



CHURCH OF SAINT ANN

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

WELCOME

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 1 - 2 PM
and by appointment.

MASS

Saturday (Vigil)

5:00 PM (Live-Streamed)

Sunday

9:00 AM, 6:00 PM

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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

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

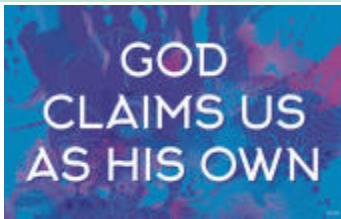
THEN THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE REVEALED, AND ALL PEOPLE SHALL SEE IT TOGETHER; FOR THE MOUTH OF THE LORD HAS SPOKEN. (40:5)

SECOND READING

HE SAVED US THROUGH THE BATH OF REBIRTH AND RENEWAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. (TI 3:5)

GOSPEL READING

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 3:22)



Baptism Class is held once a Month. Please call the Rectory for more information or to register for the class. Baptisms are held on the Second and Fourth Sunday, @ 10am.

You need to be **registered and attend our Parish in order to baptize @ St. Ann's.*

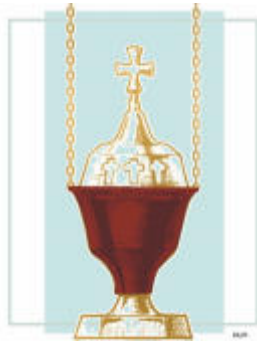
Every Tuesday and Thursday

AA meetings are held in the school gym from 10-11am all are welcome.

Anyone Interested in **Adult Catechism** Classes, please call Sr. Sharon @ 732-495-2454

Parish Pizza Night & Meatball Competition is Back!

Save the Date January 29th More details to follow.....



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is available for special intentions. The Lamp burns weekly for deceased members of a family or requests for a special intention. The donation is \$20. Please call the Rectory for further information. This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for

**Special Intentions for Terry Barry
Loving Friends**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 1-10-22

8:00 AM †

Victor Comuns

rq by Loving Family

TUESDAY, 1-11-22

8:00 AM †

Bee Carney

rq by Colleen Quinn

Michael Suckow

rq by Loving Family

WEDNESDAY, 1-12-22

8:00 AM

Lauren Marek

rq by The Osta Family

THURSDAY, 1-13-22

8:00 AM †

Carol Severs

rq by Loving Family

FRIDAY 1-14-22

8:00AM †

Thomas Padden

rq by Friends & Family

SATURDAY, 1-15-22

5:00PM †

Cliff Conway

rq by St. Ann's Sisters of Mercy

SUNDAY, 1-16-22

9:00 AM †

Theresa Flood (25th Anniversary)

rq by The Stone Family

6:00 PM

Susan Faldetta

rq by Loving Family



Text **Signup**

to (833)544-0934 to receive text messages from St. Ann.

WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of January 09, 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
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
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Observances for the week of January 09, 2022

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



Saint Athanasius called St. Hilary a “trumpet” of orthodoxy against theological error. St. Hilary was elected the Bishop of Poitiers, France, about 350. His learning and intelligence inevitably placed him at the center of the violent theological battles of the fourth century.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

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.



PASTOR'S NOTE

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. **Fr. Richard**

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. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:21-22



PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or a loved one are need of some extra prayers please contact the Rectory @ 732-787-0315 to have your name added to the Prayer List.

Rita and Nicholas Nabel
Stephen Verducci
Elanor Delia
Baby Porpora
Terry Barry
Michael Palmisano

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.

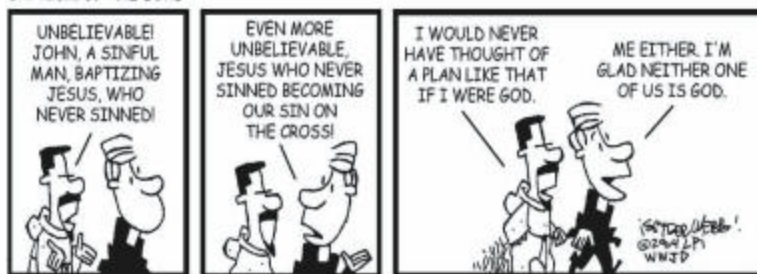
Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed 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.

Parish Support

Tithing is a term commonly used today to mean setting aside a certain amount of one's income for God.

Typically a tithe refers to a tenth of one's income because the word literally means "tenth" but it is often generalized to mean any amount of money set aside for God.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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?

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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