

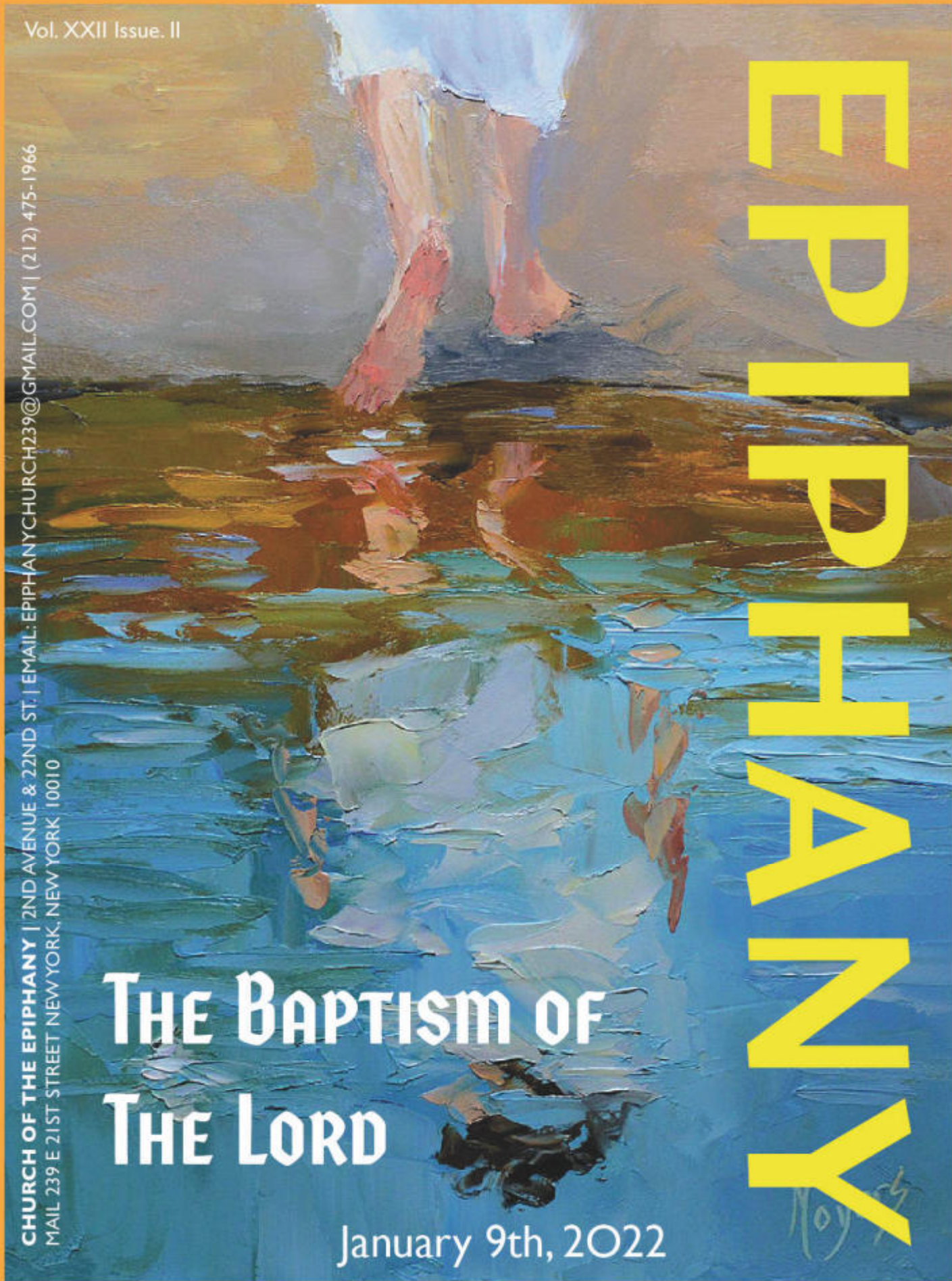
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9th, 2022

