

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 13, 2013

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's
Corner

The Lord's baptism marks a new beginning. Jesus is sent as God's Son and our Savior. His earthly journey which began where animals fed now takes Him into the heart of humanity. Some will listen, some will not; some will stay, others will leave; some will hold the Lord close, others will conspire against Him. This feast recalls our own baptism into Christ's Body, into His own death and resurrection. Each of us looks again at the difference Christ makes in our lives and the life of the world. We meet Christ and receive Him fully in our church, where we gather as disciples, eager to be restored, fed, forgiven.

As Jesus lived in the world and among its people, subject to all that human nature is capable of, so the church lives today in the world: a ready refuge, a home of faith, a school of love and reconciliation. Our lives as Christ's followers lead us to bring the message of Jesus into every heart we meet, every place we visit. Vatican II in Gaudium et Spes said, "...the church goes forward together with humanity."

But the church –and we her members –also find in the world resistance to the good and denial of the truth: laws and social policy destructive of human life and dignity, limitations on the legitimate rights of the church, persecution of the faithful, disregard for families, migrants and laborers. When any government claims authority to regulate truth, curtail the church's freedom to act or coerce activity which goes against the faith, the church –and we her members- must respond.

The next several months will be a test for the church in this country. Laws and policies contradictory to our faith and mission are before us as direct challenges to what we believe and to what is clearly held in our nation's founding documents. The U.S. Catholic Conference has asked that we pray this year in the face of challenges to our creed and commitments. Fasting, family rosary, holy hours, are the prayerful foundation of the response to what is before us. Information on our participation in this work will be available in the coming weeks.

I ask for your prayerful support for this effort. I will make available information as our plans take shape. Thank you in advance for your prayers and efforts.

With every good thought and prayer,

Jr. Harahan

A MESSAGE FROM FR. PAUL

During my homily a few weeks ago I gave a "Top Ten List" on ways to find more PEACE in our lives. Many of you have asked me for a copy and I'm grateful to be able to share it with you now. Here it goes:

#10. Have an intimate relationship with the Blessed Virgin Mary because she is the Queen of Peace!

#9. Exercise!!! This is key because it relieves so much stress.

#8. Fight to stay faithful to your vocation, especially by remaining chaste and sexually pure. The Devil hates holy marriages and faithful priests and religious. Don't misunderstand what I mean by this. We can talk about true chastity.

#7. VENT!!! Find someone you can really talk to and confide in, whether it be a spiritual director, a psychologist/therapist, a faithful wise person, or all three. We have to be able to let someone know what is going on inside of us.

#6. Learn more about the Word of God and the Teachings of the Catholic Church. Many of us may know *what* the Church teaches, but do we truly know *why*?

#5. Make time for family and friends. We NEED some "down time"...no work, no study, just good old quality time with the ones we love and who love us.

#4. Live in accordance with God the Father's will. Nobody wants our peace, joy, and happiness more than our heavenly Father. Trust Him!!! This is exactly what Jesus did and it was His source of strength, joy, and peace, even in the midst of suffering.

#3. Take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Go to Confession!!! If you truly want to experience pardon and peace in your life, go to Confession *regularly*. My suggestion is AT LEAST once a month. Trust me!

#2. Go to Mass *every* week (at least Sat. evening or Sundays) and stay the *whole* time. When we leave right after receiving Holy Communion we are missing out on the most intimate experience we'll ever have with God on this earth. It is then when He wants to speak the loudest to our hearts, but we must be still and listen.

#1. Make time for prayer. I'm not talking about just saying prayers. I'm talking about having a one on one intimate encounter with God. Tell Him everything that is going on in your mind and heart and then sit there and let Him speak to you in the silence. Don't be afraid, He wants to give you His peace. Go over some Bible passages or some paragraphs from the Catechism of the Catholic Church if you have to for some good spiritual food to chew on.

We must make time for #1. I think the devil works most by trying to keep us busy. This one on one time with God is imperative for our relationship with Him, our sanity, and our peace. Try to do this EVERYDAY. The goal is to get up to 30-60 min a day, but start slow if you have to. Most of you have kids so you might be able to only get in 10 min a day. Just MAKE the time. It is hard. I struggle with it myself, but I'm only a better priest when I do it.

God Bless you all, Merry Christmas,

Fr. Paul

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Next Monday, January 14th, 5:30pm-7:00pm

"In modern life, so often noisy and dispersive, it is more than ever important to recover the capacity for inner silence and prayer. Eucharistic Adoration enables this to happen, not only around "me" but also in the company of the "you" full of love and this Jesus Christ, God close to us." Pope Benedict XVI

The Parish of St. Elizabeth provides the opportunity for everyone to share Eucharistic Adoration on Monday's from 5:30-7:00pm. We invite all to pray in silence for 15 or 30 minutes or longer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. Even if just for a few minutes, make sure that you take the time to stop in Church and give thanks to Him from whom every good comes.

