

FROM FATHER BILL: *Today is the Feast of the BAPTISM of the LORD.* How lovely that we baptized three children at St. Paul's this weekend. It's good for all of us to recall that we were baptized. We still have the same graces within ourselves, no matter what our age, that we had the day we became Roman Catholic Christians. Be happy that the Holy Spirit still sustains you in being great Christians. Let your Baptism swell up in you once again and **"DO NOT BE AFRAID"**.

THE LITTLE SISTERS of the POOR will make an APPEAL at our Churches for the sustaining of Our Lady of Hope Residence, Latham, NY. The Sisters will be here on Saturday and Sunday, January 24 and 25 and speak at the 4:00 pm, 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses. A Second Collection will be taken up at ALL of our Masses that weekend for the cause of the Little Sisters who care for our aged elderly. Checks should be made out to Little Sisters of the Poor.

ABIGAIL ELIZABETH KUSSLER, HECTOR JAYREN MEDINA and NASHALIZ MEDINA were baptized at the St. Paul's 4:00 pm Mass this weekend. God give them a long, healthy, happy, holy life. Congratulations, proud parents! Three more NEW CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS!! Praise the Lord!!!

POINSETTIAS for you to take home are to be found on the floor at St. Peter's and on the radiators and tables at St. Paul's.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH THIS WEEK: Spend a few minutes in quiet prayer. Ask god to show you one way that you may be called to respond to the Graces of YOUR BAPTISM: - in your relationship with God; with family and friends; at work school or church or in the broader community. BECOME A SAINT NOW!

TWO VACUUM CLEANERS are needed at St. Paul's: If you have an upright vacuum cleaner that you don't need, please phone Father Bill. We need one for the Church and one for the Rectory.

TERMS DESCRIBING PARISHES:

MERGED PARISHES – Two or more parishes joined to become a new single parish corporation with shared assets and liabilities. Generally, a new name is recommended to the bishop through a consensus process with parishioners. Implementation of the merger may take twelve to eighteen months. A date is selected to officially close the two or more merged parishes, and the new parish is established on the following day through decrees by the bishop and by civil law requirements.

THE EVANGELIST: Father Bill hopes that everyone who wishes to go to Yankee Stadium in April to see Pope Benedict XVI say Mass has registered through the form found in the "Evangelist". Some names will be selected from a pool. YOU MUST REGISTER ON YOUR OWN. Father Bill clearly remembers being present, as a layman, at Yankee Stadium to see Pope Paul VI say Mass on October 4, 1965. Father was also present in Rome for the Canonization of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, services and Mass conducted by Pope Paul VI. Father Bill, as a young priest also saw Pope John Paul II say Mass several times. What an experience and privilege!

FROM ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO (now deceased) – "We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders—ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own".

EVANGELIZATION: Generations of Faith.....Generaciones de fe!