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SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (English), 12 :30 PM & 7 PM (Misas en Español)
5:00 PM & 10:30 AM (Celebrated at St. Teresa of Avila Church)

DAILY MASS : 8:00 AM Weekdays (Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday) at Immaculate Conception Church
8:00 AM Weekdays (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) at St. Teresa of Avila Church

HOLYDAY MASSES: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM(September-June) & 6:00 PM, 7:30 PM - Misa en Español

FIRST FRIDAY HEALING MASS: 7:00 PM

CONFESSION Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:35 PM at St. Teresa of Avila Church or by appointment

BAPTISMS: Required pre-Baptism sessions for parents are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in our Rectory Basement. Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:30 AM

MARRIAGE: The Diocese asks that we take at least one year to prepare for this special Sacrament. Please contact one of your priests or deacons for further information.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please stop by the Rectory to request Masses in memory of your loved ones.

SICK LIST : Family members of a sick parishioner are asked to call the information into the Rectory. If a family member is going to the local hospital, please call the rectory and a priest or deacon will visit.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS: **Altar and Rosary** - 1st Wednesday; **Catholic War Veterans** - 3rd Wednesday; **PTA** - 3rd Wednesday (every other month); **Parish Council** - Quarterly; **School Board** - When called; **The Liturgical Committee** - According to the Liturgical Calendar; **Junior Youth Ministry Meeting** - Saturdays, 6 PM, & **Men of Malvern** - 8 AM Mass, 4th Saturday.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday: 9:00 - 12:30; 1:30 to 5:00 PM & 7:00 - 9:00 PM

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Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2009

Masses for the Week

Saturday, January 10/at Immaculate

8:00 -Jack & Mildred Ciarrochi: Harry & Eileen Swistunow

Sunday, January 11/at Immaculate

7:30 -Rosemary Six: Daughter, Jackie Huster

9:00 -Louise Dickson: M/M Joseph Arno

12:30 --Juana Hernandez Mendoza:Froylan Hernandez
-Gloria Garcia: Family

7:00 --Aniceta Reyes: Virginia Villavicencio
-Virgen de Juquila: Virginia Villavicencio

Monday, January 12/at St. Teresa of Avila

8:00 -Jennie Ingraldi: The Family

Tuesday, January 13/at Immaculate

8:00 -Joseph Martorana: Holly & Mario D'Agostino

Wednesday, January 14/at St. Teresa of Avila

8:00 -Rev. Michael M Signiski: Friends

Thursday, January 15/at Immaculate

8:00 -Stephen & Joanne Olszewski: Children
-John & Lena Beck

Friday, January 16/at St. Teresa of Avila

8:00 -No Intention

Saturday, January 17/at Immaculate

8:00 -Peter Saulin, Sr.: Carmen & Kathy Bischer

Sunday, January 18/at Immaculate

7:30 -Walter Turin: M/M James Russo
-Raffaele, Josephine & Mario D'Ascoli:Silvio, Maria & David D'Ascoli

9:00 -Nicholas & Julia Morris: Pete & Kathryn Peterson

12:30 -Accion de gracias: Paola Sandoval
--Crisofora Arrellano: Lucina Rodriguez

7:00 -Misa en Español

Weekly Activities

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

-**CCD CLASSES**, 10:15 to 11:30 AM, O.L.G.R.S.

-**R.C.I.A. CLASSES**,10:00 AM, Rectory Common Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

-**WOMEN OF PRAYER/SCRIPTURE**, 10:00 AM, Rectory Basement

-**SCRIPTURE CLASS**, 7:00 PM, Rectory Basement

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

-**CHOIR REHEARSAL**, 7:00 PM, Church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

-**BISHOP GALANTE MEETING**, 7:00 PM, St. Teresa of Avila Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

-**NO CCD CLASSES**

Stewardship Reflection

“Stewardship is Pleasing”

“Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased.” (Isaiah 42:1a)

At our Baptism, we become a servant of the Lord. God has chosen us and equipped us to do special work for Him. Everything that we accomplish in life is a direct result of God's gifts to us. Are we acting in gratitude? Is God pleased with the way we are fulfilling His special plan for us?

Additional Flower Memorials

IN MEMORY OF: REQUESTED BY:

Dr. & Mrs. R.E. Gray, &
Mr. & Mrs. C.J. Achee Catherine & C.J. Achee

Thoughts on Scripture

We are all imitators. It is easy to see children imitating their parents or an older sibling. Adolescents imitate each other and those their peers idolize. Adults imitate, too, though we may have lost sight of our models long ago. Jesus invites us to imitate the child. There are qualities in the child that we should never outgrow.

John the Baptist was stunned that Jesus presented himself for baptism by John. Why would the Messiah request baptism for repentance? Jesus sought baptism in order to identify himself with the lowliest and neediest of us all.

