

The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2010~ Cycle C

From the Pastor, Msgr. Rick Cramblitt...

An exciting opportunity is coming our way! On Sunday, January 17, the Fordham University Choir will be singing at the 11:30AM Mass at The Shrine and a short concert will follow. This is a return visit for the choir. Having heard them before I can tell you they are an excellent group and I know you will enjoy hearing them. Plan to join us on the 17th!

Today, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of the Christmas Season. For the next five and a half weeks until Ash Wednesday we will keep the "Ordinary Time." This season focuses on the teaching and ministry of the Lord Jesus. It is the time to hear what He is saying to you, and to shape your life to more closely follow Him as a faithful disciple should follow his/her Lord. So often the practice of religion seems to go on "auto pilot." The Ordinary Season invites you to turn off the auto pilot and consciously focus on what the Lord Jesus taught and attempt to incorporate that teaching into your life. If you do this the Ordinary Time becomes a time of Extraordinary Growth into the way of Christian spirituality. Why wait? Embrace this season! Grow in the life of a Christian disciple!

I know you heard this announcement at Mass last weekend but I repeat it here in case you missed it. Archbishop O'Brien has appointed me Temporary Administrator of Immaculate Conception parish in addition to my responsibility as pastor of The Shrine of the Sacred Heart. The appointment is effective immediately. I will be spending some time in Towson to fulfill this new temporary job assignment.

This is a good opportunity for me to mention that this week is Vocation Awareness Week. Recently in our Archdiocese we have seen one priest assigned to two parishes. This is happening simply because there are not enough priests! It is a situation not likely to improve quickly. Please pray for the cause of vocations to the consecrated life and to the priesthood.

Join Us In Worship

THE RITE OF WELCOMING: *The Shrine of the Sacred Heart celebrates the Rite of Welcoming at the 11:30AM Mass this Sunday, January 10, to officially recognize the following baptized persons who have asked to become members of the Roman Catholic Faith: Timothy Battle, Joy Severe, and William White. They will continue the RCIA process until their preparation for the sacraments has been completed. Please offer your prayerful support to these Candidates who will profess faith unto full membership in the Church at the Easter Vigil on April 3, 2010. Pray also for their Sponsors and the RCIA Team who journey with them.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Jan 9	5:00 p.m.	+Inez French Ryan
Sun, Jan 10	7:30 a.m.	For the People of SSH
	9:00 a.m.	+Martha C. Siwinski
Wed, Jan 13	7:00 a.m.	+Joseph H. Baumgartner, Jr.

CELEBRATE SANTO NINO: The Filipino Parishioners at the Shrine invite you to celebrate Santo Nino on Saturday, January 16. The traditional Procession, before the 5PM Mass, will begin in Taylor Hall at 4:30PM with the Novena prayer and Blessing of Santo Nino. After Mass, please come to enjoy a reception serving traditional Filipino dishes—including "lechon," roasted pig.

On January 16, please park in spaces that will not block those who choose to leave after Mass. Thank you for your consideration!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be offered at 4PM on Saturday, January 16.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS: *A Sacrament for Full Membership in the Church, A Sacrament Required for Potential Godparents and Sponsors. Christian initiation is celebrated and completed through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Are you fully initiated into the Faith? Adults, 18 years and older, who have not yet completed their initiation as Catholic Christians are invited to prepare for the sacrament, especially those anticipating becoming a godparent or a sponsor. Contact Sister Carol at 410-466-6884, x15 for information.*

Christmas Flower Memorials

Donations to decorate the Church for Christmas were also made in memory of the following:

Family and Friends of Guy and Eileen D'Andrea
Cheryl Dougherty
Welsh Family
Family and Friends of Claire Hillary
Dorothy Giovanis
Jerry Gross
Alicia R. Leuthold
Catherine Loker
Dr. F. Ford Loker
Anna R. Martinak
Michele, Marianne & Michael McCauley

William & Anna Mae McCauley
Michael Roche
Mary Roebuck
Frances R. Rohrs
Anna M. Rowley
Donald J. Rowley
Jane Swayne Stott
Howard & Mary Strott
Irene & Ray Watson
M/M John Welsh
Edward B. Wilson

Please remember in your prayers all those in whose memory donations were made to decorate the Church this Christmas.

PRESIDER SCHEDULE ~ JANUARY 16 - 17

5:00 PM Msgr. Richard Cramblitt
7:30 AM Msgr. Richard Woy
9:00 AM Msgr. Richard Woy
11:30 AM Msgr. Richard Cramblitt

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 11 ~ Weekday
1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 12 ~ Weekday
1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 13 ~ Weekday
Saint Hilary, bishop & doctor of the Church
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 14 ~ Weekday
1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 15 ~ Weekday
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 16 ~ Weekday
Blessed Virgin Mary
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 17 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Join us next Sunday for Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9AM Mass. Parents and children are welcome to attend. At CLOW children hear the Gospel and an age appropriate homily, sing songs and participate in a Scripture activity.

Whole Community Catechesis Questions for Faith Sharing

Question for Adults

Name a time when you felt your actions were pleasing to God.

Question for Youth

"With you I am well pleased." What are you doing right now that is pleasing to God? How does it feel to live that way?

Question for Children

What are some things you can do to please God?

Join Us In Learning

SCHOOL NEWS

SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
The Super Bowl is just around the corner so that means it's Joe Corbi's Pizza Sale Time! This is the major fundraiser for H.A.S.A. [the Home and School Association]. Over the years H.A.S.A. has been able to sponsor/purchase many worthwhile projects, sports, and fun activities throughout the school. This year money raised from this fundraiser will benefit our school by funding the purchase of new computers and software for our computer lab. Call the school to place an order.

