

And a voice came from
heaven: "You are my
Son, whom I love; with
you I am well pleased."

Matthew 1:11

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12	
4:00 PM	Patrick & Mary Gleason
5:30 pm	Benito Polito
7:00 PM	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 13 The Baptism of the Lord	
7:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
8:45 AM	Joaquim, Preciosa, Christina Sousa
10:45 AM	Lauren Elise Kassirer
12:30 PM	Frances Jacobellis
5:30 PM	Raymond Celentano
Monday 14	
9:00 AM	Michael Moran
Noon	Louis Russo
Tuesday 15	
9:00 AM	Vera Kooney
Noon	Camile Raffa-Diaz
Wednesday 16	
9:00 AM	Joseph Kuderski
Noon	Michael Brennan
Thursday 17 St. Anthony Abbot	
9:00 AM	Barbara Watson
Noon	Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
Friday 18	
9:00 AM	Helaine O'Shaughnessy
Noon	Nicholas & Concetta Puglisi
Saturday 19	
9:00 AM	Robert & Rosemarie Barbieri
4:00 PM	Claudio Penge
5:30 PM	Edward "Teddy" Dwyer, Jr.
7:00 PM	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 20 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30 AM	John Giordano & Thomas Finan
8:45 AM	August Welle
10:45 AM	Regina Phelan
12:30 PM	Frank Cacciappoli
5:30 PM	For the People of the Parish

Faith Formation

Lori DiBiase - Coordinator

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Parish House office

Closed on Monday, January 21st

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.

MEMORIAL OFFERINGS

Bread & Wine	Robert Ferris
Sanctuary Lamp	John Luzzi
Altar Candle	Robert Ferris
Altar Flowers	Robert Ferris

Correction

On December 30th the Altar Candle inadvertently was for the Fierro Family instead of for Robert Ferris. We apologize for the inconvenience this caused.

Pray for our Deceased

Richard A. Iadarola Diane Grey
Nicolina (Lee) Seidel Carol J. Vicario Jane Cassara

Pray for our Sick

Franz Wolf	Ann Baker
Carla D'Agostino	William Hurley
Ellen Galgano	Edith Dubiel
Joseph Porcelli	Patricia Melisi
Marilyn Porcelli	Lorraine Vincent
Patrick Hamill	Denise DiGrande
Lisa Femanella	Alexander Luzzi
Margaret Fickeria	Thomas Capozzi
Josephine Portanova	Connie Schievi
Damian Frankfurter	Theresa Diaz
Ned Casey	Cash Macchiarolo
Mary Stami	Elizabeth Schilt
Andrew Hill	Marie Menna
Gertrude (Doty) Ryan	John McNamara
Joan Hurley DeAngelo	William Behrends
John Carey	Michael Dzuba

Pray for our Military

Matthew Griffin - USN
Joseph Monaco USAF Scott Air Force Base Ill
Julie Mundy - USCG - Bahrain
Ben Murphy - U.S. Marine
Victor Prato - 82nd Airborne Division (Army)
Gregory Lorenzini U.S. Navy - Virginia
Officer Justin Maguire - U.S. Navy - Japan
Bryan Bennett - U.S. Navy, San Diego
John Christopher Tucker - Navy - Submarine
Matthew Jenkins - USN
Nicholas D'Uso - Marines
Michael DeSandre, 1st Lieutenant, Air Force Pilot.
Nicholas Patrick Spadaccini - U.S. Army
Nick Spiegler - U. S. Army
Ryan D. Gorell LTJG USN Nurse - Africa
Eric Gagne - U. S Navy

E-mail frontdesk@sjtemahopac.org
to add a name to this list.

Respect Life

NY State Senate will vote on the RHA (Reproductive Health Act) this week. It may have already happened since the Senate went into session on January 9th. Hopefully they have not gotten around to voting yet. It is a terrible bill which Governor Cuomo has been trying to get past for a number of years. **RHA allows viable infants born alive during a botched abortion to die without any treatment. It endangers women's lives by permitting the performance of surgical late term abortion in facilities other than hospitals and by an individual other than a duly licensed physician. RHA legalizes abortion 'on demand' during the second and third trimester of pregnancy.**

Please pray and contact our new State Senator Peter Harekham. Since time is of the essence, please call him at 914-962-2624 or in Albany at 518-455-2340. The annual "9 Days for Life" organized by the USCCB will begin January 14th and end on January 22nd, the anniversary of the U. S. Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade that allowed abortions for basically any reason to birth.

For the novena go to <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events>.

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 20th at 10:45am



Please join us for this annual Memorial Mass as we remember all those who died 2018. Every parishioner who passed away in 2018 will be commemorated this candlelight Mass.



*Saint Michael, the Archangel,
Please guide and protect our Police
Officers, Firefighters, Emergency
Personnel and First Responders*

Prayer for our Troops

Almighty God and Father, hold our servicemen and women in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time and need.

*We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.
Amen.*

2018 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements will be available upon request.

