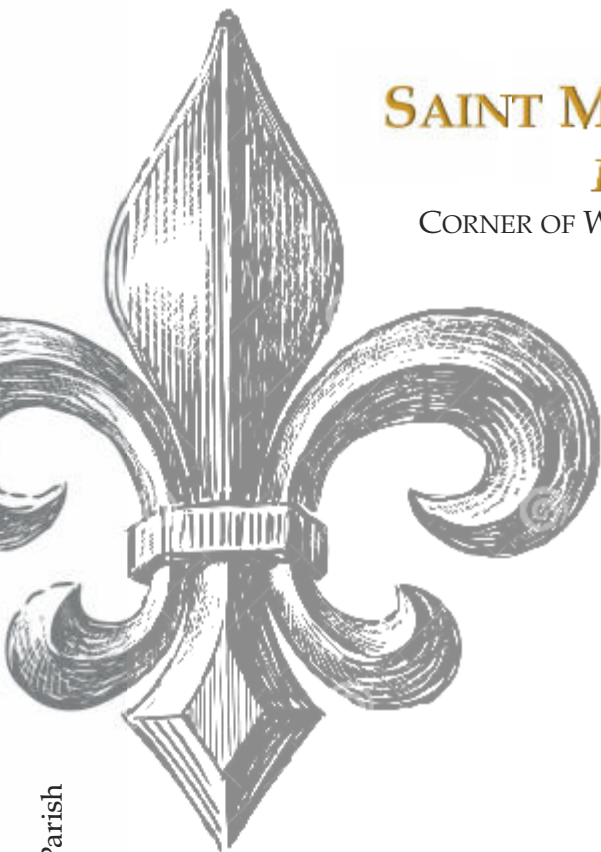


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Welcome...

From wherever you have traveled or have been led on your spiritual journey, we, the Catholic community of Oneonta, are glad that you are among us. We invite you make yourself at home and consider joining in our Christian way of life, worship and service.

Students of Hartwick and SUNY Oneonta, welcome! We encourage you to participate and volunteer in all liturgical and service ministries while you are among us

We are home to...

- ◆ Saint Mary's Newman Catholic Community
 - ◆ Knights of Columbus—Council 4989
 - ◆ Boy Scouts of America—Troop 23



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



San Lucas Toliman Student Update...

We have received letters from our scholarship students. Four of our students have either graduated or will graduate very soon. Statements like, "I am deeply grateful to God and You", "wishing you many blessings" were the norm in their final letters to us. These students have aspirations to be nurses, teachers, and more. Some would like to go on to college but may not have the financial ability to do so.

Our other students continue to attend school but all classes are held virtually as the Pandemic continues to grip Guatemala. This has made their education much more difficult. Several expressed having no face to face contact with their teacher being very hard. Additionally, their families are struggling financially and many of the students are doing what work they can find to help supplement family income. There have been deaths in student families associated with the Covid 19 outbreak. Additionally, the government of Guatemala has banned activities normally celebrated during the month of September (the anniversary of the nation). The students miss normal activities as we do here in the United States like soccer, being with friends, etc. Please keep Abner, Ana, Norma, Selvin, Marco, Brian, Edson, Maria, Juana, and Luis in your prayers.

If you would like to support the work of the SLT Scholarship Program, a check can be sent to St. Mary's Church with a notation in the memo line that it is for Guatemalan scholarship.



Women's Retreat - 2022

It's time to mark our new calendar and reserve the weekend of May 13-15 for our annual retreat at the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center in Niskayuna, NY. This will once again be a hybrid retreat. Sr. Kay Kanick, RSM will lead us in a consideration of Micah 6:8 "This is all that I ask of you..." Sr. Kay was with us in 2015. You might remember her! Flyers (green) are available in the carousel in the church gathering area.

Questions? Call Martie 432-2852

Midwestern Tornado Relief

As requested by Bishop Scharfenberger, we are conducting a special collection for relief following the devastating tornadoes that recently hit the Midwestern United States. Please be generous as always in helping our brothers and sisters across the country. Contributions can be placed in the collection basket and marked, Tornado Relief. If you would like, you may contribute directly to tornado relief at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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:

