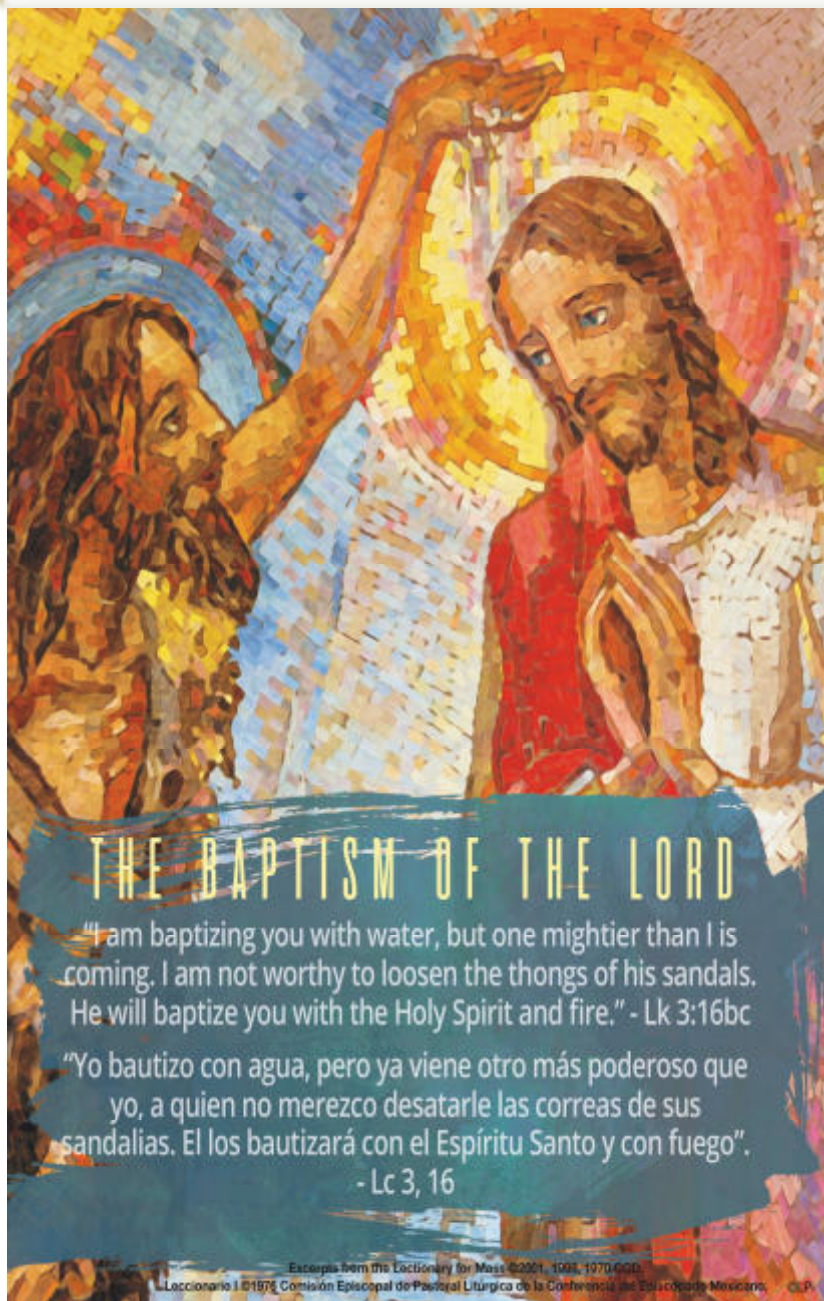


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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"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 3:16bc

"Yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo, a quien no merezco desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. El los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego".

- Lc 3, 16

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## BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

  
**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

 **Welcome**

Whatever your current status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background or ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, whatever your own self-image or esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. **KEEP IN CONTACT:** If you know a parishioner who is now unable to attend mass for whatever reason, please call the office so we can send them a bulletin and bring them Holy Communion.

## San Lucas 3, 15-16. 21-22



*Queridos hermanos, hoy la liturgia celebra el bautismo del Señor y con este acontecimiento culmina el tiempo de navidad. En esta fiesta del Bautismo de nuestro Señor, estamos llamados a renovar nuestro propio bautismo. En su bautismo Jesús se percató de la misión que le esperaba, y se comprometió decididamente a la misma. Recibió la confirmación del cielo: el Padre y el Espíritu Santo estaban con él en su misión de salvar a los hombres. – En nuestro bautismo, el Padre nos aceptó también como a sus hijos queridos, y nos dio la misión de vivir la vida de Cristo.*

*Jesús no necesitaba ser bautizado, pero aceptó ser bautizado para solidarizarse con toda la humanidad, El cargaba sobre sus hombros nuestros pecados.*

*El próximo domingo iniciamos el tiempo ordinario, y en el camino de fe, significa acompañar a Jesús en su vida común y corriente en Nazaret, viviendo los acontecimientos y creciendo en edad, sabiduría y gracia.*

