

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2009

Theme: We must assume responsibility for the actions of the society of which we are a part.

Masses of the Week

Sunday	11th	8:00 AM	✠	Cornell Etoll II <i>requested by Linda Etoll</i>
Sunday	11th	10:30 AM	✠	Roger & Delores Pruitt <i>requested by Dianne L. Jones and Marianne Hayden</i>
Monday	12th	8:30 AM	✠	Jerry Smith <i>requested by Lida Litkovic</i>
Tuesday	13th	8:30 AM	✠	Marsha Blanzenski <i>requested by Julie & John Mitchell</i>
Wednesday	14th	8:30 AM	✠	Carmen Ramirez <i>requested by Nancy Schlefstein</i>
Thursday	15th	8:30 AM	✠	Ann Marie Ruseczyk
Friday	16th	8:30 AM	✠	Dr. Frank H. Kemp <i>requested by Mary Kemp</i>
Saturday	17th	5:30 PM	✠	Jacqueline Seibert <i>requested by Agnes Meehan</i>



Nursery ☎ – 10:30 Mass (ONLY)

Room 105 Religious Conference Center

The nursery is FREE to assist parishioners with childcare during the 10:30 am Mass each Sunday.



Francesco Albani's *The Baptism of Christ*

...The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan is recalled and emphasized, although in different ways, by all the Evangelists. In fact, it is part of the Apostolic preaching, since it constitutes the point of departure for the entire arch of facts and words to which the Apostles were to render testimony (cf. Acts 1: 21-22; 10: 37-41)

It was held in great importance by the apostolic community, not only because in that circumstance, for the first time in history, there was the manifestation of the Trinitarian Mystery in a clear and complete way, but also because that event began the public ministry of Jesus on the roads to Palestine.

The Baptism of Jesus at the Jordan is the anticipation of his baptism of blood on the Cross, and it is the symbol of the entire sacramental activity by which the Redeemer will bring about the salvation of humanity. This is why the Patristic tradition has dedicated great interest to this Feast, which is the most ancient after Easter...

There is a strict relationship between the Baptism of Christ and our Baptism. At the Jordan the heavens opened (cf. Lk 3: 21) to indicate that the Saviour has opened the way of salvation and we can travel it thanks to our own new birth "of water and Spirit" (Jn 3: 5), accomplished in Baptism. In it we are inserted into the Mystical Body of Christ, that is, the Church, we die and rise with him, we are clothed with him, as the Apostle Paul often emphasized (cf. I Cor 12: 13; Rom 6: 3-5; Gal 3: 27). The commitment that springs from Baptism is therefore "to listen" to Jesus: to believe in him and gently follow him, doing his will...*by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 7, 2007*

FROM THE PASTOR...

THANK YOU.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the generosity and kindness shown by the people to the Parish over the Christmas Season. It is evidence of the angels' message that goodwill on earth is active and well in this corner of the world.

A mass will be offered in grateful thanks.

May the New Year bring abundant blessings to all.

Father Larkin

Motivated by Merlyn, the members of the Lacroix family decided to share their blessings with the poor in the amount of \$600 instead of giving expensive gifts to each other: Merlyn & Dennis, Kurt & Angella, Dylan & Gabriel, Marie & Camille, Anthony & Noah.

"You cannot outdo God in generosity."

BLOOD NEEDED

Blood donations are needed now. You thought you would never give blood, but then your wife or your husband or your mother or father needed blood. Did you hesitate?



Blood Bank is located at 8013 Beach Blvd.
or call 353-8263.

Cheryl Jones is in Baptist Hospital downtown. She is a young girl – but she needs blood to try to save her life. Please call the Blood Bank and help save a life. Thank you.

BISHOP SNYDER HIGH SCHOOL

Bishop John J. Snyder will be administering the "EXPLORE" placement test on Sat., January 24 from 8:30 – 11:30 AM for 9th graders wishing to attend the high school in the fall. Applications for the 2009-2010 school year are now being accepted. Call the school office at 771-1029 or visit their website at www.bishopsnyder.org for more information.



Baptism of Christ by Pietro Perugino Pinturicchio

GETTING INVOLVED

The New Year is a good time to get involved in ministry. Please contact one of the following ministry chairs to fulfill your baptismal call:

Ministers of Art & Environment – Kathy MacGregor 646-1415

These ministers prepare the church and the environment for the different liturgical seasons.

Ministerial Assistants – Steven Bridge 230-0272

Boys and girls from the fourth through twelfth grade can have this privileged ministry to assist at the altar as altar servers.

Minister of the Eucharist – Marie & Randy Randall 821-8792

Extraordinary Ministers administer the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ to other parishioners during Mass and to Catholics at hospitals, nursing homes, and the homebound.

Ministers of Greeting – Rick and Joann Doan 731-8577

Greet and share fellowship with our spiritual family as they enter Church for Mass each week and distribute the church bulletin.

Ministers of Hospitality – Michael (Mike) Phillips 642-5845

Any senior high school student or adult parishioner may serve as an usher to assist the congregation during the Mass.

