

# Church of the Holy Spirit

Baptism of the Lord

**January 9, 2022**



## Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

**Daily Mass (Monday Through Saturday):** 8:30 a.m.

**Holy Days:** As announced

## Rectory Office Hours

**Monday:** 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## Confessions

**Saturday:** 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

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# Pastor's Page

Dear Friends,

Last week we mourned the passing of Monsignor John Dreasen but also celebrated the life he lived and the loyal and dedicated priest he was. Tuesday night we celebrated a Mass of Transferral and Wednesday morning Bishop Barres was here to celebrate the funeral Mass. It is important for me to thank all parishioners of Holy Spirit Church for your support of Monsignor Dreasen during his time here. Monsignor lived here for almost 6 years full time and he lived here for two summers prior to moving in on a full-time basis. Additionally, I thank those of you who came to pay your respects at either the viewing on Tuesday afternoon in our Church or your presence at one or both of the Masses. Thanks to all of you, I believe we gave him a much deserved send off.

Fr. Bill Smith, a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn and a friend of Monsignors for 45 years, preached the homily on Tuesday night at the Mass of Transferral. A couple of parishioners asked me if I would publish it in the bulletin and share it with our parishioners. **With Fr. Bill Smith's permission, please see his printed homily below.**

John Dreasen was a very courteous man and would want me to begin by expressing his gratitude to Fr. Frank Grieco for his kindness to him not only in his retirement, but also for his support when John was his pastor. John was an old dog who could learn new tricks and said many times that Fr. Grieco taught him the almost magical effect of knowing people by name. For this and so much else I would like on behalf of John's friends to extend our thanks as well.

John had many notable qualities but most impressive for me was that he lived the liturgy of the church. I do not mean by this that he said what he had to say when and how he was supposed to say it. That can be assumed. Rather than he sought to live his life by the liturgical seasons with its feasts and fasts, colors and customs. Let us look at a few of the feasts: 3 he chose, 3 chosen for him.

The three he chose are easy, they are all September 8th, the feast of the Nativity of our Blessed Lady.

When John was considering becoming a Catholic, he was already ordained to the Episcopal church. He did not know if he would be able to be a priest in the Catholic church, but he entrusted his priesthood to Mary. He knew that if she thought it best, she would return it to him. When Bishop McGann approved his petition for ordination, he chose Mary's birthday for it.

Also, he requested that he be installed as pastor of St. Boniface and then St. Anthony of Padua on this feast, beginning each Pastorate with a dedication to Mary. As so many of you in this congregation today experienced, he continued to act in this spirit for these assignments and beyond.

The dates chosen for him are also interesting and I think providential:

After he became a Catholic, he discovered that he was born on the feast of our Lady of Czestochowa: August 26th. He also discovered that there was a shrine to her in Doylestown Pennsylvania and would make a pilgrimage to it every year on his birthday. He would have two holy hours and then two excellent meals at local restaurants who knew how to make a perfect bourbon Manhattan. John's view of living the liturgy was expansive.

He entered the Catholic Church on December 17th at St. Paul's in Cambridge Massachusetts. It was the first day of late advent and his clearest memory was the O Antiphon for the day, "O Sapienza," being sung by the children in the choir school. He felt his decision confirmed by the last line "Come and teach us the way of prudence." What for some people may have seemed a reckless decision, when done for and with Jesus is a celebration of prudence.

The final date was that of his death, December 28th, the feast of the Holy Innocents. This day is traditionally a time of prayer for aborted children and was particularly important to John. It was his passionate belief that all life is sacred that led him into the Catholic Church. He saw in the Pope the first, last and best defense against what would eventually be called the culture of death. How fitting that he was called home on this day to life beyond all life.

Having begun with gratitude we should end there as well and thank Our Blessed Lady for returning the priesthood back to John and thank John for sharing it so generously with us.

# Holy Spirit Parish Social Ministry

Through the generosity of our parishioners we were able to help 62 needy families, consisting of 140 adults and 104 children with Christmas gifts this year. For many this was the only gift that they received. So on behalf of all our needy neighbors we, and they thank you very much.

We would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus for all their gifts of children's winter coats, food donations and cash. The New Hyde Park North Ladies Lions Club who spend a whole day in a supermarket parking lot collecting food for our pantry for the holidays. The ladies of the Does Club for their gifts of toys for the kids, their food donations and cash. The St. Vincent de Paul Society for their continuous support of the pantry. The New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce for their food drive for the holidays. The V.F.W. Post 120 for their food drives.

