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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is administered on every Sunday of the month at 2:30 P.M. Please call the Parish Office to arrange for the sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Sacrament of Matrimony is an image of God's love and commitment to us. Couples should make arrangements with a priest at least six months prior to the ceremony. The date of the ceremony should be finalized with the church prior to making any other arrangements

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick comforts and strengthens the seriously ill and the elderly. It is a help for the living. We should not wait until there is a danger of death. In case of emergency call the Rectory.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK

Regular administration of the Sacraments should be arranged for shut-ins by calling the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00—4:45 P.M. at St. Joseph  
5:00—5:45 P.M. at St. Thomas

MASSES

- Saturday Evening:
- St. Joseph: 5:00 P.M.
- St. Thomas: 6:00 P.M.
- Sunday:
- St. Joseph: 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon
- St. Thomas: 9:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. Italian Mass  
11:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M., 6:00 P.M.

**HOLY DAYS:** Due to the variable nature of Holy Days, the schedule of Masses for these special celebrations will be printed in the bulletin prior to the feasts

- Weekdays:
- St. Joseph: Monday—Saturday 9:00 A.M.
- St. Thomas: Monday—Friday 7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M.
- Saturday 8:00 A.M.

THE BAPTISM of the Lord

"The baptism is 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

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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

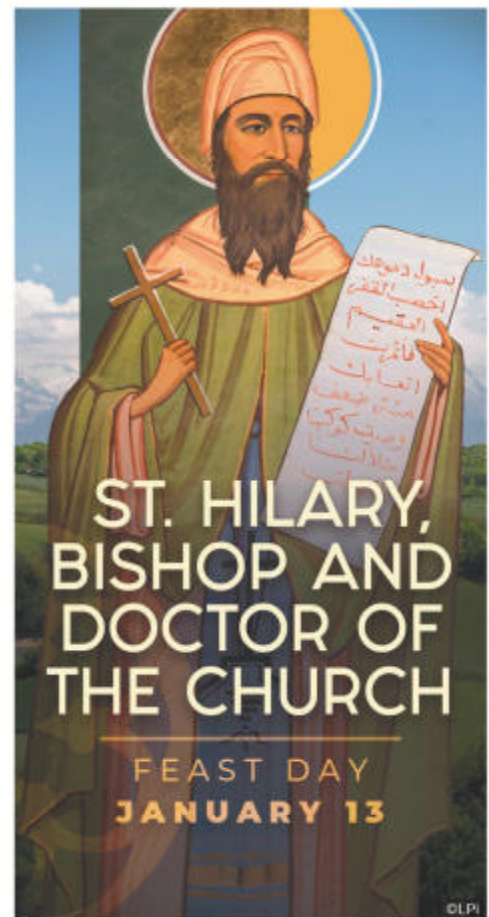
- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 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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**Saturday, January 8, 2022**

5:00pm(Vigil) Vincent Kropp

**Sunday, January 9, 2022**

8:00am Gatto Family  
10:00am Joseph Pergola  
12Noon Bruno Evangelista

**WEEKDAYS**

Monday: 9:00am People of the Parish  
Tuesday: 9:00am Deceased at St. Joseph Cemetery  
Wednesday: 9:00am Giuseppina Panetta  
Thursday: 9:00am Vivian Padula  
Friday: 9:00am Salvatore Ligotti

**Saturday, January 15, 2022**

9:00am Sean Michael Martin  
5:00pm(Vigil) Frank Arcuri

**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

8:00am Robert Hanson  
10:00am Loretta & Ungarelli Family  
12Noon Bruno Evangelista



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**Saturday, January 8, 2022**

6:00pm(Vigil) Jo-Ann Balsamini

**Sunday, January 9, 2022**

9:00am Robert McIntire  
10:00am Salvatore Ligotti  
11:00am Barbara Cannizzaro  
1:00pm Vincent Joseph Kropp  
2:30pm Special Needs - **Jennie Franca**  
6:00pm Frank Siracusa

**WEEKDAYS**

Monday: 7:00 am Dr. Joseph Ferraro, Jr.  
8:00am Richard Platt  
Tuesday: 7:00am Gina Duval-Living  
8:00am Micky Graydon-Rao  
Wednesday: 7:00am Thomas Jon Sjeime  
8:00am Ann Marasco  
Thursday: 7:00am Margaret Occhino  
8:00am Gloria Maresca  
Friday: 7:00am Sharon Keller  
8:00am Nicholas Paul Conte