ADULTS

PARISH RETREAT...LENT 2010

A spiritual opportunity, not to be missed! Treat yourself to an exceptional spiritual experience on the scenic cliffs of the Potomac River — a silent retreat at the Jesuits' Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, Maryland.

Consider evaluations given by parishioners who had a past retreat:

Via the silent retreat experience it became crystal clear to me that I deserve God's love and my own love of self at this very moment and at every other moment in life. Whatever the depth of our pain; we are valued and loved by God for that very uniqueness that we each have; for our very being. Take Care! Rose Anne

I thought the retreat was such an uplifting experience overall. Since I have 3 young children, it can be incredibly difficult to find the peace and silence necessary to hear God's voice in my life. It was a time of reflection, prayer, thanksgiving, and just sitting in silence and finding myself again. Thank you so much for introducing us to this retreat!
Juliana

Go to <http://www.loyolaretreat.org> or phone 301-392-0801 to register or for more information about the weekend. for MEN, February 26 to 28 AND for WOMEN, March 19 to 21.

INTIMACY WITH GOD: PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

The 2010 Adult Faith Formation program at the Shrine will open with a series about Intimacy With God. Rev. Pietro Prossotti, a priest of the Fraternity of St. Charles Borromeo, will offer the series keynote Tuesday, January 12, 7 to 8:45PM, in the Undercroft. The evening of lecture, discussion, prayer, and refreshments will be hosted by the community of Communion and Liberation. Future presenters will highlight Catholic traditions of prayer and spirituality, for example: Benedictine, Franciscan, Dominican, Jesuit, etc. Contact Sister Carol for information. All are welcome.

Join Us In Service

JANUARY POOR BOX: The Apostleship of the Sea Ministry reaches out to seafarers who dock in the port of Baltimore. They receive aid ranging from chaplaincy services to rides to doctors to basic toiletry supplies. See www.AOSBaltimore.us for more information about this international Catholic ministry. The Shrine has four, in-wall boxes to collect donations—indoors, near the pews and holy water fonts, and one each in the Tower Room and in the Chapel foyer.

SPECIAL CARE COLLECTION FOR ARCHDIOCESAN

PRIESTS: The annual Special Care Collection for Archdiocesan Priests will be taken at all Masses on the weekend of January 16-17. The theme of this year's collection is, "Give to them as they gave to us," with funds being used to support those archdiocesan priests in need of special medical care in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, as well as those priests, regardless of age, who are convalescing following surgery or serious injury or illness. A portion of the funds collected will be set aside in the endowment to help provide for the care of our priests in the future.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, ESPECIALLY:

Larry Preller, Gloria Marble, Dorothy Jewell, Sam Goldberg, Patricia Rhinehart, Janice Mittl, Paul Giblin, Claire Hillary, Matthew Costello, Ruth Hays, and Maria Baird.

IN MEMORIAM: Please remember in your prayers all the deceased of the parish, especially: parishioner, Martha Siwinski, mother of Rita and Steve Siwinski; Donald White, brother of Lourdes and Leo White; and parishioner, Josephine Lazzati.

ON-LINE GIVING: Did you know you may make donations to The Shrine of the Sacred Heart by going to our parish web site www.theshrine.org and clicking on the button marked "secure donation." Using this form of giving you may use your credit card.

THIS WEEK AT THE SHRINE

Meeting Rooms: Gathering Rooms I, II, III (GRI, GRII, GRIII) and the Choir Room (CR) are located in the Undercroft of the Church. Taylor Conference Room (TCR) is located in the Rectory. School Library (SL), Taylor Hall (TH) are in the school.

Monday, January 11

7PM RCIA (GRIII)

Tuesday, January 12

7PM Communion & Liberation (GRIII)

Thursday, January 14

9AM Staff Mtg (TCR)

7PM Young Adults (GRI & III)

Friday, January 15

8:30AM Deacon's Emmaus Group (GRIII)

Saturday, January 16

9AM Lector Workshop (Undercroft & Church)

5PM Santo Nino Celebration (Church & Taylor Hall)

Sunday, January 17

9AM Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9AM Mass

10:15 Elementary Faith Formation

11:30 Fordham University Choir at Mass

1PM Fordham University Choir Concert (Church)

6PM Confirmation Class (GRII)

Special Care for Diocesan Priests Collection

THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
When I called, you answered me... (Psalm 138:3)

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway. Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2010 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries in our parish. For example, the Appeal funds help support our Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "When I called, you answered me." Our contributions to our parish and our Archdiocese serve as a sign of our gratitude not only for God's answers to our prayers but also as a sign of our recognition that all that we are and all that we have are gifts given to us by God.

Your gift will enable archdiocesan support of ministry, education and service that touch thousands of lives not only in our Archdiocese but throughout the world.

Our parish receives 25% of each dollar contributed up to our goal of \$43,700. Then, we receive 50% of the additional funds received. This year, we will commit our parish rebates to Shrine Youth Ministry, Shrine Tuition Assistance (includes matching funds from the Archdiocese) and World Outreach through our sister parish, St. Peter Claver, in Punta Gorda, Belize.

Please answer the Archbishop's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be billed in ten monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION
HARK! AT THE HEART ~ DECEMBER 13, 2009

Here are the final photos from Hark! at the Heart.

