

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**JANUARY 9, 2022** 

#### MASSES

**Saturday Evening:** 5:00 pm **Sunday:** 9:00 am, 11:00 am

**Daily Mass:** 

Monday - Friday 9:00am

**Holy Days:** 

7:00pm (Vigil on the eve) 9:00 (on the day)

#### **CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday:** 4:00 - 4:30 pm (Large Church) *or by appointment with a priest* 

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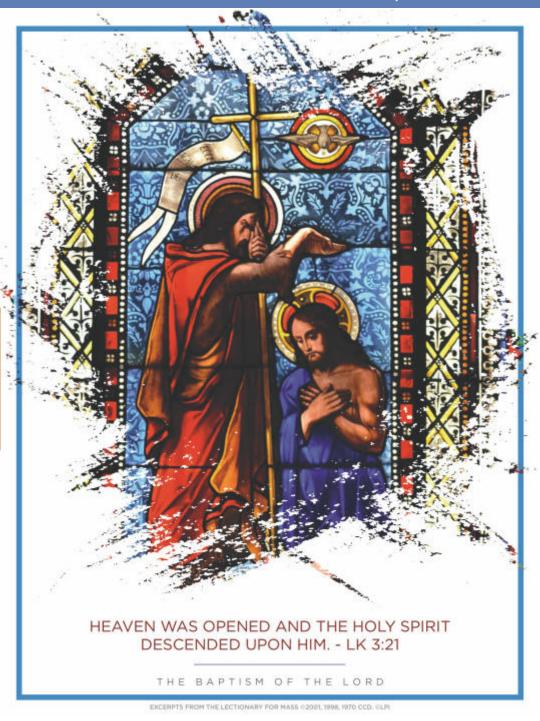
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Mon. - Thurs: 9:30 am - 4 pm Closed 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Society of St. Vincent de Paul / Food Pantry: 631-286-3795

**Food Pantry Hours:** 

Wed: 10:00 am - 11:00 am, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Friday, 10:00 am - 11:00 am



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#### **WELCOME!**

If you have recently moved into this area or are new to our church, be sure to register by calling or stopping by the Rectory during business hours. You can also fill out a registration form on-line by going to our website www.miparish.net

Welcome to the Parish Family of Mary Immaculate!

## "Come, Follow Me"

#### **RCIA**

#### (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you an unbaptized adult or an adult baptized in another tradition seeking to be a member of the Catholic Church? Call the Rectory Office and speak to Fran or email Fran directly at <a href="mailto:fran@miparish.net">fran@miparish.net</a>.





## Sacrament Preparation Program (First Eucharist and Confirmation)

Are you a baptized Catholic adult or the parent of a young person who is a baptized Catholic and has not completed all their Sacraments? Our Sacrament Preparation Program will help prepare adults, teens, and

young people to receive their Sacraments. Call the Rectory Office and speak to Fran or email Fran directly at <a href="mailto:fran@miparish.net">fran@miparish.net</a>.

## Mass Offerings this Week

Saturday, 5 pm Charles Burton

By Gloria Burton & Family

Louisa Morrison

By Linda Patanjo

<mark>Rosalie Kal</mark>inowski

By the Hawkins Family

Thomas Derby

By Mark Cummings

Sunday, 9 am Paul Linowski

By Anne & Tom

Carolyn Cullen Garrish

By the Cullen Family

11 am Paul Butler

By the Racaniello Family

Monday, 9 am Patricia Roslow

**By Valerie** Trench

Alice Nolan

By the Parish Family

Tuesday, 9 am Matislaus Kalinowski

By Anne & Tom

Wednesday, 9am In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Thursday, 9 am Dolly Kirschgessner

By Rich & Kathie Dallin

Friday, 9 am no intention

## Please Pray for Our Deceased

Jacqueline Dante Francis Miller

Linda Tavano Louisa Morrison

Dolly Kirschgessner Anna DeLuca

June Iannuzzi Anthony Quatrale

Paul Butler Baldassare LoVoi

Thomas Derby Rosalie Kalinowski

### Prayers for the Sick

Primo Carlos Elizabeth Daconto

Anna & Evie Dowdell John H. Bogan

Scarlett Ficco Nancy Szabo

Gabrielle Waller Oliver Burkhardt

Holly Ficco Jennifer Lombardi

Donna Moreira Frances Reilly

Andrew Webster Robert Sherwood

James Wilkinson Gina DiMartino

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Therese Hopper Peter McCombs

