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The Baptism of the Lord

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VIOLENCE IN THE U. S. CAPITOL

U. S. Catholic Bishops (including our own Bishop DiMarzio and Archbishop Jose Gomez, President of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) have been quick to respond to the shocking violence in the U. S. Capitol on Wednesday. Here in Holy Name, we are offering special prayers at our Masses and devotions as well as with the students in our aligned St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy. The following comments made by Bishop Frank Caggiano (a priest and former Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn who is now the Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT) via Twitter, express the Catholic viewpoint well:

“There are few words that can describe the shock I feel to see our Capitol Building occupied by violent rioters. As Americans, we should be deeply disturbed to see an important symbol of freedom and liberty in our nation violated in such a way. Our nation is better than that.

The peaceful transfer of power is one of the most important and revered aspects of our democracy. We must recommit ourselves to the values we hold dear as Americans: democracy, freedom, and peace. As people of faith, we condemn violence in all its forms as a moral betrayal of the Gospel. We also know that our nation needs prayer, now more than ever, so that we may always remain one nation, under God.

In that spirit please join me tonight in praying for the United States during this unprecedented and frightening time in our history. Let us pray for peace in our communities, in our capital, in our Country, but most of all, in our own hearts.”

We recently celebrated three great Solemnities: Christmas on December 25, Mary the Mother of God on January 1, and the Epiphany on January 3. We ask Mary, the Queen of Peace, to intercede with her son, Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to guide our nation to peace just as the star led the Wise Men to that manger in Bethlehem.

COLLECTION RESULTS

DECEMBER 20, 2020

1ST COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH\$4,738
(This includes: \$1,356 in church envelopes, \$815 in loose cash and checks in baskets, \$2,567 from Faith Direct weekly collection)

2ND COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH\$15,766
(This includes \$12,867 from Christmas Gift to Parish envelopes and \$209 in loose bills in basket plus \$2,690 from Faith Direct for Parish Gift to the Church)

DECEMBER 25, 2020

1ST COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH\$20,018
(This includes \$1,330 Christmas Day envelopes, \$1,064 in loose cash and checks in basket, \$17,312 in Parish Christmas envelopes and \$312 in late collection)

2ND COLLECTION TO DIOCESE FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES\$1,928
(This includes \$874 in envelopes, \$734 in loose bills and checks and \$320 from Faith Direct)

DECEMBER 27, 2020

1ST COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH\$5,111
(This includes: \$1,927 in church envelopes, \$617 in loose cash and checks in baskets, \$2,567 from Faith Direct weekly collection.)

2ND COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH\$1,005
(This includes \$391 in Parish Building Repair Collection envelopes, \$197 in loose cash in 2nd collection and \$417 from Faith Direct Building Repairs)

CATCH UP COLLECTION\$1,898
(This includes \$1,898 in monies from earlier weeks received in the mail or at the Rectory)

This weekend, January 9/10, our 2nd Collection will be the Annual Diocesan Collection for the Missions. The revenue from this collection will be used when the Bishop receives appeals from various missions for support from the Diocese of Brooklyn. Last year, this collection provided support for the needy in more than twenty underprivileged areas around the world.

Thank you for your generosity!

HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

We will distribute food from the rectory basement from **2-3 p.m. on Saturdays, Jan. 16 & 30 and Feb. 13 & 27.**

At this time, **soup, tuna, and cereal** are needed.

Thank you to our Religious Education Confirmation students who donated food to HNJ's Pantry as part of their Confirmation Service Projects.

Thank you, also, to the Spina Family for their generous monetary donation to the Food Pantry in loving memory of their mother, Christine Spina.



FR. AUGUSTINE EMEH'S LETTER OF THANKS AND FAREWELL

At last weekend's Masses we announced that Fr. Augustine (Austin) Emeh, who has resided in Holy Name Rectory for the past 10 years while working as the Catholic hospital chaplain at nearby NYU Langone (Lutheran) and New York Presbyterian (Methodist) hospitals, has departed from Brooklyn for a Priest/Chaplain position in prison ministry in the Archdiocese of Boston. Fr. Emeh is a wonderfully kind priest who helped Holy Name Parish in many ways for which we are most grateful. He wanted his departure to be kept low-key, but he asked that we provide you, the parishioners of Holy Name, with this letter of thanks and farewell.

