

**January 12-13, 2019
Baptism of the Lord
Day One for Jesus on the Job!
From Fr. Anthony Ligato**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Do you remember your first day on the job, how did that first day go for you? Was it everything you thought it would be? Did you feel unprepared? Were you overwhelmed? I remember so well how that first day as a newly ordained Priest went. It was July 10, 1995; the first day of my first assignment as a priest. I arrived on that Monday morning with my car fully loaded to move into Blessed Sacrament Church on Central Avenue in Albany. As I pulled my car into the parking lot, I noticed a school bus with many people standing outside the bus waiting to get on. I did not think much of it and went to the Rectory to move in. When I got inside the Pastor welcomed me and the former associate pastor who I was replacing. After a few moments of exchanging pleasantries, they told me I was going on that bus which was leaving in 10 minutes to chaperone the children on their yearly trip to Grafton Lake State Park. Here I was with 40 screaming kids and 5 chaperones who I did not even know.

My first day was as a camp counselor and believe me, I did not do it too well. Jesus' first day on the job went much better than mine did. he arrived at the Jordan River after being Introduced by John the Baptist and all the prophets that came before John, I am baptizing you with water but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." When Jesus presented himself at the Jordan, it was the beginning of his public ministry and the revelation that took place was a further indication of the truth of the incarnation. Just as when the shepherds came to the stable and shared the message that the Angel had announced that a savior had been born. In the same way the Magi brought with them the revelation that the Christ had been born and it was a star that led them to Bethlehem. In today's Gospel we are given the revelation from the Holy Spirit, "You are my beloved Son; whom I am well pleased." Not bad for the first day on the job. There can't be a better recommendation than from our heavenly Father. The revelations of who Jesus is would continue throughout his public ministry and it is because he did his job so well that he would ultimately suffer and die on the cross. From the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized (Lk. 3:15-22) to the Mount of Transfiguration where Jesus shone radiantly with Moses and Elijah as the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets (Mt. 17:1-8) to Peter's pronouncement at Caesarea Philippi that Jesus is, "the Son of the living God!" (Mt. 16:16) to the trial in Jerusalem where the chief priest says to Jesus, "I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God." (Mt. 26: 63) Each of these episodes reveals who Jesus is and why he came into the world.

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Our job is to continue that revelation and whether we feel ill prepared or overwhelmed by the task, we are called to announce this message. To whom do we announce the message? To family, friends, co-workers and even strangers. And to the poor, the widow the orphan, to anyone who needs God's mercy. That would mean everyone.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Message from Fr. Anthony

I will be away visiting the Pontifical North American College Seminary in Rome from January 15-24. I will be meeting with our two Seminarians **Matthew Duclos** and **Stephen Yusko** who are studying in Rome to check on how their Formation is progressing and to also meet with the Seminary Rector, Vice Rector, Formation faculty and their Formation advisors. **Fr. James Ebert the Vicar for Clergy** and **Fr. Quy Vo** who is a member of the Vocations team will accompany me. We have set aside four days for our required annual Priests retreat as well. We will be celebrating Mass three times over the tomb of St. Peter and I will remember each of your personal prayers and intentions at the Altar of St. Peter. Please keep us in your prayers as well.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Anthony



PARISH OFFICE NEWS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2019 for the Martin Luther King Jr, observance. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 8:30AM.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Weekend of January 19 & 20

	4PM	9AM	11AM
Lectors	1. I. Bennett 2. M. Collins	M. Ascioti N. Ascioti	L. Burzesi Lector Needed
Ministers	H. Dcn. Warren 1. M. Signorelli 2. K. Caruso 3. Minister Needed 4. K. Harriman	Dcn. Warren A. Maloney M. Kruczlnicki J. Kruczlnicki J. Milanese	MH. Donnelly K. Rodriguez B. Harris J. Miller
Altar Servers	1. A. McNeil 2. N. Harriman 3. A. Harriman	N. Ascioti M. Bender C. Clemenzi	C. Rodriguez L. Rodriguez R. Moore

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PRAYERS

We will pray for those who are ill, hospitalized, recuperating and all those who are in need of prayers. If you know someone who could use prayers, please call the Parish Office and leave their name for inclusion in the bulletin. Please make sure you have their permission to do so. This week we pray for the following people:

Jacqueline Ackner, Anne Antdomi, Raymond Bagley, Carol Bennete, Colleen Bornhorst, Ann Burke, Bryce Chapman, Bob & Rose Davignon, Michelle Darcy, Chester DeBell Sr., Tina Demczar, Edward Doin, Edward Dworakowski, Theresa Dworakowski, Joseph Esposito, Thomas Esposito, Ralph Esposito, Donna Flinton, Brenda Flynn, Dick Galvin, Dave Grinko, Pat Harley, Tony Huneau, Mary Ellen Gibson, Lynn Gorman, Margaret Hoban, Debbie Hopkins, Monique Inyeard, Dorothy Jones, Mary Keeley, Edward Kehn Jr., Tayla Kreiger, Anthony Mainello, Craig Maloney, David Manning, Jimmy Margo, Charlie Martinec, Mary McMahan, Chuck Miorin, Debra Moulton, Anne McHugh, Morgan McEvilly, Stella Muzicka, Christine Pangburn, Dawn Perlmin, Mary Phibbs, Jack Reid, Bonnie Ritrovoto, Laney Robillard, David & Roni Ruppert, Christopher Russell, Jason Russell, Kirstin Shoemaker, Kenny Schroeder, Kaleb Schwartz, Derrick Senior, Margaret Shields, Mary Signorelli, Courtney Sims, Anne Stevens, John Sullivan, Shirley Talbot, Joseph Tenzyk, Anthony Valenti, Ashley Valenti, Madeline Valenti, J. Van Amburgh, Holly Wait and Sharon Wiliking.

ACTIVE, RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD PRAYER LIST

We would like to pray for all our military personnel in our Parish and we would like to include their names in the bulletin each week. We request that you assist us by submitting the names to the Parish Office so that these service members can be included in our prayers. **SFC. Michael Baker, Matthew S. Cannon, SRA Jordan Correll USAF, SRA Colton Correll USAF, Third Class Petty Officer Christopher Fox, USMC—CPL W (Mac) Harkin, AB Mary B. McDade, 1st Lieutenant Joe McMillen, First Sergeant Aime Moore, LCpl. Matthew T. Nero US Marines, Airman 1st Class Michael D. Jennings, Master Sergeant Richard Palasz, Specialist Joshua Abbott .**

DID YOU KNOW?

We bring Communion to those in our parish community who are homebound and cannot attend Mass. If you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive communion and a visit, please call the Parish Office at 283-1162.



We pray for our recently deceased parishioners and friends.

**Phyllis Ziobroski, Mother Daniel Ziobroski
Leona Toniatti, Mother of Donald Toniatti
Nancy Case, Mother of Tony Case**

May they and all our departed loved ones, friends, relatives, and parishioners enjoy forever the brightness of the eternal light.



FEED THE HUNGRY

DOORS OF HOPE

This is our local food pantry that aids our community members. The needs of those who are struggling never diminish. Please give generously to help our community pantry provide food and personal care items to those in need. Suggested items needed are: *pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned pasta, meat meals, shampoo, bar soap and feminine products.*

14 bags were received and brought to Doors of Hope last week. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

It's not too late! If you have not gotten your flu shot, get it asap. The flu is very prevalent right now. Stay away from folks who appear ill. Stay home from work or school if you are having fevers, body aches and Upper Respiratory Symptoms and don't forget, keep washing your hands!



CHILDREN'S
Liturgy of the Word

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

January 13, 2019

9:00AM Sue DiFiore

11:30AM Carmella Moore

January 20, 2019

9:00AM Sue DiFiore

11:30AM Varsha Joseph

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held during the 9:00 a.m. & 11:30a.m. Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word is for 3-8 years old.

K-6 FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

January 13, 2019 Class at 10:30AM
January 20, 2019 No Class
January 27, 2019 No Class
February 3, 2019 Class at 10:30AM

TEAM PATHWAYS

January 13, 2019 7th & 8th Grade Class at 10:45AM
9th & 10th Grade Class at 10AM
January 20, 2019 No Class
January 27, 2019 No Class
February 3, 2019 7th & 8th Grade Class at 10:45AM
9th & 10th Grade Class at 10AM

JANUARY 13, 2019

St. Jude The Apostle School



Save the Date!
**Open House for
Prospective
Families**

**Sunday, January 27th
1pm-3pm
PreK – 6th Grade**

*New this year – Flexible scheduling for half-
day program
(must attend a minimum of 2 days)*

**Join us for a guided personal tour of
the school, learn about the amazing ac-
ademic and extracurricular activities
we offer, meet the dedicated faculty
and staff and inquire about financial
aid. More importantly, find out why so
many families choose St. Jude the
Apostle School!**



Upcoming RCIA sessions:

All sessions are Thursday evenings begin-
ning at 6:30 we meet in the School Music
Room.

02/07/19 The Commandments; Beatitudes; Chris-
tian Morality; Sin

02/14/19 Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eu-
charist, & Confirmation

03/07/17 Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation,
Anointing, Marriage, & Holy Orders

03/14/19 Prayer & Lent

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

APRIL 6, 2019

Matthew Leonard is an internationally renowned speaker, author, podcast, film maker, and host of the world-wide smash hit Bible and the Virgin Mary video series.

Matthew hosts a very popular podcast on I-tunes titled “The Art of Catholic”, which is heard in more than 170 countries around the world. He also holds a Masters in Theology from Franciscan University of Catholic and Prayer Works! Getting A Grip on Catholic Spirituality. Matthew lives in Ohio with his wife Veronica and their six children. Learn more about him at MatthewSLeonard.com

Love Hurts: The Truth Behind Redemptive Suffering

Unfortunately, no one can escape suffering. But don't be discouraged! Christ proclaims a new idea of love that gives meaning to human suffering, penance, and ultimately, death. In fact, there's a powerful secret that unlocks how we can “rejoice in the Lord always” just like St. Paul, no matter what happens! After all, there is absolutely no reason Catholics shouldn't be the most joyful people on earth regardless of earthly circumstances

Confirmed in Truth: A Conversion Story

How does a Protestant Pastor's kid and former missionary to Latin America preaching to Catholics end up Catholic himself? Matthew Leonard describes his road into the arms of Mother Church, including many of the issues he had to deal with. It's a journey filled with study, a few tears, and some big laughs.

Pray Like a Saint: Wisdom for Growing Closer to God

According to Scripture, every one of us is called to “be perfect” and to “pray without ceasing.” Prayer is the path to God and we've been doing it all our lives. But are we really praying? Are we really progressing toward holiness, perfection, and deep relationship with God? In this talk we will define and discuss the three traditional modes of prayer as taught by spiritual greats like St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. Francis de Sales. We won't just talk theory but lay out the practical steps to achieve union with God through deep prayer even in the midst of this busy distracting world. Because if you are not praying, you are not living.

Spiritual GPS: The 3 stages of the Spiritual Life

Many spiritual writer refer to the “science of sainthood.” It's a defined process by which we achieve union with God, our ultimate destiny—a mode of life beyond what anyone can imagine. This talk explains the three traditional stages of Catholic Spiritual life as taught by spiritual life as taught by spiritual greats like St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Thomas Aquinas, and so many others. I also explain how to achieve a life of true peace and happiness in the craziness of this world as you move through the stages of the spiritual journey. This is what life is all about—now and forever!

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Announced Masses

Saturday, January 12

4:00PM Nancy Hannigan, Nancy Bradley
Ned Fitzgerald, Rosanne & Children
Patrick Elligott, Kathy & Cliff Hein
Joseph Buono, Joe & Carol Tenzyk
Tricia Vielkind, Jan Jackson

Sunday, January 13

9:00AM Cierra Sweet,
St. Jude the Apostle School & Staff
Jim & Joan Madden, Tom Mary Phibbs
Bob Nero, Family

11:00AM Amanda Perrotta, Detrick Family
Joan Angrisano, Bill & Carol Detrick
Frank Bonanni,
Santino & Wendy Bonanni

Monday, January 14

8:00AM Carol Maple, Tom & Betty Zemanick
2:00PM Deceased Residents of St. Jude Apts.

Tuesday, January 15

8:00AM Carmella Ligato, Ligato Family

Wednesday, January 16

8:00AM Tony Carnevale, Wife & Family

Thursday, January 17

8:00AM Leona Toniatti, Tom & Betty Zemanick

Friday, January 18

8:00AM Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude

Saturday, January 19

4:00PM Tony Carnevale, Wife & Family
Margaret Whitmore, Family
Nancy Hannigan, Ken Burton & Family
Ken Burton, Eileen & Family
Isabella Rodino, Johanna Flanigan

Sunday, January 20

9:00AM Stephen Finelli, Roger & Darcy St. Cyr
Carol Maple, Joe & Marie Kruczlnicki
Dorothy Lavigne, Nancy Spain

11:00AM Francis Geise,
Irene Pagano & Sharon Green
Mary Marzola, Frost Family
Carol Maple, Frost Family
Tony Farina, Wife Betty & Family

STEWARDSHIP Thank you for your generosity!
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Week Ending December 30, 2018	
Amount Received From Offertory Collection	\$4,715.00
Amount Received from Electronic Giving	-
Total Received Last Weekend	\$4,715.00
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$5,073.00
Last Week's Difference: Over (Under) Budget	(\$358.00)

Reminder our fiscal year is July 1—June 30.

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Mary Mother of God, January 1, 2019	
Amount Received From Offertory Collection	\$1,594.00

Reminder: Our Fiscal Year is July 1—June 30

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Week Ending January 6, 2019	
Amount Received From Offertory Collection	\$5,121.00
Amount Received from Electronic Giving	-
Total Received Last Weekend	\$5,121.00
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$5,073.00
Last Week's Difference: Over (Under) Budget	\$48.00
Year-To-Date Fiscal Year	
Received Year - to - Date	\$144,056.59
Budgeted Year -To -Date	147,573.00
Year - To - Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget	(3,516.41)

Reminder: Our Fiscal Year is July 1-June 30

Mass Schedule for our Local Catholic Community

Sacred Heart Sat. 4PM, Sun. 8:30AM & 10:30AM
Weekday Mon.-Fri. 9AM

St. Jude Sat. 4PM, Sun. 9AM & 11:30AM
Weekday Mon.-Fri. 8AM

St. Michael Sat. 4:30PM, Sun. 7:30AM & 10:15AM
Weekday Mon-Thru. 12:10PM

Van Rensselaer Manor Tuesdays at 1:45PM

COLLECTION COUNTER TEAMS

January 13, 2019 Team #2 Peter McMillen
January 20, 2019 Team #3 Bob Myron
January 27, 2019 Team #4 John Waterbury
February 3, 2019 Team #5 Cherie Aanonsen
February 10, 2019 Team #6 Tanya Halse
February 17, 2019 Team #7 Rose Galipeau
February 24, 2019 Team #1 Mary Ellen Hunt