Missals for January

are offered in memory of

Charles Burton

By Gloria Burton

@ Family

For the month of January,

flowers, candles, wine and hosts

are offe<mark>red in me</mark>mory of

Ruth Kalinowski

By Cecelia Strickland

#### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

#### 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)

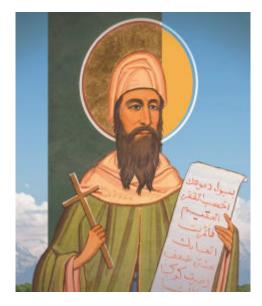
#### **Second Reading:**

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

#### Gospel:

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)





#### SAINT HILARY FEAST DAY: 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 Phyrgia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, 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. He is the patron saint of lawyers.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2021**

**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

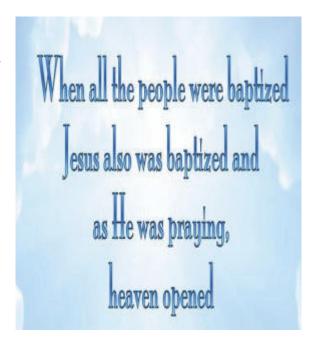
 Friday:
 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

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

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 9**

**Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

**Thursday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church





# Thank You Long Island

## Advance

The Long Island Advance recently (Dec. 30, 2021) published this picture of former Democratic Suffolk County legislator Ron Calarco, and present Republican Brookhaven Town councilman Neil Foley in a wonderful article about the work they did together on at least 20 projects benefitting the neighborhoods they often both represent.



County legislator Calarco and Brookhaven councilman Foley

How incredibly refreshing in the wave of conflict stories which engulf us on a daily basis, to read about two people in government who have a ten year track record of actually getting concrete projects accomplished for the electorate. Mr. Calarco described their first project in the article:

"It was probably the Medford Memorial Park," he said. "There were a lot of downtown revitalization grants then."

He mentioned the latest joint collaboration, the Blue Point Laundry project on Park Avenue. "We'll give the town funding, \$1.4 million. They'll build the park; it's too small for the county to do the work, and the town has in-house staff and will run it."

As of Tuesday, the county passed legislation for the funding; \$1.4 is earmarked for 2022.

"The Blue Point Laundry project, if we didn't come into an agreement to do a park there, I don't think anything would have been built at all," Foley said. "We'll start construction in spring and we look forward to its completion."

Their latest pending joint venture is the Town, County, and private vendor collaboration saving the historic Avery farm and barn in East Patchogue. When all is said and done, Mr. Calarco considers Mr. Foley a friend. Neil Foley responded:

"I agree with Rob," Foley said. "We are friends, and I think that's helped us be better elected officials. If more elected officials in Albany and D.C. sat down and talked and had similar conversations, more things would get done."

What's our takeaway from these two elected officials? Each is committed to something bigger than just his own interests, or those of his party. From different perspectives and values, they have focused on the common good for over ten years. What is the common good? "The whole that is greater than the sum of its parts" That "whole" is what "holy" looks like in concrete action serving the needs of people.

So thanks Long Island Advance, Legislator Calarco, and Councilman Foley. A breath of fresh air!

#### **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.

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### **COMMUNITY**

## THROUGH Ommunion

#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

#### 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

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#### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

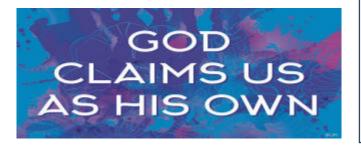
Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out.

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.

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After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved with whom I am well pleased."

#### A LIFE REMEMBERED

Honor the memory of a loved one by making an offering towards the cost of altar flowers & candles, or the wine & hosts for one month.

We ask a donation of \$50 for the wine & hosts and \$100 for altar flowers & candles. These are frequently offered together.

You may now offer a donation in memory of a loved one towards the missals for one month.

Their name and yours will be listed in the bulletin for the month. A donation of \$150 for the missals. To remember someone in this very special way, please stop by or call the rectory office.

This is the week we bless our Mary's Mantles and have them available for yourself or for you to give to those you know who are in need of healing or comfort.

Our volunteers lovingly hand-craft every shawl and, along with all of us, offer prayers for every recipient's healing and well-being.

If you know of someone who is troubled, physically, emotionally or spiritually, perhaps they would like to receive a Mary's Mantle. They are available this weekend after Mass for a free-will offering.

