

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2010

“Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan. On coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Mark 1: 4-11

‘Bat Cole’ - The Voice

You first heard it as a child - the Voice. You wanted that extra candy bar or to escape the boundaries of the backyard or slug your annoying little brother, but you heard that Voice saying “*Don’t. You know what Mom said.*” Now you may not have paid any attention to the Voice. But you heard it. You know you did.

As you got older, the Voice spoke a little more critically. *That was dumb ... You really came off like a jerk. ... What were you thinking? ... Nice work. ... You’ll be glad you did that. ...You didn’t deserve that.* The Voice would prod, nudge or clobber. As you grew up you understood that the Voice was right.

Eventually, we make friends with the Voice. We don’t just listen to the Voice, we converse with the Voice. *I’m not sure what I should do here. ... What was that all about? ...How can I make things better?* And together you and the Voice find a way to move on, to work it out, to put things back together.

In time we begin to hear the Voice speaking more comforting and consoling words. *You are loved. You belong. You are mine.*

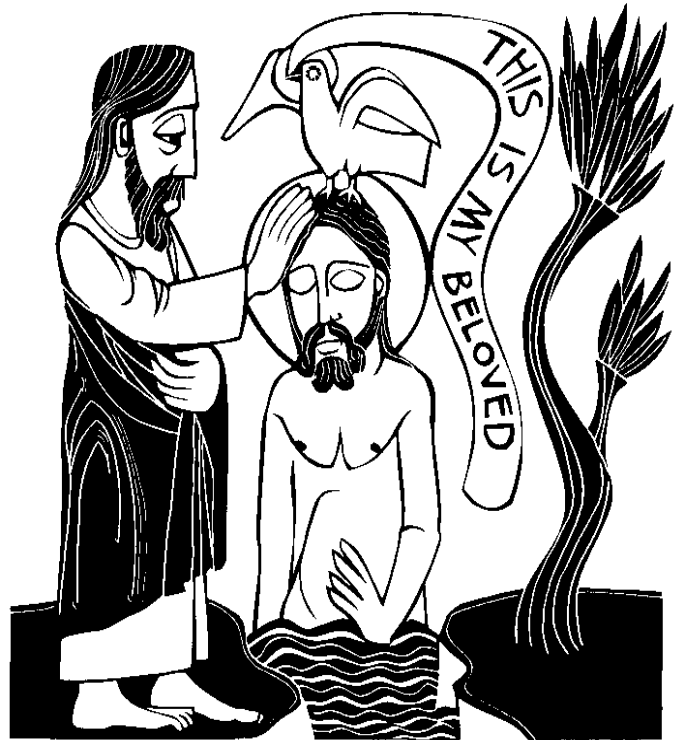
In the Jewish tradition there is a name for that Voice: Bat Cole, which means literally, “the daughter of a sound.” That “daughter of a sound,” the smallest, thinnest of voices, is the Voice of God - God speaking to us in the events of our lives, in the people we love, in the characters and conundrums that challenge us. On the story of his baptism, the Bat Cole is heard by Jesus. You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased. May our hearts be attentive to that same Voice speaking to us in the course of the simple, undramatic everyday of our lives - the Voice of God cajoling and nudging us to his dwelling place.

Pray for the Deceased

James Zickes,
Husband of Evelyn Zickes

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Samuel 1: 1-8; Mark 1: 14-20
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1: 9-20; Mark 1: 21-28
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 19-20; Mark 1: 29-39
Thursday: 1 Samuel 4: 1-11; Mark 1: 40-45
Friday: 1 Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22; Mark 2: 1-12
Saturday: 1 Samuel 9: 1-4, 17-19 - 10: 1;
Mark 2: 13-17
Sunday: Is 62: 1-5; 1 Cor 12: 4-11; Jn 2: 1-11



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 10 - The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM

