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The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

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“I have baptized you with
water; he will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit.”

MARK 1:8

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How to Find Peace

Blessed are the single-hearted, for they shall enjoy much peace. If you refuse to be hurried and pressed, if you stay your soul on God, nothing can keep you from that clearness of spirit which is life and peace. In that stillness you will know what his will is.

—Amy Carmichael

Father Ed's Homily

The Feast of The Baptism Of The Lord Jesus

Christ: Is 55:1-11; 1Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Theme: Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ, His Identification with Sinful Humanity

Today's feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ marks the end of the Christmas season. God willing, next week we will begin Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical year.

St. Mark gives us an account of the baptism of Jesus as another epiphany, a revelation of Jesus as the Son of God. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." In Mark's account of Jesus' baptism, his main concern is with Jesus' identity: "You are my beloved Son."

Jesus' baptism is unique and different from our baptism. His baptism identifies with sinful humanity. Since he is God, the Son, he is without original sin and no personal sin also. Our baptism is to cleanse us of both original and personal sins and to make us children of God. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church aptly puts it: "Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord's will, it is necessary for salvation as is the church herself." (p.324) The Church explains further: "Baptism imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual sign, the character which consecrates the baptized person for Christian worship. Because of the character, baptism cannot be repeated." (cf. DS 1609 and DS 624)

The Sacrament of Baptism is "the door to life and to the Kingdom, is the first Sacrament of the New Law, which Christ offered to all that they might have eternal life and which, together with the Gospel, he later entrusted to his Church, when he commanded his Apostles: 'Go, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'" (cf The Order of Baptism of Children, p1) Through the life-giving baptism with the Holy Spirit, Jesus is creating a new people of God. But in order to do this, he must first identify himself with us through baptism.

As we celebrate this Feast of Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ today, there are many lessons/inspirations we can learn and practice it in our daily life.

Firstly, Jesus made a personal commitment to his heavenly Father to save humanity from sin and to reconcile us with him. Through our baptism into Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we are called to make individual personal commitments to Jesus to continue his mission on earth.



Jesus identified himself with sinners, poor, weak, sick, etc. in society by showing them God's love and mercy. As his followers, we are called to identify with the marginalized in our society. We are to show respect, love, and mercy to those who society may not care for. As St. John tells us in the Second Reading, everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father also loves the one begotten by him. Because God first loved us, we also must love him and one another. God's love is a hallmark for every Christian.

Affirmation is another lesson we learn from celebrating the feast of Baptism of Our Lord Jesus. God affirms his Son Jesus: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

It is not only children who need affirmation, but every human being needs it. Affirmation is very important in every human life and relationship. How many human relationships end because of lack of this important ingredient referred to as affirmation? Psychologists and other helping professionals continue to remind us of the need for affirmation or 'stroking' as a very necessary and important skill if we are to remain human, spiritually, and emotionally sound.

We hear in the gospel of Mark God affirming his Son Jesus Christ after the baptism: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Do you remember recently when you affirmed your loved one or someone for something you admire and appreciate with him/her?

Personally, I think there will be peace and happiness in many families or workplaces if we all practice this precious skill of affirmation. If you don't practice it, kindly add it to your New Year's Resolutions.

Certainly, you would notice your family, staff, etc. will experience peace, love, and happiness.

Finally, as we commemorate the feast of Jesus Christ's baptism today, we also celebrate our baptism, our new birth into Christ and his holy Church.

Today, instead of the Profession of faith/Creed, we shall renew our Baptismal Promises. Just as religious priests and brothers, not to mention nuns, renew their Religious vows at the end of a retreat or a major celebration, let us also renew our baptismal promise we made several years ago.

I always encourage married couples to renew their marriage vows often or at least on their wedding anniversary. Many marriages will survive if the married couples renew their marriage vows as often as possible. It strengthens their marital love.

We turn to Mother Mary to pray her Son Jesus Christ for us as we celebrate the feast of her Son's baptism and our own baptism into him.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mariann and David Jack as they welcome their newest grandchild, Fulton John Jack, son of Justin and Ana Jack. Little Fulton was born in December and joins three little sisters at home! God bless you, Fulton!

Holy Rosary is Open!

In compliance with Diocesan and local regulations, Holy Rosary Church is open for weekend Masses. The church and Marist Hall are professionally cleaned and disinfected. Masks are required for all Mass participants, as well as names and phone numbers for contact tracing.

PLEASE NOTE: We are taking all precautions to keep our parishioners safe. Please watch for Flocknote emails/texts for any updates, should the situation change.

Envelopes for Next Year

Your envelopes for next year have arrived and are ready for pick up in Marist Hall. If you did not get a set, you may use the envelope boxes without numbers that are provided. If you would like a set for next year, please sign your name on the paper provided and we will make sure you get them for 2022.

Young Adult Group Is Forming at HRC!

