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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:45 am Weekday: 12:05 pm

Holy Day: Call the Parish Office or See Notices

Confession: Mon. thru Fri., 11:45 am

The Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

Mass Intention: Miriam Evans

MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#356
On Jordan's Bank	
PSALM	#785
The Lord will bless the people with peace.	
OFFERTORY	#412
When John Baptized by Jordan's River	
COMMUNION	#726
I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord	
RECESSIONAL	#560
Now Thank We All Our God	

Holy Communion – *This is a reminder that Holy Communion, in the Catholic Church, is reserved to actively practicing Catholics. If you are not Catholic or have not been actively practicing your faith, then please refrain from receiving Communion. If you would like to learn how to be welcomed to full Communion, we*

would love to help. All you need to do is contact a priest. Our contact info is in this bulletin.

PRAYER LIST

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Mary Davidson, Marta Fritzne (Gabi Wolz's Mother), Cathy Lipchak, Marie Martinelli, Jim Melton, Erin Moores, Jesse Oliver, Sarah Riegel, Marilyn Reilly, Beulah Taylor. Thank you for your prayers.

If you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized, homebound, or dying and desires a visit from a priest, please call or email us. Without your help, we have no way of knowing.

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon.: Mass Intention: Joaquin Santos
- Tues.: Mass Intention: Richard Savage
- Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30am – 12:30pm
- Wed.: Mass Intention: Frances Carpinello
- Thurs: Mass Intention: John Mulligan, Jr.
- Fri.: Mass Intention: James Dyer

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Lord shows us the importance of baptism by Himself receiving it at the hands of his cousin, John the Baptist. When Christ's head went into the water of the Jordan, He blessed that water that we would eventually be used to baptize millions and billions of people since His time here on earth. There have been billions of people baptized since Christ was baptized in the Jordan.

We priests are privileged to perform thousands of baptisms over our lifetime – baptisms at Mass, at hospitals, in homes, older folks, babies, middle aged, sick, healthy, joyful situations, sad situations and everything in between. We even perform them in foreign languages. Once we had 11 baptisms at Mass in Spanish! That was wild!

Baptism is such an amazing grace for someone. Theologically speaking, it washes away original sin that we all inherit and makes us adopted sons and daughters of God. On a practical level, it makes life better. It makes people more able to walk with God on a daily basis. It gives people a special level of protection from temptation that would otherwise lead them to make bad choices that have lasting and detrimental consequences. Your reasoning and thought abilities are heightened after baptism by an outpouring of the Holy Spirit through your mind. It is amazing. What a gift! And it's free at your local Catholic Church!

What amazes me, in a negative sense, is that people now-a-days deprive their kids of this. Why on earth would a parent deprive their kid of this when it does so much good for them? Parents do so much to provide every benefit and advantage for their child, and yet they do not give them this which does so much for them and will help them so much in their future.

Usually when this occurs, when a parent decides not to have their child baptized, it is because that parent is taking their own baptism for granted. They are not appreciating how much baptism is helping their own life. They just think it is them who is doing all they do in their life...they don't realize that if they themselves had not been baptized, they would be far less effective and successful and happy at whatever they do in their life that is good and decent. They don't realize how much their own (the parents) baptism has changed and helped their own lives. If they understood how important it was in their own life, they NEVER would have even thought about depriving their own kids from baptism. NEVER

There are grandparents or relatives who are reading this message whose hearts are in agony because their own grandchild or niece or nephew has not been baptized. That is a sad thing. But the fact that your heart aches is a good thing. That means you know the truth and you should remind and nag and continually encourage your loved one to have their children baptized. Tell them how good it is for them. Tell them it is NOT just checking the box. Tell them it will make the kid more able to deal with the ups and downs of life and persevere head on into any challenges they might experience.

Parents always want what is best for their kids. But sometimes they don't realize what is best because of immaturity or some other reason. You know the answer. You know the truth about baptism and how important it is. So don't hesitate to remind anyone who has not baptized their children to get it done!

Fr. Rossi

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

110 Lunches were served on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 and **112 Dinners** were served to our homeless community on January 9, 2019. Thanks to all those who so generously give of their time and talent to makes our meals program a success.

BUDGETED WEEKLY INCOME	\$3,288.00
COLLECTION	3,099.00
LOSS	\$ 189.00

Our heartfelt and sincere condolences to the family and friends of Devorah Cephas who passed away last week. Devorah's funeral service will be on Monday, January 14, at 12:00 noon, here at St. Peter Catholic Church. There will be a

reception downstairs in the social hall immediately following Mass. Anyone interested in donating a covered dish should get in touch with Chris Thomas (804) 275-1705.

Also, please remember in your prayers a long-time member here, who passed away last week, John Taylor. John was buried from Holy Rosary this past Friday.

Both Devorah Cephas and John Taylor will be greatly missed.

MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY IN WASHINGTON DC, FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019 – For the 36th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus will provide FREE bus transportation for people in the Richmond metropolitan area to attend the 46th annual March For Life Rally in Washington DC, on Friday, Jan 18, 2019. Seating on buses is limited and will be by RESERVATION only. A registration fee may be required; however, the registration fee will be returned when you take your seat on the bus. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a Parent, Legal Guardian, or Approved Temporary Guardian with written permission.

Charter bus service is scheduled for the following locations: Cathedral bus arrives at the Altria Theater, 6 N Laurel St., Richmond, (near the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart) at 8:00 am, pick-up and departs by 8:15 and then proceeds to St. Paul Church, Chamberlayne and Rennie Avenue, Richmond, for an 8:20 am pick-up and departs by 8:30 am; contact Chris Ferrara @ 804-212-3883 or cferara@richmondcathedral.org. Bus Captain: Colleen Connolly.

Marchers must check-in at the pick-up location at least 30 minutes prior to the specific departure time and must bring a lunch, soft drinks, cell phone, hat, gloves and suitable clothing for weather condition. Bus will normally return by 6:30 pm.

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.

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