

January 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord



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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sacrament of the Eucharist:

Weekdays: Mon-Fri: 7:30 am

Weekend: Sat. Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession):

Saturday: 3:00pm - 3:30pm and

anytime by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick and

Ministry to the Sick:

Please call the rectory anytime a person is sick and would like to be anointed or visited.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please call our parish office to arrange pre-Baptismal instruction and the time of the ceremony.

Sacrament of Holy Orders:

Contact Fr. Joe Ashe or

Fr. Walter Nagle, 860 434

1660, if you want to learn more

about becoming a priest or a

deacon, or contact Fr. Greg

Galvin at the Vocations

Office: 860 887 9294.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Preparation for marriage must begin at least six months before actual ceremony. Please call our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

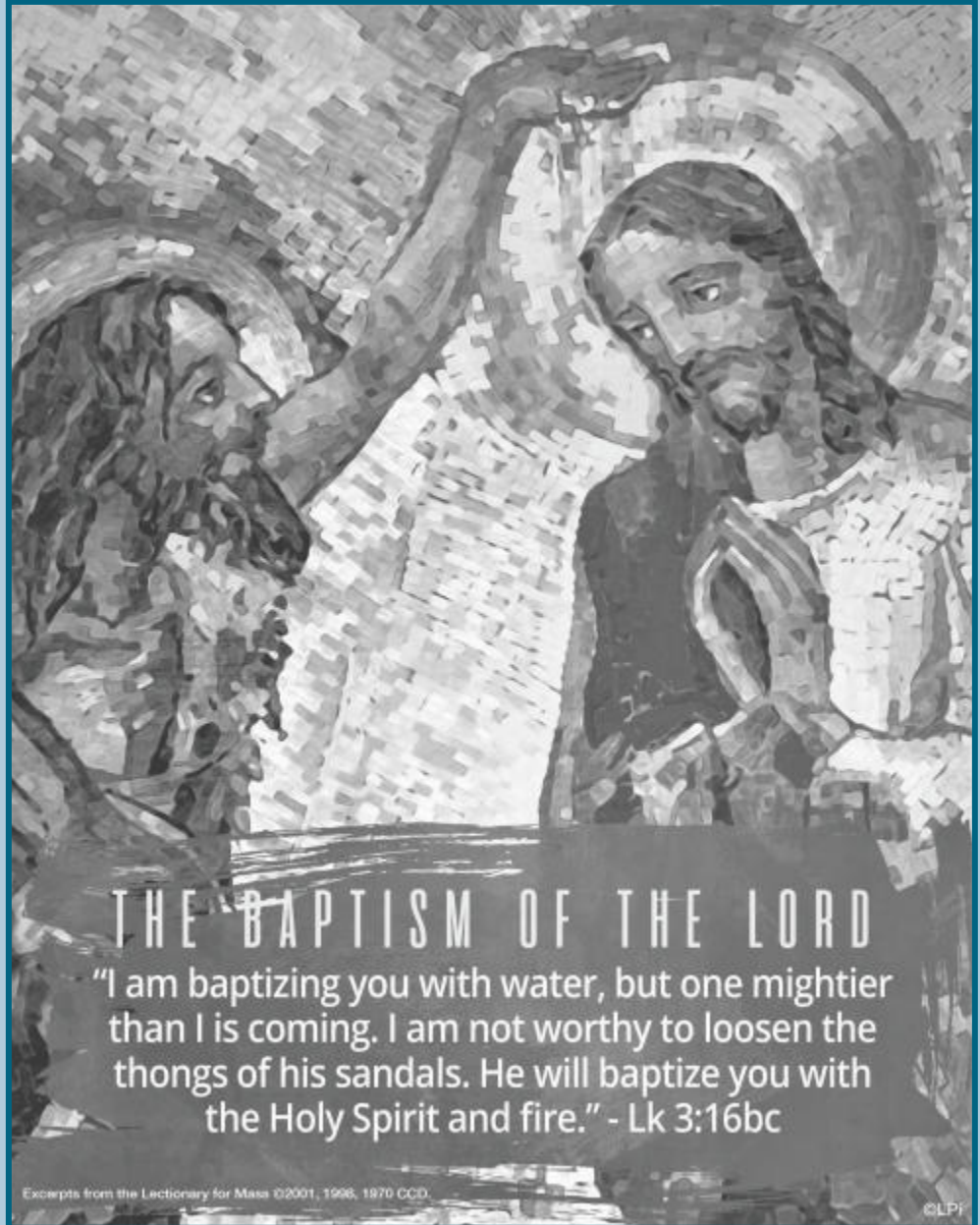
Confirmation preparation begins in the 9th grade and the sacrament is received in the 10th grade. Adults can join the **RCIA program**; contact the parish office.

