



NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS PARISH

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St Albert Church W Stewartstown

Masses—Friday: 8AM, Sat: 4:30PM
Sun: 8AM (Columbus Day to Memorial Day)

St Brendan Church Colebrook

Masses—Thur: 8AM,
Sun: 10AM

St Pius X Church Errol

Masses—Sun: 8AM (Chapel open
Memorial Day to Columbus Day)



Baptism of the Lord — January 9th, 2022

PARISH STAFF

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office 6 months prior to your tentative date.

Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM at St. Albert Church or by appointment.



THE BAPTISM *of the Lord*

"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. 3:16c

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New Parishioners: If you attend North American Martyrs Parish regularly & consider us your parish, please take a moment to register with us by calling the Parish Office as soon as possible.

ST. ALBERT



Sat., Jan. 8th 4:30PM
Huguette Mathieu Req by Real, Rollande, Judy & Joanne Mathieu

Huguette Thibeault Req by Adrien Thibeault & Family

Sun., Jan. 9th 8:00AM
Patricia Beauregard Req by Francoise Bohan
Real & Rose Paquette Req by Suzanne Madore

Fri., Jan. 14th 8:00AM
All Souls remembered on All Souls Day

Sat., Jan. 15th 4:30PM
Francine Devost Req by Ronnie Devost
Colleen Gorman Req by the Ray Gorman Family

Sun., Jan. 16th 8:00AM
Patricia Beauregard Req by Francoise Bohan
Lorraine Roy Req by Jeanne Harvey

ST. BRENDAN

Sun., Jan. 9th 10:00AM
Jesse Lantin Req by Patrick Dupuis
Albert R. Maurais Req by the Family

Thu., Jan. 13th 8:00AM
Roland & Richard Lanctot
Req by Don & Jean Gilbert

Sun., Jan. 16th 10:00AM
Wilfred & Amanda Pilote
Req by Viola I. Robitaille & Family

COOS NURSING HOME

Wed., Jan. 12th 9:30AM
All Souls remembered on All Souls Day

Financial Report 1/2/2022
Offertory \$1425.72
60/40 Fundraiser 35.00
Holy Mary/Christmas 728.00
There is a second collection next weekend for the Seminarian Fund.
Thank you for your support of our parish.

60/40 WINNER:
(St. Albert's Church) Congratulations to **Donald Biron** \$14.00
Please consider participating in our weekly Parish 60/40 Booster Club. Envelopes are available at the Church entrances. Put a DOLLAR in the envelope, fill out the front with your name & address and drop it in the weekly collection. Weekly winner will be mailed a check for their 40% winnings.

Sanctuary Lamp
St. Albert Church
For the intentions of the parishioners
St. Brendan Church
For Fernande DeBloise

Eucharistic Adoration
Monthly, 8:30AM First Friday at St Albert Parish

One for Every Room
One Sunday our priest announced he was passing out miniature crosses made of palm leaves. "Put this cross in the room where your family argues most," he advised. "When you look at it, the cross will remind you that God is watching."
As I was leaving church, the woman in front of me walked up to the priest, shook his hand, and said, "I'll take five."



The Rosary is prayed 1/2 hour before each weekend mass at St. Albert's & St. Brendan's Church. All are welcome to join.

The Annual Membership Club
(\$100 yr) - pick up & fill out an envelope in the back of the Church and drop in the collection. Payable as one lump sum or 10 monthly payments of \$10.
Drawing in December .
Start yours today!

WORD OF GOD



Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

Su: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

M: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tu: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

W: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Th: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

F: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Sa: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Su: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/
Jn 2:1-11

Link for reading information as well as other pertinent Universal Church resources: <http://usccb.org/bible/readings>.

Observances for this week:

Su: The Baptism of the Lord

M, Tu & W: Parishioners Intentions

Th: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

F & Sa: Parishioners Intentions

Next Su: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY - OUR WEEKLY INSPIRATION

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.

First Reading: (Is 42:5) The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?

Second Reading: (Ti 3:5) Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

Gospel: (Lk 3:22) We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?

Each year, Pope Francis asks for prayers for a specific monthly intention. January's special intention is:

True Human Fraternity

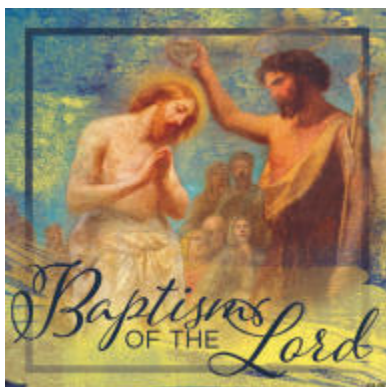
We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family



January is the month of The Holy Name of Jesus

Lord Jesus,
we humbly pray You to give us all a great reverence and respect for Your most holy name.
Forgive us for ever having used the name of Jesus in vain, or without due respect.
Help us remember how reverently and lovingly, Your Mother Mary used the name of Jesus, and how humbly Saint Joseph called You and spoke to You by name.
Your name, dear Jesus, is above every other name in heaven or on earth, because You are the Jesus, the Savior of all men.
You have saved us, and You have told us to ask God anything in Your name, and it would be granted.
We ask You, humbly and confidently, to bless us and our work, and give us the rich treasures of Your Divine grace, without which we cannot even so much as pronounce the name of Jesus.
Amen.

Follow me!





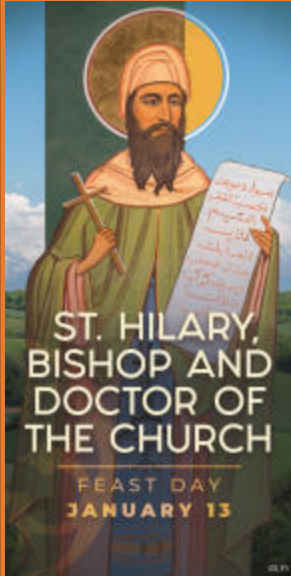
CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who designed the dome of the cathedral of Florence?

Answer: (one of our ‘celebrity organist’ see cover)

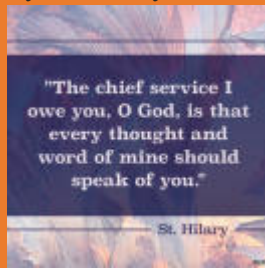
SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Hilary of Poitiers | 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.



Sharing Your Faith— 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.

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.”



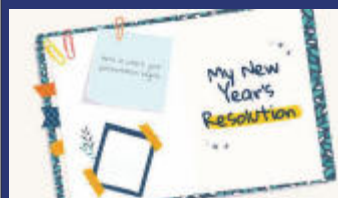
Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it. Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical 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*

Catholic Women’s Club For more information about the Catholic Women’s Club please call Diane Little (603-237-8062).

Our parish website calendar of events continues to grow! Please bookmark this link so that you can easily look an event up. If you know of an event not listed please contact the Parish Office and share the details and we’ll have it added! **nampnh.org**



Please join us for Lectio Divina

Every Wed. 6-7pm. We pray, read & discuss the upcoming readings for the next Sunday. Link: us02web.zoom.us
Select—’JOIN A MEETING’ -
Meeting ID: 865 5109 7328
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You will be surprised how Sunday’s readings come alive!

If you would like to be added to the reminder emails—please share you email with the parish office.

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