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Baptism of the Lord • January 13, 2013

January 13, 2013
dear Padre
Can a person be baptized more than once?

My fiancee was baptized in the Lutheran church. If she becomes Catholic, will she be baptized again?

Rudy

Dear Rudy,

A person can be validly baptized only once, whether in or out of the Catholic Church. Catholics believe three things are necessary for a valid baptism: 1) baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; 2) flowing water; and 3) the intention of the "minister" to baptize using the form (words of the Trinitarian formula) and matter (flowing water) needed for a valid baptism.

Orthodox and most Protestant baptisms are recognized by the Catholic Church. However, baptisms performed by Christian communities that don't believe in the Trinity—Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons, for example—are not recognized by the Catholic Church as valid. These communities may use the same matter (flowing water), but they don't have the same form (Trinitarian formula) or intention in their baptism.

If your fiancee decides to become Catholic, she will need to attend Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults classes, make her first Communion and reconciliation, and be confirmed, but she has already been validly baptized and will not need to be baptized again.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR
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Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JAN. 12 – 13, 2013
USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, JAN. 12 –

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Jerry Chemerka
request of his Family

SUNDAY, JAN. 13 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation

9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Margaret Combe
request Mr. & Mrs. John Sheetz

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

4 to 6 P.M. Adult Faith Formation

MONDAY, JAN. 14 – No Mass

5:00 P.M. – Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

7:00 P.M. – Property Management Meeting

TUESDAY, JAN. 15 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Ronald Morra request of Eva Morra

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, JAN. 17 – No Mass**FRIDAY, JAN. 18 – No Mass****SATURDAY, JAN. 19 –**

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – January 6 – \$5,030

Last year's Offertory – January 8 – \$5,538

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'" (Luke 3:16)

The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one simple gift that we need to give to Jesus. The only gift God wants is a complete offering of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God in this way, we will know in our hearts what else God might call us to do.

NEXT WEEK
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JAN. 19 – 20, 2013
Coffee Social after Sunday Masses
Order Grinders This Weekend
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, JAN. 19 –

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Steven Gaumond
request of Elaine Gaumond

Altar Servers: Stephanie Leiner

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Ted Lloyd

SUNDAY, JAN. 20 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Raymond & +Lilyan Hunt request of Jane & Bob Hunt

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Ann Vieweger
request John and Frances Garvan

Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano

Lector: Barbara Fiano

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JAN. 21 – No Mass

5:00 P.M. – Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +George Benz request of Lynn Mancino

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, JAN. 24 – No Mass**FRIDAY, JAN. 25 – No Mass****SATURDAY, JAN. 26 –**

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of January 13, 2013
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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SPIRIT LAUNCHED

The Diocese of Norwich announces the launch of SPIRIT – Saint Patrick Cathedral is Restored in Tradition. The SPIRIT endeavor was created to ensure that an ambitious restoration project that began at the Cathedral in 2010 is completed. Life of Christ ceiling murals and extensive interior paint enhancement will bring the Cathedral back to its original grandeur. To do this, however, we will need Diocesan-wide support. Saint Patrick Cathedral serves as our mother church and welcomes all parishioners of our diocese. We pray that you will strongly consider making a contribution towards preserving our treasured Cathedral. Details on SPIRIT can be found by visiting www.stpatricknorwich.org or calling 860-886-1928. Thank you for showing your spirit by supporting SPIRIT!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

“God’s Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage” offered by the Office of Family Life. To register for the 4 session class please call 860-889-8346 ext.283.

Date: Saturdays, Jan. 26, & Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2013

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Location: St. Joseph Church Hall, 11 Baltic Rd., Occum

Cost: \$50.00 per couple

WAIM GRINDER SALE

Next weekend, January 19th and 20th, prepaid orders for grinders will be taken after all Masses. To place your order, please see Tom Manning in the choir area in the back of the Church. Grinders are \$6.00 each and come in five varieties: tuna, veggie, turkey, ham and salami. Grinders may be picked up after Sunday Masses the following weekend January 27th. Proceeds benefit the work of the Windham Area Interfaith Ministry. Orders may also be placed and paid for online through the St. Maurice website by following the link on the home page.

*To Parishioners of St. Maurice,
 I want to sincerely thank you for your gift of a Walmart Gift Card. It will definitely help me defray costs as I continue to study for the priesthood in the Diocese of Norwich. It is a blessing to be in the seminary, and I am grateful for the faith and generosity of the members of your parish and others throughout the diocese for making that possible through prayers and financial support. Thank you all, and may God bless you and your families.*

Jeffrey Ellis

HOLIDAY GIVING – THANK YOU!

Forty two families in Bolton were given a helping hand this Christmas. This translates to 189 people. We extend our thanks to Bolton High School students who collected food for these families (150 bags), Shop-Rite who donated turkeys and chickens for all, the Keenans who gave us potatoes for all, Pesce’s Farm for squash and pumpkins and also the Lioness Club for gift certificates for food. We also thank all of our parishioners who gave food, gifts and money. Thank you also to those who sorted food and gifts and to all who made deliveries. What a great success this program was with the help of all of you!! A sincere “thank you” is extended to you from all the families you helped.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The last two sessions of Fr. Barron’s DVD series, Catholicism, will be shown on Sunday, January 13th and 27th, from 4 pm – 6 pm in the Rev. Cronin Library. Content will focus on the Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist, the Communion of Saints, the Life of the Spirit and our supernatural destiny. Sessions will be postponed if necessary to a later date for snow related weather.

Reaching for a lifeline for your troubled marriage?

Serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is that lifeline. At a Retrouvaille weekend couples are given tools to heal, re-establish communication, work on their issues and gain new insights. A series of 6 post sessions follows the weekend phase. For information or to sign up for the next weekend on January 18-20 in Meriden call 413-525-1634. Website www.retrouvaille.org.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Another victory in our fight for Religious Freedom. This time in Washington D.C. where a federal appeals Court ruled in favor of Wheaton College and Belmont Abbey College after two lower courts had dismissed their cases as premature. The appellate court reinstated the cases, ordering the Obama Administration to report back every 60 days—starting in mid-February—until the Administration makes good on its promise to issue a new rule that protects the Colleges’ religious freedom.

Please Note:

Dishes or containers left from funeral receptions are in the Church basement kitchen. If you brought food, please pick up your dish/container as soon as possible. Thank you.

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