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BULLETIN for
CHRISTMAS TIME

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Holy Mass at 9:00 AM

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Solemnity of the BAPTISM of the LORD

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass today is celebrated in **Contemporary Rite** (begins from page 63);

With a special intention for **† Walter Makauskas on the 6th Anniversary of his death;**

Upon the request of Debbie and Emil Caruso.



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.**

Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise,
Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire.

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

The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters.
The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

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

The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

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."

We are Catholic faith community called to serve God and others through Eucharist, prayer, education, and daily living of the Gospel values. Therefore everyone is always welcome to worship with us in our church. It is a house of prayer for all, who with sincere heart desire to worship the only God in his Son Jesus Christ.



Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.



A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew (3:13-17)

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him.

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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

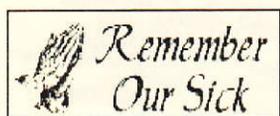
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

➔ **Today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** is the last day of the Christmas season according to the liturgical calendar, although in the old Catholic tradition the Christmas time is extended to February 2nd, 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 in your homes till February 2nd.

➔ **Epiphany Visitation** - traditionally called '**KOLENDA**'. The time after Christmas until the feast of Presentation of the Lord, **February 2**, is a time when the priest can visit and bless households of the faithful. If you would like to use this opportunity and let your house be blessed for this year please contact Fr. Paul at 203-729-4035 to arrange convenient day and time for this visit.

➔ **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** is scheduled for **next Sunday, January 19th**, following the Mass. This is the opportunity for all active parishioners to express your ideas and concerns regarding our parish. In case of bad weather this meeting will be postponed to the following Sunday, January 26. Please mark your calendar.

➔ **Visits of the Sick.** If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact the **Rectory at 203-729-4035** or call directly **Fr. Paul at 475-208-4455** and he will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification.



➔ **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** (Oxford, CT), **Josephine Kosik** (Southbury, CT), **Stella Korowotny** (Serenity Mountain Manor, Jasper, GA), **Helen Warner** (Naugatuck, CT), **Diana Raczkowski** (Naugatuck, CT), **Logan Caruso** (Wolcott, CT), **Robert Klein** and **Wendell Barry**.

➔ **Note:** Cheese/Potato pierogi and golabki (stuffed-cabbage), are available for sale in the parish hall.

BIBLICAL REFLECTION

The Gospel of today tells us that Jesus was baptized. We may ask why Jesus needed to be baptized. Most of those coming to John the Baptist were repentant sinners. It should be noted that Jesus did not get baptized because He needed to repent of His sins. Being God, He was without sin! - By submitting Himself to the Baptism of John the Baptist, He placed His seal of approval that we all need to repent of our sins. But there was more to it than could be perceived at that time. Jesus' example of being baptized was to tell us that the Sacrament of Baptism is the Way to the new life, to being born again of water and spirit.

The baptism of Jesus is also another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism inaugurates His mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission.