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## The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025



### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening ..... 5:30 PM  
Sunday.....8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM  
Monday thru Saturday..... 9:00 AM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday .....4:30 PM

### HOLY HOUR

Every Friday .....9:30 to 10:30 AM

For a Communion visit and/or  
Anointing of the Sick,  
please contact the Parish office.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

The Christmas season comes to an end with the Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord. We still have a glimpse of the season when we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, forty days after His birth. Nonetheless, the Christmas decorations are coming down now, and on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, we return to Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Calendar of the Church.

The first lesson for the Baptism of the Lord comes from the Prophet Isaiah, written eight centuries before the birth of Christ. Even so, the text beautifully illustrates for us who Jesus is, the Chosen One, upon whom God's Spirit rests, who brings justice and light to the nations, opens eyes that are blind, releases prisoners and all who are confined in darkness. Such encouraging words for all of us! And all who will come after us as well.

While Jesus is prophet, Prince of Peace and Messiah, He is first and foremost a servant. As Jesus described himself: I have come to serve not to be served (see Gospel of Matthew 20:28). This sets the tone for the public ministry of the Lord, which began after His baptism, ultimately leading to suffering and death, with an enormous sacrificial value: nothing less than resurrected and eternal life in Christ.

Jesus was endowed with the Spirit of God, like the kings of old, but also different, by not being set on defeating and conquering others. Instead, Jesus' mission is realized through meekness and peace. Only the devil is defeated and conquered by the saving deeds of the Lord. As a result, humanity can experience justice, liberation and light. No greater gifts can come to humanity, to each of us.

In the second reading for the Mass of the Baptism of the Lord, from the Acts of the Apostles, the inspired hand of the Evangelist Luke tells us that Saint Peter, the prince of the Apostles, sees the baptism of Jesus as the moment of the anointing of the Messiah Lord. As such, Jesus possesses the power to perfectly fulfill the mission described by the Prophet Isaiah centuries earlier. The program is beautifully described this way: "Jesus went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the devil, and God was with Him" (Acts 10:38).

The role that Jesus has on earth is rooted in His unique relationship to God. Jesus is the

"Beloved Son" of the Father, who anoints Jesus at the time of baptism, for the unique mission as Savior of the world, who died and rose so we might be full partakers in God's Kingdom, on earth and in Heaven.

Jesus is not the Spirit-filled Son of God for Himself, but for all God's people, past, present and still to be born. The new and final era of Salvation History begins when Jesus is Baptized, and our own Baptism, as infants, young people or adults, is closely linked to Jesus' Baptism. By our Baptism we are anointed to become full partakers in God's life, which we want to cultivate throughout our life. How best to do so? By lives of loving service and self-forgetfulness, in accordance with our particular vocation in life. Saint Teresa of Calcutta used to say, what matters most in life is not how many people we touch, but the quality with which we touch those who enter our lives. How true that is!

May we be filled with a deep appreciation of the never-failing love of God extended to us in Jesus Christ. May we think back on the day of our own baptism, which we may not even remember—I certainly do not—recalling those who "stood in our place" (as in my case, my parents, godparents and grandparents), to bring us to the Fountain of Life, Jesus Himself, and to immortality!

In our lives we should hear the words that Jesus heard from the heavens: "You are my beloved son or daughter. On you my favor rests." That doesn't mean we are the Messiah, but certainly potential partakers in Divine Life, which God alone can give.

May we commit ourselves to Jesus Christ totally and find our deepest joy and delight in the Lord!

Peace,  
Fr. Monteleone





## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Starting off the New Year academic strong with students in 4th through 8th grade studying and preparing to take their midterm exams over the next two weeks.

We are happy to announce the Middle School Production of Disney's Little Mermaid Jr. on May 9 and 10, 2025. Auditions and casting begin the week of January 27. The students are very excited.



With winter upon us, students PreK through 8th grade are creating beautiful winter artwork, studying polar bears, foxes, and cardinals. They are painting various winter scenes while drawing inspiration from famous artists Alma Thomas, and Grandma Moses. While some students studied church icons to create original painted angel icons.