Monday, January 11 - Weekday

5:15 PM Catherine Winegar

Tuesday, January 12 - Weekday

8:00 AM Marie Cisarik

Wednesday, January 13 - St. Hilary

5:15 PM

Thursday, January 14 - Weekday

8:00 AM

Friday, January 15 - Weekday

5:15 PM

Saturday, January 16 - Weekday

8:00 AM Sheila McGuire

5:15 PM Frank Mraz

Pot of Gold Winners

(\$25) Brian Cleary, Trudi Bodi,
Mr. & Mrs. Frank B. Snell, Jr., Joseph
Prusak, Scott Grunder, Mike Clark



What's Happening this Week in the Parish

Sunday, January 10: Decorating Committee -
Remove Decorations in Church - 1 PM
Confirmation Candidate Session
7 PM - Hall

Monday, January 11: Family PSR - 7 PM - Hall

Tuesday, January 12:

Wednesday, January 13: RCIA - 7 PM - Rectory

Thursday, January 14: Scripture Treats 10:45 AM

Friday, January 15: AA Gratitude Group
7 PM - Hall

Mass Intentions:

In the coming months you may notice some unfamiliar names in the weekly Mass Intentions. We will be including intentions from other parishes and from the diocese in our parish schedule. Please be assured that the times and dates of these Masses will not take precedence over the requests of our St. Clement parishioners. They will be scheduled only when there is an available day.

37th Annual March for Life:

On Friday, January 22nd, the anniversary date of the infamous 1973 Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision authorizing abortion, pro-life Americans will again gather in our nation's capitol for a rally and march in peaceful protest. For those wishing to attend this event, St. Ladislav Parish in Westlake has again organized a bus trip to bring our prayers and witness to Washington, D.C. The cost is \$60 per person (no overnight stay). Call Bob Bernath at 440-250-0514 for more information and reservations.

Mass for Life

Bethesda the House of Mercy, Chippewa Lake, announces a Solemn Mass for Life at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Friday, January 22nd at 7:00 PM. Come to this special evening of remembrance and repentance on the 37th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade and pray for healing and for full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon will be the celebrant and homilist. For further information, please call 1-800-482-4100.

Record of 2009 Contributions

If you would like a statement of your total contributions to St. Clement Church for 2009, please complete the form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory. Kindly include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like your statement mailed, or it will be available in the Rectory office. Please allow a few weeks for your statement to be ready.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

Finance Corner:

Collection for weekend of January 3 - \$ 7,939.05
New Year's collection - \$ 2,164.00
Envelopes used - 259
St. Augustine Hunger Center \$725.29

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the parish.

Love a Mystery?

St. James in Lakewood is presenting "A Killer of a Party" A Murder Mystery Play on January 29th and 30th. There will be a different ending on each night. A spaghetti dinner is included in the play. Tickets cost \$20 per person or 2 for \$35. Get your tickets early because only 150 tickets will be available for each evening. Tickets will be available after all Masses in January and at the rectory office on weekdays between the hours of 9 AM - 5 PM, (221-0233). Please join us for an evening of fun, food and mystery.

Pre-Cana Day

The Lakewood/West Cleveland Pre-Cana Team will be offering a Pre-Cana Day on March 20, 2010 from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM at St. Luke Parish. Pre-Cana is a great way to prepare for a lifelong marriage. Pre-Cana is a day long "date" that helps fulfill a part of the Diocesan marriage preparation requirements. This will be the only Pre-Cana held in Lakewood for the 2010 calendar year. The cost of the day is \$80.00 and includes 3 meals. Please register as soon as possible, space is limited. Please contact Holly for more information at 521-1842.

Oops!

In last week's bulletin we omitted the names of several people who participated in decorating the church for Christmas. We thank Trudi Bodi, Jeanne McMaster, Jackie Ronan and Frank Smith. Thank you also to RCIA candidates Jessica Aufmuth, Katie DeGardeyn and Adam Tybuszewski who did the luminaries at the church entrances.