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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD • January 13, 2019
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Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE

MASSES

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday 7:30 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekends: Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Days: 7:30 AM, Noon & 7:00 PM

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 to 4:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Mondays 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Infant Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at Noon with prior arrangements made at least three months in advance with the Infant Baptism Ministry. Parents are required to attend a parish preparation program. Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing with their local parish. See the ministry brochure in parish Literature Racks.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance. Couples are required to participate in a parish marriage preparation program and to attend a pre-marital conference sponsored by the Diocese. Weddings must be scheduled before 2:00 PM on Saturdays.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound: To arrange for the spiritual needs of the homebound or sick, contact the Rectory Office and see the ministry brochure in parish Literature Racks. Urgent sick calls at any time.

Registration: All parishioners should be registered. Please contact the Rectory Office when entering or leaving the parish.

Parish Ministries & Services

Parish Rectory & Office 609-882-3277
Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Fax: 609-882-4375
Monday thru Friday Website: olgcc.net
NEW EMAIL E-mail: parishoffice@olgcc.net
Religious Education
Brenda O'Callaghan, CRE 609-883-9005
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Rectory Office 609-882-3277

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Darlene Wilson 609-882-2996

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 12, 2019 Mary DeFrancesco r/o Kees & Angela Geurds Joseph Cebulski r/o Margaret Babeck
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	JANUARY 13, 2019 The Baptism of the Lord Robert P. Cook r/o Mom Louis V. Galloni r/o Beatrice & Louis Galloni For the Special Intention of James Keenan IV r/o Parents
MONDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 14, 2019 Levia C. Martinetti r/o Elaine L. Palatine
TUESDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 15, 2019 Andrew Accardi r/o Delores Brienza
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 16, 2019 Marie & William Dolton r/o Helen Marie Dolton
THURSDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 17, 2019 Thomas Tumillo r/o Harry & Sherry Masterson
FRIDAY, 7:30 AM	JANUARY 18, 2019 Peter J. Carlino r/o Family Ruth Drew r/o Harry & Sherry Masterson
SATURDAY, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	JANUARY 19, 2019 Special Intention Mary DeFrancesco r/o Trish, Walt, Lexi, Bella Boguslawski
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	JANUARY 20, 2019 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Patti Constance r/o Hajjar Family Peg Lawlor r/o Dee Hindley Patrick E. Keenan r/o Parents

NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS

We are changing our email server to a free email service provided by our Parish Bulletin Company, John Patrick.

Here is a list of the new Addresses:

ParishOffice@olgcc.net

FrMike@olgcc.net

The old Comcast email will still be available for Religious Ed and Parish Email for approximately one month while we make the transition. We encourage you to make a note of the new addresses listed above and start using them. Thanks!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 19 Anna Adomaitis, Jackie Crane, Dennis Hice, Darlene Wilson & Fran Zenchak
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 20 Mary Anne & Claude LeGall, Butch Kramer, Brenda O'Callaghan, Laura Shea
10:00 AM	Preferred Care Visits: Mary Pat Voorhees
10:30 AM	Tim & Ellen Everett, Michael Lake
MONDAY,	JANUARY 21 MLK Day Adoration Cancelled

READERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 19 Maeve Cannon
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 20 Sean Feddema
10:30 AM	Carol Lake

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	JANUARY 19 James Gummel and Michael Montagna
SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	JANUARY 20 Nora Shea, Mary Catherine Shea
10:30 AM	Connor Greig

PARISH EVENTS

Saturday, January 12, Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM

Monday, January 13 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place following the 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass until 7p.m.

Tuesday, January 14 The Knights of Columbus Council 3756 will hold a members only meeting at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 19 Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM



Religious Education Classes for Grades 1-7 are Monday, 4:30-6:30 PM at Villa Victoria Academy.



Looking for the perfect way to start the New Year with your spouse?

Why not give yourselves a Marriage Encounter Weekend. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

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Early registration is advisable as space is limited.

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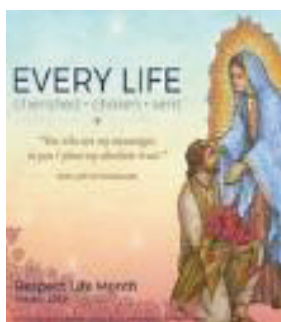
Visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.

The Baptism of the Lord



Pray for our Sick: Bob Arcadipane, Michael Babick, Andy Brunetto, Rosemarie Buker, Peter Carabelli, Gregory DeFillippo, Nancy Finn, Nick Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Debra Kern, Carol Lake, Rebecca Lynn, Thomas McGuire, Dolores Megyesy, Keith Mello, Marie Muscente, Angelika Niranjan, Vincent O'Dell, Jeff Papp, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Elayne Smith, Linda Solinski, Stephen Thoma, Gary Vanderbilt & Laura Varone and all parishioners who are sick or homebound.

