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Sunday, January 11, 2009 • **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus. **R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.**

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ. **R/. Now and forever. Amen.**

9:00 AM - **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** "Hark the Heralded Angels Sing"

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READING I - Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.
Give to the Lord the glory due His name; adore the Lord in holy attire.

R/. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the Lord, is over the vast water
The voice of the Lord is mighty; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

R/. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders, and in His temple all say, "Glory".
The Lord is enthroned above the flood; the Lord is enthroned
as king forever..

R/. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

READING II - Acts 10:34-38

Priest/Lector: ALLELUIA. **R/: ALLELUIA.**

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son; hear him.

R/: ALLELUIA.

GOSPEL - Mark 9, 6 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

The theme of John's preaching was: "One more powerful than I is to come after me. I am not fit to stoop and untie his sandal straps. I have baptized in water; he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit."

During that time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. Immediately on coming up out of the water he saw the sky rent in two and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. Then a voice came from the heavens: "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

This is the gospel of the Lord. **R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

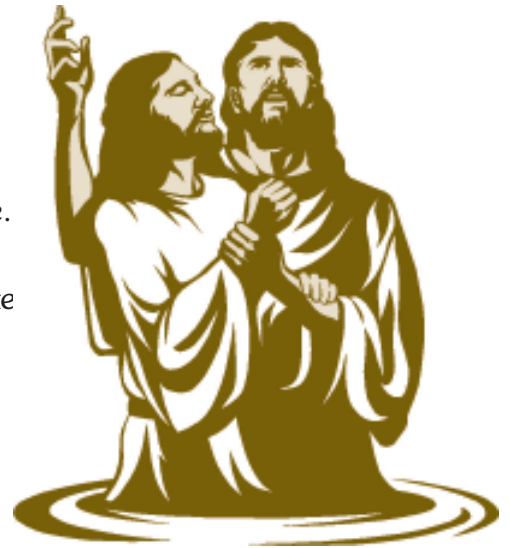
GENERAL CONCESSIONS: **God, Hear Us!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - ""God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

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COMMUNION HYMNS - "O Come All Faithful" & "Angels We Have Heard on High""

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Joy to the Word"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

Henri Nouwen

TRUSTING THE CATCHER

Trust is the basis of life. Without trust, no human being can live. Trapeze artists offer a beautiful image of this. Flyers have to trust their catchers. They can do the most spectacular doubles, triples, or quadruples, but what finally makes their performances spectacular are the catchers who are there for them at the right time in the right place.

Much of our lives is flying. It is wonderful to fly in the air free as a bird, but when God isn't there to catch us, all our flying comes to nothing. Let's trust the Great Catcher.

HIS WORDS...TRUST

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." —Proverbs 3:5-6

COMMUNITY SERVICE ...

A ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING BIN has been obtained for our Parish's use. Please donate what you can and spread the word of its location to others'

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND OTHER GREETING CARDS are being collected and recycled for the American Legion, for various projects for the veterans Hospital. See Tom or Lorraine Kompa.

THE FREEPORT/L.I. HUMANE SOCIETY is in need of towels, blankets, pet food, cleaning fluids. If you can help these homeless pets in any way. See Tom/Lorraine.

HELPING HANDS ... There are many ways we can reach-out to others, with donations, acts of kindness, a good word, or even a simple smile ... all can go a long-way! Thank you and always God's blessings!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

BLESSING OF HOMES ... Fr. Andrew offers this tradition to all interested in having their homes blessed for the new year. This remains another opportunity for spiritual growth! Please contact Fr. Andrew for a visit during this season.

CHURCH DINNER ... will be held at the Resurrection Parish, in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, today, January 11. Please contact Fr. Andrew if you are interested in attending.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2009 ... are located in the rear of the church for your use for 2009.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS ... was held in our hall on Wednesday night, January 7th. Instead of charging a rental fee for the one-hour session, we asked for "free will" donations and received a whopping \$150.

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...

Helen Steiner Rice - HIS LOVE

No day is too dark and no burden too great that God in his love cannot penetrate.

"Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil." —Proverbs 3:7

Today whatever occurs, whatever burden you shoulder, keep steadfast in your trust of God!

