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Prince of Peace Parish strives to be a welcoming Catholic family that joyfully gathers to celebrate the sacraments and to live the Word of God as disciples of Christ. United with the Holy Spirit, we go forth to bear witness to our faith and to share our unique gifts in loving service of all God's people.

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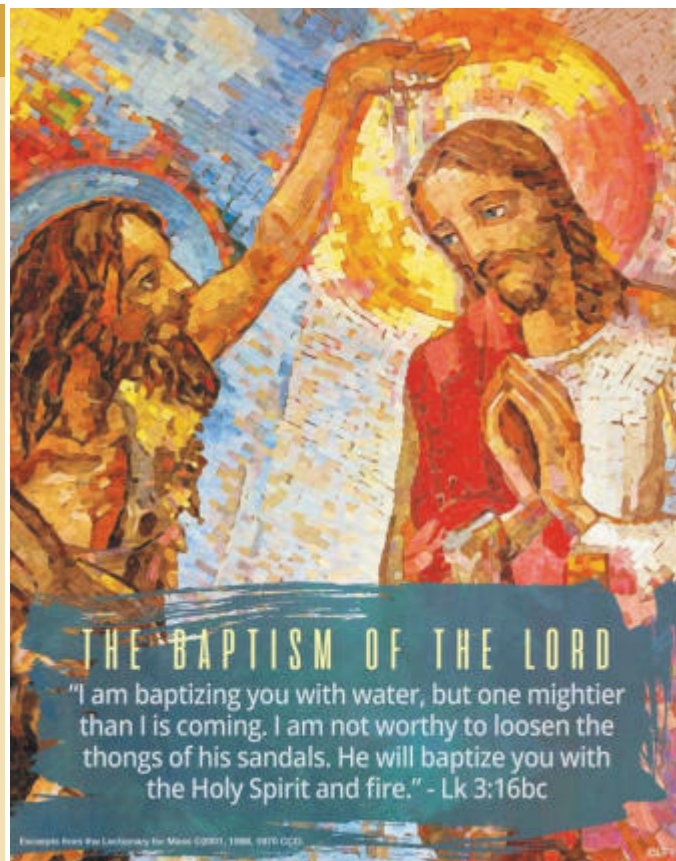
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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday
8:30 AM - St. Teresa
Tuesday & Friday
8:30 AM - Nativity

CONFESSION

Saturday
3:00 PM - St. Teresa

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 PM - St. Teresa

SUNDAY

8:00 AM - Nativity
10:00 AM - St. Teresa
12:00 PM - St. Teresa

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PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH



SATURDAY JANUARY 8TH BAPTISM OF THE LORD
4:00 PM Dolores Smith

SUNDAY JANUARY 9TH BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 AM Charles Russell
by Cathie & George Murdock
At Church of the Nativity

10:00 AM Lewis Barre
by John & Janet Aresta
At St. Teresa Church

12:00 PM Prince of Peace Parish
At St. Teresa Church

MONDAY JANUARY 10TH WEEKDAY

8:30 AM James LaFortune
by The Dannen's
At St. Teresa Church

TUESDAY JANUARY 11TH WEEKDAY

8:30 AM Michael & Loretta Vingo
by Connie & Marcy Vingo
At Church of the Nativity

THURSDAY JANUARY 13TH WEEKDAY
NO MASS

FRIDAY JANUARY 14TH WEEKDAY

8:30 AM Charles & Walter Vingo
by Connie & Marcy Vingo
At Church of the Nativity

SATURDAY JANUARY 15TH SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 PM Prince of Peace Parish


SUNDAY JANUARY 16TH SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Kenneth Meady
by Cathie & George Murdock
At Church of the Nativity

10:00 AM Nicole Vengalli
by Joan Duncan
At St. Teresa Church

12:00 PM Joseph O'Leary & Kathryn Romano
by Rosa Mystica Fraternity
At St. Teresa Church



 *Rest in Peace*

Alice DeLuca

Jean Eschmann

JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

PRAYER TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

God of Light, we pray for all the people – men, women and children – hidden in the darkness of modern day slavery. Help us shine Your light into the homes, streets, factories and brothels in our own neighborhoods and around the world where people are enslaved. The darkness is as light to you, O Lord. No person in any corner of the world is hidden from Your sight. Help us shine Your light. Amen.

(Source: Catholic Relief Services.)