Regardless of his or her present circumstances, every adult was once a newborn and helpless infant. Within every adult there is the inner child of the past. Made in God's image, every person deserves to be treated as a beloved child of God. Sometimes such loving care provides the possibility of beginning again.

Let Us Pray for the Sick of Our Parish: Laura Calixto, Jack Camp, Lucy Capece, Nancy Giles Carroll, Sharon Cassidy, Laura Chiari, Michelle Crilley, Shay Christopher, Wade Cimino, Pura Colon, Nicholas & Evelyn Condo, Jeff Davis, Sister Armida Fabela, M.D.P.V.M., Linda J. Gaskill, Frank Gergenti, Victoria Granato, Ida Mae Heisroth, Denise Hill, Anna May Hitchner, Erich Janus, Gus & Elvira Jiannone, Rosalie Khonke, Kevin Koldys, Anne Krupa, Cole Maxwell, Allen McCoy, Pat Moore, Cornella Mulhern, Zachary Mundy, Thomas Nasuti, Jr., Martina Nieves, Gert Petrunis, Gloria Perez, Marilyn Perez, Georganna Robinson, Joan Robinson, Arnulfo Rodriguez, Hector Rodriguez, Dawn Seigil, Mallory Servais, Richard Servais, Margo Shue, Todd Skompski, Lee Sockwell, Elias Sosa, Mary Spinelli, Carly Stassi, Thomas St. Clair, Anne Telencio, Maria Terrigno, Mary Terry, Emily Marie Thomas, Rita Viola, Ken Ward, William Whelan, Sr. & Catherine Williams.

New Additions to Our Prayer List: Dorothy McCoy & Barbara Dagostino



Prayers for Our Expectant Mothers:

Kimberly Robertson-Couch

Family Perspective: What Our Heavenly Father said to Jesus in today's gospel, "You are my beloved. My favor rests on you" is said to each of us. We don't earn this love; it is given freely. The unconditional love we experience in our families is sacramental for it gives us a glimpse of God's freely given, all accepting love.

Attention Parishioners/1st Penance Meeting: The First Penance Meeting that was scheduled for Thursday, January 15th, 2009 at 7:00 PM is postponed until further notice. Sorry for any inconvenience.

O.L.G.R.S. Open Houses: Our Lady of Guadalupe Regional School will be hosting OPEN HOUSES every week on Tuesday, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. O.L.G.R.S. will schedule an appointment other than Tuesday at your convenience, just call 451-2134. We are accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year. We offer tuition assistance and payment plans.

Please Pick Up your Parish 2009 Tithing Envelopes: After the 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM Sunday Masses, your 2009 Parish Tithing Envelopes can be picked up in the vestibule of the Church. **Please make sure you pick up your envelopes!** If you can't find your family envelopes or you would like to now receive them, please contact the rectory at 451-0254. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you.

Queen of Angels Parish/Pilgrimage to Italy: Queen of Angels Parish, Landisville, NJ is hosting a pilgrimage to Italy (Rome, Sorrento, Naples, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, & Assisi) from March 11 through the 19th, 2009. All-inclusive cost is: \$2599.00 (based on double occupancy; taxes included) The package includes: Airfare, accommodations at Superior tourist class hotels, daily breakfast/dinner, escort, coach tour bus, papal audience, daily Mass and confessions, and much more. For more information and to receive a detailed itinerary contact: Fr. Allain Caparas at 856-697-1450.

2008 Financial Statements: If you are in need of your 2008 Financial Tax Statement, please call the Rectory Office between the hours of 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM, and one will be mailed to you.

March For Life - Washington, D.C.: Please join us on Thursday, January 22nd for the Annual March For Life. Thousands of pro-life people from all over the United States will gather on the Ellipse in Washington, D.C. to celebrate life and to condemn the killing of million of babies in the 36 years since the Supreme Court decision was rendered legalizing abortion throughout the entire 9 months of pregnancy. At 1:00 PM the march will proceed along Constitution Avenue past the Capitol and end at the Supreme Court around 3:00 PM. A bus will leave 8:30 AM from Sacred Heart Church parking lot in Vineland after the 8:00 Mass. There is no charge for the bus. We will be eating at a rest stop on the way home and should return between 8-9:30 PM. Please bring a bag lunch to eat on the drive to Washington. To reserve a seat & add'l info, please call Val at 692-4241 or e-mail Valerie.casadia@camdendiocese.org.

Baptism of the Lord



The feast of the Baptism of the Lord, our commemoration of the institution of the sacrament of baptism, is the last feast of the Christmas season and is usually observed on the Sunday following January 6.

The calendar sometimes causes it to fall on a Monday, but in its usual Sunday slot, it offers an excellent opportunity for parishes to focus on baptism by using the rite of blessing and sprinkling holy water or to celebrate the sacrament during Mass, especially if this not the usual custom.

The Baptism of the Lord launches us right into winter Ordinary Time with its concentration on the earlier public life and preaching of Jesus.

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