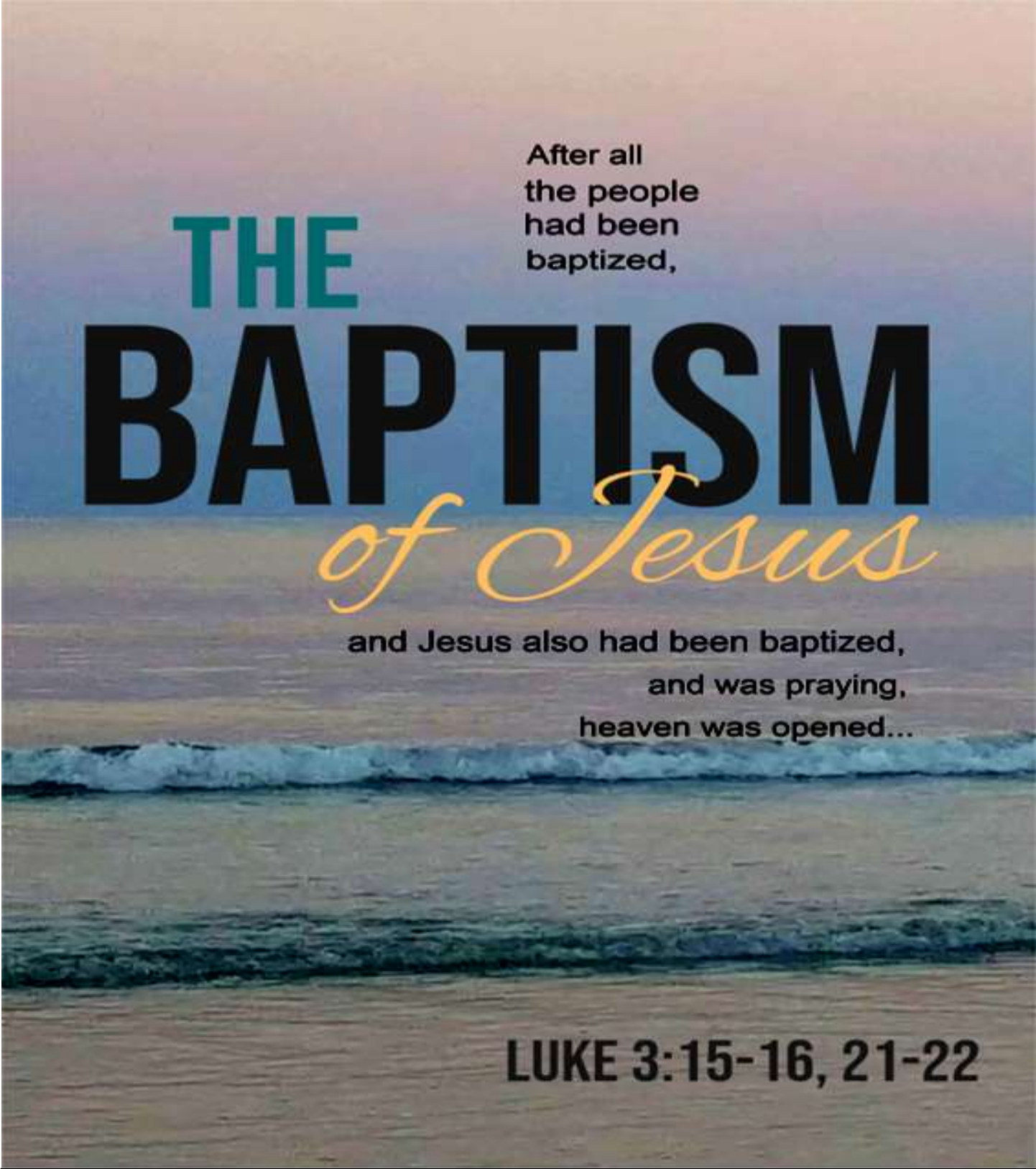


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After all
the people
had been
baptized,

THE
BAPTISM
of Jesus

and Jesus also had been baptized,
and was praying,
heaven was opened...

LUKE 3:15-16, 21-22

BAPTISM OF THE LORD
January 12, 2025

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday

5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am
6:00pm (Spanish Mass)

Daily Mass

9:00am Monday through Thursday (January-March)
12:00pm Friday
The Rosary is recited immediately after daily Mass

Holy Days

Vigil @ 7:00pm (Spanish Mass)
Day @ 8:00am, 12:00pm, & 7:00pm

First Saturday Mass 9:00am

Rosary starts at 8:45am

Eucharistic Adoration

The FIRST FRIDAYS (Novena & silent adoration to Sacred Heart) of each month at 12:30pm and the LAST MONDAYS of each month at 7:00pm in the Church.

