

# *THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD*

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## **THE BAPTISM IN THE JORDAN**

When we describe the humanity of Christ, it is important for us to see it in parallel with our own human nature. The body and mind of Jesus operated in the same way as any other person. Two weeks ago, on the Feast of the Holy Family, we recognized that the exchange between Mary and Jesus in the temple is a turning point in the mind of Jesus. All of us come to know ourselves by degrees. At the age of 12, Jesus came to apprehend that he was unique in his ability to explain the scriptures, to teach. However, he went back to Nazareth and continued his family life for eighteen years. He was aware of his extraordinary ability to understand God's law.

In Luke's account of the Baptism by John the Baptism in the Jordan, we have another one of those turning point moments. Jesus stood in line with a group of people, who recognized themselves as sinners. They were all moving toward a closer association with God through repentance and conversion. Jesus submitted to immersion, and when he came out of the Jordan, the heavens opened to validate his understanding that he was unique in his sinlessness. He was like others in all things except sin. The voice of the Father and the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit validated this insight. Jesus now apprehended that he had been sent to change the world. It was time to begin his mission.



***Father Ricardo***

## **FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICARDO:**

### **THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

**Here I am Lord!**

If you have not yet responded to the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2018 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2019. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at [www.2018appeal.org](http://www.2018appeal.org).

### **PRO-LIFE PRAYER SERVICE**

To be held on Friday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at Our Lady of Fatima. Adoration will be included along with a time for prayer and reflection on the sanctity of life. All are invited to attend this event.

### **MANY, MANY THANKS**

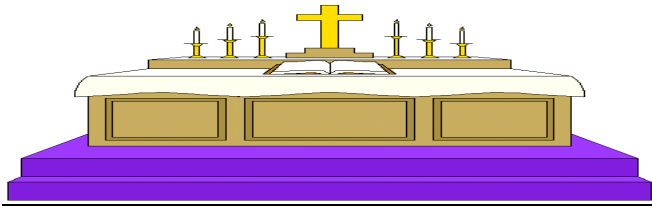
The Music Ministry would like to thank all those who baked, weighed and sold cookies for our first cookie sale. We would also like to thank the parish for your most generous support. It was most successful and raised \$1500.00. We cannot thank you enough for your support.

### **A YEAR IN REVIEW**

I would like to share some specifics of the parochial life of Our Lady of Fatima this past year, 2018. We welcomed 18 new families, and we baptized 18 babies; we shared the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time with 19 second graders and confirmed 23 high school students. We also celebrated full communion in the Church with 2 families through the Rite of Christian Initiation. We witnessed with joy the sacramental marriage of 3 young couples and with immense pride renewed the wedding vows of Theresa and Peter Healey (60 years) and my parents who celebrated 50 years together. I am so grateful for these signs of Catholic life at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

If you can help support the Knights of Columbus who are sponsoring a diaper drive for the Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center in Wayne. Diapers and Wipes of all sizes are needed and may be dropped off at the Church hall. Thank you for your support.



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 13**  
 8:00am +Patricia & Paul Corbutt req by Murphy Family  
 9:30am +Eileen Donohue req. by the Ruiz Family  
 11:00am +Patricia & Jim Van Gorder req by Legion of Mary

**MONDAY JANUARY 14**  
 8:45 am +Kenneth Thyne req. by Dianne & Fred Kelly

**TUESDAY JANUARY 15**  
 9:30am +Frank Tritak req. by Joey Helmrich

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16**  
 8:45am +Becky Racine req. by Tom & Cathy Kelly

**THURSDAY JANUARY 17**  
 8:45am +Dan Detrolino req. by Brian & Paula Kloza

**FRIDAY JANUARY 18**  
 8:45am +Alfonso Sanchez req. by Family Legion of Mary

**SATURDAY JANUARY 19**  
 8:45am +John McCoy req. by Wife  
 5:00pm +Ricard Murphy req. by Karen Murphy & Family

**SUNDAY JANUARY 20**  
 8:00am +Sal William Calcagno req. by Family  
 9:30am +Kenneth Johnson req. by Stapleton Family  
 11:00am +Eileen Donahue req. by Antioch Group

**ALL THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Aidan Alvarez, Larry Ambrosino, Scott Anderson, Baby Grace Andrews, John Apgar, Madeline Beirne, Irene Boeren, Ray Bonomini, Maddy Brancato, Jerry Calcagno, Artie & Cathy Cohan, Tina Contento, Teresa Contento Alyssa Conticell, Aibhlinn Coyle, Elizabeth Copeland, Barry Crandall, Doug Crum, Nathanael Davenport, Alice DeLorenzo, Katie Drago, Roseann Dundonm, Jim Ecker, Jim Franco, Debbie Fuentes, Kay Gallo, Mike Gallo, John Gonzalez, Florence Guilfoyle, Barbara Hellwig, Bob Hojer, Joanna Horn, Dave Jansson, Jean Jones, Melissa Klimaszewski, Julianna Klinger, Carly Kosen, Emily Lewis, Brian Linke, Rose Martis, Fran and Larry Marsh, Patty McDermott, Robert McDermott, Kathy Nestico, Lisa O'Hanlon, Jennifer Oldham, Janis O'Neill, Eleanor O'Marra, John Orso, Lou Pra Sisto, Maura Reagan, Mary Reynolds, Linda Ross, Ron Shelly, Father Patrick Sullivan, Jim Scuderi, Alexander Truong, Mary Van Dyke, Russy Wright, Nick Zayatz.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD AND PRAY FOR THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE.**

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH. MAY THE LORD REWARD YOU FOR YOUR GOODNESS.**

Collection for December 30, 2018	3,547.00
Maintenance	1,395.00
January 1, 2019	1,110.00

**Sunday: 1/13** Confirmation II – 11am Mass  
 Class in Hall 12-2pm  
 11am Mass – Gather the Children

**Monday: 1/14** CCD – Grade 8 in Hall 7-8:30pm

**Tuesday: 1/15** Rosary - 6:30 pm  
 Holy Hour 7-8 pm

**Wednesday: 1/16** Choir Practice 7-8 in Church  
 Baptism prep class – 8pm - Hall

**Thursday: 1/17** Legion of Mary 10 am – Hall  
 Legion of Mary 6:30 pm - Hall