

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Founded 1909

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8 AM – 4 PM
Closed: Noon-1PM

Religious Education Office Hours

Sunday: 8 AM - noon 815-965-3448

Schedule of Masses and Devotions

Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 9 AM
First Friday of the Month: Noon
Rosary: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM
Morning Prayer after Weekday Mass
St. Anthony Devotion:
Tuesday after Mass

Holy Day Masses

7 AM, Noon, 5:30 PM

Confessions

Daily after the 9 AM Mass
Saturday 3:30 PM – 4 PM

Baptisms

2nd and 4th Sundays:
after the 10:30 AM Mass
Register at the parish office

Baptism Class

1st Sunday of the month: 9:30 AM
Register at the parish office

Sacrament of Matrimony

Reserve your date at the parish office
at least six months before your
proposed marriage.

All Saints Academy: 815-962-8515

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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Mission Statement

Reborn in Christ, our mission is to worship God in truth and in love, as we discern and fulfill God's will in the work of evangelization by welcoming, sharing our faith, and compassionate outreach.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Our Presider's Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8 - VIGIL

4:30 PM +Michael Rondone & +Mary Ann Rondone
by family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 AM The people of St. Anthony
Deceased friars, relatives and benefactors of
St. Bonaventure Province

10:30 AM +Dan Ferri by Stasica Nazzarini

MONDAY, JANUARY 10 - FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM +Gerry Dufresne by Connie St. Angel & family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11 - WEEKDAY

9:00 AM +Dan Ferri by Jennifer Ferri - Ferguson

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12 - SAINT MARGUERITE

9:00 AM +Audrey Messina by Dottie Hand

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13 - SAINT HILARY

9:00 AM For the health of Antonio Bruno
by Mirella Bruno

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14 - WEEKDAY

8:00 AM +Anita Rossi
by Deacon Pete & Doreen Addotta & family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15 - VIGIL

4:30 PM +Josephine Matranga Morressey by family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 - SECOND SUN DAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM The people of St. Anthony of Padua Church
10:30 AM +Joyce Lombardozi & +Richard Hinze
by family

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Altar & Rosary Society — Michelle Terranova



Weekend of Sunday January 2, 2022

Weekly amount to meet budget \$6,058.00

Children's offerings (0) 0.00

Amount collected in church & through the mail \$2,366.00

Electronic transfers (36) \$2,378.00

Total: \$4,744.00

Under Goal ☹️ (\$1,314.00)

Wedding Announcements

Congratulations

Tyler & Caroline (White) Maggio



*married
December 11, 2021*

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/jn 2:1-11

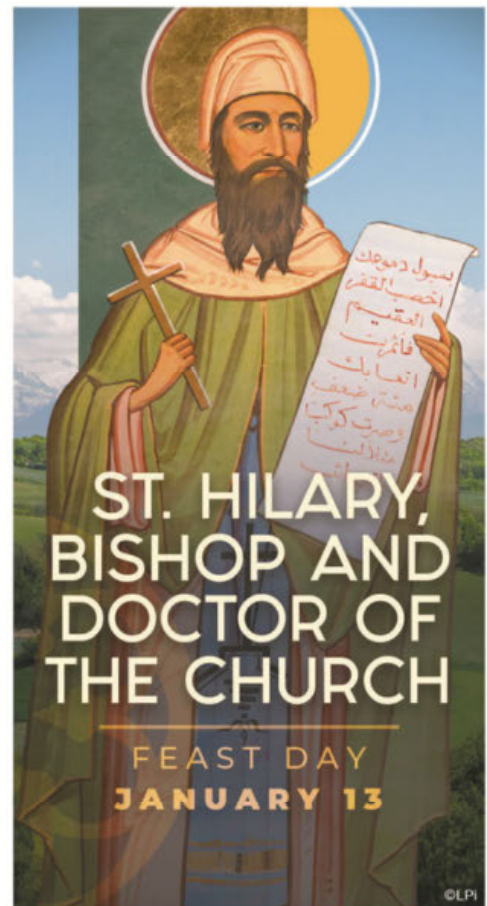
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord
- Thursday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

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Remember St. Anthony Church in your Estate Planning

If you pass from this life without a will **the government sets the rules** on who gets your worldly possessions **and who handles management** of your assets. Wouldn't you rather leave instructions so you - not the government - direct what you leave behind ... whether to your family, your friends, your church, and favorite charities? Polls show that over 60% of Americans die without estate planning completed—don't be in that majority!