OVERNIGHT EXTENDED ADORATION

1st Monday, of each Month

Monday Feb. 4th 5:30pm - 6:45am

NEW!!! For the Year of Faith, St. Elizabeth's will have **extended Eucharistic Adoration every 1st Monday of the month. Join us on Monday, Feb. 4th.** It will begin at the normal time of 5:30 pm, but will extend overnight concluding with Benediction at 6:45 am before the 7:00am Mass on Tuesday. We are looking for parishioners to commit to a once a month time slot for a Holy Hour. You can commit for the same time slot each month or simply for a month at a time. Commit with a friend, a spouse, or a child to come and pray. Prayer groups, parish ministries and families are encouraged to commit some time to this invitation. Please call Pat Khanjian at 201-891-3262 ext. 227 or email jcamilo@saintelizabeths.org to sign up for a time slot.

Please consider some quiet time in prayer.

ST. MARTIN'S SOUP KITCHEN



On Saturday, January 26, we will be serving meatloaf, red rosemary potatoes, mixed vegetables and desserts. If you can donate food, contact Peter Ingrasi, 201-493-0870 or pingrasci@optonline.net. It would be very helpful for planning if you could call by Tuesday, January 22.

Year of Faith Prayer



Starting on the weekend of December 1 & 2, 2012 and continuing through November 24, 2013, we will say the *Prayer for the Year of Faith* before each liturgy. The prayer can be found inside the Missal cover. May we all grow in faith together.

**ADOPT-A-STUDENT
SPEAKER THIS WEEKEND**

A speaker representing the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend. They support the Adopt-A-Student Program. This Fund supports over 2,000 inner-city children from low-income families attending Catholic Schools within the Archdiocese of Newark.



SENIORS

Seniors will be meeting on January 21st, at 12 noon in the Elizabeth Room.

**"To everything there is a
Season and a time for every
Purpose under heaven."**

Ecclesiastes 3:11

"A time to be healed..."

Prayers for those ill: will be included in the weekly bulletin with a name listing. Please call the Parish Center by Monday of each week to be included. All names will remain on this list for 3 weeks unless we are notified.

Please pray for: Daniel Struble

"A time to be for love..."

Recently Married: Liza Corrado & Mark Mazzone

"A time to be to mourn..."

Recently Deceased: Edmund Costello, Anna Ebner

"A time for war and a time for peace..."

For national and world leaders and for those in the Armed Services: Jessica DeRosa, Major Christopher Crotty, Miguel Tully, John Paul Phillips, Jennifer Smolinski, Michael Zahorniak, LT. Brendan McGovern, Captain Colin McNulty, Captain Luke Walsh, Major Raymond G. Tierney, Capt. Brian Donlon, USMC, Major Brian Ferguson, US Marines P.F.C. Martin E. Koerner Jr. Major Mark Wimmer, 2nd LT. Nolan Dunn, Taylor Mosera, 2nd LT, Conner Gillen Special 2nd Class, Sgt. Peter Gentry, USMC **Amen.**

MEN'S SHARING

Join with other men of the parish on Saturday, January 19, 7-9am in the Elizabeth Room to informally share our Catholic Christian Faith.

LAST CALL FOR MAGNIFICAT

Our subscription to the *Magnificat* expires at the end of January 2013. As you may know, *Magnificat* is a monthly prayer book that contains the prayers and readings for daily Mass, brief introductions on the feast or a short biographical sketch of the saint of the day, meditations on the liturgy well as the Liturgy of the Hours (abbreviated.) In addition to these, the *Magnificat* has spiritual reflections and beautiful reproductions of religious art along with a commentary on it. Regular subscription is \$44.95; but because we will be ordering in bulk, the cost is much less. If you are interested in renewing your subscription or ordering a new subscription, please bring \$30.00 to the Parish Office and put your name on the list.

**MAGNIFICAT YEAR OF FAITH
Companion Booklet**

We have a small supply of *Magnificat* Year of Faith Companion at the Parish Office. This booklet with a reading for every day of the Year of Faith was written to enhance your personal prayer life. It is different from the regular *Magnificat* which follows the readings of the Mass. This is a wonderfully written booklet and is for sale at the parish office for \$7.00 dollars. This would make a great gift for yourself or a faithful friend. Stop in and buy one today.

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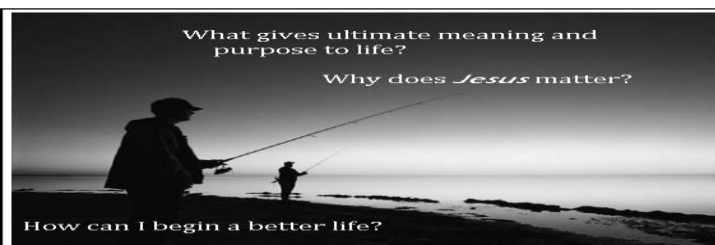
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Wednesday, January 30th 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

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**Discovering Christ
Enrollment Form**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Ph #: (home) _____
(cell) _____

If signing up with another family member, would you like to be in the same group? Yes No
Please return form to the parish office.

Questions? Email jean.gaviglio@me.com.