His address in Massachusetts is: Fr. Augustine Emeh, c/o St. Joseph's Church, 28 Tarbell Street, Pepperell, MA 01463

12/31/2020

Dear People of God,

Coming of the New Year of the Lord, 2021 has given me the push to write and inform you that I have relinquished my position working as a Hospital Chaplain for NYU Langone and Methodist hospitals, Brooklyn. This means that I am no more serving as hospital chaplain anywhere in the Diocese of Brooklyn, but have transitioned to prison ministry in the Archdiocese of Boston, effective December 6th 2020.

I sincerely express a deep appreciation to you all for allowing me dwell with you all these years of my pastoral ministry in the diocese. I remember, when I first arrived here with Fr. Jim Cunningham! That was November 1st, 2010, and all doors in the rectory were opened to accommodate me. I am grateful for that, and to Fr. Jim.

I must say a word of thanks to Fr. Larry and the rectory associates for their constant collaborations to making sure that I lacked nothing in the house throughout my stay. In my daily efforts, in providing responses to the two hospitals, Fr. Larry made it a lot more easy by sharing in my daily burden of throttling from one hospital to the next. Over time, I felt our work-relationships changed from my being just a colleague in the ministry, to a dear brother in the lord to be helped and sustained.

Permit me to inform you also that before I departed to my new assignment, Fr. Larry and the Parish staff laid hands on me in prayer and in thanksgiving to our Lord, and as symbol of love and "farewell" from the entire parishioners. I am simply grateful, and not afraid. The GOOD LORD is with us! I wish you all a happy and healthy 2021.

Sincerely,
 Rev. Fr. Augustine Emeh.
 Archdiocese of Boston.

*For He will give His angels charge of you
 to guard you in all your ways.*

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

(Please see the cover of this bulletin for my commentary on the violence that took place in our Capitol this week.)

Elsewhere in this bulletin, you will see the results of the offerings on December 19/20, December 24/25, and December 26/27. Christmas offerings arrived by envelope, by cash in the collection baskets, and by Faith Direct. Thank you for your generosity, especially during this Christmas so impacted by the COVID pandemic. Understandably, Mass attendance was down from past years and I especially want to thank some parishioners who made significantly larger donations to help us avoid a serious shortfall. Your generosity to the Parish was put to immediate good use when, on Tuesday of this week, I wrote almost \$47,000 in checks for very large Diocesan bills. Again, let me say Thank You and God Bless You.

At last weekend's Masses, we announced that Fr. Augustine Emeh, who has been a Resident Priest at Holy Name Parish for 10 years, has moved to Massachusetts to work in Prison Ministry in the Archdiocese of Boston. Fr. Augustine (or "Austin", as he was better known to us), was a tremendous help to me and the parish. His letter of thanks and farewell is elsewhere in this bulletin. We wish him God's blessings in his new position.

At last weekend's Masses, at Bishop DiMarzio's request, we also announced the Diocese of Brooklyn's 2021 Year of Renewal for Catholic Education. The information supplied to pastors by the Diocese indicated that the goals for the Year of Renewal include "creating vibrant opportunities for education in our Catholic Academies, Parish Schools, and Religious Education Programs" and that "the Renewal will also address enrollment, academic excellence, financial viability and governance" with "each of these themes to be included in action steps taken within parishes, Catholic Academies and Parish Schools that seek to strengthen Catholic Education." Catholic Academies and Religious Education Programs have been very successful in adapting to the challenges of the COVID pandemic. The Year of Renewal will help to build upon these successes as we move into post-pandemic years. We will keep you advised as we learn about further developments.

This Sunday, we conclude the Christmas season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. After the last Mass on Sunday, we'll begin removing the Christmas decorations from the Church. During this week, the young students from our aligned St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy's Pre-K3, Pre-K4, and Kindergarten classes visited the Infant Jesus in the Nativity Scene in the Church. It was delightful to hear and see how familiar these still very young children were with the Gospels about the Birth of Our Lord. I actually had the privilege of baptizing some of these children and just last Sunday, I baptized three siblings (Roman, Camila, and Natalia Marusz, ages 6, 4, and 2) in a Baptism ceremony live-streamed on Facebook to Missouri and points West! We congratulate Roman's, Camila's, and Natalia's parents and we thank all of the parents and families of the Pre-K and Kindergarten children for the sacrifices they make so their children can attend a Catholic Academy. Just before He ascended in Heaven, Jesus told His apostles (and by extension, us) not only to baptize, but to teach. This week, I was able to witness both these mandates being carried out right here in Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

Starting next weekend, January 16/17, we will be providing support to St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy during a Shoe Drive they're organizing. Their goal is to raise funds for scholarships and the school's technology needs by collecting new and gently used shoes and sneakers. Please see the last page of this bulletin for information on how you can help SJWCA with their initiative by recycling shoes you no longer need or want.

SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

Please consider the following commentary on this Sunday's readings:

([Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11](#); [Reading II: Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9](#); [Gospel: Mark 1:7-11](#))

"LIFESAVING SWIMMING LESSONS"

My parents told me that I learned to swim before I learned to walk. Not so unusual I guess when you grow up near Lake Michigan. They said I just crawled right into the water and swam. I started swimming competitively in pools when I was 5 and continued throughout childhood but returned to the open water of Lake Michigan as an adult distance swimmer.

Many people ask me, isn't it boring? I think that's the point. Kind of like going off into the desert the way John the Baptist and Jesus did—there's nothing to see but sand and sky, or nothing but sea and sky. There's little to no sound. There's nothing to do but move your body and go where your mind takes you. To me, that freedom is exquisite.

Swimming makes me happy, like a kid again. It's also consoling—I've swam through every problem I've ever had, until I reached the other side. God and I have spent a lot of time together in the deep, at times when I went recklessly far from shore.

The Greek word for baptism literally means 'to plunge, to be immersed or overwhelmed.' And that's how I like to imagine my baptismal call—as a running leap off the end of a dock and a gleeful splashing cannonball all the way into the expanse." ~ Jennifer Tomshack, *Homily Stories*, preparetheword.com, January 10, 2021

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

Baptism of the Lord

- 7:30 a.m. Margaret Tracy
Parish Purgatorial Society
- 9 a.m. Elpidio Lantigua
The People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Jan Jagusiak
- 12 p.m. Francesco Pira

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

- 9 a.m. Joan O'Malley

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

- 9 a.m. The People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 9 a.m. Eva & Michael M^cInerney

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

- 9 a.m. Fedele & Ninfa Montalbano

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

- 9 a.m. Brother Gregory Galligan

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

- 9 a.m. The People of the Parish
- 5:30 p.m. Robert F. Mullin
Anthony Masella
Farran & Buonocore Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

- 7:30 a.m. Helen Sweeney
Parish Purgatorial Society
- 9 a.m. The People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Mary, Anthony, Rosemarie,
& Peter Camastro
- 12 p.m. Eileen Murray

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Please pray for the health and wholeness of all the sick and those who give them care, especially: Miriam Rodriguez, Ita M^cGough Santomauro; Richard and Frances Day; Jason, Ann and Mary Q.; Tim DeMarco; Christina DeRosa; Msgr. Michael Curran; Tracy Pye; Nicoletta Cordero; Kathleen O'Donnell; John Passaro; Marie Racioppo; James Flannagan; Joseph Cox; Madison P. Levy; Vincent Camastro; Cheryl Jablow; Jean Thomas; Rosie Pira-Ursino; Marilyn Bloom; and all those afflicted with the Coronavirus.

(Names will remain on the Sick List for a four-week period. Please call the Rectory if you would like to have a name remain for a longer period of time or be returned to the List.)

... and For Our Departed Loved Ones:

We ask for your prayers for those of our community who have gone before us into the fullness of life, especially **Eugenia Cymbala**, and for those they have left behind. Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society, as well.

Pope John Paul II's Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace.

Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love.
Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace.

Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.

May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters.
May longed for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all.



SJWCA SHOE DRIVE FUND-RAISER

Looking for a home for all those shoes and sneakers that you no longer wear or that your kids have outgrown? Our aligned Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy is holding a Shoe Drive from January 16 through January 31, 2021 and we in Holy Name Parish would like to support their effort by cleaning out our closets!

Starting Saturday, January 16, you can donate pairs of new and gently used shoes, sneakers and boots by placing them in a closed bag and depositing them in one of the marked bins in the Church vestibule. All sizes will be accepted. Please ensure they are clean and in wearable condition (no tears, broken heels, etc.). In keeping with COVID protocols, the donation bins will be emptied and sanitized frequently.

Re-purposing your old shoes can help to change lives. SJWCA will receive money for technology and scholarships from the charity Funds2Orgs based on the total weight of the footwear collected. Funds2Orgs will then distribute the shoes throughout their network of micro-entrepreneurs to help them create, maintain, and grow small businesses in developing countries. Proceeds from the sales of the collected shoes will be used to feed, clothe, and house their families.