EPIPHANY

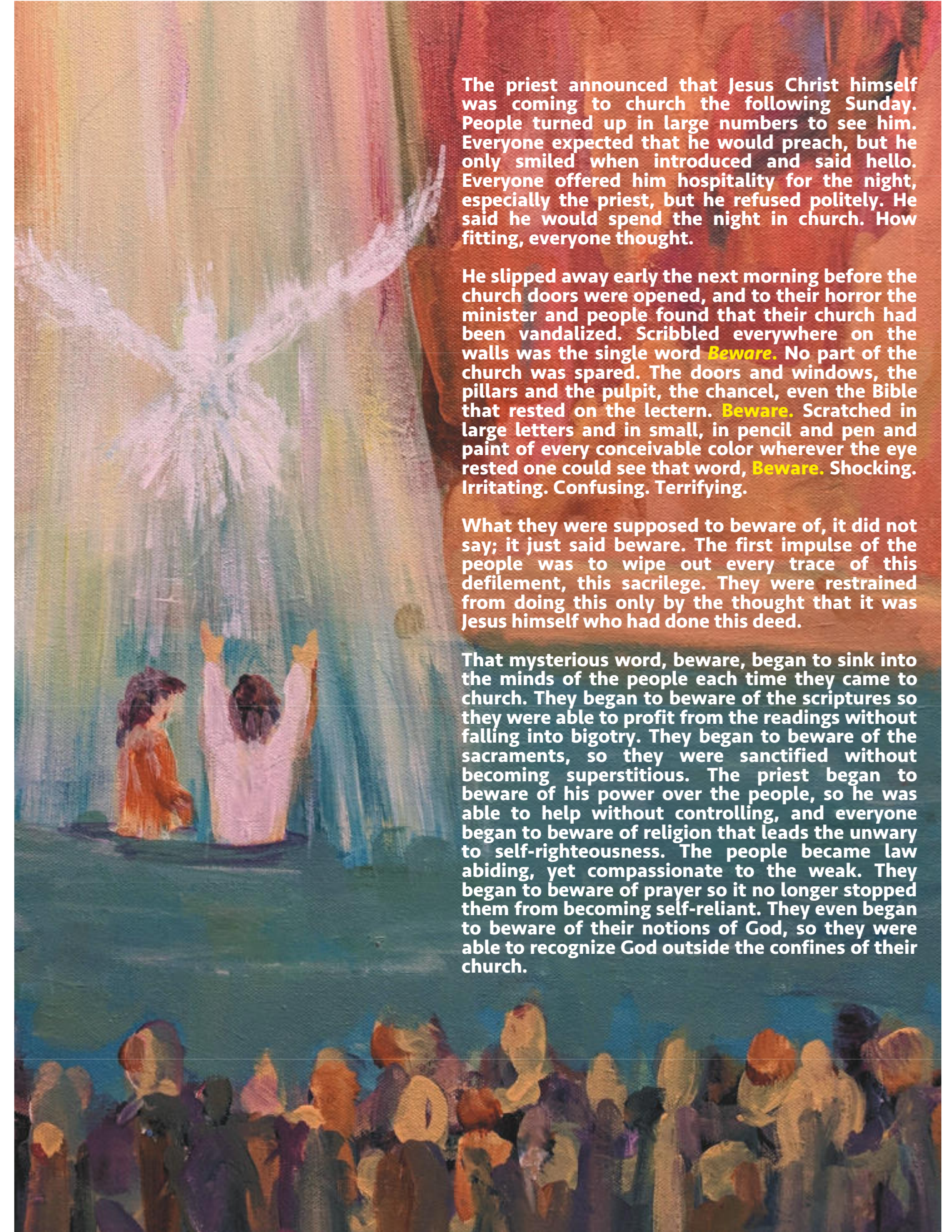




WELCOME to Epiphany

The Baptism of the Lord

is remembered at this time of year because it is one of the three traditional texts read around Epiphany—Epiphany meaning the revelation of the divinity of Jesus. The first of those texts is the very familiar story of the magi, the wise men traveling to see and pay homage to the Christ child. Second is the story of the first miracle in John's Gospel, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana. And then this, the third Epiphany text, when rising out of the water after being baptized Jesus hears the voice of the Lord saying "This is my Son the Beloved with whom I am well pleased." Jesus undergoes this baptism of repentance by John. That word *repentance* in Greek means a turning, and this is indeed—as we come to see—a turning point for Jesus, because immediately after his baptism Jesus will begin his earthly ministry, first by entering into the wilderness and undergoing the temptations.



The priest announced that Jesus Christ himself was coming to church the following Sunday. People turned up in large numbers to see him. Everyone expected that he would preach, but he only smiled when introduced and said hello. Everyone offered him hospitality for the night, especially the priest, but he refused politely. He said he would spend the night in church. How fitting, everyone thought.

He slipped away early the next morning before the church doors were opened, and to their horror the minister and people found that their church had been vandalized. Scribbled everywhere on the walls was the single word **Beware**. No part of the church was spared. The doors and windows, the pillars and the pulpit, the chancel, even the Bible that rested on the lectern. **Beware**. Scratched in large letters and in small, in pencil and pen and paint of every conceivable color wherever the eye rested one could see that word, **Beware**. Shocking. Irritating. Confusing. Terrifying.