The eighth graders are excited that their official graduation year has arrived and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their high school acceptance letters. Good Luck to the Class of 2025 during this exciting time!

Intermediate & Middle School students are preparing for their Midterm Exams. The second graders are preparing for their upcoming Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week at the end of the month. This year's theme is *Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community*. Save the date for our Kickoff to Catholic Schools Week. Mass will be on Sunday, January 26th at the 12 PM Mass.

## SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

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## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

### PRIME TIMERS

Prime Timers News

We celebrated the holidays with a very nice luncheon and grab-bag on January 3<sup>rd</sup> catered by Chef Todd Diagneault and Bob Shaker who always do a GREAT job. Thank you both again. We were also entertained by Jennifer Renault, a former teacher at St. Philip's and cheerleader for Paterson Central High School back in the day, on the history of Hinchliffe Stadium and the surrounding area. Fascinating discussion and we all learned a lot. Our next meeting will be on February 7th at 1:30pm (coffee/and at 1pm). At this meeting the final payment for the March 7th Hunterdon Hills Trip is due. There is no regular meeting on Friday March 7th. Camp Hope excursions, \$11, on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, Tuesday May 6, 2025, and Wednesday June 11, 2025, are still available.

## Hunterdon Hills Excursion

The Prime Timers are going to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Friday March 7th for dinner and show "Bill Haley Jr. and the Comets". This show is very popular, and we still have some tickets available. The cost is \$136.25 pp which includes bus fare from/to St. Philips, full dinner, the show, and their fabulous all you want dessert bar. A cash bar is also available. The Playhouse also does their own baking and has take-home items for sale and a small shopping boutique. The bus will leave St. Philip's Drive approx. 9am and return before 6pm. This trip is open to anybody. If you're interested make you checks out to Prime Timers and mail them to St. Philip's Prime Timers, 797 Valley Rd. Clifton, N.J. and mark envelope HH Trip deadline for tickets is Monday Feb. 10th.

## HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION TUITION RAFFLE

1st Place - \$6,800 Tuition for 2025/26 for SPSS or any Catholic Educational Institution

2nd Place - \$300 Flynn O'Hara Uniform Co. Gift Card

3rd Place - \$150 St. Philip Prep Spirit Wear Gift Card

Drawing date: Friday, March 7, 2025 at 10 p.m.  
Tickets are \$50

No substitution of the offered prize may be made, and no cash will be given in lieu of the prize.

\*Tuition payment will be made directly to the Catholic Educational Institution.

Winner need not be present at the time of drawing.

To purchase a ticket, email: [sppshsa@gmail.com](mailto:sppshsa@gmail.com)

## TRICKY TRAY

St Philip Prep Tricky Tray is coming up in March! Our HSA is asking for basket donations. We are looking for all size baskets to use for our prizes at the tricky tray. The baskets can be left in the back of the church or dropped off at our school office. If you have any questions, please call our HSA President at 862-247-3899.



## PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY 2025

### Pilgrimage to Italy for Jubilee Year 2025

Fr. Emerson is organizing a pilgrimage to Italy for the Jubilee Year from September 22-October 3, 2025.

For more details see the parish website at [www.stphilip.org](http://www.stphilip.org) or email Fr. Emerson at [efrancisco@stphilip.org](mailto:efrancisco@stphilip.org)



**WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING PILGRIMS who want to join. Application Forms for Participation in the Pilgrimage are available in the Parish Office.**

**Date: September 22 – October 3, 2025**

**PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY**  
**DURING THE HOLY YEAR – Jubilee 2025**

## DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

### MARCH FOR LIFE

**MARCH FOR LIFE**  
**MARCHA POR LA VIDA**  
**2025**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
**JANUARY 24, 2025**