*Que tengas una semana bendecida.*

*Te invito para que hoy renueves tu bautismo y sintiéndote amado por el Padre Dios, vivas esa triple dimensión que recibimos en el bautismo, sacerdote, profeta y rey.*

*Alégrate porque a través de tu bautismo has entrado a formar parte de esta gran familia que se llama Iglesia. En el bautismo recibiste el don maravilloso del Espíritu Santo, por tanto no olvides que tu cuerpo es templo del Espíritu Santo, así que tienes una fuerza grandiosa dentro de ti, por eso no permitas que el temor, la desesperanza, el mal, hagan presa de ti.*

*Ora constantemente al Espíritu Santo para que guíe tus pasos cada día.*

## 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.



 **Mass Intentions**  
for the week 

**Saturday/ Sábado Jan. 08, 4 p.m.**

† **Msgr. D. Michael Fox &**

† **Sr. Emanuel Molly**

**R/B John & Adele Turro**

**Sunday/Domingo, Jan. 09,**

**9:00 a.m. Mass (English)**

**11:00 a.m. Mass (Español)**

**En acción de Gracias**

† **St. Judas Tadeo, R/B Rosa Vargas**

**Monday/Lunes, Jan. 10, 5 p.m.**

† **Rev. Msgr. Michael T. Donohue,**

**R/B Diocese of Norwich**

**Tuesday/Martes, Jan. 11, 5 p.m.**

† **Fr. Thomas Smith,**

**R/B Diocese Norwich**

**Wednesday/Miércoles, Jan. 12, 5 p.m.**

**Thursday/ Jueves, Jan. 13, 6 p.m.**

**Holy Hour**

**Friday/Viernes, Jan. 14, No Mass**

**Saturday/ Sábado Jan. 15, 4 p.m.**

† **Frank Deeb, Birthday Anniv.,**

**R/B Family**

† **Jane Zdankowski,**

**R/B Myron Markowski**

**Christmas Flower Intentions**

**Sunday/Domingo Jan. 16**

**9:00 am Mass (English)**

**Christmas Flower Intentions**

**11:00am Mass (Español)**

**Christmas Flower Intentions**

**1/9/2022: SECOND COLLECTION**  
**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**

**1/16/2022: SECOND COLLECTION, FUEL**

**1/23/2022: ONE COLLECTION**

**1/30/2022: ONE COLLECTION**



On Thursday, January 20, 2022, we will be holding our monthly third Thursday meeting of parish women at the Parish Center from **1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** All women of the Parish

and female friends of St. Francis are invited to join us for a casual social get together. Light refreshments will be served. Come and join the fun!

El jueves 20 de enero de 2022, celebraremos nuestra tercera reunión mensual de mujeres parroquiales en el Centro Parroquial de 1:00 p.m. a 3:00 p.m. Todas las mujeres de la Parroquia y las amigas de San Francisco están invitadas a unirse a nosotros para una reunión social informal. Se servirán refrescos ligeros. ¡Ven y únete a la diversión!

**PRAYER REQUESTS** 

**RECUERDE ORAR POR:**

Edward Rosado, Frances Berger, Theresa Enis, Paul Grochowski, Wilma Atanasoff, Ann Rau, David Monte, Beverly Sullivan, James Silverman, Jackeline Carrero-Mendez, Rita McNamara, David Smith

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**HORA SANTA - HOLY HOUR**

*...A Solas con El Señor*

Que bueno es venir a Saludarte o Jesús mío, que te has hecho tan humilde y pequeño para permanecer en mí.

**JUEVES 6:00 p.m.**

. Ven trae tu biblia y un corazón abierto para llevarte del amor de

Cristo te espera con sus brazos Abiertos La Adoración se celebra cada 3rd domingo del mes, después de la misa de las 11 a.m.

**\*Sr. Gloria lidera esto y es sobre todo en español \***

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT**

**ST. FRANCIS:**

**How good it is to come and say hello or my Jesus, that you have become so humble and small to remain in me.**

**Thursday from 6pm -7pm.**

Bring your bible and an open heart.

**Adoration is held every 3rd Sunday of the month, after the 11 a.m. Mass.**

Everyone is welcome.



## HINKA'S

We have postponed the date for our major fundraiser, **Hearts for Hinka. It is now set for March 19.** Mark your calendars !  
 We are in need of gently used recyclable bags. **Our next pantry date is January 27.**

**Thank you to all our donors.**

### BANCO DE ALIMENTOS

Hemos pospuesto la fecha de nuestra mayor recaudación de fondos, **Hearts for Hinka. Ahora está fijado para el 19 de marzo.** ¡Marca tus calendarios!

Necesitamos bolsas reciclables usadas suavemente. **Nuestra próxima fecha de despensa es el 27 de enero.**

**Muchas gracias por sus donaciones.**

### LA RISA ES SALUD:

Saludo de un español a un chino:



¡Hola! Y el chino le contesta: las doce y treinta.