Please call the parish office at 609-882-3277 to add a name to the prayer list and to inform us when all is well so we may take a name off the list.



Pre-March Mass for Life – Thursday January 17th 7:00 pm, Freehold, NJ

Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, Bishop of Trenton at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine and is open to all – especially those who cannot make it to the March for Life in Washington D.C. the next day. Life

is precious from conception to natural death. For more information call Tom Panettiere at 908-338-7128 or email him at: tpanettiere@victorypackaging.com

Bus Trip to the 2019 March for Life-Washington D.C. Friday, January 18, 2019

Once again, Our Lady of Good Counsel and Incarnation-St. James parishes are sponsoring a bus to Washington D.C. for the March for Life. This is an energizing opportunity to stand up for life from conception through natural death with hundreds of thousands of other committed people from all ages and faiths.

Details:

When: January 18th, 2019.

Where: Leaving from / returning to: Incarnation Church

How: 7:30AM loading. 7:45:00AM departure

(Daily Mass at Incarnation at 6:45A.M.)

- Participants need to pack a lunch.

- Bus stops on the way to Washington D.C. at a rest stop in Maryland.

- Bus stops on the way back for dinner at the Whitemarsh Mall food court near Baltimore.

- Visit to Senators and Congress reps available but we will depart D.C. ~ 4PM

- Cost: \$20 per seat. Scholarships available. Checks should be made to Incarnation-St. James Parish.

You can pay when boarding.

- Reserve a seat by contacting Deacon Frank Golazeski at mail@deaconfrank.com or 609 538-8727.

We're expecting a full bus!

Mass for Life/Rally for Life in Trenton

Monday, January 22, 2019

46th Anniversary of Roe v Wade

Join hundreds of people from all over New Jersey in opposition to the killing of the innocent unborn through abortion as we pray and rally for LIFE!

Join Msgr. Roldan, Rector of the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton as he celebrates a Mass for Life at 9:30 am. (151 N. Warren St., Trenton).

Find directions to the Cathedral at:

<https://www.saintmaryscathedral-trenton.org/directions/>

. After Mass, you may wish to walk to the Statehouse Annex, 145 W. State St. (next to the State House) for the New Jersey Right to Life's Rally for Life which will begin at 11:00 am and end at about 1:00 pm. Signs will be provided by NJRTL. Come to hear pro-life leaders, elected officials and clergy address current abortion related issues. Be a voice for the voiceless and join us in Trenton on January 22, 2019! For more information, contact Rachel Hendricks rhendr@dioceseoftrenton.org or (609) 403-7192.