Baptismal Bib

Question:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment. ©LPi

the Shepherd's Desk

by
Rev. James T. Gregory

“And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” – Luke 2:12

Christmas is more about the Christ's Nativity, that is, his dwelling among us, than it is about his physical birth. Luke mentions in passing that Mary gives birth to her firstborn son while in Bethlehem with Joseph who is there to be enrolled in the census of Cæsar Augustus (Lk 2:7). Three times in the second chapter of his Gospel Luke describes Jesus dwelling among us by lying in a manger (v. 7, 12, 16). This image of lying in a manger unwraps the mystery swaddling Jesus is who he is and what he is about as our Messiah and Lord. It also reveals our identity as the Church, the People of God, the Body of Christ, the risen Christ dwelling in us through the ages by the power of the Holy Spirit.

By lying in a manger, a feeding trough for animals, Jesus becomes our food. Jesus feeds us by gracing us with his life and his death the true nourishment that we need to be fully human, unwrapped from our swaddling sins. Mary, the mother of Jesus, the Mother of God and mother of the Church, was the first to be nourished at the manger, the table of God in contemplative adoration. “And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart” (Lk 2:19, *cf.* 51).

Mary, then, becomes the model for the Church beginning with the early gatherings of disciples like the household church in Colossæ. The Colossians are exhorted by Paul, “And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. ... Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God” (Col 3:16-17). Such nurturing worship continues in the Church today. In this way the Holy Spirit, the risen Christ's nativity in the Church, fortifies us to send God's Word to all the nations by being heralds of Christmas message to those in our lives. The Christmas message is same good news of Easter and Christ's resurrection.

John's accounting of Christ's resurrection could easily have been the words of the shepherds or magi upon their experiences of Jesus' early nativity. John says in his first letter: “What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life – for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was made visible to us – what we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing this so that our joy may be complete” (1 Jn 1:1-4).” Like angels, like shepherds, as disciples, we proclaim this good news so the joy of the Church may be complete.

The Magi sees Jesus as the light to the nations as Israel is called to be. At every level of the Church we take on the missionary quality of light radiating that light from the risen Jesus at our center into every aspect of society, especially those in our sphere of influence. Every member of the Church are equally called by Christ in our baptism, from smallest to greatest in standing, to shine with the Word of God.

Christmas is when God gathers the nations to gather around the manger, God's table, to adore Jesus and be nourished by the grace of his presence conveyed by the Holy Spirit. God then sends us forth to share the news that others may come to be fed at the manger. God gathers. God nourished. God sends forth (missions). The Christmas experience is the experience of any Mass. Perhaps that's why it is called Christ Mass.



Prince of Peace Clothing Bank

Located in the lower level of the Church of the Nativity building in the rear and will be opened.

Will be open each month for people in need.

Masks should be worn if not vaccinated or if you feel more comfortable. Gloves are available for those who would like to wear them.

The Prince of Peace Clothing Bank has received an abundance of donations from caring parishioners and area residents. We are now well positioned to provide free clothing and footwear to area people in need.

WHAT WE ARE ACCEPTING AT THIS TIME

We are in need for

- Gently used washable coats/jackets for large and larger men and women? Donations are coming in but coats/jackets not so much.
- Men's' Jeans plus sweat shirts and bottoms for both sexes, are always in demand.
- We also have an urgent need for socks: Boy's size 6 – 14, Girl's size 6-14, Men's size S, M, L, Women's S, M, L
- Underwear is always in need, all sizes boys, girls and adults.

AND

- Gently used recently washed towels and/or sheet sets, preferably twin or full size, are needed. The towels and sheets will be given to the St Vincent DePaul shelter in Waterbury. Thank You for your generosity.

We will be open:

Fri, Jan 21 – 3-5 pm

Sat, Jan 22 – 10am-12pm

GOOD SHEPHERDS

The Good Shepherds meet January - November on every other Thursday from 9:30A.M. - 11:30A.M., at the Church of the Nativity, in classroom #6. All are welcome to come. Any questions may be directed to Cathie Murdock - truklady99@aol.com.

We will be meeting in person on January 13th.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY
MOMENTS**

I Hope I Am Like Him

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

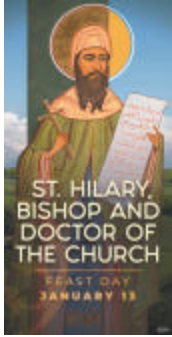
But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | January 13
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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