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### *The Baptism of the Lord - The Gospel of Mark 1:7-11*

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. 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."

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### *Reflection*

We listen carefully to the voice of God, who proclaims that Jesus is the beloved One—God's only Son. As God's word is proclaimed today, let us—God's beloved—be nourished and ask God to strengthen us in our commitment to share the Good News with all we meet.

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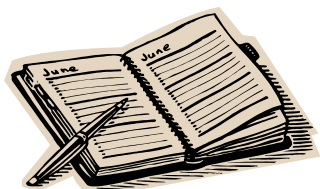
## **Social Justice Ministry**

**WE ARE OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER...** *The Social Justice Ministry focuses on carrying out activities to alleviate an immediate need of an individual or group. We meet on the **second Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.** Our goal is to address acts of charity within the parish, local community, and the broader community of our state, country, and the world. We hope to increase awareness of human needs and social issues, by providing opportunities for parishioners to participate in direct service.*

## **Eva's Kitchen**

**MEALS** for the hungry...**MAKE** time to volunteer...**MARK** your calendar...

Our 2009 schedule for Eva's is as follows:



### SET UP AND SERVE

**Thursday:** Jan. 15, Feb. 12, March 10,  
April 9, May 14, June 11,  
July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10,  
Oct. 15, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

### COOK, SET UP AND SERVE:

**Saturday, May 2**  
**Sunday, Nov. 15**



Thank yous are extended to June Casaleggio, Cheryl Friedman, Dot Hein, Margaret Kerstner, Fay Ricciardi, Joanne Shershin, and Evelyn and Gabe Vitalone. These parishioners served at Eva's on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

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### **SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING**

Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>  
Parish Center  
7:00 PM

### **EVA'S KITCHEN**

Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Call: Joanne Baksa  
973-800-6515