Confessions

Every Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm

PARISH TRUSTEES

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Rich O'Hara, Joe Sala, & Michael Strebel

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least 1 year in advance. Marriage dates may be made only with the priest after he interviews the couple. Please call the Parish Office to set up an appointment. Pre- Cana classes are required.

BAPTISMS: Parents are required to attend one evening class before Baptism; and are encouraged to attend class during pregnancy. Baptismal class is held on the 1st Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. To register for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK:

Emergency calls for the Sacraments for the seriously ill may be made any time of the day or night, every day of the year. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be celebrated every second Friday of the month at the 12:00pm Mass. All those who are seriously ill, including those preparing for surgery or a hospital stay, are invited to receive the Sacrament.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;
Jn 2:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary

Friday: St. Anthony

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

eGIVING OPPORTUNITIES

eGiving makes it easy to give, anytime, anywhere. To continue lifesaving ministries and outreach in our parish community, we depend on generous online donations from our church family. We prayerfully invite you to use eGiving from your computer, smartphone, or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.



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MASS ATTENDANCE

DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6pm	TOTAL
12/15/24	105	134	345	139	100	823
12/22/24	NOT AVAILABLE					
12/29/24	109	142	114	137	100	602
01/05/25	190	98	100	136	100	624

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
12/29/2024	Weekly Collection	\$9,203.00
12/31/2023	Weekly Collection	\$5,872.00
01/05/2025	Weekly Collection	\$6,322.00
01/07/2024	Weekly Collection	\$4,186.00
12/25/2024	Christmas Collection	\$40,661.00
12/25/2023	Christmas Collection	\$40,800.00

Thank you for your continuous support!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	January 11
5:00pm	Marco Oliveri (Fr. Peter)
Sunday	January 12
8:00am	The People of the Parish (Msgr. Mirro)
9:30am	Walter William Thorne (Msgr. Mirro)
11:00am	Charles Collins (Fr. Peter)
6:00pm	The Smallwood Family Tree (Fr. Jorge)
Monday	January 13
9:00am	Paul Candela
Tuesday	January 14
9:00am	Eleanor Breslin
Wednesday	January 15
9:00am	(Guild Mass) Bernadette Valcin
Thursday	January 16
9:00am	Vera Merlo
Friday	January 17
12:00pm	Patricia Kelly
Saturday	January 18
4:00pm	Confessions
5:00pm	Marco Oliveri (Fr. Peter)
Sunday	January 19
8:00am	Intentions of Michael Fenton & Family (Fr. Peter)
9:30am	The People of the Parish (Msgr. Mirro)
11:00am	Engeline Kok (Msgr. Mirro)
6:00pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Jorge)

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Kevin Chisholm, Lisa Falcone, Blythe Fickenwirth,
Catherine Heffernan, Richard Hewes,
Michael Hubbard, Young Katie Kennedy,
Maureen Lawrence, Rosanna, Daniel Standing,
& Robbie Urban.

Please call the Parish Office (631-288-1423) to add a name to the sick list. This list will be cleared occasionally.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal

The 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal is on-going in our parish and in parishes across the Diocese. Please give prayerful consideration to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by this appeal.

Goal	\$ 62,100.00
Total Pledged	\$ 40,790.00
Payments Received	\$ 40,745.00
Donors: 93	% of Goal: 65.68%

The parish will receive 20% of the goal once all pledged payments are received. The parish will receive an additional 80% of monies pledged & received over goal.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Office Hours are:
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
9am to 5pm
631-288-4188

Family members attending weekend masses for a loved one and who would like to bring up the gifts, should see an usher before Mass begins.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bentley (Navy)
Julia Blake (Navy)
Joseph Ferraro III (Air Force)
Thomas Hellman (USSF)
Lt. Col. William Robesch
RJ Ruggiero (Navy)
Lt. Cameron Worden
Lt. Matthew Worden (Navy)

Please contact the Rectory @631-288-1423 to add a loved one to the military list

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a great power in prayer. It is our lifeline to God. Through it we communicate with God, and people are strengthened, helped, and made whole.

Do you know of some concern, or of some person with a special need for whom we ought to pray? We have 29 prayer warriors praying, please call Charles Schmidt at 631-288-4243 and leave a message with your prayer request.