If we missed anybody, please forgive us.

We also want to thank all the parishioners who send checks to the Social Ministry throughout the year in support of the Social Ministry. We could not exist without all the aid that we receive for our neediest neighbors to sustain throughout the year.

We thank you all for everything!!

## 50/50 Club

Is there someone who has everything and you don't know what to get them for Christmas. Why not consider a 12 month subscription to the 50-50 Club. For \$100 they get 12 chances to win a prize of about \$500. Just email [richmo70@aol.com](mailto:richmo70@aol.com) for more info or feel free to call Rich or Maureen at 516 248-2820.

The December 50-50 Club winners are Bill and Kathleen O'Neill. **They won \$520.**



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Respect Life Committee

Coordinator: Florence Scarinci

## **Spiritual Adoption**

Your spiritually adopted baby, at five months, 20 weeks gestation, is now in the second trimester. The baby has done a lot of growing, measuring from 10 to 12 inches long and weighing about one pound. Mom can feel the baby moving, exercising developing muscles. Eyelids, eyebrows, eyelashes, nails and hair are forming. Teeth and bones are becoming denser. The baby can yawn, stretch, and make faces. Please keep praying for your spiritually adopted baby: “Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the preborn child I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”

## **GOOD NEWS**

Let’s celebrate the pro-life achievements of local pregnancy centers in 2021

### **Long Island Life Center**

Distributed equivalent of over one million dollars of free material aid to over 3,407 clients

Distributed 343 self-administered pregnancy test kits

**Most importantly, saved over 62 precious babies from abortion!**

Thank you for your generosity.

### **Soundview Pregnancy Services**

Soundview located in East Meadow and Centerreach is the only crisis pregnancy center on Long Island with ultrasound equipment and trained medical staff. Eighty percent (**80%**) of the women who came to them chose life for their baby after seeing the baby on the ultrasound.

### **Mommas House and Regina Residence**

Provided housing, career training, and parenting and life skills education for up to two years to 30 homeless women who would otherwise have opted for abortion.

## **MARCH FOR LIFE**

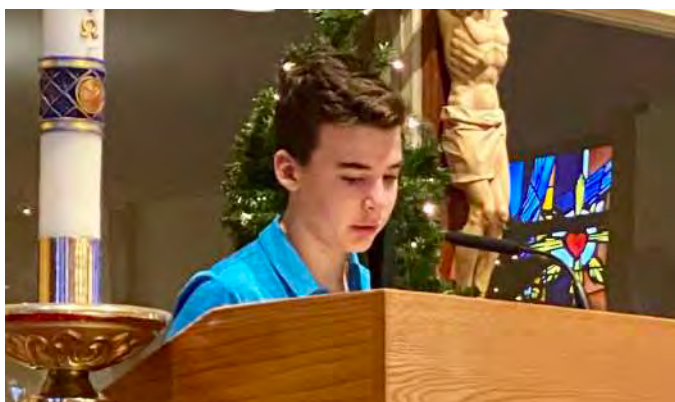
Because of the surge in Covid, the bishops of New York dioceses are discouraging bus trips to the March for Life in Washington DC. January 21, 2022. As of this writing the March is still scheduled, but people wishing to participate must find their own transportation to attend. Instead there will be activities in local parishes for those wishing to stand up and be counted FOR LIFE. More information to follow.

## **ONE FINAL NOTE**

**The essay contest for students in grades 7 through 12 is back!** Three gift card prizes will be awarded. In 500 words or less how will you finish this statement: “I am pro-life because...” Look for more details in next week’s bulletin.



# Family Mass Photo Gallery



# Reflection

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022  
(Lec. 21)

THE BAPTISM  
OF THE LORD  
- FEAST

- 1) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
  - 2) Titus 2:1-14, 3:4-7
  - 3) Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
- or
- 1) Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
  - 2) Acts 10:34-38
  - 3) Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**FOCUS:** *The grace of God has appeared, saving all.*

All grace we receive - actual and sanctifying - comes through God's kindness, generous love, and mercy. Nothing we do merits this gift, or the salvation it provides. Through the sacraments, first among them baptism, we are infused with the Holy Spirit and made *heirs in hope of eternal life*.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Isaiah speaks the Lord's words for Jerusalem to take comfort because their *service is at an end*. In the second reading, Paul writes that [Christ] saved *us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit*. In the Gospel, after Jesus is baptized, the Spirit descends upon him, and a voice speaks from heaven.