Ministers of Music – Ina Smith 448-1919

Musically talented parishioners enhance and lead the congregation in the celebration of the liturgy.

Ministers of the Word – Bob Eberling 543-0355

Any parishioner of senior high school age or older may participate by proclaiming the Word of God at Mass.

NATIONAL VOCATION

AWARENESS WEEK

National Vocation Awareness Week is January 11-16. Please pray that we may listen and respond generously to His call, and that married couples, single men and women, deacons, priests, sisters and brothers are strengthened as they seek to serve Him by sharing their love and compassion.

RCIA INQUIRY SESSIONS

Whether you are a Catholic with Questions, or a Non-Catholic interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, Prince of Peace offers year round Inquiry Sessions every Tuesday evening from 6 P.M. to 7 P.M. in the Conference Center. **Tuesday, January 13th the topic will be, "What Do Catholics Believe?"**

All are welcome!

Diocesan Youth Rally

Join hundreds of teens from across the Diocese for a great day of music, fun, laughs, and figuring out where you are with your relationship with God.



**Where: Bishop Snyder High School
5001 Samaritan Way
Jacksonville, FL**

**When: February 7th -High School Students
February 8th -Junior High Students**

Cost: \$15

Keynote Speaker: Brian Butler

For a Registration Form or more information call Terrie Curtis @ 733-6011.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAM

The Christian Formation Program (CFP) provides religious education for all parish children in Kindergarten through 12th Grade. It is never too late to enroll! For more information, call Terrie Curtis at 733-6011.

CFP JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday 11	CFP Classes
Sunday 18	CFP Classes
Sunday 25	CFP Classes

CFP FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday 1	CFP Classes 1st Penance Parent Meeting 9:15-10:15 CFP Mass with Sacramental Enrollment
Saturday 7	Reconciliation Retreat 9AM-12 PM
Sunday 8	CFP Classes
Saturday 14	Reconciliation Retreat 9AM-12PM
Sunday 15	CFP Classes
Sunday 22	First Reconciliation 12-1 PM

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

The next Youth Group Meeting will be a Youth **"Lock-In"**. The Lock-In will take place on Friday, February 20th from 6 PM until Saturday, February 21st at 9AM. **Only those who register can participate in the event. All Registration Forms must in by February 8th.** See Terrie Curtis for Registration Forms and more information.



DIOCESAN EVENTS

January 15

Talks on the Year of St. Paul

Holy Family Parish in Jacksonville, is hosting a series of talks on the Year of St. Paul given by Glenn Kuhnel. They are being held on Thursday mornings from 9:45- 11:00 a.m. in the parish hall. They will begin January 15th and continue until Lent. For more details, call (904) 641-5838.

January 15

The Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy Prayer Cenacle

The Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy Prayer Cenacle will meet every Thursday at 7 p.m. starting Jan. 15, at Assumption Parish Family Center, 2403 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville. For more information, call Jim or Barbara Wasel at (904) 262-4555.

January 16-18

Peer-to-Peer Breakthrough Retreat

The Diocese of Saint Augustine is now offering peer- to-peer Breakthrough Retreats for high school juniors and seniors. The first retreat - Searching for God - will be Jan. 16-18, 2009 at Camp St. John next to Marywood Retreat Center in St. Johns (south Jacksonville). Cost is \$100. Join teens from around the diocese and experience an amazing weekend of faith sharing, music, laughs and prayer. For more information contact Tara Biggs at (904) 262-3200, ext. 117 or email: tbiggs@dosafll.com.

January 17

Christian Mysticism: Living in Hard Times With a Light Heart

Saturday, Jan. 17 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Marywood Retreat Center, 235 Marywood Drive, St. Johns. Leader: Cenacle Sister Elizabeth Hillmann. For more information, or to register, call (904) 287-2525 or visit www.marywoodcenter.org



***The Forever Young
Seniors Group
will meet on
Saturday,
January 24th
at 12 noon
in the
Conference Center.***

Members, please be sure to RSVP to the Telephone Committee. New members are always welcome!



WE HAVE A WINNER!

The first winner of the gas card raffle in 2009 is ***Donna Ricketts***. Congratulations Donna!

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Sunday, December 21, 2008, Prince of Peace parishioners shared time and talent to bring Christmas cheer to six nursing homes. Led by Eucharistic Ministers who make weekly visits to these homes, they sang carols and gave Christmas cards, 600 teddy bears and other plush toys (donated by POP parishioners) to nursing home residents. Thank you to all who donated, sang, and visited—you brought joy to many!

STAND FOR LIFE

You are invited to a prayerful STAND FOR LIFE at 12:00 noon to 1:00 PM on Thursday, January 22, 2009, the 36th anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the United States. This effort will take place at the U.S. Federal Courthouse at 300 No. Hogan St. (across from Hemming Park); for it was at the federal level that Roe vs. Wade was initiated. This will be a time for people of all faiths to stand together for the unborn. Please join us!

For more information please call 318-3517 or visit www.jacksonvilleforlife.org.