#### SCHEDULE

**6:45 am** - Bus Departs from St. Paul Inside the Walls (205 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ)

**12:00 pm** - Mass

**1:00 pm** - March for Life

**3:15 pm** - Bus Departs from Washington, D.C (Dinner stop included)

**9:00 pm** - Bus arrives at St. Paul Inside the Walls

**COST - \$65**

To register for a bus, please contact the pilgrimage office at **973-827-8030** or [pilgrimage@patersondiocese.org](mailto:pilgrimage@patersondiocese.org)

Please pack a brown bag lunch for the trip

**SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION**

#### HORARIO

**6:45 am** - Bus sale de St. Paul Inside the Walls (205 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ)

**12:00 pm** - Misa

**1:00 pm** - Marcha por la Vida

**3:15 pm** - Bus sale de Washington, D.C (Parada para cenar está incluida)

**9:00 pm** - Bus llega a St. Paul Inside the Walls

**COSTO - \$65**

Para la registracion del bus, por favor comuníquese con la oficina de peregrinación **973-827-8030** o [pilgrimage@patersondiocese.org](mailto:pilgrimage@patersondiocese.org)

Por favor traiga su propio almuerzo para el viaje

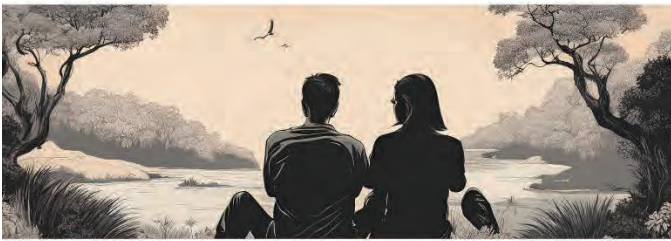
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## RELATIONSHIP RETREAT

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## PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: DECEMBER 31, 2023, \$21,818.00

SUNDAY COLLECTION: JANUARY 5, 2025

WEEKLY COLLECTION \$ 11,643.00

ONLINE GIVING DONATION \$ 9,917.00

TOTAL \$ 20,560.00

CHRISTMAS 2023 \$ 74,362.00

CHRISTMAS 2024 (YTD) \$ 78,846.00

## WE PRAY FOR...

*For the recently deceased...*

Valentine John Iglar, Frank Collier, Ido Gino Martino

*A Time to be Healed...*

Rita Frank, Kathleen Teresa Fitzpatrick Brown,  
Lou Piatti, Caitlin Buggy, Irene Chmura,  
Edward Honan, Marge and Barbara Sikora,  
Arlene Pompeo, Diane Albanesius, Robert Rup,  
Fran Kobernick



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

8:00 All the People of the Parish  
10:00 Pedro Ravelo- 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Kimberly DeBiaso and family  
Fred Wilson  
Leonard Passenti  
12:00 Walter Tarnowski  
Michael Robinson

### MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025

9:00AM Fred Anthony  
-13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

9:00 AM For the healing of Fran Kobernick

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

9:00 AM Fe Padilla

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

9:00 Amelia Rosales

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

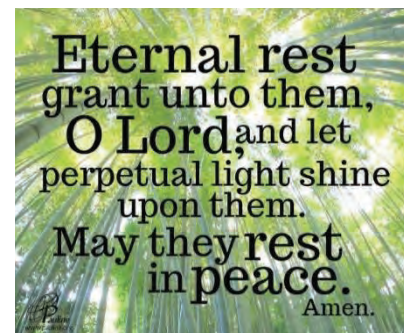
9:00 Theodore Vanak  
Catherine Ligouri -10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

9:00 Maura Loor  
5:30 Evelyn R. Fierro  
Matthew McClane  
Mildred Baluk and Marge Esposito

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

8:00 Janet Debiak  
Cezary Sliwowski  
10:00 Susan Zoan  
Stephen Salerno  
Alice Nancarrow  
Domenic DeBenedetto  
-15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
12:00 All the People of the Parish



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## Gospel Today

### The Baptism of the Lord | Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

After Jesus was baptized by John, and while He was praying, the Heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove.