Holy Days of Obligation:

7:30am & 6:30pm (No evening Mass the day before the Holy Day.)

The Rosary is prayed Tuesdays at 4:30pm in the parish library.

Open to all!



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Fr. Joe Ashe and Fr. Walter Nagle at the Rectory: 860-434-1660

Mrs. Louise Young, Pastoral Associate and Director of Religious Education 860-434-9873

Mr. William J. Thomas, Director of Music Ministry; Mrs. Margaret Kuhn, Secretary

Office: 860-434-1669 fax: 860-434-7140 (open M-Th 8:30a-3:30p, Fri. 8:30a-12:30p)

Sexual Misconduct Services: 1-800-624-7407

MASS Schedule this Week

Saturday Jan. 12

4:00pm Ann DuVernay r/b Bob and Sue Staab

SUNDAY Jan. 13 THE BAPTISM of the LORD

8:00am Ellen Lee r/b a friend

10:30am Healing of America r/b a parishioner
 Leonora LaFrancois r/b Roger and Colleen and Mary
 Blake Ogden

Mon. Jan. 14

7:30am Ethyl Commerford r/b The Reid family

Tues. Jan. 15

7:30am The Parishioners of Christ the King

Wed. Jan. 16

7:30am Mabel Moore r/b the Miranda family

Thurs. Jan. 17 St. Anthony Abbot

7:30am Anson Clinton, III r/b family

Friday Jan. 18

7:30am Eileen Torrenti r/b Bob and Sue Staab

Saturday Jan. 19

4:00pm Varkey Mattam r/b the family

Joseph Sapia r/b his wife, Shirley

SUNDAY Jan. 20 SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Joe and Louella Viteritto

10:30am Patrick D. Skraggin r/b Mike Gallagher and family
 Steven Massad r/b Sue Ellen Perry
 Gertrude Curioso r/b her daughter

The SANCTUARY lamp
 for the month of January will be lit for
 Andrew and Mary Maietta.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Q: If Jesus didn't sin, why did he need to be baptized?

A: From the earliest days of St. John the Baptist, baptism has been a sign of repentance and forgiveness of sins. Now Jesus has instituted it as a sacrament, with real power to cleanse us from original sin and adopt us as children of God. But if Jesus wasn't affected by original sin, nor did he willingly choose sin, why would he need to be baptized?

The Catechism lists four primary reasons for the Incarnation. One is that "the Word became flesh to be our model of holiness" (CCC 459). St. John Paul II wrote that "all of Christ's life was a continual teaching." In other words, many of Jesus' actions were not only for the action itself, but to model certain things for us. In becoming man, Jesus is not so loft that he expects things of us he isn't willing to do himself. We see this most poignantly in his passion and death. In his baptism, Jesus identifies with sinners and gives us a model of what we ought to do - repent, be cleansed, and receive the grace of God!