FAITH DIRECT

The new year is filled with hope and promise as we seek to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2025, we are reaching out to our parishioners.

Begin the new year with eGiving to help sustain and build ministries throughout 2025 that reflect the steadfast promise of God's love. The need is great in our community, and your generous online gifts will help people all around us.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY66 or call their Customer Service team at 866-507-8757.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Toiletries (shampoo & soap), Juice Boxes, Cereal, Pasta, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Tuna, Hearty Soup, & Condiments.

The Pantry is in NEED of:
Canned Fruit, Juice, & Vegetables (all varieties), Rice, & Beans.

We are so happy to announce that Immaculate Conception Church Food Pantry has been selected again as a nonprofit partner in the **Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program**. We will receive \$1 for each specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold during the month of January 2025 at 194 West Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays. Please shop Stop & Shop in January when shopping for flowers and support our Food Pantry at the same time. Thank you!

MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

Tuesdays at 2pm in the Parish Center
Try this spiritual practice, it will surprise you!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



How can setting even five or ten minutes aside for prayer each day help me live out my baptismal calling? Can I resolve to do that each day during this jubilee year?

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

As we stand at this sacred altar, the heavens open and we know the Lord's presence. As God's beloved children, we raise our prayer of thanksgiving.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Over the Christmas season, which ends today, the Gospel passages have told how God's Son was made manifest to the world. The angels told the shepherds that a savior had been born in Bethlehem. The magi followed the star to give homage to the newborn Messiah. The youth Jesus amazed the teachers in the temple. Today we hear that at Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove and the Father's voice could be heard saying, "You are my beloved Son." We rejoice today, for the Son of God is continually revealed to us.

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord before the people. May we be like him and introduce our friends and family to Jesus and His mercy. We can do this with a smile on our face and courage in our hearts when we ask the Lord to help us serve Him.



Bulletin Reflection

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*.

Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Psalm 104*.

Second Reading: Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

Gospel: A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

SACRAMENTALS

The SANCTUARY LAMP, BREAD & WINE, ALTAR FLOWERS

To arrange a sacramental in loving memory of or for the intentions of your loved one, please visit the Parish Office.

Available Dates:

Sanctuary Lamp: January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24

Bread & Wine: January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24

Altar Flowers: January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

TEDDY'S CORNER



Teddy is looking a bit reflective in this shot. Perhaps he's thinking about 2024 and how lucky he is to be here with us!

We love you,
Teddy!

Happy New Year!

From the DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

For anyone who believes they have a Sexual Abuse Claim against an Additional Debtor (parish) arising prior to December 3, 2024, the claim form to submit and related information can be found at <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/drvc/info> under the "Proof of Claim Form" heading. The deadline for filing claims is January 13, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. prevailing Eastern time.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any

Elvis sightings lately, attended Star

Trek conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

HURTFUL SIN

Sin is not hurtful because it is forbidden,
but it is forbidden because it is hurtful.

~ Benjamin Franklin



Thank you to all the Church Ushers who help every week, especially during our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

~ Joe Sala

Christmas Flowers

for the intentions of our
living and our deceased

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Fran, Artie, & Steve Freitag
Ethel & Felix Glover
Intentions of Keith & Molly Hill
Intentions of Margret Johnson
M/M Michael Keary
Intentions of Leticia Ramirez
Thorne Family (Scott, John, Billy, & Amy)
Kathleen Tolan
M/M Matthew Tolan

**Thank you to all who have given so generously in
the names of your loved ones so that our Altar
could look beautiful this Christmas!**

TEMPER AND PRIDE

Temper is what gets most of us into trouble.
Pride is what keeps us there.
~ Anonymous



**Neither Father Ken, nor any other staff member,
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or text. Please do not respond or reply to any such
requests.**



Help me wish Catherine Fenton a Happy
Birthday! She was celebrated with a party at
Trumpets on the Bay.

**Our weekday Mass Schedule will change
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January, February, and March.**

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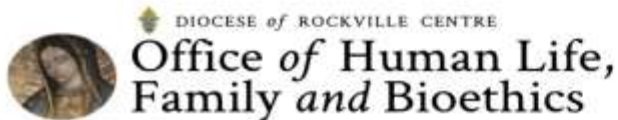


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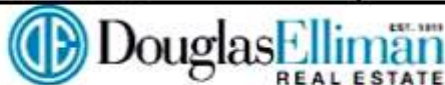
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