

The Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2008



Announced Masses

Sat	01/12/08	4:00 pm	Alison L. Koppen/Ed & Pat Miller Frances Gajtkowski (7th anniv.)/ Family
Sun	01/13/08	10:30 am	Peter P. Donato, Sr./Tony Virgilio
		12:00 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory/Ernest & Helen Butler
Mon	01/14/08	8:00 am	Carl Canzanese/Connie (Stafford) & Peter Schirmer
Tue	01/15/08	8:00 am	Ruth Shrader/Ted & Rose Lenny
Wed	01/16/08	8:00 am	Bruce A. Baky/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Parish Family
Thu	01/17/08	8:00 am	Grace Kiermeier/Fr. Ken Hallahan & the SJOA Parish Family
Fri	01/18/08	8:00 am	Olga Nikituk (8th anniv.)/ Joe Nikituk
Sat	01/19/08	4:00 pm	Edward Gotz/Paul Panko, Jr.
Sun	01/20/08	10:30 am	Bill McCuen/Denise Bramble & Family
		12:00 pm	Frances Shopa/Beverly Alberts

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The People's Tithe

The Epiphany of the Lord: \$.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Sick List

Please pray for those who are ill and those who care for them:

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What's Happening Around SJOA

Sunday, 1/13/08:

RCIA	9:15 am	Rectory
Religious Ed.—English	9:15 am	School
Religious Ed-Spanish	10:45 am	School

Monday, 1/14/08:

Youth Group Meeting	6-8:00 pm	Rectory
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A Family Perspective

The words in today's gospel, "This is my beloved, with Him I am pleased" are words every child needs to hear often. Affirmation is important to raise happy and confident children.

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Stewardship Reflection

Stewards Choose God

"No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." (Matthew 6:24)

Stewardship requires choosing to use the blessings we have received from God in ways that serve God. Our unique gifts of time, talent and treasure can be shared in love. When we freely choose to give of ourselves in this way, we truly give.

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to everyone who helped with the celebration of Three Kings. Thanks to the nine kings, who parked their camels outside while they bestowed a star on each person in the congregation and gifts on all of the young children in attendance. The kings included Blás T., Antonio H., Eddie O'Shea, Jim Kerwin, Joe Jennetta, Anthony and the king from Eritrea (the brother of Ibrahim).

Thanks to Margie Nieves, who organized a team to wrap the gifts for the children, and to all of those who helped, including: Luz Rojas, Emma García and her daughters, Anahi and Emily, Gladys T., Sandra Colon and Belquis Gonzalez. I appreciate your goodness to our children.

Thanks to all who have served on our Planning Team for the reconfiguration of parishes in our Deanery. Steve Pipito and Eliza Peña attended the meeting this past Monday evening. The Deanery Planners reached a consensus that St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral and St. Anthony of Padua should be retained as One Priest-One Parish configurations, and that St. Joseph South Camden should be designated as a shrine with no pastor assigned from the Diocese.

The other six parishes will be discussed again on Monday, January 14 at Sacred Heart Church. Proposals included the merging of Holy Name with the Cathedral, or with St. Anthony's, the merging of Sacred Heart with Our Lady of Mt. Carmel/Fatima, the sending of the English-speaking people from the Cathedral to Sacred Heart, or the merging of St. Joan of Arc with either Sacred Heart or St. Bartholomew's.

If St. Joan of Arc were to merge with either Sacred Heart or St. Bartholomew's, the planning teams from the two merging parishes would meet to make a recommendation to the diocese regarding the site of the Sunday liturgies and other uses of buildings.

One possibility for St. Joan of Arc is that the English-speaking people would be invited to attend Sunday liturgies in one parish, while the Spanish speaking in another.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire the planners to reach consensus on a wise recommendation on Monday, January 14!!

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

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January CAP Sessions

The Diocese of Camden requires all adults in regular contact with children to attend one CAP Session (Child Assault Prevention Program) every five years. The following sessions are being offered in January:

Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 7:00 pm, St. Vincent Pallotti, Haddon Township, Memorial Hall

Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 7:00 pm, St. Joseph, Woodstown, Parish Center

Thursday, January 24, 2008, 7:00 pm, Guardian Angels School, Paulsboro Campus

To register for one of these classes, call (856) 583-6165. Must register 5 days in advance of class.

Christian Unity Week 2008

"Faith and Action Equals the Miraculous"

There is a tradition that reaches around the world calling Christian Churches of every denomination to come together annually in prayer and fellowship in the month of January. This tradition has for several years inspired Camden Churches Organized for People (CCOP) to sponsor a week of Christian Unity in our beloved city of Camden. So, once again, the Camden Churches will gather in prayer to share our common faith in Jesus Christ and our hope for Camden and its people.

Camden Churches Unite for a week of prayer:

Monday, January 21, 2008 7:00 pm
New Mickle Baptist Church, 416 S. 4th Street (Lanning Sq.)

Pastor: Rev. Melvin Allen
Jesus Heals the Paralytic Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday, January 22, 2008 7:00 pm
Parkside U.M. Church, 1420 Kaighn Avenue (Parkside)

Pastor: Rev. Calvin Woods
Jesus Feeding the 5,000 Mat. 14:13-21

Wednesday, January 23, 2008 7:00 pm
Camden Bible Tabernacle, 823 Elm Street

Pastor: Rev. Heyward Wiggins, II
Jesus at the Wedding in Cana John 2:1-11

Thursday, January 24, 2008 7:00 pm
Bridge of Peace Church, Yorkship & Tuckahoe Roads

Pastor: Rev. Giselle Coutinho
Jesus and the Woman at Samaria John 4:4-26

Friday, January 25, 2008 7:00 pm
St. Anthony of Padua Church, 2818 River Road (Cramer Hill)

Pastor: Fr. Jud Weiksnar, OFM
Jesus the Resurrection and the Life John 11:17-27

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Annual Doo-Wop Party



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel/Fatima will be hosting their annual Doo-Wop Party, with South Jersey Radio personality "DJ" Lou Costello from 92.1 FM, on Friday, February 22, 2008 at Auletto Caterers, West Deptford, NJ. Tickets: \$35.00 pp, \$60.00 per couple. Open cash bar. To purchase tickets, call: Vince DiPasquale, (609) 519-0369; Al Raymond, (609) 923-3550; William Bain, (609) 868-7800; Digna Quiles: (609) 230-3154; or Bob Casida, (609) 352-5669.

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H&R Block Referral Program

H&R Block will donate \$25.00 to St. Joan of Arc Parish for every new client referred from the parish for preparation of their income tax returns between January 1 and November 1, 2008. A referral form is necessary and must be presented before taxes are prepared. For more info. please call Mr. Richard Baum at (856) 910-2283. Please consider participating in this program.