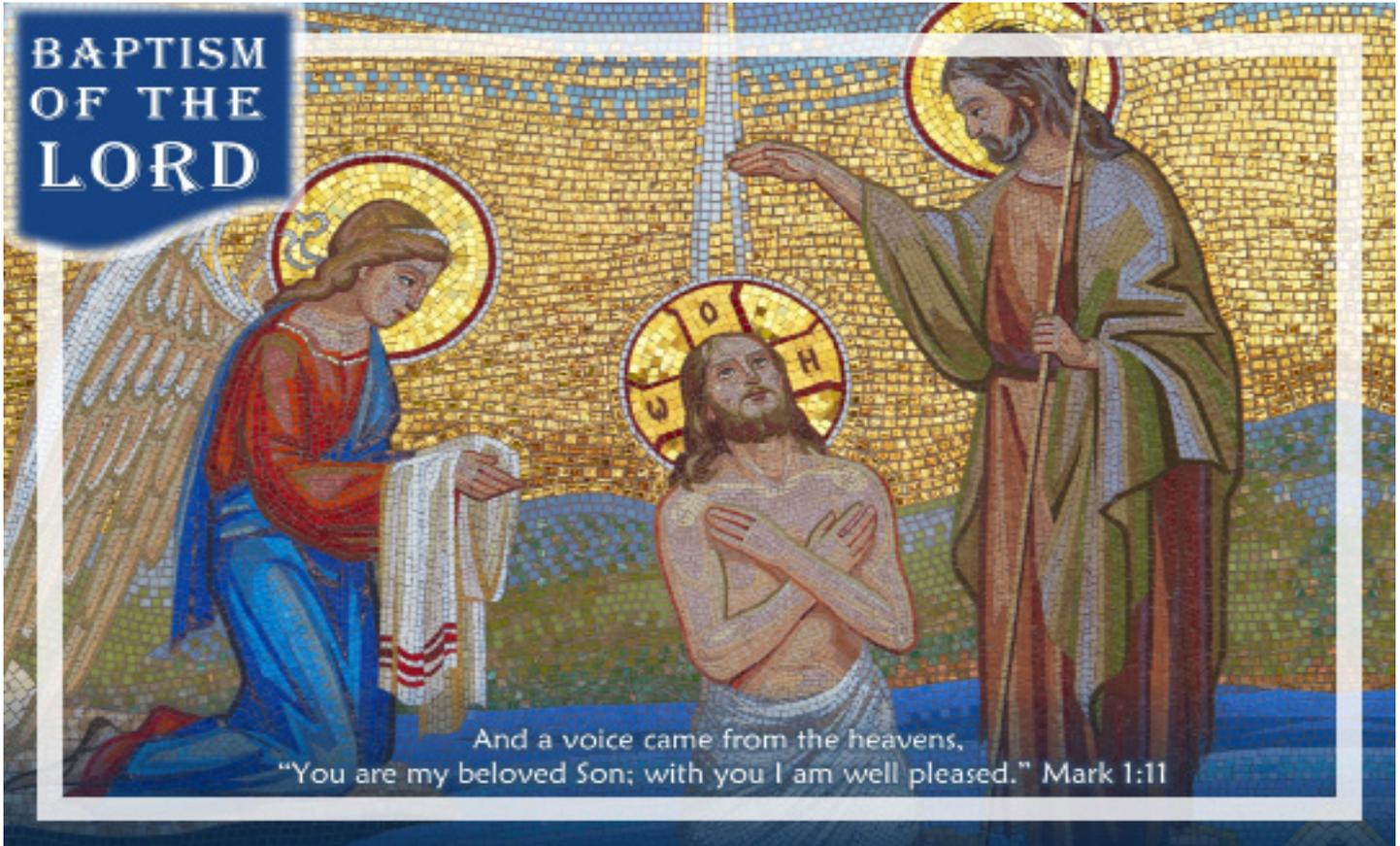


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**Will be down on Tuesdays and Thursday by appointment  
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## Pray for All the Soul in Purgatory:

**Angelo LaRosa, Dr. Anthony Scarpiccio, Francis Kehoe,  
Raymond Noel and Marie Giaimo**

## Masses this Week

### Sunday, January 10, In Church

- 8:00 George Maglione (Birthday) by daughter  
Marie & family
- 10:00 Rita (Birthday) & John (12th Anniversary)  
Pennacchio by daughters Evelyn & Jean
- 12:00 Mary Indorato (4th Anniversary) by family

