

L.J.C. et M.I.

Dear Baptized and Missioned in the Lord,
Queridos bautizados y misionados en el Señor,

Today, while the world has put away the silver bells and the decorative lights have dimmed, we Christians continue to proclaim the Light who is Christ, unveiling the Father's love, as we celebrate Christ's Baptism in the River Jordan. It is another epiphany, a manifestation of who Christ is, the Son of the eternal Father God. Christ sanctifies the water in which he is baptized, and opens up for us the way to the Father.

Immediately, justice is bestowed upon creation, a justice which does not conquer by the sword or bomb, nor by economic clout, but is shown in the ministry of this Baptized One, - that is, through the healing of the sick, the forgiveness of the sinner, and the raising of the dead to new life. The end result of Christ Jesus' ministry is the restoration of the relationship between God and human life, indeed the raising of human life to the level of sharing God's divine life.

May we who have been forgiven our sinfulness and been made Christians go forth into ordinary time heeding the voice of the "beloved Son in whom the Father is well pleased".

La imagen de los cielos abiertos significaba que Dios había vuelto a comunicarse con su pueblo, específicamente por la persona de su Hijo Jesucristo, bautizado hoy en el Jordán.

El Espíritu Santo descendió sobre Jesús, mientras él oraba, y después se oyó la voz del cielo. Es otra epifanía de Jesús, desvelando para nosotros el misterio de quién es este siervo del Señor. Él es el Mesías. Después del bautismo, Jesús empieza su vida pública, una misión destinada a los confines del mundo y al final de los tiempos.

Nosotros, al reconocer a Jesús como Hijo de Dios y al bautizarnos en Él, aceptamos también de formar parte de esta misión. Nuestro bautismo es también punto de partida de no pecar más, de crecer en la fe cristiana, de anunciar a los demás la verdad de nuestra fe, de hacer las obras de misericordia, y promover la justicia. Son frutos del mismo Espíritu que se posaba sobre Jesús.

Que nos abramos al fuego de ese Espíritu que puede realizar en nosotros y en nuestra parroquia mucho más que podemos imaginar. Oremos **como Jesús** en el evangelio de hoy, para que se manifieste los efectos del Espíritu en nosotros, al continuar la misión cristiana aquí en Búfalo.



¿A dónde está el Espíritu Santo
guiándote para servir a los demás?

*Have you experienced the
Holy Spirit of God
come upon you in prayer?*

With this feast of the **Baptism of the Lord** we conclude this year's celebration of the Christmas cycle in our liturgy. The "Infancy Narratives" have revealed the basic fact and mystery of the Incarnation of God as Man in the person of the baby and young Jesus, - all the while with hints and pointers to his redemptive mission yet to come later in the Gospels, - until we today see the adult Jesus, beginning his sacred, saving and liberating mission among us women and men. May we, once again introduced to Jesus in this new liturgical year, listen to him unreservedly and live our Christian baptism fully this year at Holy Angels.

PRESENTING THE 3rd in our SPEAKERS SERIES
THIS SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2010

"Melissa Ohden" who presents her testimony about
respect for human life.

MASS - 11:00 AM TALK - 12:30 PM

[will be interpreted for the hearing impaired]

HOLY HOUR BEFORE

BLESSED SACRAMENT - 2:00 PM

Holy Angels Church - Buffalo, New York

NATIONAL PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE
JANUARY 21-22, 2010

In 1979 Sally Reynolds, a representative of Mothers of Mary of the Archdiocese of Detroit, asked the U.S. Bishops Conference and the Basilica of the National Shrine to co-sponsor a program of prayer on the eve of the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. In its first year, 50 people gathered to celebrate the Mass in the Crypt Church and stayed through the night to pray for an end to abortion. Today, the National Prayer Vigil for Life draws over 20,000 pilgrims to join in prayer for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life.

The vigil begins on the eve of the March for Life with the Opening Mass celebrated in the Great Upper Church. Prayer continues throughout the night with the National Rosary for Life, Night Prayer and Holy Hours for Life coordinated by Mount St. Mary's Seminary and led by seminarians from across the country. The following morning, the prayer vigil concludes with Morning Prayer, Benediction and the Closing Mass. Sponsored by the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and The Catholic University of America Office of Campus Ministry, the National Prayer Vigil for Life is one small part of the Church's "great prayer for life."

