

**Announcements
For the week of
January 10, 2016**

The Parish Pastoral Council of OMOM Church will be holding elections for its 2016-2018 members on January 9 & 10 in the hall after all Masses .

The Knights of Peter Claver Council and Court #64 are selling Grilled Pork Chop dinners on Friday, January 15 in the Church Hall from 8am to 1pm. Donation, \$8.00 per plate.

The Men of Mercy Ministry will be sponsoring a "*Men's Movie Night*" on January 23, 2016 at 6:30pm in the Church Hall. Sign-up sheets will be in the Vestibule and the Rectory. Deadline to sign-up is January 15, 2016.

All Ministries and Organizations who have not filled out a Calendar Schedule for the year 2016 must do so in order to have a meeting or function on the Church grounds. All Ministries and Organizations are required to fill out a Calendar Schedule each year in order to reserve a space. We appreciate your prompt response.

On Thursday, January 14, 2016, the Lectio Divina method for 2015 small group leaders will meet in the School Library at 6PM. Please check the bulletin for other scheduled dates for training of The Living the Eucharist.

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements can be emailed. They must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Lowell Case. No impromptu announcements, please.

Please pray for all our Military, all the Sick and Shut-In and their families .

Please take home a copy of this weeks' bulletin for other announcements.

January 10, 2016

**GOOD EVENING/MORNING PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND VISTORS!
(PAUSE)**

**WELCOME TO OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH. WE ARE IN
THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.**

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD. KINDLY
TURN TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME, (PAUSE
20 SECONDS).**

**PLEASE BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TO-
DAY'S COLLECTIONS. THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR REDUCING THE
PARISH DEBT.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER, THE VESTIBULE IS A "*QUIET ZONE*" PLEASE BE RE-
SPECTFUL OF THOSE INSIDE WHO ARE QUIETLY IN PRAYER.**

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF THE USHERS DURING COMMUNION.
EVERYONE IS ASKED TO USE THE AISLE OF THE CHURCH AND NOT TO
CROSS THROUGH THE PEWS.**

TODAY'S THEME:

Today we stand on the threshold between two seasons of the Church year. We conclude our Christmas season celebration today, but we also mark the First Sunday of Ordinary Time. Perhaps this symbolism is meant to remind us that we are called to look outward, that because of our Baptism it is not enough just to bask in the Christmas glow; we must bring Christ to the rest of the world. Let us pray today for the grace to do what God asks of us.

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name) Fr. Case, Fr. Aloysius

4:30 P.M.- Fr.

7:00 A.M.-Fr.

9:00 A.M.-Fr.

11:30 A.M.-Fr.

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER:

Today's readings are a mini-excursion through Advent and Christmas, depositing us on the threshold of Ordinary Time. The reading from Isaiah recalls the Advent message of comfort and hope. Saint Paul proclaims that the grace of God has appeared. In the Gospel we have an adult Jesus being baptized by John, ready for his mission and affirmed by the voice of God. As we listen to these words of scripture, let us recall our own Baptism and prepare for whatever God will ask us to do next.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2016

Priest: My brothers and sisters, baptized into the covenant established by Christ, let us offer our prayer in the name of Jesus, the Servant in whom God delights...

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer*

- For the Church, the people of God, may she always lead in the world's search for justice, peace, and love, we pray to the Lord...
- For our world, may all peoples be eager to do what is good, and obey the call to love one another, so that we might be justified by his grace, we pray to the Lord...
- For children being baptized into the Church this (*season*), may they grow in lives of love, led by the example of their parents, godparents, and their parish community of faith, we pray to the Lord...
- For a successful formation and retreat for the priests of our Diocese this week, may they be refreshed and renewed in their ministry of service to those they pastor, we pray to the Lord...
- For our parish community, may the same Spirit that descended upon Jesus at his baptism move us to lives of service, we pray to the Lord...
- In silence, we pray for own needs and the special intention of all, confident in the mercy poured out on us through the bath of rebirth... [*pause for ten seconds; the presider alone concludes...*], we pray to the Lord.....

Priest: O loving God, you call us your beloved. Hear our prayers that one day we might enjoy everlasting life with you. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

JANUARY 9-10, 2016

PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN
BULLETINS TO THE LITTLE ONES!**

Please make sure that you sign the sheet in the book.

Please remember to use the white bags for the collections
Please try and refrain anyone from walking during the
1st reading, 2nd Reading, the Gospel and the Homily.

**Remember to take the count of those present at each Mass and
turn the count sheet in after the 11:30 Mass**

This is very important. Secure collection after Mass

**The Second Collection
Reducing Parish Debt**