

Pulpit Announcements

January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

We welcome all of you who have come here to worship with us.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.

Whoever you may be, or wherever you find yourself on the journey, please know that here at St. Matthias, All Are Welcome.

- Congratulations to Fran Johnson and Frank McCann, recipients of this year's diocesan Pro-Vita Awards. Fran and Frank will be honored at the Annual Respect Life Mass & Awards Ceremony on Friday, January 22 at 5 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi. See the bulletin on page 9 to register for the in-person Mass, which will also be live-streamed.
- Children's Choir Rehearsals will resume in church on Thursday, January 14th. 3rd and 4th graders will meet from 3:30 – 4:00 pm and 5th through 8th graders from 4:15 to 4:45. Children will be learning music for Lent and Easter. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Joan Seamon.
- St. Matthias Youth Ministry has launched a new evangelization ministry – **SMYLE**. It stands for *St. Matthias Youth Living Evangelization*
 - Youth from 12-18 are invited to the first SMYLE Zoom meeting, Sunday, January 17th from 6:30 to 7:30.
 - Youth **parents** are invited to the first **parent** SMYLE zoom meeting, Wednesday, January 20 from 7:00-8:00pm. See page 7 of the bulletin for Zoom links.
- Finally, in case you thought we are skipping this year's *Night of Winners*, you are mistaken. This year's **VIRTUAL** Night of Winners is scheduled for Saturday, February 13th. Melissa Garlatti is now accepting new and unused items in their original packaging. The deadline for donations is January 22nd and items can be dropped at the school during business hours. See page 8 of the bulletin for more information.

Pope Francis said these words:

“In the Feast of the Baptism [of Jesus], we rediscover our own baptism.”

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.”

We too were reborn by water and the Holy Spirit.

But does this same Spirit today “tear open” the boundaries between heaven and earth so that WE hear the voice of God claiming that WE TOO are his beloved children?

Music for Our Assembly

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After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered; This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, Matthew 3:16-17

Gathering Hymn- River of Glory - Dan Schutte

Refrain: River of Glory, springs of our birth, flood of God's riches poured on the earth.

We are born from the darkness and clothed in the light! We are bathed in the glory of God!

Fountain of mercy, grace flowing free, streams of salvation, spilling with love from a tree! **Refrain**

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Psalm Response - The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Universal Prayer - Lord of Salvation, hear our prayer.

Communion/Closing - Spirit and Grace Ricky Manalo, CSP

Spirit and grace, here in this meal; you are the wind that breathes through the field. Gather the wheat and form us in Christ. Come, be our source and breath of life.

Refrain

In the bread, blessed, broken and shared, Christ is our life, whose presence we bear.

Come, O Spirit, make your grace revealed in this holy meal.

Spirit and grace, here in this meal; you are the life that flows through the vine. Gather this drink and form us in Christ. Come, be our source and blood of life. **Refrain**

Spirit and grace, here in this place; you are the light that shines in this space. Gather your people and form us in Christ. **Refrain**

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Prayers for the Mass

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest and on earth people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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Responsorial Psalm
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R. (11b) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Give to the LORD, you sons of God,
give to the LORD glory and praise,
Give to the LORD the glory due his name;
adore the LORD in holy attire.**

**The voice of the LORD is over the waters,
the LORD, over vast waters.
The voice of the LORD is mighty;
the voice of the LORD is majestic.**

**The God of glory thunders,
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
The LORD is enthroned above the flood;
the LORD is enthroned as king forever.**

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Prayers of the Faithful
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Our Response is: *Lord of Salvation, hear our prayer.*

1. For Pope Francis and all Church leaders ...Help them to be light for us all, bringing the Good News of salvation to all corners of the world, we pray...

Lord of Salvation, hear our prayer.

2. For all government leaders, especially during this time of crisis and turmoil...Inspire them to lead the way in restoring order, stability, and unity from the chaos of the insurrection of this past week, we pray...

Lord of Salvation, hear our prayer.

3. For all gathered here for worship...Help us to embrace the mission of our baptismal call to serve one another, we pray...

Lord of Salvation, hear our prayer.

4. For all who are ill in mind, body or spirit...fill them with your comfort and your strength, we pray...

Lord of Salvation, hear our prayer.

5. For those who have died especially Raquel Fischbach and Teresita Lacap...Invite them now with St. Joseph and all the saints to your heavenly table, we pray...

Lord of Salvation, hear our prayer.

6. For the intentions of all those assembled here today...Hear our petitions that we place now before you, we pray...

Lord of Salvation, hear our prayer.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You, and I believe your words: *“Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.”* Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.