### Monday, January 11, In Church

- 7: AM
- 12:PM Philip LaCascia (100th Birthday) by family

### Tuesday, January 12, In Church

- 7: AM
- 12:PM

### Wednesday, January 13, In Church

- 7: AM Filicetta Susi by John & Laura
- 12:PM

### Thursday, January 14, In Church

- 7: AM Feliciano Salvatore by John & Laura
- 12: PM Anita L. Glennon (1st Anniversary) by daughter

### Friday, January 15, In Church

- 7: AM Maria Loreta Giammarco by John & Laura
- 12: PM

### Saturday, January 16, In Church

- 9: AM Community Mass
- 4: PM Alexander Marino by family

### Masses next Sunday January 17, In Church

- 8:00 Vanessa (14th Anniversary) &  
Tony Ardagna (20th Anniversary) by mother  
Maria & sister
- 10:00 John Rainone, John Rainone III, Helen Barry  
and Helen Mirro by Grace & Sandra
- 12:00 Wayne Richard (2nd Anniversary) by children

## Saturday Community Mass January 16, at 9:AM

1. Vincent & Catherine Napoli
2. Lucy DeMasse
3. Rev. Edward J. Gaudette
4. Galla Family by son William
5. Philip LaCascia & Carol LaCascia  
White by family
6. Bobby, Vinnie and All the Souls in  
Purgatory
7. Special prayers for Joel Colegrove by  
family
8. Gina & Antonio Pepe by The Pepe Family
9. Angelina Ferraro by daughter
10. Tom Lally by Phyllis & Mike Prizio
11. Angelo Larosa by St. Anthony's
12. Dr. Anthony Scapiccio by St. Anthony's
13. Pelligrino Giangregorio & Carmela Lambrusco by  
Carmela Giangregorio
14. Antonio Giangregorio & Emanuela Pepe by  
Roslinda Losanno
15. Francis Kehoe by St. Anthony's
16. Raymond Noel by St. Anthony's
17. Marie Giaimo by St. Anthony's
18. Lillian Giorgio (20th Anniversary) by family
19. Anna & Marvin (8th Anniversary) Edelstein by family
20. Gloria Gregorio by family



# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## News from the wheel-House

“The saints show us that being a baptized Christian means living as a new creation, rejoicing in a life radically different from the status quo of the world. All the holy people, whose lives fill this book, show readers how to let the grace of God in the sacraments create their lives anew”

- Stephen J. Bing

Hello Everybody,

How are you? Hope you are all safe and healthy. I pray that God may bless you in every way you need.

Do you know that our church bells rang along with the other catholic churches of Archdiocese of Boston bells at 12 Noon on Dec. 30, 2020 to pray as “one church” for the people died of Covid-19, to show our solidarity with the families who have lost their loved ones and to move forward with the hope for the better year to come? And do you know why we have the tradition in the church to ring the bells at 12 Noon? We have a beautiful reason from the history of our catholic church. I am glad to bring it to you. The reason is, “Fearing that Christianity might succumb to the Ottoman Empire, Pope Callixtus III ordered bells of every European church to ring at noon, as support for the Christian forces in the battle. It worked, Ottoman forces withdrew and the news of victory reached Europe. The bells at noon became bells of victory”. I am mentioning this to reiterate that last week’s bulletin message that we have stepped into this year with hope and that too for better year to come. May God help us with this!

This Sunday Jan. 10, 2021 we celebrate the Solemnity of “the Baptism of our Lord”. This feast reminds us how important and valuable the baptism we have received. Our church teaches that when the blood and water gushed from the side of our Lord Jesus, the sacrament of Baptism was instituted by Jesus and by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist, He made known to the world how important to receive the Sacrament of Baptism and in the Gospel of St. John (3/5) we read: “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God”. Saint John Chrysostom says, “we baptize even infants .... so, they too may be given holiness, righteousness, adoption, inheritance, brotherhood with Christ and membership in Him”. I am writing this that we may not grow weak in our faith because of the depressing and disheartening news which we hear more about the Pandemic. Baptism which initiates faith in us tells us that no matter what we should never fail in our faith. Here I want to bring to your kind knowledge the two verses of the bible. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths”

(Proverbs 3:5-6). And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him” (Hebrews 11:6). Thought of God and the thought of Faith which helped the saints and martyrs to stay strong in their trying moments will also definitely help us in this difficult time. Please remember the quote I have done above, “a baptized Christian means living as a new creation, rejoicing in a life radically different from the status quo of the world”. God bless and help us to get through this valiantly with faith.