*Life is Precious
From Conception
To Natural Death*



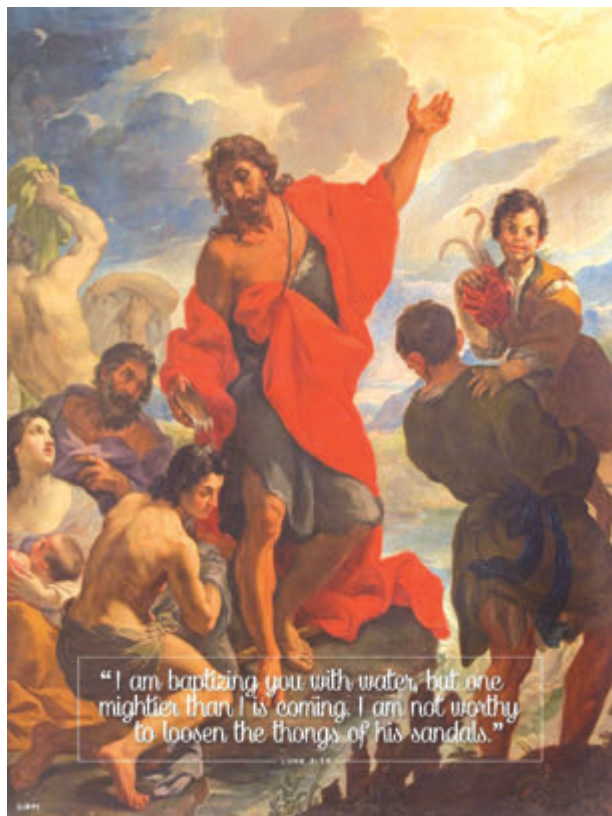
Loaves and Fishes Program

With the departure of Deacon Frank Golazeski to St. Ann's Parish, the **Loaves and Fishes Program** that was synonymous with him, is now in jeopardy of being disbanded. As the Chairman of Cohort 9 (Incarnation St. James and Our Lady of Good Council Parishes), I would like to invite parishioners from both Parishes to a meeting which will be held at the Incarnation Rectory on Monday, January 28, 2019 - 7:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting is to, hopefully create a committee of shared responsibility to continue this worthy program of Catholic giving. Deacon Frank and other members of the planning committee will be there to offer insight as to what is needed to effectively prepare and serve a meal to the needy. We are hoping to form a cohort sub-committee of ten members with representation from both parishes. Fr. Thomas Morris and Fr. Michael Hall, our Pastors, have pledged their full support of this project. Please give serious thought to joining this effort as the reward is both spiritual and emotional. If you plan to attend please call Nina Siwy, at the Incarnation St. James Rectory, 609-882-2860, to reserve your attendance. In the event that we have an overwhelming response and need a larger space for the meeting, we will notify you of the new location.

Peter Brennan
Chairperson, Cohort 9



January 13, 2019



Deacon Steve Szmuto's Reflection
January 13, 2019 – The Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 Psalms 104: 1b-4, 24-25, 27-30
Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7 Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

“A voice cries out: In the desert, prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!” (Isaiah 40: 3)

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the close of the Christmas Season (so if you still have the Christmas tree up, you're good through the end of today). Tomorrow, we return to Ordinary Time until the Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which arrives late this year on March 6 (as Easter is on April 21, 2019 – its latest occurrence since 2000). The celebration of today's feast is important as our focus in the Liturgy of the Word transitions from the infancy and youth narratives of Christ to the beginning of his public ministry. Jesus' Baptism is directly recorded with slight variations in each of the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke, and is indirectly referenced in John's Gospel as well.

Today, the reading from the Gospel of Luke recounts both the appearance of John the Baptist and the Baptism of Jesus by John in the River Jordan. When John had first arrived on the scene, preaching repentance, and baptizing others as a symbol of purification, many of the people thought that he might be the Messiah. John, with great humility told them that he was not the Christ. He answered: *“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.” (Luke 3: 16) Unlike John's symbolic Baptism, Christ would offer a baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

Strictly speaking, there was no reason for Jesus to be baptized; as the Son of God, he was without sin and in no need of repentance. However, it would be a powerful sign that he take up our burdens on our behalf in order to reconcile us with the Father. Participating in the rite was a sign of renewal and strengthening for his mission to come. Following the baptism and while Jesus was at prayer, there was a powerful revelation of his oneness with the Father and the Holy Spirit – one God in the three persons of the Holy Trinity: *“The Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” (Luke 3: 22)* Upon being baptized, Jesus went into the desert by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil, before he began his public ministry.

Jesus' baptism foreshadows our own, in that we emerge from the waters to new life. God's gift of Baptism is given to us, an expression of His infinite mercy and love, not because of any deeds we have done. Through the words and water of the sacrament, our sins are washed away and we are renewed and strengthened for our new life in Christ. Later, in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, we enter the fullness of the Catholic faith and participate in the reception of the Precious Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Filled with God's Sanctifying Grace, we are purified in the fire of faith and emerge as a new creation. As we heard in the Responsorial Psalm: *“[LORD], when you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.” (Psalm 104: 30)*

Deacon Steven K. Szmuto

<u>COLLECTION TOTALS UPDATE</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>CHRISTMAS</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MARY MOTHER OF GOD</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
	12/23/2018	12/25/2018	12/30/2018	1/1/2019	1/6/2019
Registered Parishioners	786 Families	786 Families	786 Families	786 Families	786 Families
Parishioners using envelopes	227	329	188	124	234
Envelope Contributions	\$ 4,736.50	\$ 23,900.00	\$ 4,604.00	\$ 1,840.00	\$ 5,430.01
Average Contribution	\$ 20.87	\$ 72.64	24.49	\$ 14.84	\$ 23.21
Loose Cash	\$ 696.00	\$ 2,237.00	\$ 776.00	\$ 652.19	\$ 739.00
Total Contributions	\$ 5,432.50	26,137.00	\$ 5,380.00	\$ 2,492.19	\$ 6,169.01

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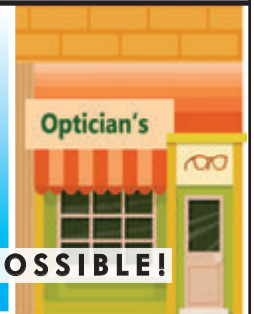
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