## Schedules for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

9:30 AM

### Family Mass Lectors:

January 9th & 16th, 2022

If you are unable to make a Mass, please call/text Marie Scandura at **516-279-8381**.

Lectors should arrive at the Church no later than 9:15 a.m.

### January 9, 2022

Intro	Shyler Fernandes
First Reading	Kaiel Brutus
Second Reading	Sophia Crimeni
Petitions	Gabby Munge

### January 16, 2022

Intro	Kaitlyn O'Brien
First Reading	Sam Hodiwalla
Second Reading	Albert Ferri
Petitions	Deana D'Urso

### Adult Schedule for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

January 9th & 16th, 2022

Mass Time	Lector Assignments Jan. 8 - 9, 2022	Lector Assignments Jan. 15 - 16, 2022
5:00 PM	John McHale	Nancy Margro and Frank McLarney
8:00 AM	Florence Scarinci Judith Thomas	Doris Graziano and Ninabeth Palces
11:30 AM	Joan Halstead and Tim Smith	John and Phyllis Thomas
Mass Time	EM Assignments Jan. 8 - 9, 2022	EM Assignments Jan. 15 - 16, 2022
5:00 PM	Irene Umile and Maureen Wagner	Julie Loven and Maureen Wagner
8:00 AM	Juan Estrella and Doris Graziano	John Thomas and Phyllis Thomas
11:30 AM	Kathleen O'Neill	Jim McHugh and Kathleen O'Neill



# Mass Intentions & Prayers

<b>Saturday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup></b> 5:00 p.m. Vigil	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> Aaron E. Bleeker	<b>Thursday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Elizabeth Power (Living)
<b>Sunday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup></b> 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.  11:30 a.m.	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b> Father Ralph Ferro The Parishioners of Holy Spirit Rosemary Damato	<b>First Friday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Jack Enright
<b>Monday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup></b>  8:30 a.m.	<b>Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)</b> Purgatorial Society	<b>Saturday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Vigil	<b>Weekday</b> Brenda O'Connor (Living) Jose Ramos
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Joseph Kusk	<b>Sunday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup></b>  8:00 a.m.  9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	<b>Second Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> The Parishioners of Holy Spirit Rosemary Damato Aaron E. Bleeker
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Aaron E. Bleeker		



## Prayer Requests

Tony Forde  
Elena Loyola  
Rolando Loyola  
Maria Batista-Toro  
Danielle DeFilippis

Florence Krupski  
Janet Rossano  
Ellen McCabe  
Agnes Kozhimannil

*Prayer requests will appear for four weeks.  
Please notify the rectory if a prayer request needs to be extended.*



Please pray for the recently deceased members of our parish, especially for:

Monsignor John Dreasen  
Howard Conklin  
Mary Pierce  
James Guida  
Betty Jo Spring  
June Brennan  
Thomas Zarella  
Michelle Trezza



### Mass Intentions

To request a Mass Intention, stop by the rectory during office hours. Mass Intentions are \$20.00. Bread and Wine or Candles are \$25.00.



**This week's Bread and Wine is in Loving Memory of**  
Aaron E. Bleeker

**With Love and Prayers,**  
The Mikowski Family

## Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Meetings are held on the following days in Holy Spirit Church's Cafeteria (Use entrance in West parking lot, on the corner of 5th Street and 1st Avenue, across from the New Hyde Park Fire House)

**Mondays:** 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.  
8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**Thursdays:** 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.  
8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**Saturdays:** 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

## Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least one year prior to the ceremony and before arrangements are made for the reception.

Please contact Fr. Grieco at  
[frgrieco@yahoo.com](mailto:frgrieco@yahoo.com)

## Baptisms

To arrange for your child's baptism, please contact Deacon John Hogan at  
[jhoganhs@gmail.com](mailto:jhoganhs@gmail.com)

Baptisms are held the first Saturday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

## Bulletin Deadline

Please note, Monday, January 2 is the deadline for submitting requests for the January 9 bulletin.

Requests should be sent to [seandreillydesigns@gmail.com](mailto:seandreillydesigns@gmail.com), [frgrieco@yahoo.com](mailto:frgrieco@yahoo.com) and [Lpetricca@holyspiritLI.org](mailto:Lpetricca@holyspiritLI.org)

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