Poinsettias to go: We all know that we have the poinsettias at the church along with the other Christmas decorations. With the solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord we are taking down all the decorations at the church and so if you want to take one or two a poinsettia home, you are most welcome to do it right after the 12 Noon Mass (Sunday) on Jan 10, 2021. Hereby I want to thank our church caretaker Gloria and her group who did the Christmas decorations. God bless them! Access to Digital Mass Readings: You know that we had been using Missalettes at St. Anthony’s to do a focused participation in the Mass and now because of the virus concerns we are not doing it but we have made an alternative arrangement for the people to get access to the Mass readings digitally. We have fixed our church Wi-Fi and so at the church you can use your gadgets and have the access to the readings from the USCCB website. The Wi-Fi name is padua-mesh and the password is padua2020. Kindly use the Wi-Fi responsibly and for spiritual purpose only. Thank you.

Well, here goes the bell calling me to go and hold the Wheel. Before I go let me say “God bless you” and assure you of my continual prayers for your well-being!

Your Administrator,

**Fr. Xavier**



# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Read together this prayer with your family:**

**Lord God,**

**You revealed Your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed Him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the Gospel.**

**Lord God,**

**Your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in Your grace, mark us with your images, and raise us to live our baptismal vows empowered by the Holy Spirit and the example of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Confirmation 2 Candidates: Your sponsor and Confirmation Name forms must be in by the end of January. Please return them to the Faith Formation Office. Thank you!**

**Confirmation 1 and 2: Your next Online Sessions have been assigned this weekend. Your next Sessions will be sent on January 24th! Be advised that there will be a mandatory ZOOM joint session later this month, so watch your email and the bulletin announcements!**

**Thanks to all the families who sent me the beautiful pictures of the Three Kings that I sent last week! The art work is truly inspiring!**

**First Communion Parents: There will be a lot of information regarding First Holy Communion going home in the mail. Once dates are confirmed, letters will be sent. Also, we will begin using the Sadlier text book on the Sacrament of Reconciliation and I will notify you when you should plan to come to the Faith Formation office on a Saturday to pick it up, along with a lesson plan to follow!**

**Today marks the official ending of the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord!**

**In my prayers,  
Donna Felzani**

## HYPOCRISY

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God**  
Throughout the history of Christian spirituality, the interpretation to this beatitude always points out the virtue of chastity. I do not deny it. But it is not good to limit the beatitude with particular virtue called chastity. Rev. Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa says in Christ's thinking purity of heart does not point out to a particular virtue but it is a quality that should accompany all the virtues. Further he says the clearest opposite of purity of heart is not impurity but hypocrisy.

We all know that both Old Testament and New Testament deeply deal with hypocrisy especially our Lord Jesus Christ condemns hypocrisy of the religious authorities of his time. Hypocrisy is a sin. The reason is:

1. Hypocrisy gives priority to the opinion of the world.
2. Hypocrisy keeps God in the second place.
3. Hypocrisy makes us to hide our true nature.

The intention of an act decides the purity or impurity of the act. So, all the acts are pure when they are done with good intention. When we look into the origin of the word, hypocrisy which is reserved for theatre arts. St. Augustine recalls this in his commentary on the beatitude of the pure in heart: "For hypocrites are pretenders, as it were setters forth of other characters, just as in the plays of theatre."

This is clearly seen in the lives of Pharisees and scribes. Quoting prophet Isaiah, Jesus says "this people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts" (MT.15:8-9). In the modern world everything is viewed with profit orientation. It makes even relationships as commodity. As long as a particular relationship (mother, father, husband, wife, sister, brother, uncle, aunty...) is useful, we relate. In other words, there is no genuine or true love in our relationships. We cannot love God unless we love our neighbors (1Jn.2:9) Thus hypocrisy keeps us away from God and our neighbors.