Holy Mary, help those in need. Give strength to the weak, comfort to the sorrowful, pray for God's people, assist the clergy, intercede for religious. May all those who seek your help experience your unfailing protection. Amen.



On the celebration of the baptism of our Lord, we share with you the names of those baptized here at Mary Immaculate during 2021.

We invite you to remember them and their families in your prayers.

Jensen Allen

Liam Thomas Benjamin

Noah Miguel Caamano

Emma Elizabeth Campbell

Nicholas Campbell

Hazel Ann Caporuscio

Nicholas Chiarmante

Connor Clark

Maeve Covell

Ruby DeAcetis

Emma Lynn Del Rosario

Emma Grace DeMaio

Madelyn Claire Derby

Jack Keegan Dillard

Jack Fagan

Paisley Felicetta

Ziggy Rae Felicetta

Demi Gajewski

Olivia Gibbons

Gabriel Gorman

Everly Ryan Grant

Owen Grella

Holden Gubista

Jayden Nicholas Hartnett

Carter Hesse

Nicholas Anthony Lombardo

Makenzie Jane Martens

Connor McDougall

Camden Morrison

Julio Navas

Kieran Sass

William Francis Stanton

John Steudte

Victoria Theresa Tancora

Richard Triolio

Luke Brady Zanazzi

#### Heavenly Father,

In your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours. Surround these children with your love, protect them from evil.

Fill them with the Holy Spirit and receive them into the family of your church, that they may walk with us in the way of Christ, and grow in the knowledge of your love.

Amen

## WHEN IT'S TIME FOR YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM



The Parish Family of Mary Immaculate is happy to welcome your child as our newest member and as part of the Holy Catholic Church. Please contact the rectory office to start the process of having your child baptized approximately 3 months prior to your desired date.

If you are new to our parish, we invite you to complete a parish registration form which can be found on our website and at both entrances to our large Church or on our website. You'll also find a wealth of information on our website about baptizing your child, including a very informative section of 'Frequently Asked Questions.'

Visit our website, miparish.net, and view the dropdown menu under Faith Formation and click on 'Sacraments' or call the rectory office for more information.

## THE THRIFT STORE REOPENS! Shop Wednesday, Friday Saturday 10 am to 2 pm



The Parish Winter Blood Drive will take place Sunday, February 13th.
Sign-ups begin next weekend.



# Community through Communion at the Parish Family of Mary Immaculate



PLEASE RETURN YOUR LIFE CENTER BABY BOTTLES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

On behalf of the Life Center of Long island, thank you for your generosity.



Grade Level Liturgies

Level 8: January 1 or 2

Levels 3 & 4:

January 22 or 23

Levels 5 & 6:

January 29 or 30

#### **CLASSES THIS WEEK!**

**Level 2:** Tuesday, 4:30—5:30 pm

**Levels 3:** Monday, 4:45 — 5:45 pm

or Tuesday, 4:30—5:30 pm

Level 4: Wednesday, 4:30—5:30 pm

Level 5: Tuesday, 4:30—5:30 pm

Level 6: Monday, 4:45—6:00 pm

**Level 7**: Monday, 7:00—8:15 pm

**Level 8:** Tuesday, 7:00—8:15 pm





#### PARENT MEETING for LEVELS 3, 4, 5 and 6

scheduled for Tuesday, January 11th <u>is cancelled.</u>

#### ANNOUNCING MID-WINTER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

You're invited to enter the Construction Site and Unearth the Truth!

Snacks, games, crafts, stories, music and a whole lot of fun!

February 21st through 25th

From 10 an to noon for Ages 5 through 10

Community service opportunities for our 7th to 12th graders

<u>Registration opens January 24th.</u>





For Grades 8 through 12: BIG EVENT!

#### **INSPIRE**

Friday, January 14th at 7 pm
St. John the Evangelist in Riverhead
Meet in our parking lot at 6 pm and head over together.



Now at 9:00 am Mass every Sunday for children <u>ages 5 through 10</u>

#### Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

<del>JOHN</del> MESSIAH				WATER POWERFUL				HOLY SPIRIT FIRE			
BAPTIZING			SANDALS					JESUS			
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When you were baptized, a priest sprinkled holy water over your head. He said, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." God said, "This is my child in whom I am well pleased." Tell God you are glad you are his child. Tell him you will obey his laws. Tell him that you love him with your whole heart, soul, body, and mind.







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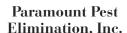
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