## St. Cajetan Parish January 09, 2022





## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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." - Mk 1:7-8

#### From Our Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings an end to the Christmas season (although some cultures celebrate Christmas until the feast of the Presentation, February 2nd). Epiphany is known as the Manifestation of the Lord to the Nations. Today is known as the Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. The

event takes on the importance of a second creation story and a new era.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan, God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John might be seen as a sort of sacramental prep for the Baptism of Christ. John's Baptism was about repentance. Of course, Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in our flesh and was recognized "outwardly like ourselves," He was absolutely sinless. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world. As we hear in the Gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world."

Many of the incidents which accompany the story of Christ's baptism are symbolic, but connect to what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism, the Trinity took its abode in our very selves. At His baptism, Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism, we become the adopted daughters and sons of God. At Christ's baptism, the heavens were opened; at our Baptism, heaven was opened to us.

The Catechism of the Church states: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission."

Pope Francis once stated, "There is a before and an after baptism; saying it "expresses the passage from one condition to another ... [it's] a sign of purification for a new beginning."

I think that at times we forget the invitation or call that comes to us through our baptism. Certainly we think of the privileges of our faith; but I feel this feast also reminds us of our responsibilities as people of the Catholic Christian Faith. Each of us is endowed with special gifts and talents, which are not to be kept to ourselves, but to be shared with all. As Paul reminds us, we are each given DIFFERENT gifts. I hope that our spiritual life as members of the Church will continue to help us discern our gifts and how to use them in service of others.

I am so grateful for all those who made this Christmas Season great – our set-up crew, our wonderful musicians (especially Joe Kregor), our deacon community, our lectors, EMs, Collette Gurin, and Beth Dougherty.

In Christ,

Fr. Steve Dombrowski

#### **Sunday Contributions**

#### December 2021`

Due to the tight transmission schedule of the December bulletins, we wish to share the unreported collections by week below.

#### Sunday, December 5, 2021

Online: \$9,135.

Envelopes: 6,384.

Total: \$15,519

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Online: \$5,148

Envelopes: 5,835

Total: \$10,983

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Online: \$3,288

Envelopes: 4,067

Total: \$7,355

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Online: \$2,883.

Envelopes: 4,073

Total: \$6,956

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In addition, the 4 Sundays second collections

raised the following:

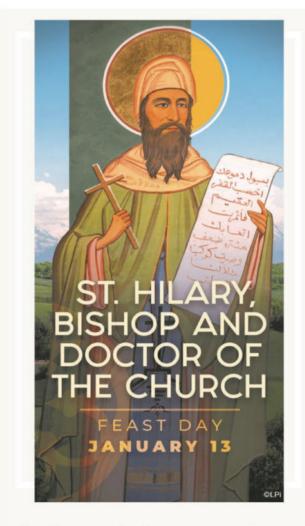
Operation Blessings \$1,000

Catholic Relief Services \$988

Religious Retirement \$1,760

Morgan Park Food Pantry \$993

The Christmas collection will be reported in next weeks bulletin. As always, we thank you for your generous support.



#### 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 Phyrgia 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.

#### St. Cajetan Parish Financial Report

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

			Total		
	Church	School	<u>Fiscal 2021</u>	Fiscal 2020	
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	410,741		410,741	430,825	
Christmas Collection	22,753		22,753	30,706	
Easter Collection	22,422		22,422	13,755	
Stipends & Stole Fees	25,569		25,569	21,184	
Candles	4,053		4,053	5,118	
Religious Education Tuition	4,541		4,541	10,994	
Donations	63,520	8,184	71,704	14,062	
Other Income	25,734	43,861	69,595	19,157	
Tuition & Fees		1,995,262	1,995,262	1,913,065	
Fundraising (Net)	4,420	86,082	90,502	147,369	
Other Misc.	<u>11,816</u>	24,072	35,888	61,324	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$595,569	\$2,157,461	\$2,753,030	\$2,667,559	
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Salaries	270,759	1,400,432	1,671,191	1,594,225	
Employee Benefits	75,750	310,487	386,237	441,678	
Heating	24,270	36,142	60,412	53,797	
Electricity	14,421	18,621	33,042	33,739	
Other Utilities	6,896	8,655	15,551	18,191	
Office Supplies/Postage/Printing	17,151	55,271	72,422	72,772	
Altar & Liturgical Supplies	18,989		18,989	22,585	
Books & Supplies	7,140	7,408	54,548	39,186	
Furnishings & Equipment	2,365		2,365	20,569	
Maintenance & Repairs	50,235	90,996	141,230	199,756	
Archdiocesan Assessments	75,976	11,935	87,911	105,947	
Insurance	31,437	49,191	80,628	66,597	
Other Expenses	<u>9,757</u>	32,781	42,538	62,934	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$605,146	\$2,061,919	\$ 2,667,064	2,731,976	
NET OPERATING INCOME	(\$9,577)	\$95,542	\$85,965	(64,417)	

#### St. Cajetan Parish

#### **Financial Report**

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 (continued)

EXTRA-ORDINARY REVENUE	Fiscal Year 2	021 <u>Fiscal Year 2020</u>
Archdiocesan Required Collections	6,075	7,970
Sharing Parish Collections	1,067	(1,426)
Other Extraordinary Income	60,087	0
To Teach Who Christ Is Campaign	74,440	60,126
Fund Collections	0	816
<b>Total Extra-Ordinary Income</b>	\$141,671	\$67,486
EXTRA-ORDINARY EXPENSE		
Pmt. Archdiocesan Required Collections	3,332	4,591
Other Extraordinary Expense *	116,548	0
Capital Improvements **	141,387	<u>513,196</u>
<b>Total Extra-Ordinary Expense</b>	261,267	\$517,787
Net Income:	(119,596)	(450,301)

#### Included...

#### Fiscal 2020-2021

Fiscal 2020/21 saw an improvement in our financial position, but we continue to lose ground with Sunday contributions, the primary source of revenue for the Church. Sunday contributions are down 6% over 2019/20. It is critical to the vitality of St. Cajetan Parish to increase contributions to the Sunday offertory.

#### Mary Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden is complete and adds a very special presence to our parish campus. Along with the Sacred Heart statue on Artesian, our parishioners have new spaces for prayer and reflection. We are grateful to Wm. Quinn & Sons Landscape and Brian Hornung for creating two beautiful new spaces.

#### St. Cajetan School

Our school administration, along with teachers, students, parents and parish volunteers are to be commended for the extraordinary effort they put forth to create a successful 20/21 school year. They navigated the protocols, restrictions and countless changes and did so with a tremendous effort and unity of purpose. Thank you, St. Cajetan School. You made us proud.

 <sup>\*</sup> Mary Garden - first draw
 Balance of PPP loan (forgiven) to Parish Savings

<sup>\*\*</sup> School Security System

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

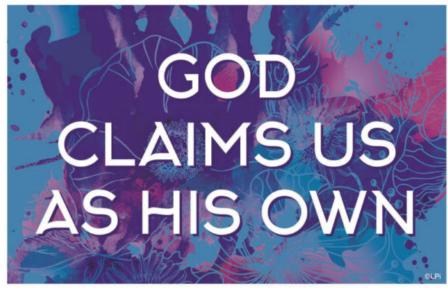
#### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"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 kneeierk 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

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.

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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**JANUARY 9, 2022** 

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# The Graduation / Prom Dress RESALE EVENT

#### DRESS SHOPPING

Friday, January 28, 2022

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. McAuley girls only 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Open to the public

Saturday, January 29, 2022

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Open to the public

#### DRESS PICK-UP

Saturday, January 29, 2022

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Unsold dresses must be picked up or will be considered a donation to the school.

## Sell or Donate your Graduation or Prom Dress

ALL items must be clean and free of defects.

The Mother's Club reserves the right to refuse any dress.

Cash or credit card accepted. All sales are FINAL.

#### DRESS DROP-OFF

Saturday, January 15, 2022 Sunday, January 16, 2022 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Circle Drive



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### Parish Life

#### **IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

The contributions of parishioners at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses constitute a sizable portion of our annual budget, which funds the operations, activities and ministries of our parish. Limited attendance and offertory collections at Christmas Masses, due to ongoing concerns with virus spread, will undoubtedly place a significant financial strain on our current year's budget.

Your generosity through the pandemic has been incredibly appreciated. We ask you to share what you are able this Christmas to ensure that our parish ministries and operations can continue into the new year. Please know that we remain extremely prudent with the resources you provide through your ongoing contributions.

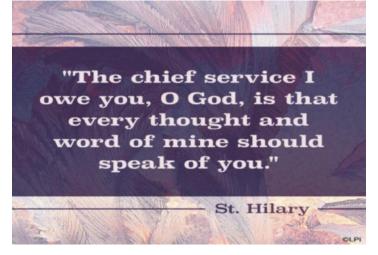
Sunday / Holy Day Offering

Solemnity of Mary (1/01/22)

\$949

**Sunday (1/02/22)** 

Envelopes	\$3,649
Online giving	4,308
Total	\$7,953



#### Human Concerns

Remember to pray the rosary for world peace, the unborn, the homeless, people who have lost their jobs and for vocations.





Let us remember in our prayers the women and men who serve in the Military, Peace Corps and missions, especially those from our community.