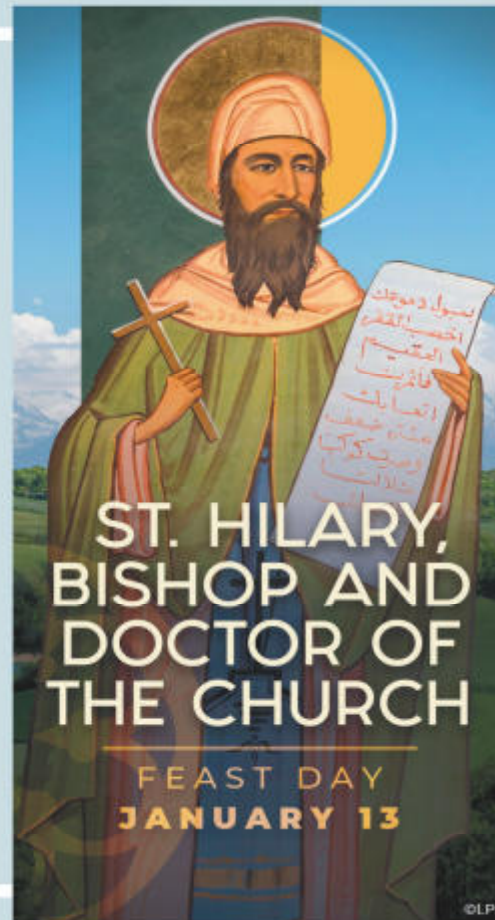
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

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



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.

**"The chief service I
owe you, O God, is that
every thought and
word of mine should
speak of you."**

St. Hilary

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MASST INTENTIONS

January 8, 2022—January 16, 2022

- SATURDAY 8 January 2022**
5:00 pm *Pro Populo*
- SUNDAY 9 January 2022**
10:30 am Baptism of The Lord
Pro Populo
- MONDAY 10 January 2022**
8:30 am Ange Richards
By St. Mary's Rosary Society
- FRIDAY 14 January 2022**
8:30 am Jean Costanza
By Nancy Hogay
- SATURDAY 15 January 2022**
5:00 pm McKenna, Delaney & Kason Miller
By Aunt Jean
Victor Chicorelli
By Gail & Vince Foti
Frank Gallucci
By Aida Gallucci
Dominick Falcone
By The Cerosaletti Family
- SUNDAY 16 January 2022**
10:30 am Ange Foti Richards
By Marjorie & Philip Bedford
Dick Dowdell
By Mary Ann Dowdell
Deceased members of the Hoyer Family
By The Hoyers
Becka LoPinto
By the Hoyer Family

Prayer corner.....

We ask that you remember in your prayers, the following persons who are ill: *Mary Antonucci, Michelle Lee, Kathleen Genzardi, Anna Spencer, Marlies Kneis, Norrie Beken, Ana Vendemmia, Sharon Wilsey O'Donnell, Linda Burch, Alberto Marcos and Victor Chicorelli*

We pray for the men and women of our parish and community who are serving in the military.

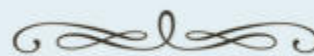
We remember in prayer all priests of the Albany Diocese.

Let us remember those who have died, especially the members of our families and parish community.

(Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks, and then removed unless notified by family-thank you)

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Are You Grieving?

"I sat with my anger long enough...until she told me her real name was Grief".

Saint Mary's Consolation Group meets on the THIRD THURSDAY of each month at 10:00 am, in the rectory. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, job, life situation, pet, the freedom to travel or anything else important in your life, please join us. All are welcome. Bring a friend!



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Tell others -- friends, family, and organizations that you belong to -- about homelessness and this project.

Shop for items on our wish list: We ask for all individually portioned food items. Only non-refrigerated items please. Items may be dropped off at Oneonta Warming Station (189 Chestnut Street, Oneonta) any day starting November 1st between 5:00 and 9:00 pm or mornings between 7:00 and 8:00 am. Items can also be dropped off at Catholic Charities during business hours and should be clearly marked "Warming Station".

Key items on our WISH LIST: Bottled water, Cup of Soup, Mac and cheese, beef stew, fruit cups, applesauce, granola bars, Pop Tarts, trail mix, chips, nuts, raisins, bulk coffee, sugar packets, hot chocolate packets, plastic utensils, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, hot cups, napkins....

Questions? Want a copy of the "wish list"? Contact Catholic Charities at (607) 432-0061

Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/oneontawarmingstation/>
Or contact Mel Sperti at 607-432-3920 ext. 202 for more information on this project.

Join us at the **March for Life**
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Reserve your bus ticket now!
Contact the parish buses ASAP:



Albany busses are making
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stops through southern diocese – Christ The
King Church: Barbara Fraterrigo,
pbfrat@hotmail.com; (518) 456-3998

South West of the Diocese, w many pick-up
stops: Oneonta, Stamford, Hancock, etc.:

Sacred Heart Church: Paul Wenner:
paul.j.wenner@gmail.com; (607) 652-4055

Need financial help with a bus ticket(s)? Contact
the Knights of Columbus/Nick Wallace: 518-
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National Prayer Vigil for Life – Thursday, Jan. 20 –
Friday, Jan. 21 at the Basilica of the National
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Washington, DC. Televised and livestream
available



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So...I invite you to take some time at various times and leisurely walk through our church and encounter...



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