The Diocese of Buffalo, our Bishop and representatives from our parish will attend. We pray with them for the respect of human life in all its stages from conception to natural death.

*In all the dioceses of the United States of America, **January 22** (or **January 23**, when **January 22** falls on a **Sunday**) shall be observed as a **particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.** The Mass "For Peace and Justice" (no. 22 of the "Masses for Various Needs") should be celebrated with violet vestments as an appropriate liturgical observance for this day.*

General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373

Offertory Collection -\$ 1,512.85 - colecta domincal
 Building Maintenance \$ 471.89 - Mantenimiento
 Boiler Fund additions -\$ 920.00 - Caldera
 Thanks to all who sacrifice to help us pay for the boiler and new motor. The total offered now is: 2,030.00. [Needed: \$6-7,000.00]

BINGO - Please help us by volunteering to work on Monday nights. We will be most grateful.
 Come, play BINGO at Amvets Post #13, 25 Review Place, Mondays at 7:30 PM. Try it; you'll like it!

Food Pantry- next week - Soups assorted flavors
 Despensa de Comida - próxima semana - latas de sopa

**CADA NIÑO
 NOS TRAE LA SONRISA DE DIOS
 DÍA DE ORACIÓN Y PENITENCIA POR LA
 VIDA - 22 DE ENERO DE 2010**

Se observará un día especial de penitencia por las violaciones contra la dignidad del ser humano cometidas por medio de acciones abortivas, y de oración por la plena restauración de la garantía legal del derecho a la vida.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF:
January 10- January 17

Sunday: Is 42: 1-4 Acts 10: 34-38 Lk 3: 15-16

Monday: 1 Sm 1: 1-8 Mk 1: 14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1: 9-20 Mk 1: 21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3: 1-10 Mk 1: 29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4: 1-11 Mk 1: 40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8: 4-7 Mk 2: 1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19 Mk 2: 13-17

Sunday: Is 62: 1-5 1 Cor 12: 4-11 Jn 2: 1-11

**HOLY ANGELS CHURCH
 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Check One:

New Registration Moving Out of Parish
 Change of Address Change of Information
 Name Change

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State ____ Zip _____
 Phone _____

**Please drop form into the offertory
 Basket or mail to the rectory.**

Mass Intentions

January 10 - January 17

Sunday, 9:00 Nina Leone
10:30 Mr & Mrs Joseph Prestifilippo
12:00 For all our parishioners
Por todos los feligreses

Monday, 8:30 Rosalie Mecca
7:00 PM Clara Travale

Tuesday, 8:30

Wednesday, 8:30

Thursday, 8:30

Friday, 8:30

Saturday, 8:30 John Martin
4:00 PM Antoinette Polizzi

Sunday, 9:00 Beverly Stolfo
10:30 Montana Family
12:00 For todos los de Santos Angeles
For all of us at Holy Angels

PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR **ADULTS** - beginning in February, with Sister Ann Marie. Call Rectory: 885-3767. Invite those friends of yours who are baptized, have made their first communion, but still need to receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation

ADULTOS - PREPARENSE PARA CELEBRAR EL SACRAMENTO DE LA CONFIRMACION. Grupo catequético con la Hna. Ana María. Clases en febrero y marzo. Llamen al telefono: 716-885-3767.

Catholic Relief Services. Collection will be taken up on January 30-31, 2010 to assist the poor throughout the world. Please be prepared to be as generous as possible.

Volunteers needed. If you are interested in helping the homeless many positions are available at the Little Portion Friary [on Main Street, Buffalo]. There is a tremendous need for volunteers to do a variety of tasks. Please contact Ed Long at 875-9629 if interested in volunteering for this very important ministry.

Catholic Social Teaching. Action: Now that the holidays are over do not forget those who are still living in poverty and experiencing hunger. Continue to give to food drives. Consider the importance of giving healthy foods, especially healthy soups. Many poor are elderly, and soup laden with salt is unhealthy for them. "Hunger is the most cruel and concrete sign of poverty. Opulence and waste are no longer acceptable when the tragedy of hunger is assuming ever-greater proportions. ~ Pope Benedict XVI, at U.N. Summit on Food Security, November 16, 2009."