What they were supposed to beware of, it did not say; it just said beware. The first impulse of the people was to wipe out every trace of this defilement, this sacrilege. They were restrained from doing this only by the thought that it was Jesus himself who had done this deed.

That mysterious word, beware, began to sink into the minds of the people each time they came to church. They began to beware of the scriptures so they were able to profit from the readings without falling into bigotry. They began to beware of the sacraments, so they were sanctified without becoming superstitious. The priest began to beware of his power over the people, so he was able to help without controlling, and everyone began to beware of religion that leads the unwary to self-righteousness. The people became law abiding, yet compassionate to the weak. They began to beware of prayer so it no longer stopped them from becoming self-reliant. They even began to beware of their notions of God, so they were able to recognize God outside the confines of their church.

EVENTS AT EPIPHANY



Young Adult Alpha
January 13th, 2022

Epiphany Parish Alpha
January 24, 2022

New Meetings
Coming January 2022
email: epiphanyparishalpha@gmail.com



Ministry Retreats

Liturgical Ministry Retreat
When: JANUARY 22nd, 2022

Young Adult Liturgical Ministry Retreat
When: JANUARY 23rd, 2022



The CHOSEN

Think you know him? Look again.

MONDAY EVENINGS 6:30pm
PARISH HALL
Screening and discussion


Church of the Epiphany 



BINGO 22 CLUB

TUESDAYS FROM 11-2
IN THE PARISH HALL

12	27	44	57	69
5	29	38	47	72
11	30	35	53	67
3	26	32	59	73
2	24	42	56	63



GRAMERCY CLUB YOUTH MINISTRY

MEETING
FRIDAYS
AT 7PM
IN THE
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Father Austin Titus



2nd Collection - January 8 - 9

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Readings: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

1 Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!

Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!

Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by a strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm: 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! you are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak. You have spread out the heavens like a tent-cloth; R.

You have constructed your palace upon the waters.

You make the clouds your chariot; you travel on the wings of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers, and flaming fire your ministers. R.

How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have wrought them all; the earth is full of your creatures; the sea also, great and wide, in which are schools without number of living things both small and great. R.

They look to you to give them food in due time.

When you give it to them, they gather it;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. R.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth. R.

Timothy 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Verse before the Gospel: Luke 3:16 R. Alleluia, alleluia.

John said: One mightier than I is coming;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. R.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

And a voice came from heaven,

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 8

4:00 pm Nicola Piscitelli

Sunday, January 9

Feast of Baptism of the Lord

11:00 am Ruben, Cesar &
Victorino Wycoco

7:30 pm Rose Oleskin

Monday, January 10

12:10 pm Dorothy T. Schuller

Tuesday, January 11

12:10 pm Liddy & Mallon families, living & deceased

Wednesday, January 12

12:10 pm Maria Theresa Bucasan

Thursday, January 13

12:10 pm Heidi Titus

Friday, January 14

12:10 pm Samuel Martin

Saturday, January 15

4:00 pm Mary & Dave Power

Sunday, January 16

11:00 am Luis Alfredo Puente

7:30 pm Luis Alfredo Puente

Monday, January 17

NO MASSES TODAY

Tuesday, January 18

12:10 pm Hon. J Courtney McGroarty Sr. &
J. Courtney McGroarty Jr.

*May their souls
and the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*



*Pray the Rosary
at Epiphany*

*Gather by the Epiphany shrine
after the 12:10 pm Mass
every weekday
to offer the prayer given to us
by our Blessed Mother.*

Annual Collections

Year	2021	Decline from 2019
2021	\$ 772,120	\$ 106,072
2020	\$ 816,734	\$ 61,458
2019	\$ 878,192	...

If your **2021 Tax Deductions** exceed \$12,550 (single) or \$25,100 (married), and they include church donations, you must obtain a report from Epiphany before filing your 2021 tax return.

Even if you do not itemize, you may deduct up to \$300 single/\$600 married.

To take either of these deductions, please call the parish office to request a statement of donations.

NEW COVID PROCEDURES

The Archdiocese of New York has asked us to remind parishioners that New York State now requires masking for indoor activities if there is a mix of vaccinated and unvaccinated people at the event.

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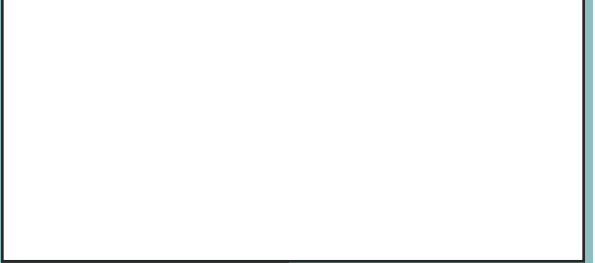
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