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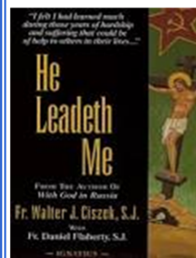
Book Club

Wednesday January 30th

With Fr. Paul

**Faithful Readers
Saint Elizabeth's Book Club**

Amazing book! Join Fr. Paul & Jonathan to discuss...



He Leadeth Me

By Fr. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J.

Wednesday, January 30
9:30-11:30AM—St. Francis Rm.
Books at Parish Office—\$12



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FEBRUARY 8-10, 2013

IT IS A GREAT TRIP! SIGN UP BY JANUARY 18!
BROCHURE & FORMS AT PARISH CENTER, ON WEBSITE OR EMAIL JONATHAN CAMIOLA — YOUTHMINISTRY@SAINTELIZABETHS.ORG



**March of Life,
Washington, DC**

Friday, January 25, 2013

Round Trip Bus Price: \$40.00 per person.
Seating is limited, so please sign up early.
(Remember to bring \$5.00 for the subway)

Make all checks payable to
St. Elizabeth's Knights of Columbus
Departing from St. Elizabeth's Church
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Returning to St. Elizabeth's Church parking lot.
Bagels and coffee will be served in the morning.

A boxed lunch will be provided on the bus.
For more information, Call
Teri Colby (201) 485-8242.

**WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES,
JANUARY 13, 2013**

Today in fact we can see that many migrations are the result of economic instability, the lack of essential goods, natural disasters, wars and social unrest. Instead of a pilgrimage filled with trust, faith and hope, migration then becomes an ordeal undertaken for the sake of survival, where men and women appear more as victims than as agents responsible for the decision to migrate. As a result, while some migrants attain a satisfactory social status and a dignified level of life through proper integration into their new social setting, many others are living at the margins, frequently exploited and deprived of their fundamental rights, or engaged in forms of behavior harmful to their host society. The process of integration entails rights and duties, attention and concern for the dignified existence of migrants; it also calls for attention on the part of migrants to the values offered by the society to which they now belong. Visit www.usccb.org for more information.

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"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38
or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

OTHER PRAYER EXPERIENCES

Miraculous Medal Novena – Thurs. after 9 am Mass
Novena to the Divine Mercy – Fri. after 9 am Mass
Men's Sharing – Elizabeth Rm. Sat. 7 am
Morning Prayer – Mon.-Sat. 8:40 am
Rosary – Each day after 7:00 & 9:00 am Mass

SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTORAL ACTIVITIES



"John answered them all, ' I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming ...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit..." (Luke 3:16)

The United State Catholic Catechism for Adults states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one simple gift that we need to give to Jesus. The only gift God wants is a complete offering of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God in this way, we will know in our hearts what else God might call us to do.

The gift of treasure for Dec. 23rd was \$24,680 (of which \$3,688 was from online giving). Year to date collections amounted to \$583,513 vs. our year to date budget of \$630,110.

The gift of treasure for Dec. 30th was \$16,734, (of which \$3,795 was from online giving). Year to date collections amounted to \$600,247 vs. our year to date budget of \$654,345.

The gift of treasure for Jan. 6th was \$24,117, (of which \$3,839 was from online giving). Year to date collections amounted to \$624,364 vs. our year to date budget of \$678,580.

The Christmas total will be announced in the upcoming bulletin.



The Baptism of the Lord

Sat.	Jan 12	5:00 PM	Schuh Family
Sun.	Jan 13	7:30 AM	Irene Stix
		9:00 AM	People of the Parish
		10:30 AM	Susan Villano
		12:00 PM	Mary Ciavarra
Mon.	Jan. 14		
		7:00 AM	William Moyano, Raymond Maniaci
		9:00 AM	Julia McNamara
		5:30 PM	Holy Hour
Tue.	Jan. 15	7:00 AM	Anna Morin
		9:00 AM	Elizabeth Welsh
Wed.	Jan. 16	7:00 AM	Carmela Scalzitti
		9:00 AM	Joseph Knau, 1 st Anniv.
Thu.	Jan. 17		St. Anthony
		7:00 AM	Alan Vormbrock
		9:00 AM	Rita & Ed Laubersheimer, Nancy & Anthony Cavallero
Fri.	Jan. 18	7:00 AM	Raymond Maniaci
		9:00 AM	Tony Beahan
Sat.	Jan. 19	9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
			Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
		5:00 PM	Alfred Cipolletti
Sun.	Jan. 20	7:30 AM	Joseph Knau
		9:00 AM	Gerald Barker
		10:30 AM	People of the Parish
		12:00 PM	Louise & Sal Capalbo



Altar Bread & Wine: In Thanksgiving,
Given by: Mr. & Mrs. George Thanjan.

Candles on the Altar: In Thanksgiving,
Given by: Mr. & Mrs. George Thanjan.

Sanctuary Lights: In Thanksgiving,
Given by: Mr. & Mrs. George Thanjan.

Flowers in the Sanctuary: In Thanksgiving,
Given by: Mr. & Mrs. George Thanjan.

Memorial for the Week of Dec. 29, 2012

Flowers for St. Elizabeth's Shrine:
For Josephine & Sal Lijoi & Theresa Gunn,
Given by: The Gunn Family.

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