Being hypocrite, we fail to live our true lives. we always try our level best to project what we are not. Our life becomes theatre in which we become actors. By being hypocrites, we may think that we deceive others and get fame and fame. But it is not true. We deceive ourselves. This vain glory becomes mere mirage when we stand for our final judgement.

Now let us check ourselves. Are we pure in heart or hypocrite? When we make love of God and love of neighbor as our ultimate goal, we are able to be pure in heart. We may occasionally fail. Let us examine ourselves. What are the elements which make us hypocrites?

**Prayer: Loving God, I thank you for your blessings. But ignoring them, I run after world's glory. I feel sorry for it and being hypocrite in my words and deeds. Give me grace to be pure in heart. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**M.A. Heniston Washington**

## THE CANDLEMAS CONNECTION

Michelle DiFranco



*If Candlemas be fair and bright, Come winter, have another flight.  
If Candlemas bring clouds and rain, Go winter, and come not again.*

These are the words of an old English poem which helped inspire a tradition that takes place here in the U.S. every Feb. 2, dating back to 1887. On Groundhog Day, the fate of spring is determined in the quaint town of Punxsutawney, Pa. If the groundhog "Punxsutawney Phil" sees his shadow, it means six more weeks of winter. And if not, we're in for an early spring!

And while thousands gather near Gobbler's Knob, the small hill where the ceremony takes place, millions of people across the Atlantic in France celebrate Feb. 2 by feasting on crepes for what they call Crêpe Day or La Chandeleur. So what do these traditions have in common? Like many secular holidays recognized on the modern calendar, Groundhog Day and La Chandeleur both have a Christian connection. That's right, if it wasn't for Mary and Joseph bringing their infant Son Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem, neither would exist!

Feb. 2 marks the final day of the 40-day Christmastide season, and is the feast of the Presentation of our Lord, or Candlemas Day. Forty days after Christ's birth, Mary and Joseph, following Mosaic law, brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem for the rites of purification and dedication. Luke 2:22 describes, "When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."

## French Crêpes

1½ cups flour  
3 eggs  
¼ teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
2 cups whole or 2% milk  
3 tablespoons butter melted  
Butter (for coating the pan)

In a blender, combine all ingredients and blend on medium-high speed (or pulse) until completely emulsified. Cover batter and let rest for 20 minutes. The batter can also be stored in an airtight container in the fridge overnight.

Heat a small amount of butter in 9- or 10-inch frying pan over medium to high heat. Pour ¼ cup of batter into the pan. Tilt the pan to spread batter as thinly and evenly as possible. Cook for about a minute, or until bottom is light golden brown in areas. Gently lift edges and flip with a spatula. Cook the other side for an additional 10-20 seconds, or until light golden brown in areas. Repeat process for remaining batter.

Serve warm with your favorite fillings!



# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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## Identification with Sinners

In his book “Jesus of Nazareth,” Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI insightfully offers another facet of the baptism of the Lord. The baptismal action of John the Baptist was markedly different from any other religious rituals that had preceded it. The baptism he offered the crowds that came from Jerusalem occurred only once, signifying a radical break from a former life of sin and a new way of thinking and acting — all of which was framed by the imminent emergence of One greater than John who would “baptize with fire.” The crowds responded to John’s baptism as a reaction to his fiery preaching against sin and the call to conversion.

The retired Pope Benedict sees Jesus’ baptism as an expression of His fundamental submission to the will of the Father and His complete identification with sinners. By submersion in the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is publicly seen as one in need of repentance and forgiveness himself, although He has no need of it in actuality. Jesus is already embracing the enormous weight of humanity’s sinfulness, just as He will do again in a definitive and final way on the cross — labeled then as a criminal and blasphemer. The mysterious events at the Jordan River already foreshadow the saving acts of Christ’s death and resurrection.

Pope Benedict notes that the icons of the Eastern Church visualize this intrinsic connection between the baptism of the Lord and the Paschal Mystery by depicting the waters of the Jordan “as a liquid tomb having the form of a dark cavern, which is in turn the iconographic sign of Hades, the underworld, or hell.” Just as the Lord descends into the swirling waters of death at His baptism, He goes down to the netherworld after His crucifixion to rescue the souls of lost humanity.