

# HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH

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**BULLETIN for  
SUNDAY**

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**Holy Mass at 9:00 AM**

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## BAPTISM of the LORD

Mass Intention for this Sunday: **for † Joseph Kubeck (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) and † Jennie Kubeck (18<sup>th</sup> Anniv.);** Requested by Jannet Tropeano.

➤ **Blessing of Incense and Chalk** takes place at the end of Mass;

### A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (42:1-4, 6-7)

Thus says the LORD:  
Here is my servant whom  
I uphold, my chosen one  
with whom I am pleased,  
upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth  
justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not  
making his voice heard in the street; a bruised reed he  
shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not  
quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the  
coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,  
I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set  
you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations,  
to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners  
from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who  
live in darkness.

### Psalm 29

Response: **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-38)

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the  
house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God  
shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever

fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to  
him. You know the word that he sent to the  
Israelites as he proclaimed peace through  
Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has  
happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee  
after the baptism that John preached, how  
God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy  
Spirit and power. He went about doing good  
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him."

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:  
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away  
the sin of the world.

### A reading from the Gospel according to St Mark (1:7-11)

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."

It happened in those days that Jesus came  
from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in  
the Jordan by John. On 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."

**General Intercession:** Response: **Lord, send  
us your Spirit and make us your children.**

***We are Catholic community called to serve God  
and others through Eucharist, prayer, education,  
and daily living of the Gospel values.***

***Everyone is always welcome to worship with us  
in our beautiful church. It is a house of prayer for all,  
who with sincere heart desire to praise the only God.***



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

➔ **Today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord begins the Ordinary Time of the Year**, although in the old Catholic tradition the Christmas time is extended to February 2<sup>nd</sup>, to the Feast of Our Lord's Presentation, which commemorates the fortieth day after the Birth of Jesus, when, as the Bible tells us, His Mother Mary brought her firstborn to the temple and made sacrifice on His behalf in accordance with the law. So, it is NOT inappropriate to continue to display a manger and all other Christmas decoration in our church and homes till February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

➔ **Epiphany Visitation**, traditionally called '**KOLENDA**'. If you wish your house be blessed for upcoming year, please contact Fr. Paul at 203-729-4035 to arrange convenient day and time for this visit.

➔ **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** is scheduled for Sunday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, after the Mass. If snow day, a week later.

➔ **Heating of our church**. So far, we have raised \$2,960 for this purpose. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

➔ **Pastoral/Sacramental Visit**. If you are confined at home or have a family member at hospital or nursing home unable to take part in Sunday Mass and Sacraments, please notify the father to set the day and time for pastoral visit. **In emergency call directly Fr. Paul's mobile phone @ 475-208-4455.**



➔ **Please remember in your prayer** those who are suffering, sick or confined at home, hospitals and nursing homes, especially our parishioners and friends: **Cheryl Peters, Sarah Squezzello, Logan Caruso, Debbie and Emil Caruso, Rob and Aiden Klain, Agnes Geruch, Very Rev.**



## SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It is a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. - It needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent but, nonetheless, He comes to John. So, why did He receive baptism?

**First**, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth. - **Second**, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation. - **Third**, the Baptism of Jesus was a moment of manifesting who He really was. As He emerged from the waters, "*Heaven was opened and 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.'*" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world, namely to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in our own life.

## THIS MONTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATE:

**Emil Caruso – January 7**

**Frank Squezzello – January 27**



**Senior Joseph Soltysiak** (Westfield CT), **Lorraine Krusienski** (Very Rev. Joe Krusienski's wife) and **John Skrzypczak** (Aneta Dudek's father).

➔ **MASS INTENTIONS** - If you want to thank God for special grace you have received or feel a need to pray for somebody (living or dead), feel free to **reserve a Sunday of your choice in advance** by contacting directly Fr. Paul or call the **rectory @ 203-729-4035**. Your intention will be published in the parish bulletin. I encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

➔ **Our delicious pierogi**, cheese or potatoes, as well as **stuffed cabbage - gołąbki**, are available from our freezer. **Credit card payments are now ACCEPTED.**

## Readers for this month:

January 7<sup>th</sup> – **John Strojowski**

January 14<sup>th</sup> – **Janet Tropeano**

January 21<sup>st</sup> – **Ken Krasko**

January 28<sup>th</sup> – **Henry Zapatka**