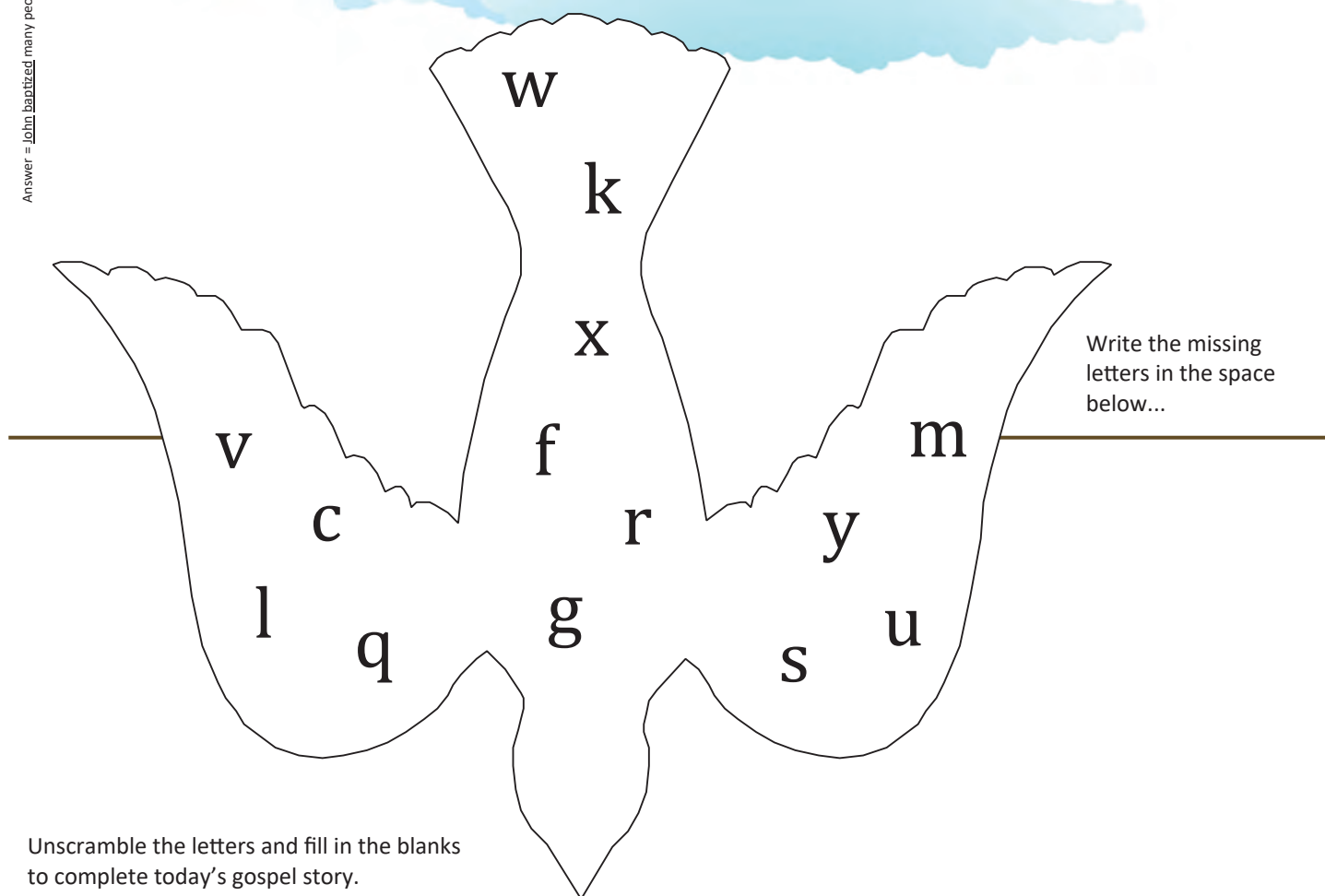
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***And a voice came from Heaven,  
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."***

Luke 3:22



Answer = John baptized many people, including Jesus.



Write the missing  
letters in the space  
below...

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks  
to complete today's gospel story.

Note: There are two words, use each letter one time.

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people, including Jesus.



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