

# The Baptism of the Lord • January 10, 2016

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.	Jan.	10	Sunday Masses
Mon.	Jan.	11	No morning Mass
Tues.	Jan.	12	Dusty Dornay
Wed.	Jan.	13	No morning Mass
Thurs.	Jan.	14	No morning Mass
Fri.	Jan.	15	Becky Nesteby+
Sat.	Jan.	16	No morning Mass
Sun.	Jan.	17	Sunday Masses
Mon.	Jan.	18	No morning Mass
Tues.	Jan.	19	No Morning Mass
Wed.	Jan.	20	Michael Unger
Thurs.	Jan.	21	Patty Dornay
Fri.	Jan.	22	Arsenio Camacho+
Sat.	Jan.	23	William and Noah Mitchell+

## HOSPITALITY IN SULLIVAN HALL

January 10—Read in the bulletin about the Baby Shower that will be going on today. The Respect Life group will be serving.

January 17— KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!!!



## FREQUENTLY REQUESTED NUMBERS

**Boy Scouts:** Dennis Halpin (206) 365-1971  
**Knights of Columbus:** Jim O'Sullivan (206) 832-7231  
**St. Vincent de Paul:** Mary Kay Snedden (206) 364-7900  
**Heaven Guild:** Barbara Arnesen (206) 940-5010  
**Ladies Guild:** Lynn Waterson (206) 849-5546  
**Funeral Reception Volunteers:** Gini Harmon (206) 364-6834  
**Marriage Help:** Retrouvaille (206) 706-2608  
**Seniors & Friends:** Judy Parsons (206) 367-1714  
**Holyhood Cemetery:** (206) 363-8404  
**Beck's Funeral Home:** (425) 771-1234  
**Harvey Funeral Home:** (206) 632-0100

## STEWARDSHIP 2015-16 The Sunday Collection through 1/3/2016

Weekly Amount Needed	Last Week's Collection	Needed Year to Date	Actual Given Year to Date	Surplus Year to Date
\$ 15,137	\$ 21,816	\$ 408,699	\$ 435,625	\$ 26,926
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b># Online Givers All Funds: 55</b>	<b>Amount Collected Online: \$ 6,144</b>		

## CALENDAR

Sun.	1/10/16	Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower after all Sunday Masses, Sullivan Hall Third Order of Mary, 1 pm, Parish Center
Mon.	1/11/16	Family Rosary, 6:30 pm, Church Boy Scouts, 7 pm, Cafeteria Light Weigh, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Tues.	1/12/16	School Accreditation Mtg, 7 pm, Gym St. Vincent de Paul, 7:30 pm, Library
Wed.	1/13/16	First Penance Meeting, 6:15 pm, School RCIA, 6:30 pm, Sullivan Hall St. Gianna Molla Women's Group, 7 pm, Parish Center
Thurs.	1/14/16	Bible Study, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Sun.	1/17/16	KofC Pancake Breakfast after all Sunday Masses Religious Ed, 10:10 am, School Classrooms YLI, 12 pm, Library
Mon.	1/25/16	Family Rosary, 6:30 pm, Church Boy Scouts, 7 pm, Cafeteria Light Weigh, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Tues.	1/26/16	Confirmation, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Wed.	1/27/16	First Penance Meeting, 6:15 pm, School St. Gianna Molla Women's Group, 7 pm, Parish Center
Thurs.	1/21/16	Bible Study, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Sat.	1/22/16	First Penance in Church



## Guest Author's Letter: Baptism



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

When Father Mulholland asked me to write his Pastor Letter while he is away on retreat, I asked what he would like me to cover. His response? “Whatever is on your heart.” What IS on my heart?! (He likes to trick me into stopping and reflecting like that!)

Today, January 10<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. My youngest son Joshua has the privilege of having the anniversary of his own baptism on January 10<sup>th</sup>, so we will celebrate his anniversary with a special prayer and blessing for him, along with a trip out for a treat to celebrate his welcoming into the Church. In the Catechism, the Sacrament of Baptism is described as “the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit... and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word.” Christ opened the waters of baptism for us—stepping into the river Jordan with St. John the Baptist by His side, being baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. What a joy it is for us to be saved from original sin, to be marked for Christ! Baptizing our children is our first step as parents to say, “I love you, I want only the best for you. I want you to be a Saint, to follow in our Lord’s footsteps every day of your life.” When we choose Baptism as adults, it is our first step in saying “Yes, I believe!”

