

**Pulpit Announcements  
Baptism of the Lord  
January 9, 2022**

**Happy New Year and Welcome to all who are here today on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**

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

- Preparation for the worldwide Synod is underway with small groups meeting around the world to discern our call to be Church. In our diocese, a single Synod listening session will be on Tuesday, January 25, from 7 to 9 pm. The session will take place by deanery. St. Matthias is part of the *County Seat Deanery* meeting at Immaculate Conception Church in Somerville. Registration is required. See the bulletin for more information.
- St. Matthias is looking for a general maintenance worker with a Black Seal license. Responsibilities are listed in the bulletin. The position will have a competitive salary and excellent benefits. Please contact Mary Pat at the Parish Office.
- Parishioners caring for ill loved ones or coping with chronic illness themselves are invited to join the *Caregivers Support Group* which provides spiritual and emotional support for those in need. To join the next meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am on Zoom, see page 10 of the bulletin.
- Finally and very importantly, due to increasing rates of COVID infection, face coverings such as masks and face shields are now required in all Franklin Township venues open to the public including at St. Matthias. The mandate remains in effect from now until at least February 8<sup>th</sup>. If you do not have a mask upon entering either the church, school, or the parish office, one will be provided for you.

**We might ask ourselves today, “Why should Jesus bother getting baptized if he is one with the Holy Spirit already? It is through Jesus’ baptism and humanity that we are saved. Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and is today’s gospel scene, his humanity is on display for us, showing us the way to salvation.**

**When God “claims“ us through baptism, we realize that we are chosen to be models to others of how God lives and moves in each of us. Let us humbly use this knowledge going forward to tear down divisions among us.**

# **Music for Our Assembly**

## **Baptism of the Lord**

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*After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him 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*

#### **Entrance Hymn- River of Glory**

**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**

Here there is haven, healing and health, joy for the asking, love in abundance of wealth!

**Refrain**

Bread for our journey God will provide. Hope for all ages, Jesus, companion and guide!

**Refrain**

Darkness is banished, night turned away. Christ is our sunlight, lifting and leading our way!

**Refrain**

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#### **Responsorial Psalm 104**

O Bless the Lord my soul, O Bless the Lord my soul.

#### **Preparation Hymn - Baptized in Water**

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
Heirs of salvation, Trusting his promise, Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
One with his rising, Freed and forgiven, Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ our King:  
Born of one Father, We are his children, Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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## **Communion Hymn - Christ Be our Light**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

### **Refrain**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. **Refrain**

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. **Refrain**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. **Refrain**

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. **Refrain**

## **Closing Hymn -Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise.  
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem In your birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to you addressed God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana, wedding guest, In your Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Present in your holy Word;  
May we imitate you now, and be pure, as pure art thou;  
That we pure like you may be, at your great Epiphany;  
And may praise you ever blessed, God in flesh made manifest.

*Text: 77 77 D; Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885,*

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## **PRAYERS FOR THE MASS**

### **GLORIA**

**Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to 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.**

# **Responsorial Psalm 104: 1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30.**

**R. O bless the Lord, my soul.**

**O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!  
you are clothed with majesty and glory,  
robed in light as with a cloak.**

**You have spread out the heavens like a tent-cloth;**

**You have constructed your palace upon the waters.**

**You make the clouds your chariot;  
you travel on the wings of the wind.  
You make the winds your messengers,  
and flaming fire your ministers.**

**How manifold are your works, O LORD!**

**In wisdom you have wrought them all  
the earth is full of your creatures;  
the sea also, great and wide,  
in which are schools without number  
of living things both small and great.**

**They look to you to give them food in due time.**

**When you give it to them, they gather it;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

**If you take away their breath, they perish and return to the  
dust.**

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.**

**R. O bless the Lord, my soul.**

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

- 1. For the Church, her leaders and members, especially this intentional faith community of Saint Matthias...Transform us through our Baptismal call to proclaim Your loving salvation to the world, we pray...**
- 2. For global, national, and civic leaders...Teach them to focus on the kinship which binds all of us as children of the creator God, we pray...**
- 3. For all who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our parish and school sick lists...Strengthen them and their caregivers as they strive to heal and recover, we pray...**
- 4. For those who have died, especially Ruel Camaligan, Albert Chiola, Barbara Perre, and Ethan Archer...After leading lives pleasing to You, welcome them home to the place You have prepared for them, we pray...**
- 5. For the silent intentions we hold in our hearts today [Longpause]..., we pray...**

**PRIEST \_\_\_\_\_ (MASS INTENTION)**

# 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