



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## PARISH STAFF

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### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday through Friday  
7:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. - New Church Chapel

### MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Monday - 7:30 P.M. - Stone Church

### NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Third Monday of the Month  
8:00 to 10:00 P.M. - New Church Chapel

### PRAYER GROUP

Thursday - 8:00 P.M. - Parish Center Meeting Room

### EARLY BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Tuesday - 6:00 P.M. - Parish Center Library

### PARISH COUNCIL

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month - 8:15 P.M. - Parish Center

### ST. PATRICK'S LIBRARY

Parish Center  
Sunday 10:15 to 12:30  
Tuesday 9:30 to 11:00 A.M.

### THE TRINITY GIFT SHOP

Parish Center  
Weekdays - 9:30 to 12:00 noon  
Saturdays - 9:30 to noon - 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.  
Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### GABRIEL PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

1500 Front St. - Suite D - Yorktown - 962-8337

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### COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 1, 2006

Tithing Last Year . . . . . \$30,662.50  
Tithing This Year . . . . . 19,171.37  
Children's Last Year . . . . . 379.50  
Children's This Year . . . . . 343.00

Thank you for making St. Patrick's a Tithing Parish.

### Monday - January 9 - Baptism of the Lord

6:55 Gilda and Eugene McCormack  
9:00 Esther Heaphy

### Tuesday - January 10

6:55 Victor Zucconi  
9:00 Michael Meenan

### Wednesday - January 11

6:55 Deceased Members of the Stofko and  
Hanusick Families  
9:00 Anna and Helen Lawlor

### Thursday - January 12

6:55 Jean Laurie Mante  
9:00 Msgr. Edward Connors

### Friday - January 13 - St. Hilary

6:55 Mary Marie Martorella  
9:00 Joan Carney

### Saturday - January 14

9:00 Ben and Nora Clarke & Gene Braddock  
5:15 Deceased Members of the Stellwagen and  
Ward Families

### Sunday - January 15

7:45 William Coughlin, Jr.  
9:00 Michael Benfonte  
9:15 V. Paul Vorel  
10:30 For the People of St. Patrick's  
11:00 Marian North  
12:30 Elizabeth Ryder  
5:00 Mary Vallarelli

### CELEBRANTS

#### Saturday - January 14

Fr. Jim

#### Sunday - January 15

7:45 Fr. Jim 11:00 Fr. Bisignano  
9:00 Fr. Herb 12:30 Fr. Bisignano  
9:15 Fr. Jim 5:00 Fr. Herb  
10:30 Fr. Herb

#### Confessions - Saturday

Fr. Bisignano and Fr. Herb

**WEEKLY READINGS**

- Monday:** Is 42: 1-4, 6, 7 or Acts 10: 34-38  
Mk 1: 7-11
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1: 9-20/Mk 1: 14-20
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20/Mk 1: 29-39
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 4: 1-11/Mk 1: 40-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 8: 4-7, 10-29a/Mk 2: 1-12
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19, 10, 1a/Mk 2: 13-17
- Sunday:** 1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1: 35-42

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**PLEASE NOTE...**Effective January 9<sup>th</sup>, the Rectory hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Rectory will be closed from 12:00 noon until 1:00.

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**POST ABORTION RETREATS** are offered by The Sisters of Life for men or women suffering as a result of losing a child to abortion. "Entering Canaan" men's weekend will be offered on January 27-29 at Villa Maria Guadalupe in Stamford, Ct. and a women's Day of Prayer and Healing will be offered on January 14<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of New York Convent in the Bronx. Please call the Sisters at 718-325-9002 or e-mail at [Lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:Lumina@postabortionhelp.org) for more information.

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**HEARD THE GOOD NEWS TODAY?** Our second collection next week supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. Your gift helps CCC and the archdiocese to provide television, radio and print materials that spread the Good News of Christ's abiding love for each and every one of us. Visit [www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org](http://www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org) for program information.

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**APPRECIATION BREAKFAST FOR CATHOLIC PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS - GRADES 7-12** will be held at the Riverview in Hastings-on-Hudson on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00. The Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese welcomes the opportunity to celebrate the good you do and your Catholic presence in our public schools. For information, please call Kathleen Alonzo at 212-371-1000 ext 2864. Registrations are accepted on a first come basis.

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the New Church this week was donated by The Vilarino Family in memory of:  
**DONALD MC CARTHY, SR.**  
 The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated by Tammy Lee and Tom Dunn in memory of:  
**JACK SKISLOCK**  
 The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated by Anthony and Joan Dans in memory of:  
**ANGEL AND ANNA DANS**  
 The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was donated by Pat and Jerry Schmidt in memory of:  
**EILEEN KNOPP**  
 The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church Chapel this week was donated by Renie DeGiovanni in loving memory of her husband:  
**REMO DE GIOVANNI**

**UNANNOUNCED MASS.....Deceased:** Anthony Castiglione (2), Marcelino (Max) Villafane, John Turcik, Kathleen Butler-Perez, Patricia West, Mary Rose Manyin (3), Giovanna Tamburro, Damaris Lopez, Nula Glynn. **Special Intention:** Msgr. Dermot R. Brennan, Robert E. Lee, Claire C. Lee, Jackie Gmeiner

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**IN MEMORY OF JERRY BRENNAN...**For those who have asked, Msgr. Brennan has advised that the family is requesting donations to the nursing home where Jerry received such wonderful care. The name and address of the facility is Evergreen Woods, 7045 Evergreen Woods Trail, Spring Hill, Fl 34608. Sincerest thanks from Monsignor for your concern and prayers.