To all who share in the beautiful Sacrament of Baptism, congratulations—today is your feast day too! For Catechumens, waiting for your baptism on Easter Vigil, we are praying for you, and we look forward to welcoming you!

May God Bless you,

Jenna Holloway  
Coordinator of Faith Formation

## **A TIME TO HEAL...physically, emotionally, or spiritually**

**Dean Daniels; Armand Foz; Anna Marie Epps**, grandniece of Rose Buckley  
**Allan Meier**, son of Virginia Meier  
**Jim Salmonsens**, brother of Doug Salmonsens; **Charles Asiedu**  
**Jim Roufs and Isaiah Schmitz**, cousins of Nadette Yarbrough  
**Herald Householder and Brian Abbott**, friends of Steve Abele  
**Janice Valdez**, friend of Diane Bunce; **Carol Bettinger**, mother of Rebecca Anderson

## **A TIME TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY IN THE MILITARY**

**SN Alexander Thorne, USN**, son of John and AnnaLise Thorne  
**1st Lt. Owen Stratton, USA**, deployed overseas, son of Tom and Cory Stratton;  
**Andrew T. Kerrick, Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class USAF**, grandson of Connie Hanson  
**Ensign Dylan Thomas Jessum, USN**, grandson of Tom and Mary Pat Lord  
**PFC Isaiah Thorne, USMC**, son of John and AnnaLise Thorne;  
**David Leitzen, SPC, US Army**, nephew of Teresa and Elenor K. Schoen  
**Annika Jensen, IT3, USN**, daughter of Paul and Maryjane Jensen  
**Taylor Amundsen, USAF**, grandson of Mary Amundsen; **John E. Eaton, S/Sgt USMC**, grandson of Evelyn Combe  
**Bryant McDaniel, USAF**, nephew of James and Lynn Ronald; **Michael Angelo Silang, USN**  
**Mark Anthony Silang, USMC; Matthew Johnson, USAF**, grandson of Helen Bradley  
**Christopher Abele, ITC (SW/IDW) USN**, son of Steven and Janet Abele  
**Nathan Keiffer, Airman 1st Class, USAF**, son of Nigel and Cheryl Keiffer  
**Zachary Sharp, USAR**, grandson of Nigel and Cheryl

## **A TIME TO MOURN...**

**Daniel Arntson**  
**John Buckley**, brother of Bill Buckley

"May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last."

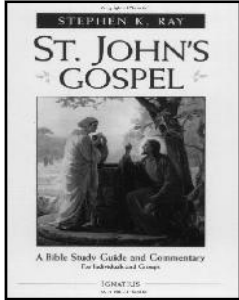
J. H. Cardinal Newman

## **CHANGES IN THE PRAYER LIST**

We now have a Prayer Intention book in our parish. It can be found in the church on the podium to the left of the Pieta statue (which is just to the left of the main exit doors). This will be a place where you can write down the concerns of your heart, either for your loved ones or for the world at large. We will continue to have the prayer sheet in the bulletin, but the names will appear for a shorter time. If there is an immediate need for prayer that you want in the bulletin, please continue to call or email your request. Even if you do not have a prayer request, please stop by and see what prayers are needed by your parish family.

## BIBLE STUDY RETURNS IN JANUARY

The beloved disciple, St John, was a special witness to the greatest events in history. He was the only person present at all three of the key events in the life of Christ: the Transfiguration, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection. In addition to this, he cared for Holy Mother Mary for the remainder of her earthly life, giving him countless opportunities to glean from her wisdom. Further, he was the only person ever taken up in the spirit into heaven, before the throne of God, and shown the coming victory of good over evil at the end times. Finally, he was the only author in the New Testament who was proclaimed a prophet by an archangel according to the Word of God. All this makes the Gospel of St John a true blessing... the inside-story



of Jesus Christ as revealed by God to His prophet, the beloved disciple. Please join us as we study this most profound, yet mysterious, of all the Gospels.