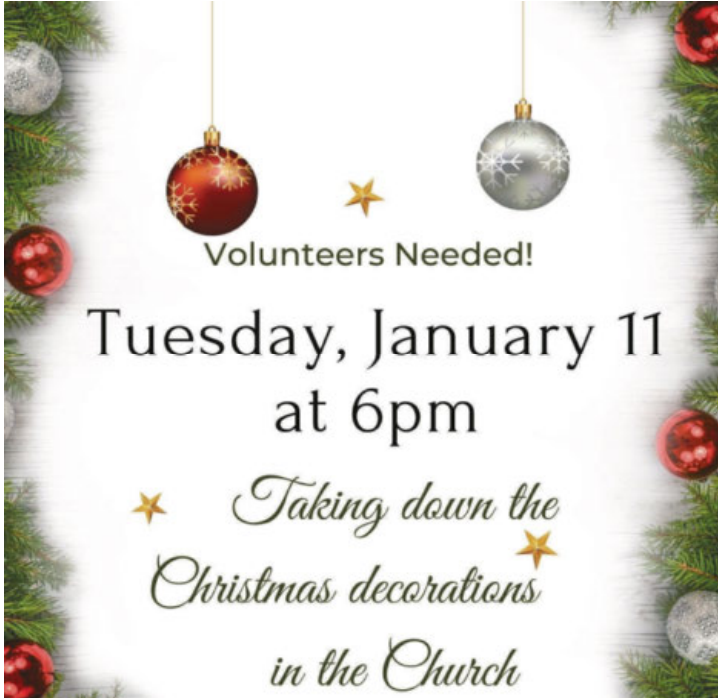
Our parishioner, Jim Thompson has been an attorney handling estate planning (wills and trusts) for over three decades in our area. During that time, he has been an active parish member, serving on various committees, cantering and volunteering. He has worked with hundreds of clients to prepare what **they wish** to leave to those they love.

A will and supportive documents (powers of attorney) can be completed with two meetings, with the cost ranging from \$400-\$600. You can make an appointment to speak privately with Jim at [815-963-4895](tel:815-963-4895) or by email service@sotlaw.net (be sure to mention St. Anthony's when you call!)

A Reminder



Please remember that the present state mandate and our diocesan directives requires all of us to wear a mask when we are in church for Mass. Please wear a mask from the moment you enter into church and please leave it on as you receive Holy Communion.



Volunteers Needed!

Tuesday, January 11
at 6pm

*Taking down the
Christmas decorations
in the Church*

Get Well Soon!

If you have been in the hospital or a facility of care, and you would like a visit from someone in the pastoral care office, please contact the parish office. Because of privacy laws, we are no longer contacted to let us know where you are. You are a part of our parish family and we care about you!

May God bless you and keep you well.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
(40:5)



PSALM

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)



SECOND READING

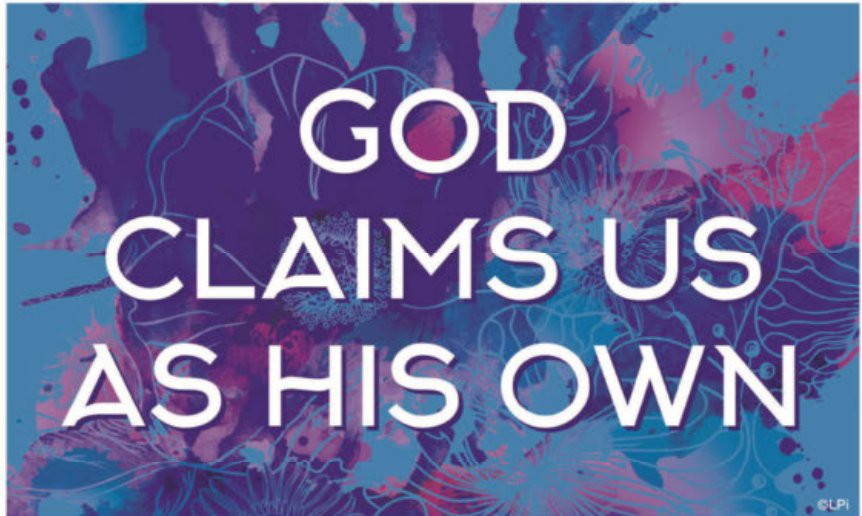
He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)



GOSPEL

After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and
was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit
descended upon him
in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S DIOCESAN APPEAL

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Bilich, Josip M/M
Bogdonas, James M/M
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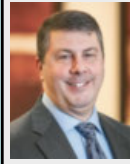
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