**Saturday, January 15, 2022**

8:00am Frank C. Siracusa  
6:00pm(Vigil) Anne Byrne-Living

**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

9:00am Janet Polito  
10:00am Salvatore Ligotti  
11:00am Eva DeCrescenzo  
1:00pm Rosemary Hughes  
6:00pm Frank Siracusa



*Marriage Banns*

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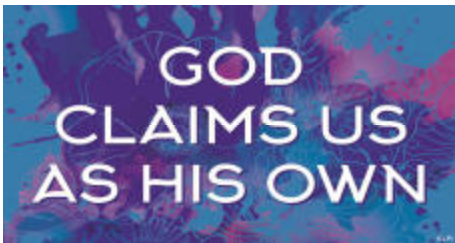


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**BAPTISM SEMINAR**  
**SATURDAY, January 29, 2022**

Immediately following the 6:00pm Mass at St. Thomas Church there will be a meeting for expectant parents and parents of newborn babies. Parents are expected to be at Mass as well as the meeting. We urge parents to attend before the baby is born. We also urge Godparents to participate by attending this meeting. This is a requirement for all parents prior to the Baptism of their child.

**WE INVITE YOU TO**

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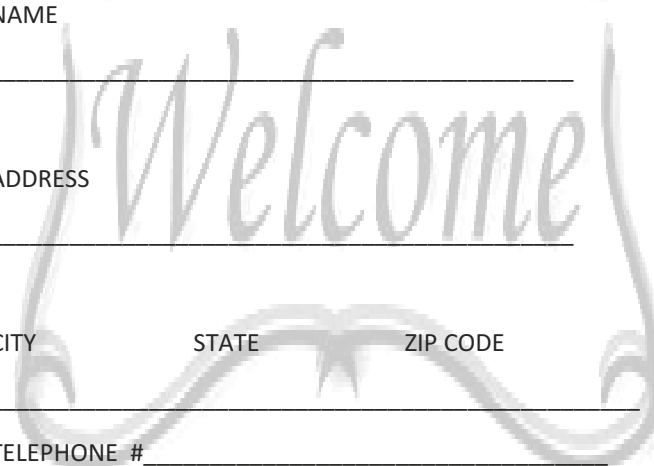
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# REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

## SICK & HOMEBOUND

If someone is homebound or in the hospital, please notify us. Arrangements can be easily made for the Sacrament of Anointing. Holy Communion is brought to the sick by the Priests and Eucharistic Ministers weekly or monthly as requested. Please let us know your needs by calling the parish office.

Ethel Ducey, Ed Kopczynski, Christina Greco, Stacy Wolski, Brian Orlick, Anthony Bambina, Mary Metzger, Matthew Taylor, Carol Cincotta, Steven Daquieno, Joseph A. Pulizotto, Josephine Marchiano, Michael Esposito, Ellen Merli, Anthony Siconolfi, Ava Battista, Joan La Chance, Jared Rodriguez, Russell Monahan, David Balaban, Louis Amatrudo, Philip Pallis, Dominick Marrone, Ann Doherty, Stanley Nepsie, Isaac Freeman, Dominic Aiello, Patricia Sano, Jillian Walsh, Elaina Pecora, Rose Pergola, Carmine Panico, Michael Hogan, John Vittore, Msgr. Peter G. Finn, Jerry Garcia, Stacey Benvenuto, Tom Zwingraf, Louis Lepore, Marie Catalosi.

In your sympathy, please pray for: **Rocco DeSanto and Salvatore Yannone.**



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(to be continued)

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Mat. 3:16-17

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## A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

**THANK YOU**, seems so little to say to a parish family that is so generous and giving.

We are all living in this sad economy, yet you gave so generously to the parish Giving Tree. You will never know the joy that was brought to so many of our less fortunate families at Christmas.

It is good to know that we always have such a giving and caring parish to help us when ever we ask.

*Thank You!*

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## 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.

## MEMORIALS

In addition to Mass Cards, the following Memorials are available at the Parish Office to use on the occasion of the death of a family member or friend:

Wine & Hosts

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Altar Flowers at St. Joseph & St. Thomas

Altar Candles at St. Joseph & St. Thomas

If you wish to place an intention for any of these memorials, please contact the Parish Office. An acknowledgement will be published in the bulletin.

## PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN  
MESSIAH  
BAPTIZING

WATER  
POWERFUL  
SANDALS

HOLY SPIRIT  
FIRE  
JESUS

A J T U A R B Y W E N  
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## MISSION

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.

# GROWING WITH THE Gospel

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Baptism of the Lord • Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



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## **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**January 9, 2022**

### **The Baptism of the Lord**

*“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.

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