Our bible study of the Gospel of St John will meet each Thursday at 7 pm until early June. You will need to bring your bible and order our study guide: *St John's Gospel, A Bible Study Guide and Commentary*

by Stephen K. Ray. You can order this from Amazon or through your local Catholic bookstore. For more information, contact the class leader, Claude Golden, [claudie.golden@gmail.com](mailto:claudie.golden@gmail.com), or call 206.362.2105.

## MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY

The Monday night Rosary at St. Mark now includes the recitation of The Divine Mercy Chaplet, a prayer we will say during the Year of Mercy.

Please join us for the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet every Monday night at 6:30 pm. Families are encouraged to attend.

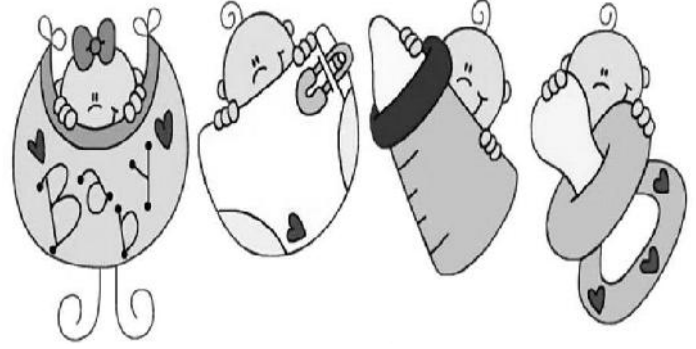
## SAVE THE DATE – MARCH FOR LIFE 2016

Get ready to join us in Olympia on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 for the Washington State March for Life. We will have buses leaving from St. Mark on that morning. Join us for a faith-filled experience as we stand with others who support the dignity of all human life and encourage our state elected officials to do the same. Sign ups will start next month.

## LIGHT WEIGH MEETING - AN INVITATION TO A TRANSFORMATION!

Are you interested in finding out about Light Weigh, our parish Bible Study Weight-loss group? We meet weekly on Monday evenings and would love to have you join us! For more information call Rebecca at 206-718-1205.

## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION BABY SHOWER – SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016



Please join the Respect Life Committee after all the Masses on Sunday, January 10 in Sullivan Hall at a baby shower to celebrate the conclusion of our 2015 Spiritual Adoption prayer. We will be accepting newborn items: sleepers/jammies, bibs, booties, blankets, etc., for a local pregnancy center. Cash will be given to Pro-life of Washington (the billboard people)

## WHAT IS THE GABRIEL PROJECT?

Are you interested in joining our Gabriel Project as a trained angel? Gabriel Project Angels are mothers who are trained to assist and walk with a woman or girl who is experiencing an unexpected or troubled pregnancy. The training gives you the tools needed to assist these women during a time of challenge or difficulty, providing them with prayer, friendship and support. A Gabriel Angel Training Day (GATD) hosted by Blessed Sacrament parish at the Catholic Newman Center at the University of Washington, will take place on Saturday, January 16. The GATD will begin at 9 a.m. We aim to finish by 3:30 or 4 depending on the number of participants. All materials will be provided. Please contact Maureen Haider at (206) 510 – 6499 with your interest.

## ST. MARK PARISH SCHOOL STAKEHOLDER MEETING



Join us Tuesday, January 12, 2016 for a community discussion about our school. Every six years the school is accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Schools (ACS WASC) and during this process input from the community is used to shape goals for the future. Please join us for this important meeting.

January 12, 2016

7:00 – 8:30 PM

St. Mark Parish Gym

## **Mission Statement**

for our parish:

**“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” - Matthew 28:19-20**

## **Vision Statement**

for our parish:

**“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles... they ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” - Acts 2:42**

**ST. MARK RESPECT LIFE  
COMMITTEE'S**



**ANNUAL TRIP TO  
OLYMPIA  
*FOR THE*  
**MARCH FOR  
LIFE****

Prayerfully ride to Olympia with fellow parishioners and friends as we join thousands of other people from across the state in standing up for the Gift of Life! We will attend the Mass for Life at St. Martin's University prior to the rally.

**Two buses will leave  
St. Mark Church at 7:30 AM  
Tuesday, January 19, 2016**



This will be the 43rd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. If you have any questions or to reserve seats call Michelle Dotsch at (425)776-0320\*\*\*