Scripture Readings: Week of Jan. 6, 2019

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30
 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Mon: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 /Mk 1:14-20

Tues: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 /Mk 1:21-28

Wed: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thur: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Fri: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Sat: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sun.: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/
 Jn 2:1-11

GOSPEL MEDITATION

(Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

Think of what it's like to wait a long time. Can you imagine what it would be like to wait for centuries? No one person lives that long, of course. But for the Israelites, they had heard the stories from generation to generation. They had been conquered time and time again, and now "the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." They had been waiting for a Messiah, one who did miraculous deeds and said profound things; someone aglow with the glory of God. We all know what it's like to hope and be disappointed. But what if your hopes were fulfilled?

That day at the Jordan River, an audience had gathered.

Among the crowd for baptism was an unknown man. Perhaps he was dirty from weeks in the desert. His hands had the calloused palms of a tradesman, a carpenter. He and John the Baptist may have embraced with the familiarity of the cousins they were. This man wades into the Jordan for a good, solid dunking. As he rises from the water, the One who breathed life into Adam gasps for air like any other man.

But then "heaven was opened." The clouds in the sky part miles above." And the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." An apparition with substance sails through the sky. It exudes gentleness and power all at once." And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Can you imagine the sight? For the crowd, there is no doubting what they have seen, who they have seen. Can you imagine this encounter with our God who keeps His promises? What are you waiting for?

To the Parishioners of Christ the King -

Thank you all so very much for helping make "Christ The King's Advent Giving Tree Project" for 2018 a success!

This year we collected and delivered the following to:



St. Mark's Neighbors Aide we collected \$1,035 in checks along with 184 items consisting of scarfs, hats & gloves (43), jackets (12), pants & tops (59), hoodie & sweatshirts (34), pairs of socks (19) and misc. items (17).

St Vincent de Paul in Norwich we collected \$300 in gift cards and checks - along with 850 items consisting of personnel care products and winter clothing items.

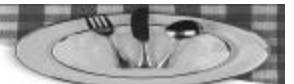
New Life Prison Ministry we collected \$350 in gift cards and cash and 1st class stamps - along with 450 items consisting of housewares, personal care products and items of clothing and accessories.

Madonna Place we collected a total of 490 items consisting of toys and children's clothing and 3 gift cards.

This year your donations to "Christ The King's 2018 Giving Tree Project" totaled 1,974 in gifts and \$1,715. Since 1989, Christ the King parishioners have donated over 21,646 in gifts and \$ 53,975.

In closing, thank you! And on behalf of these four organizations along with our Advent Giving Tree team, we wish for you and yours a Healthy and Peaceful New Year!

Parish Pot Luck Supper Friday, Jan. 25th @ 6pm



Our monthly Pot Luck will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel (CTK) parish hall on Friday, Jan. 25th @5:45pm for cocktails (wine & beer) BYOB, 6:00 pm for dinner.

Please bring a dish, salad or dessert to

share. All are welcome! Nancy Gatto 860-434-5159.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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January 7, 2019

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past several months trust in the leadership of the Catholic Church and a lack of transparency has been called into question. For many, trust has been shattered in the wake of the revelations of the failures of bishops and Church officials to protect children and adults from sexual misconduct and abuse.

There have been questions about what the Church is doing now to address the scourge of sexual misconduct and sexual abuse of minors. The Diocese of Norwich takes the issues of sexual misconduct and abuse of children and adults very seriously. I would like to take this time to explain our diocese's policies and practices for reporting abuse and misconduct by members of the clergy, employees, or volunteers and describe what happens when a report is made.

The first written policy created for the diocese to deal with these issues was published on September 19, 1990. It established the Diocesan Pastoral Care Committee, later renamed the Diocesan Review Board, and a process for dealing with these most important issues. It reminded diocesan, parish, and school personnel of their reporting obligations. The policy was revised in 1994 based on the subsequent experience of the Pastoral Care Committee and the evolving understanding about the nature of sexual misconduct, harassment, and abuse of children and adults. It was revised again in 2004 and 2013 to reflect the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and the *Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests, Deacons, or Other Church Personnel* published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. All diocesan policies related to creating a safe environment can be found and accessed on the Diocese of Norwich website under the Office for Safe Environments:

<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Diocesan-Offices/Safe-Environments>

In 1994, before the inception of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, the Diocese of Norwich implemented a Diocesan Reporting Line which anyone can call to report suspected abuse or neglect by diocesan personnel. Volunteers, employees and clergy of all diocesan parishes, schools and institutions are instructed that such a line exists. The Reporting Line is publicized in the *Four County Catholic*, as well as on posters and brochures which are available in all parishes, school and institutions.

