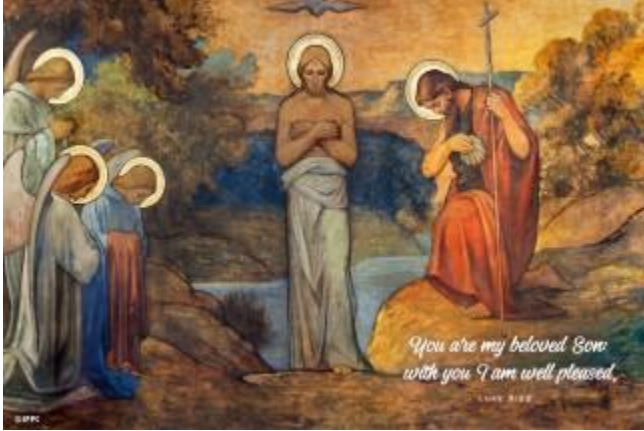


# ***BAPTISM OF THE LORD***

**JANUARY 9, 2022**



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

5 p.m.: Cassandra Polman, Caroline Ronan and Adrienne Hunt

10 a.m.: Raul Del Pilar, Sr., Thomas Biaso, Sr., Rosalina & Domingo Rodriguez and Laurence O'Brien

## **GOSPEL OF LUKE DISCUSSED**

A Scripture Discussion Group of the Gospel of Luke will take place from 10-11:15 a.m. Mondays on Zoom, beginning February 7.

The Ignatius Catholic Study Bible manual will be used, which can be ordered from Ignatius Press (1-800-651-15312) or through Amazon.

From the USCCB's website: "Luke's story of Jesus and the church is dominated by a historical perspective. This history is, first of all, salvation history. God's divine plan for human salvation was accomplished during the period of Jesus ... This salvation history, moreover, is a part of human history."

For more information, call Gail VanTassel at 845-457-3432.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**December 19-26: Totaled \$ 3,942.53**

Envelopes: \$ 1,494.00 – Online: \$ 2,448.53

**December 26- January 2: Totaled \$ 4,356.04**

Envelopes: \$ 2,140.00 – Online: \$ 2,216.04

**Christmas Grand Total: \$ 8,515.00**

**THANK YOU!**



When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, he heard a voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). These words revealed Jesus' identity. Jesus heard that voice, and all his thoughts, words and actions came from his deep knowledge that he was infinitely loved by God.

Jesus lived his life from that inner place of love. Although human rejections, jealousies, resentments and hatred did hurt him deeply, he remained anchored in the love of the Father. At the end of his life, he said to his disciples, "Listen: the time will come – indeed has come already – when you are going to be scattered, each going his own way and leaving me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me" (John 16:32).

I know now that the words spoken to Jesus when he was baptized are words spoken also to me and to all who are brothers and sisters of Jesus. My tendencies toward self-rejection and self-deprecation make it hard to hear these words and let them descend into the center of my heart.

But once I have received these words fully, I am set free from my compulsion to prove myself to the world and can live in it without belonging to it. Once I have accepted the truth that I am God's beloved child, unconditionally loved, I can be sent into the world to speak and to act as Jesus did.

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*"Whoever welcomes a child in My name, welcomes Me."*

*- Luke 9:46-48.*

## **PASS THE PARAPROSDOKIAN**

Here's this week's paraprozdokian – a figure of speech with an unexpected twist – from Betty White's book, "If You Ask Me (And Of Course You Won't)":

"My mother always used to say,  
"The older you get, the better you get.  
Unless you're a banana."

## SPREAD THE WARMTH

The Greater Middletown Interfaith Council's Warming Station provides a safe space for up to 30 homeless men and women each night through April 7.

Clients receive a hot meal upon their arrival, as well as a bag of nonperishable breakfast items in the morning. If you are able to assist with food, visit the website [TakeThemAMeal.com](http://TakeThemAMeal.com) (type in "The Warming Station" for recipient's last name, and the password is "Meal").



There you will find details and a sign-up schedule. In particular, comfort foods such as hearty soups, stews and casseroles – enough to generously feed 30 – are requested. For more information, email Peg at [peglazzari@yahoo.com](mailto:peglazzari@yahoo.com).

Volunteers – either for the period from 8-10 p.m. or overnight – are also needed. The next training is 7 p.m. January 19. For more information, contact Marilyn at [midduce@hvc.rr.com](mailto:midduce@hvc.rr.com)

And monetary donations are always welcome to help with operating expenses. Checks should be made payable to GMIC and mailed to the Middletown Warming Station, c/o Rev. Paul Denault, O.Carm., GMIC treasurer, P.O. Box 883, Middletown 10940.

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## CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

As reported in *Commonweal* magazine, the plight of the world's migrants and refugees seems to be worsening. In late November, 27 people drowned when



their inflatable dinghy capsized in the English Channel. In December, a speeding truck packed with refugees from Central America flipped over on a busy road in southern Mexico; 54 passengers died. And at the border, which is pictured above, between Belarus and Poland, President Aleksandr Lukashenko ordered thousands of Middle Eastern migrants to force their way into Poland. Polish troops used tear gas and water cannons to drive them back, where they were then left to freeze in the forest. At least 11 died from exposure.

These events seemed to elicit little more than a shrug in Europe and the United States, but indifference toward the migrant crisis has lately become even more tinged with hostility to the migrants themselves – and opposition to the right to migrate at all.

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## HELP WITH HEALING

Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley has a mission of offering solace to those struggling with their grief after the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. This ministry is recognized by the Archdiocese's Office of Family Life and has scheduled the following:

### Coping With Life

**Alone:** A multi-session remote program held from 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays beginning January 30.

Registration is required. Please contact Denise at 845-325-3147 or Victoria at 860 993 5469.

**Healing Weekend:** A 48-hour in-person weekend retreat April 22-24 at St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon. For information or to register, please call Denise at 845-325-3147 or Janice at 845-490-7466.

Men and women of all ages and faiths are invited to both programs.



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