Holy Rosary Church is looking for men and women between the ages of 18 to 30 who are interested in learning more about God! This Young Adult Group will meet on Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. in Marist Hall for learning and social activities. Samuel Walker and Kaitlyn Luterek are organizing the group, hoping to build a strong youth community that is passionate about growing in their faith. Interested? Contact Kaitlyn at 304-516-1968 or Samuel at 304-519-4017.

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes: \$3,240.00

Loose: \$177.00

Greeter's Schedule

Sat. 1/9 – Nancy S. & Tony D.

Sun. 1/10 – Charlie M.

Sat. 1/16 – Mary Blake

Sun. 1/17 – Frank Girard

Lector's Schedule

1/9: Sr. Francesca

1/10: Lori Post

1/16: John Weber

1/17: Joe Broslawsky

Please pray for our homebound

Gene & Mary Stump, Denna Bayless, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Rocena Asbury, John Sneberger, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Nancy Beverlin, Shirley Linger, Shirley Helmick, William McLean, Anna Powell, Barbara Elmore, Gerry Stankus, Helena Bessinger, Virginia Cerullo, Alan and Jimmie Jo Simmons, and Jeanette Willett.

Please Pray

Many of our friends and family have contracted the Covid virus. Although we cannot print their names here, please continue to pray for them and their rapid recovery.

Mass Scheduling for 2021

Would you like to schedule a mass for a loved one? We continue to accept donations for masses for your intentions. Please drop your donation into an envelope with the dates you would prefer. We will try to schedule the mass as close to the date as possible. We are currently scheduled into February!

Calendars

We are out of our catholic calendars for the year, but we were able to secure additional calendars from Heavener and Cutright Funeral Home. These Saturday Evening Post calendars will be available this weekend. Thanks to Nick and April Cutright for provided these calendars for us.

Celebrate With your Parish Family!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Now accepting January Celebrations!

Kathy Angus January 6

Mary Kathleen Blake January 7

Mallory Willett January 14

Virginia Cerullo January 22

Colleen Hoover January 22

Joe Broslawsky January 29

Virginia Carmona January 31

Congratulations to Bill and Jerry Stankus who celebrate their wedding anniversary this month! Best wishes!

Long-time parishioner Virginia Cerullo celebrates her birthday this month. Virginia has moved to Clarksburg and would appreciate any cards and best wishes. You may send a card to:

Virginia Cerullo

Apartment 3118, 1000 Maplewood Dr.

Bridgeport, WV 26330

Please remember in your prayers

Bertha Small, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Trent, Jack Call, Matthew Linger, Seth Poling, Cathy Lipscomb, Hugh Hensil, Barbara Elmore, Freddy Caimotto, James Barton, Mike Cerullo, Darell Hyre, Diane Hyre, Vicki Dibble, Eric Harkness, Pat Daigneault, Duane Lohr, Jeff Ball, Jane Baxter, Shaelyn Posey, P.T. Garton, Jalen Welcome, Ron Byrd, Helena Bessinger, Dennis Cortes, Kay Sienkiewicz, Danny Morgan, Gene Zara, Paula Ball, Christopher Jones, Janine Robinson, Elaine Katai, Terry McKisic and Tori Odom.

Please pray for men and women in the military.

Camp Carlo

Dear parishioners in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, As director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, I am pleased to announce the reopening and renewal of summer youth camping ministry in our diocese. Under the new name of Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Camp, or "Camp Carlo" for short, Catholic youth

will have a tremendous opportunity to deepen their faith, experience His creation, and build lasting relationships with Catholic peers from across the state. I am also pleased to introduce the new Camping Director for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Riley Keaton is a native of Spencer, West Virginia where he attends Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. He has led values-based leadership camps for the last four years – including through the summer of coronavirus – and represents his hometown in the West Virginia House of Delegates. I urge faithful families to get in touch with him, learn more about what we’re planning in Huttonsville this summer and ultimately give your children an experience that will make their summer at Camp Carlo.

Daniel Maul, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis

Priestly Discernment Retreat

WHEN: Saturday March 20

WHERE: St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, WV

WHO: College age young men and older

This retreat is focused on a day of reflection for those who are seriously considering the possible call to Priestly Discernment. Please pray for an increase of Vocations in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, Jan. 9 - 7 p.m. —Martin Michael Leahy (Holy Rosary)
Sunday, Jan. 10 - 9 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)
Monday, Jan. 11 – +Mary Kimberly Moore
Tuesday, Jan. 12 – +Charity Manspeaker
Wednesday, Jan. 13 - 6 p.m. Holy Hour (For peace in our nation)
 7 p.m. – Linda Hicks (Holy Rosary)
Thursday, Jan. 14 – Freda Cawthon
Friday, Jan. 15 – Elizabeth Lanham
Saturday, Jan. 16 – Parishioners - 7 p.m. – (Holy Rosary)
Sunday, Jan. 17 – Tori Odom- 9 a.m.(Holy Rosary)
 Louise Helmick– noon (Sacred Heart)

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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Pray for Peace!

WATCH

REBORN - EPISODE 1: A NEW CREATION

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



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