What happens when a report of abuse is made on the Diocesan Reporting Line? When a report of suspected abuse by diocesan personnel committed against a minor or adult is received, the allegation is investigated by my delegate for the Office of Internal Investigations. The Bishop's delegate for the Office of Internal Investigations is a lay person with a background in law enforcement. This person is to promote the truth and comply with all applicable civil laws with respect to the reporting of allegations of sexual abuse of minors or vulnerable persons to civil authorities and to cooperate with them in their investigations in accord with state

If a minor or vulnerable adult is in imminent danger, diocesan personnel, clergy, ministerial personnel, employees, volunteers, or members of the Diocese of Norwich are to call 911 immediately. Otherwise, they are to report it to either the Connecticut Department of Children and Families (1-800-842-2288) or the New York Child Protective Services (1-800-635-1522). Then, they are to call the Diocese of Norwich Reporting Line (1-800-624-7407).

My delegate for the Office of Internal Investigations contacts the person reporting suspected abuse to receive more information about the allegation as he conducts his investigation. He also offers the support of the diocesan Assistance Coordinator. The Assistance Coordinator will reach out to and coordinate assistance for persons affected by sexual misconduct by a priest, deacon, or others who minister, work, or volunteer in the Diocese of Norwich. The Assistance Coordinator's primary responsibility is to provide assistance in the healing process to victims of sexual misconduct by diocesan personnel.



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After the Office of Internal Investigations concludes the investigation, the results are reported to the Diocesan Review Board. The Diocesan Review Board is a standing consultative body that advises me as I assess allegations of sexual misconduct made against any diocesan personnel and their suitability for ministry and/or ongoing employment by the Diocese. The Diocesan Review Board consists of at least five voting members, all of whom are lay persons not employed or compensated in any way by the Diocese. They bring a variety of expertise and experience in law enforcement, psychology, and other disciplines in the treatment of sexual misconduct and abuse of minors. Non-voting members consist of the Judicial Vicar of the Diocese or his delegate, the Bishop's Delegate for Safe Environments, the Diocesan Attorney, and the Risk Manager of the Diocese. The Diocesan Review Board receives and reviews the findings of the Office of Internal Affairs and assists me in formulating a course of action in response to that report. I take these recommendations very seriously and are very helpful to me in moving forward and bringing resolution and healing to the pain victims have experienced and still feel today.

I repeat and affirm what I stated in my letter to you in August. "We in the Diocese will continue to follow an absolute zero tolerance policy toward those who committed crimes against God's children...There is no higher priority within the Diocese than the protection and spiritual welfare of our young. The Diocese of Norwich continues our longstanding commitment to the support and healing of victim-survivors of abuse and reaffirms our commitment to protect our children, young people, and vulnerable adults from harm."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael R. Cote
Bishop of Norwich

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A light supper will be provided, including soup and sandwiches, as well as pastries and other treats.

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If you have any questions, please let us know. You can reach us by our emails:

Sister M. Kateri: admissions@ahfbaltic.org

Sister Mary Jane: smaryjane_math@ahfbaltic.org

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St. John School, Old Saybrook is looking for a Spanish teacher for grades K-8 to assist students in understanding and communicating in Spanish. The teacher will encourage students to practice vocabularies they've learned and assist them in accurately listening, speaking, writing and reading Spanish. Experience with techniques such as role-playing, dialogue, language games, literature, film, and other formal exercises used in the teaching of a foreign language are helpful. The 4-day hour work week includes 11 hours of instruction and the position is available immediately. Please call Mother Elaine, Principal at 860-388-0849 if interested.

St. John School Open Houses

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