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**CAN YOU BE OF HELP?** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed to bring the Eucharist to the residents of Country House (Baldwin Road). Rotation is every 6-7 weeks. For more information please call 962-3472.



# Baptisms

December 30, 2005

## MIGUEL...

Son of Giovanni and Araceli Giacobbe

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**IMPORTANT....**Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Msgr. Desmond O'Connor at 212-371-1000 ext 2931 or Sister Eileen Clifford, O.P. at ext 2949. Both may also be reached via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, <http://www.ny-archdiocese.org>. In keeping with the Archdiocesan polity regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

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**ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, DC** will be on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Join with thousands witnessing to the Sanctity of Life for a peaceful, non-confrontational procession to the Supreme Court building. We will start the day with Mass at 5:00 a.m. and then leave, by bus, about 5:45 a.m. We return to the parking lot about 11:00 p.m. Please call the rectory to reserve your seat on the buss. For more information, call Maria at 962-1815.

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**THE SEARCH IS ON!** Plans for World Marriage Day 2006 are underway and the Archdiocese is looking for the longest married couple in New York. To enter, the couple must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and live in the Archdiocese of NY. The winning couple(s) will be honored on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's Cathedral at the 10:15 a.m. Mass. A reception will immediately follow at Holy Family Parish Hall on 47<sup>th</sup> Street. Send entries to Bill and Isabella Nagle, 1127 High Ridge Road #104, Stamford, Ct. 06905. Deadline for entries is January 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information please call Nancy Rizzi at 212-371-1011 ext 3190.

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## Dear Padre

### What is a presbyter?

*In your answer to the question "Can deacons marry?" in the March 13th bulletin you mention presbyters. Who or what is a presbyter?*

*Carleen Schwieso*

Dear Carleen,

Presbyter is the name we give to the priests. As you know, holy orders is a sacrament that has different ranks. The fullness of the sacrament is in the rank of the bishop. Those whom we know as priests have the rank of presbyter, which is simply a word that means priest. Finally, there is the rank of deacon.

**QUESTIONS? E-mail the Padre**  
[dearpadre@tiguori.org](mailto:dearpadre@tiguori.org)

In holy orders a man is ordained to the ministerial priesthood in one of these ranks. All who receive holy orders are priests, but they do not all have the same rank or function in the priesthood. We use the word presbyter to refer to priests when we wish to use the word priest to refer to anyone who has been ordained in holy orders.

A person is usually ordained in order, first as a deacon, then as a priest, and finally as a bishop if he is chosen for that role in the Church. Since



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the permanent diaconate has been restored in the Church, it could be confusing to call everyone a priest even though that is technically correct. When it is important to make a distinction, we use the more traditional word presbyter to refer to those whom we know as priests.

*Father Joseph Nolen, C.Ss.R.*

## January 9<sup>th</sup>: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Embracing Humanity

Gospel: *It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:9-11)*

Did you know the first mention of "love" in the New Testament is this testimony of the heavenly Father concerning His love for His Son. Interesting enough the first time the word Love appears in Old Testament is in the story of Abraham and Isaac, where God told Abraham to "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." (Genesis 22:2).

The love of a father for his son set forth in Scripture as the first meaning of love. Abraham and Isaac form a beautiful type of God the Father and God the Son. Just as in the Gospel for today contains the testimony of the heavenly Father concerning His love for His Son. "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17; Mark 1:11, Luke 3:22).

Today's feast, which closes the Christmas season, offers us the chance to go as pilgrims in spirit to the banks of the Jordan in order to take part in a mysterious event: Jesus' Baptism by John the Baptist.

"The Lord was thus manifested as "the Christ", consecrated by God in the Holy Spirit, and sent by him to announce to the poor the joyful message of salvation (cf. Is 61,1-2). The purpose of his mission is to baptize human beings in the Holy Spirit (cf. Mt 3,11; Jn 1,33), namely, to communicate to them the "fire" of divine life (cf. Lk 12,49-50). It is what will be fully realized with his death and resurrection, a mystery, in which they who have received the sacrament of Baptism are made partakers." (John Paul II)

And so he begins his public life. This "manifestation" of the Lord follows that of the Holy Night in the humility of the crib and yesterday's meeting with the

Wise Men, who in the Child adore the king foretold by the ancient Scriptures.

Everything that happened to Christ lets us know that, after the bath of water, the Holy Spirit swoops down upon us from high heaven and that, adopted by the Father's voice, we become sons of God. (St. Hilary of Poitiers)

The greatest of gifts is ours in baptism: God's very own life and love. A life to overcome the death which is our inheritance from Adam's sin, a love to overpower and win us away from love of self to love of God for his own sake and our neighbors for his glory.

Another of the baptismal gifts we receive is the ability, in Christ, to praise and worship the Father in the Holy Spirit, and to be found pleasing to God as we do so. The baptismal font was often placed in the courtyard or near the entrance of early churches. We "entered" the Body of Christ at the moment of our baptism. We became worshiping members of the Son, pleasing and beloved by the Father, through our baptism. This is why holy water fonts are placed near the entrance of our churches.

As you dip your fingers into the font and make the sign of the cross each time you enter the house of worship of the Lord, remember it is by the power of your baptism that you render fitting and pleasing worship to God in your spiritual sacrifice of holiness of life and, most fully, the Eucharistic sacrifice. It is by your bath in the waters flowing from the side of Christ the priest in his perfect offering that you have been incorporated into the one, holy, catholic and apostolic body of Christ in the world, his bride the Church.

**Prayer:** Jesus, God's beloved Son and our brother, our baptism has made us participants in your divine life. In all our experiences of limitation and possibility open us to the transforming love of our relationship with God in you. Amen

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