If you are an envelope user and are in need of a contribution statement, please call the Parish House at (845)628-2006 Ext. 100

On- Line Contributions

If you make on-line contributions, please follow link on our website to verify your account. Many credit cards are expiring and updates need to be made. Any questions, call 800-950-9952 and choose option #2

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Flu Season

With the flu season upon us we will refrain from shaking hands at the sign of peace.

A LASTING SEASON

"I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year."

- Charles Dickens

- Altar Rosary -

BAKE SALE

ENJOY DELICIOUS
FRESHLY BAKED
GOODIES!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
Before & After 4:00 PM & 5:30 PM Masses
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
Before & After 7:30 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:45 AM & 12:30 PM Masses
COOKIES, CAKES, BREAD & SO MUCH MORE!

St. Anthony Abbot

The life of Anthony will remind many people of Saint Francis of Assisi. At 20, Anthony was so moved by the Gospel message, “Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor” (Mark 10:21b), that he actually did just that with his large inheritance. He is different from Francis in that most of Anthony’s life was spent in solitude. He saw the world completely covered with snares, and gave the Church and the world the witness of solitary asceticism, great personal mortification and prayer. But no saint is antisocial, and Anthony drew many people to himself for spiritual healing and guidance.

At 54, he responded to many requests and founded a sort of monastery of scattered cells. Again, like Francis, he had great fear of “stately buildings and well-laden tables.”

At 60, he hoped to be a martyr in the renewed Roman persecution of 311, fearlessly exposing himself to danger while giving moral and material support to those in prison. At 88, he was fighting the Arian heresy, that massive trauma from which it took the Church centuries to recover. “The mule kicking over the altar” denied the divinity of Christ.

Anthony is associated in art with a T-shaped cross, a pig and a book. The pig and the cross are symbols of his valiant warfare with the devil—the cross his constant means of power over evil spirits, the pig a symbol of the devil himself. The book recalls his preference for “the book of nature” over the printed word. Anthony died in solitude at age 105.

The following is a list of special collections for 2019

February 10 th	Peters’ Pence
March 10 th	Catholic Relief Service
April 19 th	Holy Land (Good Friday)
May 19 th	Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe
June 16 th	Latin America & Home Missions
July 14 th	Catholic Missions Among Black & Indian People
August 11 th	Pastoral Solidarity for the Church in Africa
September 29 th	St. Joseph’s Seminary
October 20 th	Mission Sunday
November 10 th	Archdiocese of the Military Services
November 24 th	Catholic Charities -Charity & Justice
December 15 th	Collection for Retired Religious



Thank you to a group of our Confirmation families and their parents who came and assisted Rosary Altar in decorating the Church on Christmas Eve this year. The Church looked beautiful and everyone commented on how lovely everything looked. We appreciate you helping and for making the Church look so nice for all of us to celebrate this holy season!



Participant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Registration Options:

Participant Fee: **\$ 30.00**

Donation to Scholarship Fund: _____

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And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. - Luke 2:40

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name and the Childhood of Jesus. It is also time to celebrate **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!** The theme for the 2019 National Catholic Schools Week is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." The annual observance starts on Sunday, January 27th and runs until Saturday, February 2nd. Our schools typically celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open houses, and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and the community at large. Below are the dates and times for **Open Houses at our Northern Westchester/Putnam elementary schools.** We welcome you and your families to visit our schools and see firsthand the true value of a Catholic education. We hope that you will stop by!

Our next **Touring Tuesday** is scheduled for **January 29th, from 9-11am** or by appointment. Reservations are required and can be made online at CatholicSchoolsNY.org or by calling our bilingual phone line 646-794-2885.

Holy Name of Mary Montessori School

110 Grand Street Croton-on-Hudson
914-271-5182
January 29, 9am-11am

St. Augustine School

381 North Highland Avenue – Eagle Park
Ossining
914-941-3849
January 27, 11am-1pm
January 29, 9am-11am

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School

1375 East Main Street
Shrub Oak
914-528-3563
January 29, 9am-11am

St. Lawrence O'Toole Learning Center

11 Eastview Avenue, Brewster
845-279-5164
January 29, 9-11am

St. Patrick's School

483 Old Post Road, Bedford
914-234-7914
January 27, 1pm-3pm
January 29, 9am-11am

St. Ann's Peas & Karrots

16 Elizabeth Street, Ossining
914-941-0312
January 29, 9am- 11am

St. Columbanus School

122 Oregon Road
Cortlandt Manor
914-739-1200
January 27, 10:30am—1:30pm
January 29, 9am-11am

St. James the Apostle School

12 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel
845-225-9365
January 29, 9am-11am

St. Patrick School

117 Moseman Road, Yorktown Heights
914-962-2211
January 27, 10am-1pm
January 29, 9am-11am

The Baptism of the Lord



he mystery of Christ's baptism in the Jordan by St John, the Precursor, proposes the contemplation of an already adult Jesus. This mystery is infinitely linked to the Solemnities of the Lord's birth and the Epiphany that we have just celebrated, as in some ways it takes up and represents their significance to us. At Christmas we have contemplated the human birth of the Word incarnate by the Virgin Mary. In the 4th century, the Fathers of the Church deepened the understanding of the faith with regard to the Christmas mystery in the light of Jesus' Humanity. They spoke of the Incarnation of the Word already working like the 'Christification' of that humanity that he had assumed from His mother. Or put in simpler terms: Jesus is the Christ from the first [instant](#) of conception in Mary's spotless womb because He Himself, with His Divine Power, consecrated, anointed and 'Christified' that human nature with which He became incarnate. In the mystery of the Epiphany, we then meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child. Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of 'Christification,' Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the 'Christification' of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. '*And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with men*' (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a [master](#). Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins.