CSM Joseph Cistaro SSGT. Bill Gorman PVT Jack Gorman PVT Michael Gorman Seaman Kyle R. Haney	PO3 Ian Keating ENS Zachary Lynn Lt. Patrick Ryan PFC Tyler Johnson CPL Joseph Mudd		
HM Brian Zia McSweeney	CPL Dennis		
PFC Edward Smith	Lt Daniel Vaulman		
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PO3 Nathan McNulty Nick	ENS Daniel Patrick		
CPL Raymond Maroney	SFC Richard Howland		
Lt. Robert Villasenor	Lt. Zachary Lenihan		
Colin Wolff, Peace Corps			

Do you know someone in the military and would like to add their name to our list? We would be happy to include their name and pray for them. If someone currently listed has completed his/her service, please let us know so we can adjust the list accordingly. Please call the Parish Center at 773-474-7800.

If you would like your name or a relative's name removed for our prayer list, please call the Parish Center at 773-474-7800.

Please Pray for Our Sick Relatives & Friends

Bill Biros, Marty Brogan, David Brombosz, Patsy Brown, Jo Lynn Burke, Raymond Cook, Nancy Curry, Kristen Cusack, Jim Davoren, Dylan Dryer, Robert Ford, William Healy, John Hincks, Mike Hughes, Janet Huntington, Mary Ann Hurley, Mary Kaye Jenrich, Lorraine Johnson, Karen Kocanda, Sharon Kozola, Cathleen Limburg, Mike Lyle, John Lynch, John McDonald, Brian McDonough, Phil McGee, Barb McSweeney, Edmund Mitchell, Glen Mitzner, Matt Moran, George Nedved, Mary Ellen Nedved, Jeffrey Oakes, John Orbon, Bernie O'Reilly, Jack Parker, Barb Rollheiser, John Sheerin, Bill Simmons, Beatrice Siwek, Tom Smith, Anthony Spalla, John Stanton, Bill Tomczak, Melanie Williams, for people who have coronavirus and those who are in need of our prayers.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them, oh Lord

#### Readings for the week of January 09, 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

#### **Eucharistic Celebrations**

#### Monday - January 10

8:30 a.m. -

#### Tuesday - January 11

**8:30 a.m. -** James Zeiger (Lenihan Family)

#### Wednesday - January 12

8:30 a.m. - Cathy Kerrigan (Nedved Family)

#### Thursday - January 13 - St. Hilary

#### Friday - January 14

#### Saturday - January 15

**4:00 p.m.** - Fran Finn (Maureen Bannon & Ed Washack)

Thomas Boyle (Terry Walsh)

Paul Wechet (Terry Walsh)

# <u>Sunday - January 16 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary</u> Time

9:00 a.m. - Michael T. Diana (Sullivan Family)

William Blake (Ed & Julie Ryan)

**11:00 a.m.** Monica O'Gorman (Chris Sheerin)

Thomas O'Brien (Jim & Hilary Jennings)

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**Our Weekend Celebrants** 

Rev. Leopold Glueckert, O.Carm.

Rev. Peter McGarry, O'Carm.

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Holy Day Masses: As scheduled

**Daily Mass:** 8:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday &

Wednesday



**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday, 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. & by appointment.

**<u>Baptisms:</u>** The first and third Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Arrangements must be made in advance; first time parents need to schedule pre-baptism program. Contact the Parish Center at 773-474-7800.

<u>Marriage:</u> In order to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Cajetan, engaged couples are asked to call the Parish Center at least six months to a year prior to the requested date. Weddings are not celebrated on Sunday.

Holy Communion for Homebound Parishioners: If you or a friend or family member is homebound, on a long or short term basis, please call the Parish Center at 773-474-7800. A Minister of Care will be happy to bring you Communion in your home at your convenience.

<u>Sacrament of the Sick:</u> If you or a friend or family member would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Parish Center at 773-474-7800 to make arrangements.

<u>Adult Choir:</u> Rehearsals are Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. New members are welcome.

<u>New Parishioners:</u> Welcome! Please register at the Parish Center or at <u>www.cajetan.org</u> at your convenience. Moving parishioner, please let us know as soon as possible.

<u>Bulletin Deadline:</u> Articles must be submitted in writing by **noon Friday for the following weekend**. You can also email your article to **bulletin@cajetan.org**. Articles must be in Word format.

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#### Weekend Mass Schedule

January 15 and January 16	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	
Celebrant	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Lectors	J. Nolan	D. Madrid	T. Zordan	
Eucharistic Ministers	B. Bosh R. Jedrey	D. Coughlin G. Coughlin	B. O'Rourke T. Traynor	













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