### Spiritual Book Study:

#### The Ladder of the Beatitudes by Jim Forest

Want to take a thought provoking journey! Jesus gave us the map to sainthood in the beatitudes. While they sound beautiful in print they are challenging to live. **Author Jim Forest** gives us background on the beatitudes and explores these beatitudes individually by using examples from many diverse sources in church history and through contemporary activists in peace and justice. Join us for this **6 week study** of the book **"The Ladder of the Beatitudes."** by **Jim Forest.**

**Dates: Wednesdays January 19 to February 23, 2022 from 10:00 to 11:30 am**

**Place: Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center, 194 Candlewood Hill Rd., Higganum, CT 06441**

Let us know as soon as possible if you want us to order the book for you. Otherwise you can find it on Amazon. **To register** contact Sr. Patricia at 203-606-4830 or email: [cigrandpatricia@gmail.com](mailto:cigrandpatricia@gmail.com) **(English)**

## ROSARY RALLY



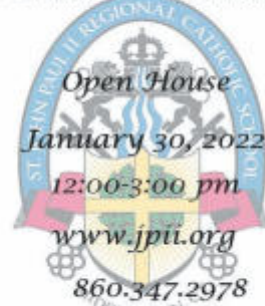
Please join us on January 22, 2022, at noon, for a Rosary Rally to be held in front of St. Sebastian Church. This public Rosary will be in defense of the unborn. These prayers and reparation are a powerful way to save our precious children from the threat of abortion. Life is a gift and our children (our gifts) are our greatest blessing. The rally will be held rain or shine.



Únase a nosotros el 22 de enero de 2022, al mediodía, para un Mitin del Rosario que se llevará a cabo frente a la Iglesia de San Sebastián. Este Rosario público será en defensa de los no nacidos. Estas oraciones y reparaciones son una forma poderosa de salvar a nuestros preciosos hijos de la amenaza del aborto. La vida es un regalo y nuestros hijos (nuestros dones) son nuestra mayor bendición. El rally se llevará a cabo llueva o truene.



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### BAPTISM OF THE LORD



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

1. **Monday, January 11 at 6:30pm: Formation for servers and open to anyone who wishes to grow in the faith. (Spanish)**
2. **Holy Hour: Every Thursday at 6pm.**

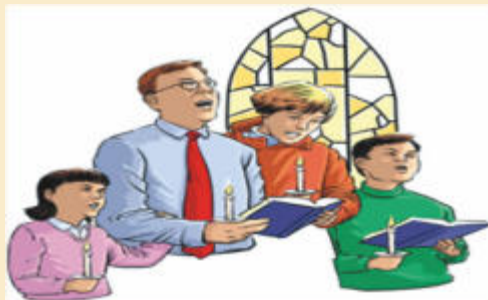
The Institute of the Oblate Sisters to Divine Love will be celebrating throughout this year the Jubilee of 100 years of foundation. This Institute was founded by the Servant of God Mother Margarita Diomira Crispi in Sicily, Italy in the year 1.923. All are invited to participate in the opening Eucharist in the United States to be held on Monday, January 24 at 6pm at St. Mary's Church, located at 247 Hamilton St. Southbridge, MA. If you would like to participate please let Mr. Gloria know with a message or by calling 860-949-1554.

Recuerda que para este año 2022 la iglesia te ofrece estas actividades para tu crecimiento espiritual:

1. Hora Santa todos los jueves a las 6pm.
2. Adoracion Eucaristica el tercer domingo despues de la Eucaristia.
3. Retiros espirituales en Cuaresma y en Adviento.
4. Formacion en la fe y para los sacramentos.
5. Visitas familiars para orar con la palabra

**APROVECHA!!!!!!**

**Parents, continue to support your children in catechesis, it is necessary to participate in the Sunday Eucharist, teaching children and young people the need to be grateful to God.**



**Padres de familia, sigan apoyando a sus hijos en la catequesis, es necesario la participación en la Eucaristía dominical, enseñando a los niños y jóvenes la necesidad de ser agradecidos con Dios.**



Remember that for this year 2022 the church offers you these activities for your spiritual growth:

1. Holy Hour every Thursday at 6pm.
2. Eucharistic Adoration on the third Sunday after the Eucharist.
3. Spiritual retreats in Lent and Advent.
4. Formation in the faith and for the sacraments.
5. Family visits to pray with the word

**TAKE ADVANTAGE!!!!!!**

## PROXIMAS ACTIVIDADES

1. **Lunes 11 de enero a las 6:30pm: Formación para servidores y abierto a todo el que desee crecer en la fe.**
2. **Hora Santa: Cada jueves a las 6pm.**

El Instituto de las Religiosas Oblatas al Divino Amor estarán celebrando a lo largo de este año el Jubileo de 100 años de fundación. Este Instituto fue fundado por la Sierva de Dios Madre Margarita Diomira Crispi en Sicilia, Italia en el año 1.923. Todos están invitados a participar en la Eucaristía de apertura que en los Estados Unidos se realizara el lunes 24 de enero a las 6pm en la Iglesia Santa María, ubicada en 247 Hamilton St. Southbridge, MA. Si desea participar por favor déjelo saber a Sr Gloria con un mensaje o llamando al 860-949-1554.



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