Noticias de Nuestra Parroquia

Bautismo del Señor

Inmediatamente despues de que Jesus recibio el Bautismo,/se abrieron los cielos / y el Espiritu Santo se poso sobre el en forma de paloma, / y resono la voz de Padre que decia: / “Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien he puesto todo mi amor”. Mateo 3, 16-17



- Queridos hermanos los invitamos para que nos acompañen todos los Sábados a las 7:00 pm a participar en la sagrada misa dominical, aquí en la capilla St. John el Evangelista. ¡Quedan todos cordialmente invitados!
- 1. **Nuestro Grupo de Oración en español** nos invita a toda nuestra comunidad a sus reuniones de alabanza y acción de gracias cada viernes a las 7:30 p.m. en el sótano de la capilla de la parroquia. Vengan, acompáñenos, y demos gracias a Dios por un nuevo año lleno de armonía, y unidad en nuestra comunidad.

SYNOPSIS IN ENGLISH

- Dear brothers and sisters, we invite you to join us every Saturday at 7:00pm to participate in the Sacred Mass here at St. John the Evangelist chapel. All are cordially invited!
- 1. The Prayer Group invites our entire community to its praise and thanksgiving meetings every Friday at 7:30pm in the Monsignor Powers Room (below the Chapel).

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Gospel Today

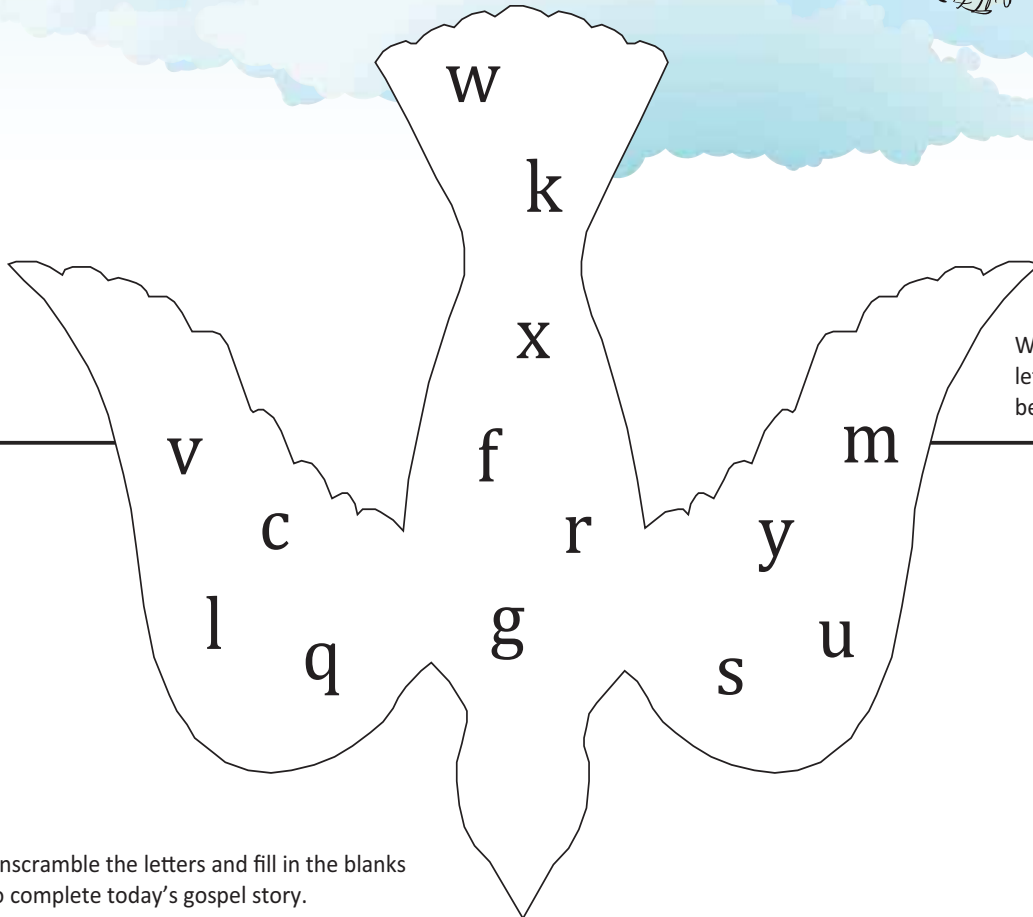
The Baptism of the Lord | Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

After Jesus was baptized by John, and while He was praying, the Heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove.

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*And a voice came from Heaven,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

Luke 3:22



Write the missing letters in the space below...

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete today's gospel story.

Note: There are two words, use each letter one time.

_____ many
people, including Jesus.