



## The Baptism of the Lord January 13, 2019

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mary's/  
St. Patrick's, and St. Peter's Cathedral:

While the revised liturgical calendar no longer lists Sundays after Epiphany, there really is an Epiphany season. I think I mention this at some point every year partly because I think the change was a loss and partly because these Sundays after the Epiphany continue the theme of Christ's manifestation. The birth is humble and obscure, but in this season Christ's identity is unveiled more publicly.

First, there is the coming of the Magi, gentiles whose visit to the newborn King of the Jews is the first flowering of Jesus' revelation to all peoples. Then there is his baptism by John in the Jordan River, where the Father's voice and the Spirit's descent reveal him as divine Son of God. At the same time by undergoing baptism he shows his humanity by identifying with sinners. These two events in the western church have long been connected to his first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana of Galilee. Therein the Gospel concludes that he 'revealed his glory.'

The liturgy for the Feast of the Epiphany and following days connects these three events in beautiful ways. In the second reading in the Liturgy

of the Hours for the Monday after Epiphany, St. Peter Chrysologus (died 450 AD) meditates on the connection. We see the same thing in the well-known Epiphany hymn *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*, number 805.

The Lord enters our world, and he makes himself known. If he had not made himself known, his coming would count for little. Faith is necessary to recognize him for who he is, but faith is nurtured and enabled by the testimony of the Scriptures. These three accounts – the coming of the Magi, the Baptism and the first miracle – help us to see who Jesus is. They are very different from one another but each is a different facet on the jewel of the revelation of the Son of God. Each calls us to continue to make Christ known in our lives.

*There is not a lot to report on my health situation. The left leg continues to heal and my mobility continues to improve. I have undergone preliminary tests to make sure my heart and lungs are able to endure the stress of the transplant, and it seems that they are. All seems to be in order for it to take place in mid-February.*

In Christ,

Fr. Klein

### Pray for the Sick

Darlene Bargelski, Facenda Burton, Michael Dineen, Helen Dugan, Cal Fuhrmann, Jaxon Gardner, Valencia Giannantonio, Ann Hagan, David Kidd, Kathy Kingsley, Fr. Leonard Klein, Rita Lynam, Bill Marshall, Barbara Mondzelewski, Francesca Olivere, Alice Goetz O'Neill, Teresa Rodriguez, Earlene Roles, Howard Scott, Cheryl Smith and Olga Yapo.

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### Pray for the Deceased

Our parish community extends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of John Sarnecky, faithful member and volunteer at the Cathedral. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

### Masses/Services for the Week

<b>Saturday, Jan. 12</b>	4:00 PM	Parishioners
<b>Sunday, Jan. 13</b>	8:00 AM	(The Baptism of the Lord) Charles Hayman
	11:00 AM	Jackie Sarnecky
<b>Monday, Jan. 14</b>	12:10 PM	Leonard R. Klein (L)
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 15</b>	12:10 PM	Sr. Kathy Cevette, D.C. (L)
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 16</b>	12:10 PM	John Sarnecky
<b>Thursday, Jan. 17</b>	12:10 PM	(M, Saint Anthony, Abbot) Mary Skelly
<b>Friday, Jan. 18</b>	12:10 PM	Margaret J. Seitz
<b>Saturday, Jan. 19</b>	4:00 PM	George Callahan
<b>Sunday, Jan. 20</b>		(Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Josephine Gianattasio and Michael Vincze

### Birthday Wishes

Prayers and warm wishes for the following parishioners who have birthdays this week: **January 12:** Dennis Skirvin, Helen Callahan; **January 13:** Clare Buckley; **January 14:** Bernadette Moore, Jillanne Burke; **January 18:** Helen Dugan

### Contribution Report

If you need a copy of your contribution report for your 2018 tax return, please call the Parish Office. Contribution reports are only sent upon request.

### March for Life

St. Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus has chartered a bus for people of all ages, weather permitting, for the *March for Life* to be held on Friday, January 18 in Washington DC. There will be a stop at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for those unable to make the March. Seats will be available on a first come basis. The only cost to the individual passenger is a tip for the bus driver. Brown bag lunch recommended. Please contact Jo Ann Van Heest at 12374Columbiettes@gmail.com or (302) 239-0739 for details or to sign up. The theme for this year's March is "Unique from Day One"

### Catholic Forum

Listen to *Catholic Forum* anytime at [www.cdown.org/Catholic-Forum](http://www.cdown.org/Catholic-Forum), or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. Next Sunday, January 20, tune in to hear an interview with the new Provincial of the Oblates of St. Francis deSales, Fr. Lewis Fiorelli.

### Word of Life

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life," [www.usccb.org/culture-of-life](http://www.usccb.org/culture-of-life)

### Memorial Mass

You are invited to join Bishop Malooly for a memorial Mass for Bishop Robert E. Mulvee, who passed away after a brief illness on December 28. The Mass will be this Sunday, January 13 at 12:30 PM in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

### History Book in Celebration of the 150th Anniversary

"Rejoicing in the Lord," has been published to help commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. This book features histories and photographs of all Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. Books will be available after all Masses in the back of Church. The cost is \$35.00 per copy. If you would like to reserve a copy while supplies last, please call the Parish Office at (302) 654-5920 or email [cathedralstp@comcast.net](mailto:cathedralstp@comcast.net).

### Marriage Help

Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. The next program begins on the weekend of February 8-10 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be held in April and August. For more information or to register for one of the weekend programs, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

### Vocation Reflection

In baptism, women and men are made part of the Body of Christ. God calls some of the baptized to serve the rest of His people as priests, sisters and brothers. Is He calling you? Think so? Unsure? Call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302) 573-3113; [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org). And check out our website: [www.cdown.org/vocations/](http://www.cdown.org/vocations/)

### Book of Sacred Liturgy

*The Baptism of the Lord*

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Readings/Responsorial Psalm Pg. 495

St. John the Baptist #897

Christ Be Our Light #958

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise #805