
Sunday, January 12, 2014

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



The Catholic Communities of St. John the Evangelist

2540 Stagecoach Road, Osgoode 

St. Brigid

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OTHERS

Who is this man? Why does John think Jesus is so important? These are the questions I would have asked myself if I had been among the crowd at the Jordan River when John was baptizing people. Many people had already decided to follow John and now they were being asked to follow someone else. Why?

God knows we are a suspicious bunch at times, so it is no surprise that God is nearby at Jesus' baptism, ready to give him the authority he needs to do God's work. John the Baptist, knowing who Jesus is, would like Jesus to baptize him. But no, that's not the way it works. In baptizing Jesus, John the one announcing the Messiah, the one telling the people to prepare the way for the chosen one initiates that Messiah publicly. There can be no question in people's minds about whom to follow.

These people see the transition of authority from John to Jesus. If that is not enough, the Holy Spirit alights on Jesus and God's voice is heard: "This is my Son." What better reference could Jesus have?

From the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, God is behind him, before him, with him. As Jesus is reborn through the waters of baptism, with the spirit of God upon him, John's announcement of God's promised one is fulfilled. Light comes to the nations!

MASS INTENTIONS

St. John

Sunday, January 12 at 9:00 a.m.

Soul of Joe McEwen, by Al and Joan Hawco

Friday, January 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. John & St. Brigid

Sunday, January 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Soul of John Joseph McEwen, by Don & Carolyn Service & family

St. Brigid

Saturday, January 11 at 5:00 p.m.

Parishioners of St. Brigid & St. John

Sunday, January 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Soul of Betty Nobes, by Bob, Kate Theberge & family

Saturday, January 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Soul of Dan Kelly, by Peggy Kelly & Angus MacDonald

Sunday, January 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Soul of Leo Tarczynski, by Bob, Kate Theberge & family

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

- Saturday at **St. Brigid** from 4:30 to 4:45 p.m.
- Sundays at **St. John** from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m.

Parish News and Community Life

ST. BRIGID - SOCIAL SATURDAY

Calling all Saturday evening mass attendees! Back by popular demand, a request for every 3rd Saturday after **5 pm mass** social time on a monthly basis, similar to Coffee Sunday. We are looking for people to provide snacks on a sign up basis: which might include, punch, decaf. coffee, cookies, cheese and crackers, veggies an dip, etc. (suggestions only). Feel free to share the task with another person/couple/family each month. The sign up sheet can be found on the table at the main entrance. For info: please contact Fran Kelly at 613-715-1279, or joeanfrankelly@hotmail.com.

MARIAN PRAYER

We will have a monthly Marian Prayer Group at St. Brigid following the 10:30 mass where we will discuss Scripture, first meeting will begin **Jan. 26**. All are welcome. We also want to set up a prayer line so that parishioners who need prayer can phone in or put their requests in the collection basket. Info: see Peggy Kelly

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

Take advantage of this great opportunity to familiarize yourself with the Catholic teachings and to learn more about our faith and self development. We have books and CD's. The CD for this month is called 'Mass explained'. Purchase of a CD is \$5. Please see the board at the entrance of the church.

JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

Spiritual Gifts Seminar at St. Mary's Parish (Bayswater & Young). **Jan. 17, 18 & 19**. Gain insight into how God has equipped you for lay ministry. Inquiries and registration, call Deborah (613-725-9698).

MEN'S BREAKFAST AT ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH

1060 Baseline **Sat. Jan. 25, 8:00 a.m.** Speaker: Kari Yli-Renko on "The Gospel - @work & @play." Continental breakfast. Cost: \$5. at the east door of the church. RSVP Denis (613-228-7646) or (breakfastformen@gmail.com).

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

Hosted by the Christian Council of the Capital Area at Saint Mark the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church (160, rue Principale, Aylmer,) on **Sunday, Jan. 19, 4:00 p.m.** Guest Homilist Eric Morin. Spaghetti Dinner will follow. All are invited to pray for Christian Unity. Info: Fr. Jacques Kabangu, Saint Gabriel Parish (613-745-4342).

Last Sunday's Collection

St. Brigid: \$ 1,024.00

St. John: \$ 1,150.00

January 1st Collection

St. Brigid: \$ 610.00

St. John: \$ 661.00

Clothing Depot

Open Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

Coordinator: Wilda Corcoran at 613-821-3730.

Food Bank

Open Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

Coordinators: Len or Denise Herbert at 613-821-1481.

Hospitality

St. Brigid – if you know of a parishioner who is ill, or has suffered a loss, and would appreciate receiving a card, please call Sharon Van Schyndel at 613-489-0247.

Baptisms

Upon Request. A baptism preparation course is required.

Marriage

Please notify the parish office at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

Our St. Brigid Community

St. Brigid Parish Council*

Deanna Kelly, Chair
Maureen Goodspeed
John Kelly

St. Brigid Cemetery

Mike Kelly 613-692-4293

Our St. John Community

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Mark O'Neill, Co-Chair
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