



For most of us, the Christmas season ended a couple of weeks ago. Decorations are packed away, and some of the kids' toys are already broken. We're into a new year, and trying to reconstruct a daily routine. But liturgically, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season and the transition to "Ordinary Time." Matthew's simple account of the baptism today ends with the heavenly voice introducing "my beloved Son." Recalling his coming, which we've celebrated in the Christmas season, we're invited to welcome the Beloved One into our midst once more. As a community, we will pledge ourselves, through each Sunday celebration, which follows, to listen and respond to Christ's proclamation of the Good News. You've probably heard people express the wish that the spirit of Christmas would last all through the year. Christians really are called to take that responsibility seriously. The meaning of Christmas is the central fact of our lives; we must reflect the fact that God has come to dwell with us in Jesus Christ. It can show on our faces, in our words and in what we do. If you haven't made a New Year's resolution, here's a simple one: let all that we say and do manifest that basic truth that God is with us. Merry Christmas again

Celebrate our common vocation of Baptism. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, priests, or as deacons. If you feel God is offering you the grace of vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Fr. Liborio Amaral 416-968-0997 or email him at vocations@vocations.ca

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Celebration



Parishioners of St. Norbert's Church are invited to attend the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Celebration hosted by Archbishop Thomas Collins.

The Archbishop has invited the major religious leaders throughout metropolitan Toronto to join with him in prayer for Church unity. The service will be held on Sunday January 20th at 4:00 PM at St. Paul's Basilica located at 83 Power Street (at Queen Street). Refreshments will follow.

This year's celebration marks 100 years of formal prayer for Christian Unity, first celebrated as the Church Unity Octave by the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement at Graymoor, Garrison New York

CALLED BY NAME NOMINATION CARD

After prayerful consideration, I believe that this person has the qualities needed in a future religious vocation. Perhaps Jesus is calling him/her to this particular path of discipleship. Please provide as much information as you can below: Please print.

NAME OF NOMINEE; _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE# _____

AGE: _____

NOMINATED FOR:

- (CHECK ONE)
- PRIESTHOOD
- DEACON
- SISTER
- BROTHER

PLEASE RETURN NOMINATION FORM TO PARISH OFFICE



Fellow Parishioners, Come Celebrate...

St. Valentine

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2008
 Reception: 6:30 pm
 Dinner: 7:00 pm
 Location: St. Norbert's Church Hall
 Tickets: \$40.00



Menu:

- Antipasto, Cannelloni.
- Pork Tenderloin with Mushrooms, Rapini & Potatoes.
- Mixed Green Salad, Fruit Platter, Dessert'
- Beverages include Wine, Coffee



Celebration organized by St. Norbert's Social Committee

A night of fun, laughter and good company!

Tickets will be sold after all masses on Saturday January 19th and Sunday January 20th in the Parish Hall



IMPORTANT DATES

THURSDAY JANUARY 10 7:30 PM
 Baptismal Preparation
 Parent Seminar

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16 7:30 PM
 First Reconciliation
 Parent Evening

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30 7:30 PM
 First Reconciliation

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3 10:00 AM
 JP2 Pancake Breakfast

INTENTIONS January 15 – 20

TUESDAY JANUARY 15 7:00 PM
 +Francesco Corapi

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16 8:00 AM
 Intention available

THURSDAY JANUARY 17 8:00 AM
 +Giovanni Aimola

FRIDAY JANUARY 18 8:00 AM
 +Bobby Paul

SATURDAY JANUARY 19 5:00 PM
 +Giuseppe Gullusci

SUNDAY JANUARY 20 7:45 AM
 Intention available

9:00 AM
 +Oto Palandra
 +Immacolata & Angelo Palandra
 +Elena, Filomena & Antonio Cerello
 +Egio & Francesco Santino
 +Pasquale Battista & defunti Battista

10:30 AM
 Intention available

12:00 PM
 Intention available

JP2 CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3 –10:00 AM \$5.00 donation per family Pancake breakfast, games, crafts and a big piñata.

Please call Lenny to RSVP. Your donation can be deposited in the Sunday collection basket in envelope marked JP2 Club.



Gesù chiede a Giovanni di battezzarlo, ma non ha bisogno alcuno di tale battesimo di penitenza perché, dall'inizio, tutto si realizzi e perché si manifesti la Santa Trinità che egli è venuto a rivelare. Giovanni invitava il popolo a prepararsi alla venuta imminente del Messia. A lui è concesso di contemplare ciò a cui aspira ogni uomo che prega e che contempla: Giovanni percepisce e insieme accoglie il mistero di Dio, quello del Padre, del Figlio e dello Spirito Santo. Giovanni vede il Figlio, il Verbo eterno di Dio, e lo indica già come il Salvatore. Sente il Padre, che nessuno riesce a vedere, testimoniare e attestare che quello è davvero suo Figlio (Gv 5,36-37). Percepisce poi la presenza dello Spirito che si posa sulla superficie dell'acqua, madre di ogni vita (Gen 1,2). È lo Spirito che è sceso su Maria, generando in lei la vita umana e divina (Lc 1,35). È lo Spirito che scenderà un giorno sugli apostoli perché fecondino la terra e le diano vita eterna (At 2,4). E, pur avendo avuto un altro battesimo, altrimenti efficace (Mc 10,39), anche noi siamo stati battezzati "nel nome del Padre e del Figlio e dello Spirito Santo" (Mt 28,19). E, secondo la promessa, la Santa e Divina Trinità pone in noi la sua dimora (Gv 14,23). Essa trasforma la nostra vita, affidandola a Dio e attirandoci verso di lui con la forza di attrazione della risurrezione.



Cari parrocchiani, Venite a celebrare con noi...

San Valentino

Data : Sabato 9 Febbraio 2008
 Ricevimento: 6:30 pm
 Cena: 7:00 pm
 Luogo: Sala della chiesa di San Norberto
 Biglietti : \$40.00



Il menu:

- L'Antipasto, i Cannelloni.
- Tenderloin di maiale con i Funghi, Rapini & le Patate.
- L'Insalata mescolata Verde.
- Frutta, il dolce'
- le Bevande includono il Vino, e Caffè



Festa organizzata da St. Norbert's Social Committee

Una serata di cibo, divertimento, e comunità!

I biglietti saranno venduti 19 & 20 Gennaio dopo tutti le messe

