KINGDOM YET TO COME**

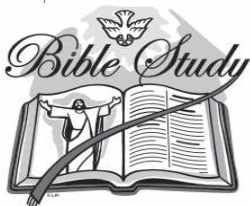
The next session on the *Book of Revelation*, Chapters 19 and 20, will be on **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.** in the **Parish Center Library**.

Session is 55 minutes in length. All are welcome.

We will begin the month of February with a second Book Club reading — a book by Dr. Scott Hahn, *A Father Who Keeps his Promises*. Jesus refers to the **Father** 17 times in the Sermon on the Mount, and 170 times in the Gospels. Read how God our Father patiently reaches out in love throughout salvation history to restore his people into right relationship with his divine family. It is the same untiring love he has for you. A short Sunday afternoon discussion group will follow in March.

There are limited copies for **only \$5**.

Please sign up on the sheet on the back table.



**WAIM GRINDER SALE**

Next weekend, January 17th and 18th, prepaid orders for grinders will be taken after all Masses. To place your order, please see Tom Manning in the choir area at the back of the Church. Grinders are \$6.00 each and come in five varieties: tuna, veggie, turkey, ham and salami. Grinders may be picked up after Sunday Masses the following weekend January 25th. Proceeds benefit the work of the **Windham Area Interfaith Ministry**. Orders may also be placed and paid for online through the St. Maurice website by following the link on the home page.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

**The March for Life in Washington, D.C. Bus Trip.**

January 22, 2015 marks the 42nd anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous abortion-on-demand ruling. Because of that decision, millions of pre-born babies have been denied their most basic right - their right to life. On Thursday, January 22, 2015, people from across the nation will assemble in Washington, D.C. to visibly express their opposition to abortion.

On Wednesday, January 21, 2015 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 For Life on January 22, 2015. Bus fare is \$65 per person. (Reduced rate available for students \$42)

If you are unable to attend the March For Life, please consider sponsoring a seat on the bus.

For further information and/or to reserve a seat or to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362.

**Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples**

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage"

January 31, February 7, 21, 2015 9:30 am-12:00 pm

St. Joseph Church Hall, RT. 97, Occum

To register for the 3 session class call:

The Office of Family Life at 860-889-8346 ext. 283

**Director of Business Practices Catholic Charities, Norwich Position Available.**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich is currently seeking to fill the newly created position of, Director of Business Practices. The successful candidate will report to the Executive Director, and work to create efficient processes and implement the infrastructure and systems needed to effectively support substantial program and financial growth. The successful candidate will build, modify and manage effective and streamlined administrative/financial systems. Areas of responsibility include financial, accounting, budget planning and adjustment, business practice report including payroll and file maintenance, legal, information technology, and physical plant maintenance and infrastructure.

Ideal candidates will have the following experience and attributes; CPA or an MBA with at least two years in financial management, or a Bachelor's degree in accounting and at least 5 years in financial management, including experience with third-party payments including Medicaid billing in a not-for-profit environment. The ideal candidate will have significant experience working with and creating reports for Federal, State and local funding sources including agencies such as DCF, CSSD, DMHAS, HUD and CHFA. Additionally, he or she will have experience in creating and driving the analytic framework for planning and managing departmental change in a fast paced environment.

**Interested Candidates should submit a cover letter and resume by**

**mail to: Catholic Charities DBP Search Committee,**

**331 Main Street Norwich, CT 06360**

**or email [searchcommittee@ccfsn.org](mailto:searchcommittee@ccfsn.org)**

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

Last month, the Little Sisters of the Poor appeared before an appeals court, asking the court to protect them from the federal health care mandate, because the mandate threatens their 175 years of service to the poor and dying. Let's pray for a decision that will honor our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.



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